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MEXICAN LAW, AND OTHER FOREIGN SYSTEMS,
AND A TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS

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

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

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

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PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"A." The English indefinite article. This particle is not necessarily a singular term; it is often used in the sense of "any," and is then applied to more than one individual object. National Union Bank v. Copeland, 141 Mass. 267, 4 N. E. 794; Snowden v. Gulon, 101 N. Y. 458, 5 N. E. 322; Thompson v. Stewart, 60 Iowa, 225, 14 N. W. 247; Commonwealth v. Watts, 84 Ky. 537, 2 S. W. 123.

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

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

A. 1. Of the highest qualities. An expression which originated in a practice of underwriters of rating vessels in three classes,—A, B, and C; and these again in ranks numbered. Abbott. A description of a ship as "A 1" amounts to a warranty. Ollive v. Booker, 1 Exch. 423.

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

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

A communi observantia non est recedendum. From common observance there should be no departure; there must be no departure from common usage. 2 Coke, 74; Co. Litt. 1804, 229b, 365a; Wing. Max. 752, max. 203. A maxim applied to the practice of the courts, to the ancient and established forms of pleading and conveyancing, and to professional usage generally. Id. 752-755. Lord Coke applies it to common professional opinion. Co. Litt. 1804, 364b.

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

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


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

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

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

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

A LATERE. Lat. From the side. In connection with the succession to property, the term means "collateral." Bract. fol. 206. Also, sometimes, "without right." Id. fol. 426. In ecclesiastical law, a legate a latere is one invested with full apostolic powers; one authorized to represent the pope as if the latter were present. Du Cange.

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

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

A ME. (Lat. ego, I.) A term denoting direct tenure of the superior lord. 2 Bell, H. L Sc. 123. Unjustly detaining from me. He is said to withhold a me (from me) who has obtained possession of my property unjustly. Calvin.

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

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

A non posse ad non esse sequitur argumentum necessario negative. From the impossibility of a thing to its non-existence, the inference follows necessarily in the negative. That which cannot be done is not done. Hob. 3636. Otherwise, in the affirmative. Id.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A RENDRE. (Fr. to render, to yield.) That which is to be rendered, yielded, or paid. Profits à rendre comprehend rents and services. Ham. N. P. 292.

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

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

A RETRO. L. Lat. Behind; in arrear. Et reddius proveniens inde à retro fuerit, and the rent issuing therefrom be in arrear. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 55, § 2.

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

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

**A TEMPORE CUIUS CONTRARII MEMORIA NON EXISTET.** From time of which memory to the contrary does not exist.

A *verbis legis non est reoedendnm.* From the words of the law there must be no departure. 5 Coke, 119; Wing. Max. 25.

A *court is not at liberty to disregard the express letter of a statute,* in favor of a supposed intention. 1 Steph. Comm. 71; Broom, Max. 268.

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

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

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

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

**AB ANTE.** In advance. Thus, a legislature cannot agree *ab ante* to any modification or amendment to a law which a third person may make. Allen v. McKean, 1 Sumn. 308, Fed. Cas. No. 229.

**AB ANTECEDENTE.** Beforehand; in advance.

**AB ANTIQUO.** Of old; of an ancient date.

**AB assuetis non fit injuria.** From things to which one is accustomed (or in which there has been long acquiescence) no legal injury or wrong arises. If a person neglect to insist on his right, he is deemed to have abandoned it. Amb. 645; 3 Brown, Ch. 608.

**AB EPistolis.** Lat. An officer having charge of the correspondence (epistola) of his superior or sovereign; a secretary. Calvin.; Spiegelius.


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

**AB INITIO.** Lat. From the beginning; from the first act. A party is said to be a trespasser *ab initio,* an estate to be good *ab initio,* an agreement or deed to be void *ab initio,* a marriage to be unlawful *ab initio,* and the like. Flow. 6a, 16a; 1 Bl. Comm. 440.

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

**AB INTESTATO.** Lat. In the civil law. From an intestate; from the intestate; in case of intestacy. *Hereditas ab intestato,* an inheritance derived from an Intestate. Inst. 2, 9, 6. *Successio ab intestato,* succession to an intestate, or in case of intestacy. Id. 3, 2, 3; Dig. 33, 6, 1. This answers to the descent or inheritance of real estate at common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 490, 516; Story, Conf. Laws, § 480. "Heir *ab intestato.*" 1 Burr. 420. The phrase "*ab intestato*" is generally used as the opposite or alternative of *ex testamento,*(from, by, or under a will.) *Vel ex testamento, vel ab intestato [hereditates] pertinent,—inheritances are derived either from a will or from an intestate, (one who dies without a will.) Inst. 2, 9, 6; Dig. 29, 4; Cod. 6, 14, 2.

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

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

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

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

**ABALIENATIO.** In Roman law. The perfect conveyance or transfer of property from one Roman citizen to another. This term gave place to the simple *alienatio,* which is used in the Digest and Institutes, as well
ABANDONMENT

ABANDONMENT. The surrender, relinquishment, disclaimer, or cession of property or of rights. Stephens v. Mansfield, 11 Cal. 363; Dikes v. Miller, 24 Tex. 417; Middle Creek Ditch Co. v. Henry, 15 Mont. 558, 39 Pac. 1054.

The giving up a thing absolutely, without reference to any particular person or purpose, as throwing a jewel into the highway; leaving a thing to itself, as a vessel at sea; vacating property with the intention of not returning, so that it may be appropriated by the next comer. 2 Bl. Comm. 9, 10; Pidge v. Pidge, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 265; Breedlove v. Stump, 3 Yerg. (Tenn.) 257, 276; Richardson v. McNulty, 24 Cal. 339, 345; Judson v. Mallory, 40 Cal. 299, 310.

To constitute abandonment there must concur an intention to forsake or relinquish the thing in question and some external act by which that intention is manifested or carried into effect. Mere non-user is not abandonment unless coupled with an intention not to resume or reclaim the use or possession. Sikes v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 23 S. W. 688; Barnett v. Dickenson, 93 Md. 258, 64 Pac. 669, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; Derry v. Ross, 5 Colo. 295.

In marine insurance. A relinquishment or cession of property by the owner to the insurer of it, in order to claim as for a total loss, when in fact it is so. By husband or wife. The act of a husband or wife which has, by perils of the sea, become so much damaged as to be of little value, to accept of what is or may be saved, and to pay the full amount of the insurance, as if a total loss had actually happened. Park, Ins. 143; 2 Marsh. Ins. 559; 3 Kent, Comm. 318-335, and notes; The St. Johns (D. C.) 101 Fed. 469; Roux v. Salvador, 3 Blng. N. C. 266, 284; Mellow v. Andrews, 13 East, 13; Cincinnati Ins. Co. v. Dufield, 6 Ohio St. 200, 67 Am. Dec. 339.

Abandonment is the act by which, after a constructive total loss, a person insured by contract of marine insurance declares to the insurer that he relinquishes to him his interest in the thing insured. Civil Code Cal. § 2716. The term is used only in reference to risks in navigation; but the principle is applicable in fire insurance, where there are remnants, and sometimes also, under stipulations in life policies in favor of creditors.

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

In patent law. As applied to inventions, abandonment is the giving up of his rights by the inventor, as where he surrenders his idea or discovery or relinquishes the intention of perfecting his invention, and so throws it open to the public, or where he negligently postpones the assertion of his claims or fails to apply for a patent, and allows the public to use his invention without objection. Woodbury, etc., Machine Co. v. Keith, 101 U. S. 479, 485, 25 L. Ed. 939; American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 19 Fed. Cas. 647; Mast v. Dempster Mill Co. (C. C.) 71 Fed. 701; Bartlett v. Crittenden, 2 Fed. Cas. 688; Pitts v. Hall, 19 Fed. Cas. 754. There may also be an abandonment of a patent, where the inventor dedicates it to the public use; and this may be shown by his failure to sue infringers, to sell licenses, or otherwise to make efforts to realize a personal advantage from his patent. Ransom v. New York, 4 Blatchf. 157, 20 Fed. Cas. 289.

Of easement, right of way, water right. Permanent cessation of use or enjoyment with no intention to resume or reclaim. Welsh v. Taylor, 134 N. Y. 450, 31 N. E. 896, 18 L. R. A. 335.

In mining claim. The relinquishment of a claim held by location without patent, where the holder voluntarily leaves his claim to be appropriated by the next comer, without any intention to retake or resume it, and regardless of what may become of it in the future. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 Pac. 669, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; Rouse v. Kidd, 26 Cal. 263, 272; Oreamuno v. Uncle Sam Min. Co., 1 Nev. 215; Derry v. Ross, 5 Colo. 295.

Of domicile. Permanent removal from the place of one's domicile with the intention of taking up a residence elsewhere and with no intention to returning to the original home except temporarily. Stafford v. Mills, 57 N. J. Law, 570, 31 Atl. 1062; Mills v. Alexander, 21 Tex. 154; Jarvis v. Moes, 38 Wis. 440.

By husband or wife. The act of a husband or wife who leaves his or her com-

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

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

ABANDONMENT FOR TORTS. In the civil law. The act of a person who was sued in a noxal action, i.e., for a tort or trespass committed by his slave or his animal, in relinquishing and abandoning the slave or animal to the person injured, whereby he saved himself from any further responsibility. See Inst. 4, 8, 9; Fitzgerald v. Ferguson, 11 La. Ann. 396.

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

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

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

ABATEMENT. In pleading. The effect produced upon an action at law, when the defendant pleads matter of fact showing the removal of the inconvenience necessarily requires. 3 Bl. Comm. 5, 168; 3 Steph. Comm. 361; 2 Salk. 458.

ABATEMENT OF A NUISANCE. The removal, prostration, or destruction of that which causes a nuisance, whether by breaking or pulling it down, or otherwise removing, disintegrating, or effacing it. Ruff v. Phillips, 60 Ga. 130.

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

ABATEMENT OF FREEHOLD. This takes place where a person dies seised of an inheritance, and, before the heir or devisee enters, a stranger, having no right, makes a wrongful entry, and acquires possession of it. Such an entry is technically called an "abatement," and the stranger an "abator." It is, in fact, a figurative expression, denoting that the rightful possession or freehold of the heir or devisee is overthrown by the unlawful intervention of a stranger. Abatement differs from intrusion, in that it is always to the prejudice of the heir or immediate devisee, whereas the latter is to the prejudice of the reversioner or remainder-man; and disseisin differs from them both, for to disseise is to put forcibly or fraudulently a person seised of the freehold out of possession. 1 Co. Inst. 277a; 3 Bl. Comm. 193; Brown v. Burdick, 25 Ohio St. 268. By the ancient laws of Normandy, this term was used to signify the act of one who, having an apparent right of possession to an estate, took possession of it immediately after the death of the actual possessor, before the heir entered. (Howard, Anciennes Lois des Français, tome 1, p. 533.) Bouvier.

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

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

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

**ABBACY**. The government of a religious house, and the revenues thereof, subject to an abbot, as a bishopric is to a bishop. Cowl., the former term does not imply guilty.
knowledge or felonious intent, whereas the word "abet" includes knowledge of the wrongful purpose and counsel and encouragement in the commission of the crime. People v. Dole, 122 Cal. 456, 55 Pac. 681, 68 Am. St. Rep. 50; People v. Morine, 138 Cal. 663, 372 Pac. 168; State v. Empey, 79 Iowa, 460, 44 N. W. 707; Ralston v. State, 59 Ala. 106; White v. People, 81 Ill. 333.

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

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

The distinction between abettors and accessories is the presence or absence at the commission of the crime. Cowell; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 34. Presence and participation are necessary to constitute a person an abettor. Green v. State, 13 Mo. 382; State v. Teahan, 50 Conn. 92; Connaughty v. State, 1 Wis. 159, 60 Am. Dec. 370.

ABEYANCE. In the law of estates. Expectation; waiting; suspense; remembrance and contemplation in law. Where there is no person in existence in whom an inheritance can vest, it is said to be in abeyance, that is, in expectation; the law considering it as always potentially existing, and ready to vest whenever a proper owner appears. 2 Bl. Comm. 107. Or, in other words, it is said to be in the remembrance, consideration, and intendment of the law. Co. Litt. §§ 646, 650. The term "abeyance" is also sometimes applied to personal property. Thus, in the case of maritime captures during war, it is said that, until the capture becomes invested with the character of prize by a sentence of condemnation, the right of property is in abeyance, or in a state of legal sequestration. 1 Kent, Comm. 102. It has also been applied to the franchises of a corporation. "When a corporation is to be brought into existence by some future acts of the corporators, the franchises remain in abeyance, until such acts are done; and, when the corporation is brought into life, the franchises instantaneously attach to it." Story, J., in Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 681, 4 L. Ed. 629.

ABITICUS, or AVIATICUS. L. Lat. In feudal law. A grandson; the son of a son. Spelman; Lib. Feud., Baraterii, tit. 8, cited id.

ABIDE. To "abide the order of the court" means to perform, execute, or conform to such order. Jackson v. State, 59 Kan. 58, 1 Pac. 317; Hodge v. Hodgdon, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 294. See McGarry v. State, 37 Kan. 9, 14 Pac. 492.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABILITY. When a statute makes it a ground of divorce that the husband has neglected to provide for his wife the common necessaries of life, having the ability to provide the same, the word "ability" has reference to the possession by the husband of the means in property to provide such necessaries, not to his capacity of acquiring such means by labor. Washburn v. Washburn, 9 Cal. 475. But compare State v. Witham, 70 Wis. 473, 35 N. W. 394.

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

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

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

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

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

"The decision of this court in Arthur v. Brondax, 3 Ala. 557, affirms that if the husband has abjured the state, and remains abroad, the wife, meanwhile trading as aforesaid, could recover on a note which was given to her as such. We must consider the term 'abjure,' as there used, as implying a renunciation of saving their lives, when they had confessed their crimes, and fled to sanctuary. See 4 Bl. Comm. 332; Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 204, 6 Am. St. Rep. 368.

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

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

ABLOCATTO. See Ouyot RSpert Univ. "Abutment See Ouyot RSpert Univ."

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

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

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


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

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

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

ABORTION. In criminal law. The miscarriage or premature delivery of a woman who is quick with child. When this is brought about with a malicious design, or for an unlawful purpose, it is a crime in law. The act of bringing forth what is yet imperfect; and particularly the delivery or expulsion of the human foetus prematurely, or before it is yet capable of sustaining life. Also the thing prematurely brought forth, or product of an untimely process. Sometimes loosely used for the offense of procuring a premature delivery; but, strictly, the early delivery is the abortion; causing or procuring abortion is the full name of the offense. Abbott; Smith v. State, 33 Me. 48, 59, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Crook, 16 Utah, 212, 51 Pac. 1091; Belt v. Spaulding, 17 Or. 130, 20 Pac. 827; Mills v. Commonwealth, 13 Pa. 651; Wells v. New England Mut. L. Ins. Co., 191 Pa. 207, 43 Atl. 126, 53 L. R. A. 827, 71 Am. St. Rep. 793.

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

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

ABOUTISSEMENT. Fr. An abuttal or abutment. See Guyot, Répert. Univ. "Aboutissements."
the action, or special bail, is otherwise term-
ed bail above. 3 Bl. Comm. 291. See Be-
low.

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

ABPATRUUS. Lat. In the civil law.
A great-great-grandfather's brother, (abaci
fater). Inst. 3, 6, 6; Dig. 38, 10, 3. Called
patratus maximus. Id. 38, 10, 10, 17. Called,
by Bracton and Fleta, abpatruus magnus.
Bract. fol. 68b; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2, § 17.

ABRIDGE. To reduce or contract; usu-
ally spoken of written language.

In copyright law, to abridge means to epit-
omize; to reduce; to contract. It implies pre-
con the substance, the essence, of a work, in
language, and hence no abridgment. To

ABRIDGMENT. An epitome or com-
pendium of another and larger work, where-
in the principal ideas of the larger work are
summarily contained.

Abridgments of the law are brief digests
of the law, arranged alphabetically. The
oldest are those of Fitzherbert, Brooke, and
Rolle; the more modern those of Viner,
Comyns, and Bacon. (1 Steph. Comm. 51.)
The term "digest" has now supplanted that
of "abridgment." Sweet.

ABRIDGMENT OF DAMAGES. The
right of the court to reduce the damages in
certain cases. Vide Brooke, Abr. "Abridg-
ment."

ABROGATE. To annul, repeal, or de-
stroy; to annul or repeal an order or rule is-
ued by a subordinate authority; to repeal
a former law by legislative act, or by usage.

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

—Implied abrogation. A statute is said to
work an "implied abrogation" of an earlier
one, when the later statute contains provisions
which are inconsistent with the further con-
tinuance of the earlier law; or a statute is im-
pliedly abrogated when the reason of it, or the
object for which it was passed, no longer exists.

ABSCOND. To go in a clandestine man-
ner out of the jurisdiction of the courts, or
to lie concealed, in order to avoid their
process.

To hide, conceal, or absent oneself clan-
destinely, with the intent to avoid legal pro-
cess. Smith v. Johnson, 43 Neb. 754, 62 N.
W. 217; Hoggett v. Emerson, 8 Kan. 262;
Ware v. Todd, 1 Ala. 200; Kingsland v. Wor-
sham, 15 Mo. 657.

ABSCONDING DEBTOR. One who ab-
scends from his creditors. An abscending
debtor is one who lives without the state,
or who has intentionally concealed himself
from his creditors, or withdrawn himself
from the reach of their suits, with intent to
frustrate their just demands. Thus, if a
person departs from his usual residence, or
remains absent therefrom, or conceals him-
self in his house, so that he cannot be served
with process, with intent unlawfully to de-
lay or defraud his creditors, he is an ab-
scending debtor; but if he departs from the
state or from his usual abode, with the in-
tention of again returning, and without any
fraudulent design, he has not absconded, nor
absconded himself, within the intendment of
the law. Stafford v. Mills, 57 N. J. Law, 574,
32 Atl. 7; Fitch v. Waite, 5 Conn. 117.

A party may abscend, and subject himself
to the operation of the attachment law
against absconding debtors, without leaving
the limits of the state. Fied v. Adreon, 7
Md. 209.

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

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

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

Where the statute allows the vacation of a
judgment rendered against a defendant "in
his absence," the term "absence" means non-
appearance to the action, and not merely that
the party was not present in court. Strine

In Scotch law. Want or default of ap-
pearance. A decree is said to be in absence
where the defender (defendant) does not ap-
ABSENTE. Lat. (Abl. of absens.) Being absent. A common term in the old reports. "The three justices, absente North, C. J., were clear of opinion." 2 Mod. 14.

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

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

In Louisiana law and practice. A person who has resided in the state, and has departed without leaving any one to represent him. Also, a person who never was domiciliated in the state and resides abroad. Civil Code La. art. 3556; Dreville v. Cucullu, 15 La. Ann. 905; Morris v. Bienvenu, 20 La. Ann. 873.

ABSENTEE, or DES ABSENTEES. A parliament so called was held at Dublin, 10th May, 8 Hen. VIII. It is mentioned in letters patent 29 Hen. VIII. Absentem accepere debemus cum qui non est eo loci in quo petitur. We ought to consider him absent who is not in the place where he is demanded. Dig. 50, 16, 199.

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

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

ABSOLUTE. Unconditional; complete and perfect in itself, without relation to, or dependence on, other things or persons,—as an absolute right; without condition, exception, restriction, qualification, or limitation,—as an absolute conveyance, an absolute estate; final, peremptory,—as an absolute rule. People v. Ferry, 84 Cal. 31, 24 Pac. 33; Wilson v. White, 133 Ind. 614, 33 N. E. 361, 19 L. R. A. 581; Johnson v. Johnson, 32 Ala. 637; Germania F. Ins. Co. v. Stewart, 13 Ind. App. 627, 42 N. E. 258.


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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ABSCUE IMPETITIONE VASTI. Without impeachment of waste; without accountability for waste; without liability to suit for waste. A clause anciently inserted in leases, (as the equivalent English phrase sometimes is,) signifying that the tenant or lessee shall not be liable to suit, (impetitio,) or challenged, or called to account, for committing waste. 2 Bl. Comm. 233; 4 Kent, Comm. 78; Co. Litt. 220a; Litt. § 352.

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

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

ABSTRACT, v. To take or withdraw from. Under the National Bank Act, "abstraction" is the act of one who, being an officer of a national banking association, wrongfully takes or withdraws from it any of its moneys, funds, or credits, with intent to injure or defraud it or some other person or company, and, without its knowledge or consent or that of its board of directors, converts them to the use of himself or of some person or company other than the bank. It is not the same as embezzlement, larceny, or misapplication of funds. United States v. Harper (O. C.) 33 Fed. 471; United States v. Northway, 120 U. S. 327, 7 Sup. Ct. 664; United States v. Breese (D. C.) 91 Fed. 864; United States v. Taintor, 120 U. S. 327, 7 Sup. Ct. 664; United States v. Youtsey, 28 Fed. Cas 7.

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

ABSTRACT OF TITLE. A condensed history of the title to land, consisting of a synopsis or summary of the material or operative portion of all the conveyances, of whatever kind or nature, which in any manner affect said land, or any estate or interest therein, together with a statement of all liens, charges, or liabilities to which the same may be subject, and of which it is in any way material for purchasers to be apprised. Warr. Abst. § 2. Stevenson v. Polk, 71 Iowa, 278, 32 N. W. 340; Union Safe Deposit Co. v. Chisholm, 33 Ill. App. 647; Banker v. Caldwell, 3 Minn. 94 (Gill. 46); Heinsen v. Lamb, 117 Ill. 540, 7 N. E. 75; Smith v. Taylor, 82 Cal. 533, 23 Pac. 217. An abstract is a condensation, epitome, or synopsis, and therein differs from a copy or a transcript. Dickinson v. Chesapeake & O. R. Co., 7 W. Va. 390, 413.

Abundans cantela non nocet. Extreme caution does no harm. 11 Coke, 69. This principle is generally applied to the construction of instruments in which superfluous words have been inserted more clearly to express the intention.

ABUSURDITY. In statutory construction, an "absurdity" is not only that which is physically impossible, but also that which is morally so; and that is to be regarded as morally impossible which is contrary to reason, so that it could not be imputed to a man in his right senses. State v. Hayes, 81 Mo. 574, 585. Anything which is so irrational, unnatural, or inconvenient that it cannot be supposed to have been within the intention of men of ordinary intelligence and discretion. Black, Interp. Laws, 104.

ABUSE, v. To make excessive or improper use of a thing, or to employ it in a manner contrary to the natural or legal rules for its use; to make an extravagant or excessive use, as to abuse one's authority. In the civil law, the borrower of a chattel which, in its nature, cannot be used without consuming it, such as wine or grain, is said to abuse the thing borrowed if he uses it.

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

Of corporate franchises. The abuse or misuse of its franchises by a corporation signifies any positive act in violation of the charter and in derogation of public right, willfully done or caused to be done; the use of rights or franchises as a pretext for wrongs and injuries to the public. Baltimore v. Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co., 3 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 20, Fed. Cas No. 827; Erie & N. E. R. Co. v. Casey, 26 Pa. 287, 318; Railroad Commission v. Houston, etc., R. Co., 90 Tex. 340, 38 S. W. 750; People v. Atlantic Ave. R. Co., 125 N. Y. 513, 26 N. E. 622.

Of judicial discretion. This term, commonly employed to justify an interference by a higher court with the exercise of discretionary power by a lower court, implies not merely error of judgment, but perversity of will, passion, prejudice, partiality, or moral delinquency. The exercise of an honest judgment, however erroneous it may appear to be, is not an abuse of discretion. People v. New York Cent. R. Co., 29 N. Y. 415, 431; Stroup v. Raymond, 183 Pa. 279, 38 Atl. 626, 63 Am. St. Rep. 758; Day v. Donohue, 62 N. J. Law, 360, 41 Atl. 594; Citizens' St. R. Co. v. Heptonstall, 22 Ind. App. 836, 62 N. E. 107. Where a court does not exercise a discretion in the sense of being discreet, circumspect, prudent, and exercising cautious judgment, it is an abuse of discretion. Murray v. Buell, 74 Wis. 14, 41 N. W. 1010; Sharon v. Sharon, 75 Cal. 1, 16 Pac. 345.


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

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

A malicious abuse of legal process is where the party employs it for some unlawful object, not the purpose which it is intended by the law to effect; in other words, a perversion of it. Lauzon v. Charroux, 13 R. I. 467, 28 Atl. 975; Mayer v. Walter, 64 Pa. 238; Bartlett v. Christliff, 69 Md. 219, 14 Atl. 518; King v. Johnston, 51 Wis. 578, 51 N. W. 1011; Kline v. Hibbard, 80 Hun, 50, 29 N. Y. Supp. 807.

ABUT. To reach, to touch. In old law, the ends were said to abut, the sides to adjoin. Cro. Jac. 184. And see Lawrence v. Killam, 11 Kan. 499, 511; Springfield v. Green, 120 Ill. 269, 11 N. E. 261.

Property is described as "abutting" on a street, road, etc., when it adjoins or is adjacent thereto, either in the sense of actually touching it or being practically contiguous to it, being separated by no more than a small and inconceivable distance, but not when another lot, a street, or any other such distance intervenes. Richards v. Cincinnati, 31 Ohio St. 506; Springfield v. Green, 120 Ill. 269, 11 N. E. 261; Cohen v. Cleveland, 43 Ohio St. 190, 1 N. E. 580; Holt v. Somerville, 127 Mass. 408; Cincinnati v. Batsch, 52 Ohio St. 324, 40 N. E. 21, 27 L. R. A. 538; Code Iowa 1897, § 968.


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

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

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

ACADEMY. In its original meaning, an association formed for mutual improvement, or for the advancement of science or art; in later use, a species of educational institution, of a grade between the common school and the college. Academy of Fine Arts v. Philadelphia County, 22 Pa. 496; Commonwealth v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277; Blackwell v. State, 36 Ark. 178.

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

ACCEDAS AD CURIAM. An original writ out of chancery, directed to the sheriff, for the removal of a replevin suit from a hundred court or court baron to one of the superior courts. See Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 34; 1 Tidd, Pr. 38.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acceptance of a bill of exchange. In mercantile law. The act by which the per-
son on whom a bill of exchange is drawn (called the “drawee”) assents to the request of the drawer to pay it, or, in other words, engages, or makes himself liable, to pay it when due. 2 Bl Comm 409; Cox v. National Bank, 100 U. S. 704, 23 L. Ed. 739. It may be by parol or in writing, and either general or special, absolute or conditional; and it may be impliedly, as well as expressly, given. 3 Kent, Comm. 83, 85; Story, Bills §§ 233, 251. But the usual and regular mode of acceptance is by the drawee’s writing across the face of the bill the word “accepted,” and subscribing his name; after which he is termed the acceptor. Id. § 243.

The following are the principal varieties of acceptances:

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


Express. An absolute acceptance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE AU BESOIN.** Fr. In French law. Acceptance in case of need; or special, absolute or conditional; and it is accepted as payable at a particular place “and not elsewhere.” Rowe v. Young, 2 Brod. & B. 150.

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

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

**ACCEPTEUR PAR INTERVENTION.** In French law. Acceptor of a bill for honor.

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

The verbal extinction of a verbal contract, with a declaration that the debt has been paid when it has not; or the acceptance of something merely imaginary in satisfaction of a verbal contract. Sanders’ Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 396.

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

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

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

In real property law, the term “access” denotes the right vested in the owner of land which adjoins a road or other highway to go and return from his own land to the highway without obstruction. Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Milwaukee, etc., R. Co., 95 Wls. 561, 70 N. W. 675, 37 L. R. A. 856, 60 Am. St. Rep. 136; Ferguson v. Covington, etc., R. Co., 108 Ky. 662, 57 S. W. 469; Reling v. New York, etc., R. Co. (Super. Buff.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 228.

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

An accessory is one who is not the chief actor in the offense, nor present at its performance, but in some way concerned therein, either before or after the act committed. Code Ga. 1882, § 4306. People v. Schwartz, 32 Cal. 160; Flynner v. People, 153 Ill. 125, 38 N. E. 607; State v. Berger, 121 Iowa, 581, 96 N. W. 1004; People v. Ah Ping, 27 Cal. 459; United States v. Hartwell, 26 Fed. Cas. 158.

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

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

An accessory after the fact is a person who, knowing a felony to have been committed by another, receives, relieves, comforts or assists the felon, in order to enable him to escape from punishment, or the like. 1 Russ. Crimes, 171; Stepb. 27; United States v. Hartwell, 20 Fed. Cas. 190; Albritton v. State, 32 Fla. 355, 13 South. 955; State v. Davis, 14 R. I. 281; People v. Sanborn, 14 N. Y. St. Rep. 123; Loyd v. State, 42 Ga. 221; Carroll v. State, 45 Ark. 545; Blakely v. State, 24 Tex. App. 616, 7 S. W. 233, 5 Am. St. Rep. 912.

Before accessory facts. In criminal law. One who, being absent at the time a crime is committed, yet procures, counsels, or commands another to commit it; and, in this case, absence is necessary to constitute him an accessory, for, if he be present at any time during the transaction, he is guilty of the crime as principal. Flow. 97. 1 Hale, P. C. 615, 616; 4 Steph. Comm. 360, note n.


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

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

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

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

ACCESS. The right to all which one's own property produces, whether that property be movable or immovable; and the right to that which is united to it by accession, either naturally or artificially. 2 Kent, 380; 2 Bl. Comm. 404.

A principle derived from the civil law, by which the owner of property becomes entitled to all which it produces, and to all that is added or united to it, either naturally or artificially, (that is, by the labor or skill of another), even where such addition extends to a change of form or materials; and by which, on the other hand, the possessor of property becomes entitled to it, as against the original owner, where the addition made to it by his skill and labor is of greater value than the property itself, or where the change effected in its form is so great as to render it impossible to restore it to its original shape. Burrill, Betts v. Lee, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 545, 4 Am. Dec. 558; Lampton v. Preston, 1 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 454, 19 Am. Dec. 104; Eaton v. Munroe, 52 Me. 63; Pulifer v. Page, 32 Me. 404, 54 Am. Dec. 585.

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

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

Accessorum non ducit, sed sequitur sum principale. Co. Litt. 152. That which is the accessory or incident does not lead, but follows, its principal.

Accessorius sequitur naturam sui principalis. An accessory follows the nature of his principal. 3 Inst. 130. One who is accessory to a crime cannot be guilty of a higher degree of crime than his principal.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


In its proper use the term excludes negligence; that is, an accident is an event which occurs without the fault, carelessness, or want of proper circumspection of the person affected, or which could not have been avoided by the use of that kind and degree of care necessary to the exigency and in the circumstances in which he was placed. Brown v. Kendall, 6 Cush. 539, 42 Mass. (Mass.) 292; United States v. Boyd (C. C.) 45 Fed. 851; Armijo v. Abeytia, 6 N. M. 533, 25 Pac. 771, 46 St. Louis, etc., R. Co. v. Barnett, 65 Ark. 253, 46 S. W. 560; Aurora Branch R. Co. v. Grimes, 13 Ill. 585. But see Schneider v. Provident L. Ins. Co., 24 Wis. 28, 1 Am. Rep. 157.

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

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

An accident relievable in equity is such an occurrence, not the result of negligence or misconduct of the party seeking relief in relation to a contract, as was not anticipated by the parties when the same was entered into, and which gives an undue advantage to one of them over another in a court of law. Code Ga. 1882, § 3112. And see Bostwick v. Stites, 35 Conn. 196; Kopper v. Dyer, 59 Vt. 417, 9 Atl. 4, 59 Am. Rep. 742; Magann v. Segal, 92 Fed. 252, 34 C. C. A. 323; Bucki, etc., Lumber Co. v. Atlantic Lumber Co., 116 Fed. 1, 53 C. C. A. 513; Zimmerer v. Fremont Nat. Bank, 59 Neb. 661, 81 N. W. 849; Pickering v. Cassidy, 35 Me. 395, 44 Atl. 683.

In maritime law and marine insurance. "Accidents of navigation" or "accidents of the sea" are such as are peculiar to the sea or to usual navigation or the action of the elements, which do not happen by the intervention of man, and are not to be avoided by the exercise of proper prudence, foresight, and skill. The Miletus, 17 Fed. Cas. 288; The G. R. Booth, 171 U. S. 450, 19 Sup. Ct. 9, 43 L. Ed. 234; The Carlotta, 5 Fed. Cas. 76; Bazin v. Steamship Co., 2 Fed. Cas. 1,007. See also PERILS OF THE SEA.

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

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

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

ACCIPITARE. To pay relief to lords of manors. Capitali domino accipitare, i. e., to pay a relief, homage, or obedience to the chief lord on becoming his vassal. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 50.

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

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

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

In such case, two contracts take place: First, the contract called mandatum, by which the owner of the property gives the master power to dispose of it; and the contract of partnership, in virtue of which the profits are to be divided between them. One party runs the risk of losing his capital; the other, his labor. If the sale produces no more than first cost, the owner takes all the proceeds. It is only the profits which are to be divided. Emerig. Mar. Loans, § 8.

ACCOMMODATION. An arrangement or engagement made as a favor to another, not upon a consideration received; some-
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thing due to oblige, usually spoken of a loan of money or commercial paper; also a friendly agreement or composition of differences. Abbott.

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See Indorsement.

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

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A accommodation bill or note is one to which the accommodating party, be he acceptor, drawer, or indorser, has put his name, without consideration, for the purpose of benefiting or accommodating some other party who desires to raise money on it, and is to provide for the bill when due. Miller v. Larned, 103 Ill. 562; Jefferson County v. Burlington & M. R. Co., 66 Iowa, 385, 16 N. W. 561, 23 N. W. 899; Gillmann v. Henry, 53 Wis. 465, 10 N. W. 692; Peale v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 545, 34 Atl. 221.

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

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In criminal law. A person who knowingly, voluntarily, and with common intent with the principal offender unites in the commission of a crime. Clapp v. State, 94 Tenn. 186, 30 S. W. 214; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 11, 11 Pac. 199; State v. Umbie, 110 Mo. 452, 22 S. W. 378; Carroll v. State, 45 Ark. 559; State v. Light, 17 Or. 358, 21 Pac. 132.

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who is joined or united with another; one of several concerned in a felony; an associate in a crime; one who co-operates, aids, or assists in committing it. State v. Van, 90 Iowa, 323, 53 N. W. 898. This term includes all the participes criminis, whether considered in strict legal propriety as principals or as accessories. 1 Russ. Crimes, 26. It is generally applied to those who are admitted to give evidence against their fellow criminals. 4 Bl. Comm. 331; Hawk. P. C. bk. 2, c. 37, § 7; Cross v. People, 47 Ill. 158, 95 Am. Dec. 474.

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Who is in some way concerned in the commission of a crime, though not as a principal; and this includes all persons who have been concerned in its commission, whether they are considered, in strict legal propriety, as principals in the first or second degree, or merely as accessories before or after the fact. In re Rowe, 77 Fed. 181, 22 La. Ann. 103; People v. Bolanger, 71 Cal. 17 11 Pac. 799; Folk v. State, 36 Ark. 117; Armstrong v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 417, 23 S. W. 829.

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In practice. To agree or concur, as one judge with another. "I accord." Eyre, C. J., 12 Mod. 7. "The rest accorded." 7 Mod. 391.

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

ACCOUNT AND SATISFACTION. An agreement to accept, in extinction of an obligation, something different from or less than that to which the person agreeing to accept is entitled. Civ. Code Cal. § 1321; Civ. Code Dak. § 859.

ACCOUNT AND SATISFACTION. An agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, that the latter should do or give, and the former accept, something in satisfaction of the right of action different from, and usually less than, what might be legally enforced. When the agreement is executed, and satisfaction has been made, it is called "accord and satisfaction." Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 168, 37 Pac. 300; Davis v. Noaks, 3 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 494.

ACCOUNT and satisfaction is the substitution of another agreement between the parties in satisfaction of the former one, and an execution of the latter agreement. Such is the definition of this sort of defense, usually given. But a broader application of the doctrine has been made in later times, where one promise or agreement is set up in satisfaction of another. The rule is that an agreement or promise of the same grade will not be held to be in satisfaction of a prior one, unless it has been expressly accepted as such; as, where a new promissory note has been given in lieu of a former one, to have the effect of a satisfaction of the former, it must have been accepted on an express agreement to that effect. Pulliam v. Taylor, 50 Miss. 251; Continental Nat. Bank v. McGeoch, 92 Wis. 286, 66 N. W. 696; Heath v. Vaughn, 11 Colo. App. 55; Rogers v. Spokane, 9 Wash. 168, 37 Pac. 300; Heavenrich v. Steele, 57 Minn. 221, 58 N. W. 982.

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

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


In England, this action early fell into disuse; and as it is one of the most dilatory and expensive actions known to the law, and the parties are held to the ancient rules of pleading, and no discovery can be obtained, it never was adopted to any great extent in the United States. But in some states this action was employed, chiefly because there were no chancery courts in which a bill for an accounting would lie. The action is peculiar in the fact that two judgments are rendered, a preliminary judgment that the defendant do account with the plaintiff (quod computet) and a final judgment (quod recuperet) after the accounting for the balance found due. Field v. Brown, 146 Ind. 293, 45 N. E. 464; Travers v. Dyer, 24 Fed. Cas. 142.

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

ACCOUNTABLE. Subject to pay; responsible; liable. Where one indorses a note, "Accountable." It was held under the form of indorsement, he had waived demand and notice. Furber v. Caverly, 42 N. H. 74.

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

ACCOUNTANT. One who keeps accounts, a person skilled in keeping books or accounts; an expert in accounts or bookkeeping.

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

ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, or ACCOUNT-BOOK. An officer of the court of chancery, appointed by act of

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A statement in writing of debts and credits, or of receipts and payments; a list of items of debts and credits, with their respective dates. Rensselaer Glass Factory v. Reid, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 503.

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

—Account closed. An account to which no further additions can be made on either side, but in which the determination of debts and credits is made and set-off, which distinguishes it from an account stated. Bass v. Bass, 8 Pick. (Mass.) 187; Volkken v. DeCaf, 268 Cal. 115; McGlone v. Wilson, 5 Creagh, 15, 3 L. Ed. 23. —Account current. An open or running or unsettled account between two parties.

Account duties. Duties payable by the English customs and inland revenue act, 1851, (44 Vict. c. 12, § 38,) on a donatio mortis causa, or on any gift, the donor of which dies within three months after making it, or on property voluntarily so created, and taken by survivorship, or on property taken under a voluntary settlement in which the settlor had a life-interest. —Account rendered. An account made out by the creditor, and presented to the debtor for his examination and acceptance. When accepted, it becomes an account stated. Wiggins v. Burkham, 10 Wall. 129, 19 L. Ed. 854; Stubbins v. Niles, 25 Miss. 267.—Account stated. The settlement of an account between the parties, with a balance struck in favor of one of them; an account rendered by the creditor, and by the debtor assented to as such, or in any way implication of law from the failure to obj ect. Ivy Coal Co. v. Long, 139 Ala. 535, 36 South 722; Zacarias v. Pasetti, 49 Conn. 36; McLellan v. Crofton, 9 Mc. 307; James v. Felton, 20 La. Ann. 116; Lockwood v. Thorne, 18 N. Y. 285; Holmes v. Pages, 19 Or. 232, 23 Pac. 366; Phillips v. Beiden, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 1; Ware v. Manning, 86 Ala. 238, 5 South 682; Morse v. Minton, 101 Iowa, 603, 70 N. W. 691. This was also a common count in a declaration upon a contract under which the plaintiff might prove an absolute acknowledgment by the defendant of a liquidated demand of a fixed amount, which implies a promise to pay on request. It might be joined with any other count for a money demand. The acknowledgment or admission must have been made to the plaintiff or his agent. Wharton.—Mutual accounts. Accounts comprising mutual credits between the parties; or an existing credit on one side which constitutes a ground for credit on the other, or where there is an understanding that mutual debts shall be a satisfaction or set-off pro tanto between the parties. McNeil v. Garland, 27 Ark. 376. —Accountant. An accountant has not been finally settled or closed, but is still running or open to future adjustment or liquidation. Open account, in legal as well as in ordinary language, means an indebtedness subject to future adjustment, and which may be reduced or modified by proof. Nisbet v. Law-
parliament to receive all money lodged in court, and to place the same in the Bank of England for security. 12 Geo. I. c. 32; 1 Geo. IV. c. 35; 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, §§ 18–22, 39. See Daniel, Ch. Pr. (4th Ed.) 1607 et seq. The office, however, has been abolished by 35 & 36 Vict. c. 44, and the duties transferred to her majesty's paymaster general.


ACCOUPLE. To unite; to marry. Ne unques accouple, never married.

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

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

ACCRESCERE. In the civil and old English law. To grow to; to pass to, and become united with, as soil to land per aluvionem. Dig. 41, 1, 30, pr.

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


In the civil law. The right of heirs or legatees to unite or aggregate with their shares or portions of the estate the portion of any co-heir or legatee who refuses to accept it, fails to comply with a condition, becomes incapacitated to inherit, or dies before the testator. In this case, his portion is said to be "vacant," and is added to the corpus of the estate and divided with it, the several shares or portions of the other heirs or legatees being thus increased by "accretion." Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 418; Succession of Hunter, 45 La. Ann. 262, 12 South. 312.

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

To attempt to exercise royal power. 4 Bl. Comm. 76. A knight who forcibly assaulted and detained one of the king's subjects till he paid him a sum of money was held to have committed treason, on the ground of accroachment. 1 Hale, P. C. 80.

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

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

The term is also used of independent or original demands, and then means to arise, to happen, to come into force or existence; to vest; as in the phrase, "The right of action did not accrue within six years." Amy v. Dubuque, 98 U. S. 470, 476, 25 L. Ed. 228; Eising v. Andrews, 66 Conn. 58, 33 Atl. 159, 50 Am. St. Rep. 75; Napa State Hospital v. Yuba County, 138 Cal. 378, 71 Pac. 450.

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

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

Accruing costs. Costs and expenses incurred after judgment.

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

Accruing right. One that is increasing, enlarging, or augmenting. Richards v. Land Co., 54 Fed. 209, 4 C. C. A. 290.

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

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

**ACCUmulations.** When an executor or other trustee masses the rents, dividends, and other income which he receives, treats it as a capital, invests it, makes a new capital of the income derived therefrom, invests that, and so on, he is said to accumulate the fund, and the capital and accrued income thus procured constitute accumulations. Hussey v. Sargent, 116 Ky. 53, 75 S. W. 211; In re Rogers' Estate, 170 Pa. 609, 36 Atl. 340; Thorn v. De Breteuil, 86 App. Div. 405, 83 N. Y. Supp. 849.

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

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

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

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

**ACcusation.** A formal charge against a person, to the effect that he is guilty of a punishable offense, laid before a court or other competent officer or court, and declared, or acknowledged the same as true by the defendant in a criminal case, and is more appropriate than either "prisoner" or "defendant." 1 Car. & K. 131.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Acknowledgment.** In conveyancing. The act by which a party who has executed an instrument of conveyance as grantor goes before a competent officer or court, and declares or acknowledges the same as his genuine and voluntary act and deed. The certificate of the officer on such instrument that it has been so acknowledged. Rogers v. Pell, 154 N. Y. 518, 49 N. E. 75; Strong v. United States (D. C.) 54 Fed. 17; Burbank v. Ellis, 7 Neb. 156.

The term is also used of the act of a person who avows or admits the truth of certain facts which, if established, will entail a civil liability upon him. Thus, the debtor's acknowledgment of the creditor's demand or right of action will toll the statute of limitations. Ft. Scott v. Hickman, 112 U. S. 150, 163, 5 Sup. Ct. 56, 28 L. Ed. 636. Admission is also used in this sense. Roanes v. Archer, 4 Leigh (Va.) 550. To denote an avowal of criminal acts, or the concession of the truth of a criminal charge, the word "confession" seems more appropriate.

**Of a child.** An avowal or admission that the child is one's own; recognition of a parent's relation, either by a written agreement, verbal declarations or statements, by the life,

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

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

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

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

Profits or gains of property, as between husband and wife. Civil Code La. § 2369; Comp. Laws N. M. § 2030.

ACQUIESCENCE. Acquiescence is where a person who knows that he is entitled to impeach a transaction or enforce a right neglects to do so for such a length of time that, under the circumstances of the case, the other party may fairly infer that he has waived or abandoned his right. Scott v. Jackson, 59 Cal. 233, 32 Pac. 898.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In a narrow sense, it is the absolution of a party accused on a trial before a traverse jury. Thomas v. De Graffenreid, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 183; Teague v. Wilks, 3 McCord (S. C.) 461. Properly speaking, however, one is not

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

Acquittals in law are those which take place by mere operation of law; as where a man has been charged merely as an accessory, and the principal has been acquitted. 2 Co. Inst. 394.

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

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

This word, though perhaps not strictly speaking synonymous with "receipt," includes it. A receipt is one form of an acquittance; a discharge is another. A receipt in full is an acquittance, and a receipt for a part of a demand or obligation is an acquittance pro tanto. State v. Shelters, 51 Vt. 104, 31 Am. Rep. 679.

In the civil law. An act which states in a legal form that a thing has been done or performed out of court, and not a matter of record. A deed or an assurance is a writing which conveys to the donee the title objectively, prompted by intention, and reduced to writing; a decree, judgment, or order judicially pronounced, which states in a legal form that a thing has been done voluntarily by a person, and of such a nature that certain legal consequences attach to it. Duncan v. Landis, 106 Fed. 839, 45 C. C. A. 666. Thus a grantor acknowledges the conveyance to be his "act and deed," the terms being synonymous.

In Scotch practice. An act of the legislature. Acts are either public or private. Public acts (also called general acts, or general statutes, or statutes at large) are those which relate to the community generally, or establish a universal rule for the governance of the whole body politic. Private acts (formerly called special, Co. Litt. 126a) are those which relate either to particular persons (personal acts) or to particular places (local acts), or which operate only upon specified individuals or their private concerns.

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

—Act book. In Scotch practice. The minute book or book of evidence, primary act in pais. An act done or performed out of court, and not a matter of record. A deed or an assurance transmitted between two or more private persons in the country, that is, according to the old common law, upon the very spot to be
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transferred, is matter in pais. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.—Act of attainer. A legislative act, attaining a person. See ATTAINER. Act of bankruptcy. A legislative act by which a person is made liable to be proceeded against as a bankrupt, or for which he may be adjudged bankrupt. These acts are usually defined and classified in the series of acts of bankruptcy, to 1876, by Landsis, 106 Fed. 830, 45 Q. C. A. 666; In re Chapman (D. C.) 99 Fed. 365.—Act of curacy. In Scotch law, an act of exception taken by the clerk, upon any one's acceptance of being curator. Forb. Inst. pt. 1, b. 1, c. 2, tit. 2. 2 Kames, Eq. 291. Corresponding with the order for the apprehension of persons in English and American practice.—Act of God. Inevitable accident; vis major. Any misadventure or casual event which may be caused by the "act of God" when it happens by the direct, immediate, and exclusive operation of the forces of nature, uncontrollable or uninfluenced by the power of man and without human intervention, and is of such a character that it could not have been prevented or escaped from by any amount of foresight, by any reasonable degree of care or diligence, or by the aid of any appliances which the situation of the party might reasonably require him to use. Inevitable or unavoidable event produced or plucked by any physical cause which is irresistible, such as lightning, tempests, perils of the seas, an inundation, or earthquake; and also the effects produced by these external causes or disasters. Am. Brunswick, etc., Transp. Co. v. Tiers, 24 N. J. Law, 714, 64 Am. Dec. 304; Williams v. G. Co., 1 Cow. 202, 25 Am. 124; Hall v. Kennedy, 41 Pa. 378, 50 Am. Dec. 627; Merritt v. Earle, 29 N. Y. 115, 86 Am. Dec. 292; Story. Bailm. § 25; 2 Bl. Comm. 122; Broom, Max. 106.—Act of granting. In Scotch law, a term applied to the act of 1696, c. 32, by which it was provided that where a person imprisoned for a civil debt is so poor that he cannot allow himself or his sureties to make oath to that effect, it shall be in the power of the magistrates to cause the creditor by whom he is incarcerated to provide an aliment for him, or consent to his liberation; which, if the creditor or delay to do for 10 days, the magistrate is authorized to set the debtor at liberty. Bell. The term is often used, to designate any act of any general act of parliament, originating with the crown, such as has often been passed at the commencement of a reign, or at the close of a reign, period of civil troubles, declaring pardon or amnesty to numerous offenders. Abbott.—Act of honor. When a bill has been protested, and a third party wishes to take it up, for honor of one or more of the parties, the notary draws up an instrument, evidencing the transaction, called by this name.—Act of indemnity. A statute by which those who have committed illegal acts which subject them to penalties are protected from the consequences of such acts.—Act of insolvency. Within the meaning of the national currency act, an act of insolvency is an act which shows the bank to be insolvent; such as non-payment of its notes, bills of exchange, or certificates of deposit; failure to make good the impairment of capital, or to keep good its surplus or reserve; in fact, any act which shows that the bank is unable to meet its engagements, as they mature, or to perform those duties which the law imposes for the purpose of sustaining its credit. In re Manufacturers' Bank, 5 Biss, 504, Fed. Cas. No. 9,051; Hayden v. Chemical Nat. Bank, 54 Fed. 874, 28 Q. C. A. 548.—Act of law. The operation of fixed legal rules or given facts or occurrences, producing consequences independent of the design or will of the parties concerned; as distinguished from "act of parliament." Also an act performed by judicial authority which prevents a party from fulfilling a contract or other engagement. Taylor v. Taintor, 16 Wall. 360, 21 L. Ed. 287.—Act of parliament. A statute, law, or edict, made by the British sovereign, with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal and commons, in parliament assembled. Acts of parliament form the legis scriptor, i.e., the written laws of the kingdom.—Act of providence. An accident against the will or design of men, which they could not guard. McCoy v. Danley, 20 Pa. 91, 57 Am. Dec. 380. Equivalent to "act of God," see supra.—Act of settlement. In Louisiana law. An official record of a sale of property, made by a notary who writes down the agreement of the parties as stated by them, and which is then signed by certain officers. Brown v. Hodge v. Palms, 117 Fed. 364, 56 Q. C. A. 570.—Act of settlement. The statute (12 & 13 Wm. III, c. 2) limiting the crown to the Princess Sophia of Hanover, and to the heirs of her body being Protestants.—Act of state. An act done by the sovereign power of a country, or by its delegate, within the limits of the power vested in him. An act of state cannot be questioned or made the subject of legal proceedings in a court of law.—Act of supremacy. The statute (1 Eliza. c. 1) by which the supremacy of the British crown in ecclesiastical matters within the realm was declared and established, limiting the authority of the bishops of England and the general body of the clergy in their own church law. The statute of 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4, enacting that the book of common prayer, as then recently revised, should be used in every parish church and other place of public worship, and otherwise ordaining a uniformity in religious services, etc. 3 Steth. Comm. 194.—Act of union. In English law. The statute of 5 Anne, c. 8, by which the articles of union between the two kingdoms of England and Scotland were confirmed and confirmed. 3 Bl. Comm. 97.—Private act. A statute operating only upon particular persons and private concerns, and of which the courts are not bound to take notice. United States v. Butler, 297 U. S. 404, 26 L. Ed. 405; Fall Brook Coal Co. v. Lynch, 47 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 520; Sasser v. Martin, 101 Ga. 447, 29 S. E. 278.—Public act. A universal rule or law that regards the whole community, and of which the courts of law are not bound to take notice, unless it be between the same parties. Tray. L. Ed. 11.

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

ACTA EXTERIÓRES INDIÊNTAT INTERIORA SECRETÁ. 8 Coke, 1463. External acts indicate undisclosed thoughts.

ACTA IN UNO judicio non probant in allo nisi inter easdem personas. Things done in one action cannot be taken as evidence in another, unless it be between the same parties. Tray. L. Ed. 11.
ACTA PUBLICA. Lat. Things of general knowledge and concern; matters transacted before certain public officers. Calvin.

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

—Acte authentique. A deed, executed with certain prescribed formalities, in the presence of a notary, mayor, greffier, huissier, or other functionary qualified to act in the place in which it is drawn up. Argles, Fr. Merc. Law, 54.

—Acte de francisation. The certificates of registration of a ship, by virtue of which its French nationality is established—Acte d'héritier. Act of inheritance. Any action or suit; a right or cause of action. It should be noted that this term means both the proceedings in a court and the right itself which is sought to be enforced. inaccuracies, with all its accessions

—Actio arbitraria. Action depending on the discretion of the judge. In this, unless the defendant would make amends to the plaintiff as dictated by the judge in his discretion, he was liable to be condemned. Id. 226. —Actio in rem. A class of actions in which the judge might at the trial, ex officio, take into account any equitable circumstances that were present, in deciding either for or against the parties to the action. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 218. —Actio calunnie. An action to restrain the defendant from prosecuting a groundless proceeding or true or false accusation against the plaintiff. Hunter, Rom. Law, 859. —Actio commodati. Included several actions appropriate to enforce the obligation of a borrower or a lender. Du D6p6t, 305.—Actio commodati contraria. An action by the borrower against the lender, to compel the execution of the contract. Poth. Frêt à Usage, n. 70. —Actio commodati directa. An action by a lender against a borrower, the principal object of which is to obtain a restitution of the thing lent. Poth. Frêt à Usage, n. 65. —Actio communis dividundu. An action to procure a judicial division of joint property. Hunter, Rom. Law, 104. It was analogous to the proceedings in partition in modern law. —Actio condicio indebitati. An action by which the plaintiff recovers the amount of money due him by mistake. Poth. Promutuum, n. 140. —Action commissaria. An affirmative petitory action for the recognition and enforcement of a usufruct. So called because based on the plaintiff's affirmative allegation of a right in defendant's land. Distinguished from an action negotiorum, which was brought to repel a claim of the defendant to a servitude in the plaintiff's land. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 324.

—Actio damni injuria. The name of a general class of actions for damages, including many species of suits for losses caused by wrongful or negligent acts. The term is about equivalent to an action for damages from 'actio de dolo malo.' An action of fraud; an action which lay for a defrauded person against the defrauder and his heirs, who had been enriched by the fraud. To obtain the restitution of the thing which he had been fraudulently deprived, with all its accessions (cum omni causa) or, where this was not practicable, for compensation in damages. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 227. —Actio de peculio. An action concerning or against the peculium, or separate property of a wife. Actio de peculio cognoscendi. An action for money engaged to be paid; an action which lay against any person who had engaged to pay money to another, without any formal stipulation. Inst. 4, 6, 9; Dig. 13, 5; Cod. 4, 18. —Actio de posititi contraria. An action which the depository has against the depositor, to compel him to fulfill his engagement towards him. Poth. Du Dépôt, n. 69. —Actio depositive directa. An action which is brought by the depository against the depositor, in order to get back the thing deposited. Poth. Du Dépôt, n. 60. —Actio directa. A direct action; an action founded on strict law, and conducted according to fixed forms; an action founded on certain legal obligations which from their origin were appendent to the property in question. —Actio empi. An action employed in behalf of a buyer to compel a seller to perform his obligations or pay compensation; also to compel any special agreement embodied in a contract of sale. Hunter, Rom. Law, 332. —Actio ex conducto. An action which the bailor of a thing for hire may bring against the hirer for damages when the hirer delivers the thing hired. —Actio ex locato. An action upon letting; an action which the person who has the use for hire of a thing has against the hirer. Dig. 19, 2; Cod. 4, 65. —Actio ex stipulatu. An action, brought to enforce a stipulation. —Actio exercititia. An action which an executor or administrator has against a vessel. —Actio familiaris eriscumae. An

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

—Actio ad exhibendum. An action for the purpose of compelling a defendant to exhibit a thing or title in his power. It was preparatory to another action, which was always a real action in the sense of a real suit; that is, for the recovery of a thing, whether it was movable or immovable. Merli. Quest. tome i. 84. —Actio estematoria; actio quasi minoris. Two names of an action which lay in behalf of a buyer to reduce the contract price, not to cancel the sale; the second name had power, however, to take into account any equitable circumstances that were present, in deciding either for or against the parties to the action. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 218.
ACTIO CIVILIS.

An action for the partition of an inheritance. Inst. 4, 6, 20; Id. 4, 17, 4. Called, by Bracton and Mackeld, a partition action, and secondarily a recovery of property arising as a consequence of a contract. Act. cons. Inst. 4, 6; Bract. fol. 1009; Id. fol. 443b, 444; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 1.—Actio furii. An action of theft; an action laid before the thing stolen was restored, under color that it was first stolen jussu. An action given against a master, founded on some business done by his slave, and where the master was the person who had employed the slave. Inst. 4, 6, 13; Dig. 15, 4; Cod. 4, 26.—Actio quod mutus causa. An action granted to one who had been compelled by unlawful force, or fear (mutus causa), to give away his goods (mutus probabilis or justus), to deliver, sell, or promise a thing to another. Bract. fol. 1036; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 323.—Actio quod metus justus. An action granted to one who had been frightened (metus justus) into giving away a thing to another. Inst. 4, 8, 1.—Actio pignoratitia. An action instituted for the purpose of compelling a seller, who had received the price of a thing sold, to deliver up the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, pr.; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 8. Ac­ tion pignoratitia. An action, brought to compel the delivery up of the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, 1.—Actio pignoratitia. An action founded on the duties or obligations arising on the contract of pledge, (pignus.) Dig. 13, 7; Code, 8, 34.—Actio pre­ scriptae verbis. A form of action which derived its force from continued usage or the habit of usage, and was founded on some business done by his slave, and where the master was the person who had employed the slave. Inst. 4, 6, 13; Dig. 15, 4; Cod. 4, 26.—Actio quod metus justus. An action granted to one who had been frightened (metus justus) into giving away a thing to another. Inst. 4, 8, 1.—Actio pignoratitia. An action instituted for the purpose of compelling a seller, who had received the price of a thing sold, to deliver up the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, pr.; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 8. Ac­tion pignoratitia. An action founded on the duties or obligations arising on the contract of pledge, (pignus.) Dig. 13, 7; Code, 8, 34.—Actio pre­ scriptae verbis. A form of action which derived its force from continued usage or the habit of usage, and was founded on some business done by his slave, and where the master was the person who had employed the slave. Inst. 4, 6, 13; Dig. 15, 4; Cod. 4, 26.—Actio quod metus justus. An action granted to one who had been frightened (metus justus) into giving away a thing to another. Inst. 4, 8, 1.—Actio pignoratitia. An action instituted for the purpose of compelling a seller, who had received the price of a thing sold, to deliver up the slave to the complaining party. Inst. 4, 8, pr.; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 4, tit. 8.
into criminalia et civilia, according as they grow out of crimes or contracts. Bract. fol. 101b.

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

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

**ACTIO IN PERSONAM.** In the civil law. An action against the person, founded on a personal liability; an action seeking redress for the violation of a *jus in personam* or right available against a particular individual. In admiralty law. An action directed against the particular person who is to be charged with the liability. It is distinguished from an *actio in rem*, which is a suit directed against a specific thing (as a vessel) irrespective of the ownership of it, to enforce a claim or lien upon it, or to obtain, out of the thing or out of the proceeds of its sale, satisfaction for an injury alleged by the claimant.

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

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

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

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

**Actio non facit reum, nisi mens sit rea.** An action does not make one guilty, unless the intention be bad. Leoft. 87.

**ACTIO NON ULTERIUS.** In English pleading. A name given to the distinctive clause in the plea to the further mainte-
remedy claimed to be given by law, to the party complaining. Haley v. Eureka County Bank, 21 Nev. 127, 26 Pac. 64, 12 L. R. A. 815.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Real, personal, mixed. Actions are divided into real, personal, and mixed. See Infra. Local action. An action is so termed when all the principal facts on which it is founded are of a local nature; as where possession of land is to be recovered, or damages for an actual trespass, or for waste affecting land, because in such case the cause of action relates to some particular locality, which usually also constitutes the venue of the action. Miller v. Rickey (C. C.) 127 Fed. 577; Crook v. Pitcher, 61 Md. 513; Beirne v. Rossier, 26 Grav. (Va.) 541; McLeod v. Railroad Co., 58 Vt. 727, 6 Atl. 648; Ackerson v. Erie R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 311; Texas & P. R. Co. v. Gay, 86 Tex. 571, 26 S. W. 509, 25 L. R. A. 52.

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

Actions are called, in common-law practice, ex contractu when they are founded on a contract; ex delicto when they arise out of a tort. Umlauf v. Umlauf, 103 Ill. 651; Nelson v. Great Northern R. Co., 28 Mont. 297, 72 Pac. 642; Van Oss v. Synon, 85 Wis. 661, 56 N. W. 190.

"Action" and "Suit." The terms "action" and "suit" are now nearly, if not entirely, synonymous. (3 Bl. Comm. 3, 116, et passim.) Or, if there be a distinction, it is that the term "action" is generally confined to proceedings in a court of law, while "suit" is equally applied to prosecutions at law or in equity. White v. Washington School Dist., 45 Conn. 59; Dullard v. Phelan, 83 Iowa, 471, 60 N. W. 204; Lamson v. Hutchings, 118 Fed. 321, 55 C. C. A. 245; Page v. Brewer, 58 N. H. 126; Kennebec Water Dist. v. Waterville, 96 Me. 254, 52 Atl. 774; Miller v. Rapp, 7 Iowa App. 89, 84 N. E. 120; Hall v. Bartlett, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 297; Branyan v. Kay, 33 S. C. 283, 11 S. E. 970; Lentic Mills Co. v. Riverside & O. Mills, 19 R. I. 34, 51 Atl. 432; Ulshafer v. Stewart, 71 Pa. 170. Formerly, however, there was a more substantial distinction between them. An action was considered as terminating with the giving of judgment, and the execution formed no part of it. (Litt. § 504; Co. Litt. 259a.) A suit, on the other hand, included the execution. (Id. 291a.) So, an action is termed by Lord Coke, "the right of a suit." (2 Inst. 40.) Burrill.

—Mixed action. An action partaking of the two-fold nature of real and personal actions, hurt­ ing for its object the demand and restitution of real property and also personal damages for a wrong sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 117. Boyd v. Cronan, 71 Me. 286; Doe v. Waterloo Min. Co., 43 Fed. 220. Among the civilians, real actions, otherwise called "vindications," were those in which a man demanded something which was his own. They were founded on dominion, or jus in re. The real actions of the Roman law were not, like the real actions of the common law, confined to real estate, but they included personal, as well as real, property. Wharton.

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

In Scotch law. A suit or judicial proceeding.

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

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

—Action of adherence. An action compet­ent to a husband or wife, to compel either par­ty to adhere in case of desertion. It is analo­gous to the English suit for restitution of con­jugal rights. Wharton.

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

ACTION OF BOOK DEBT. A form of action for the recovery of claims, such as are usually evidenced by a book-account; this action is principally used in Vermont and Connecticut. Terrill v. Beecher, 9 Conn.

ACTION ON THE CASE. A species of personal action of very extensive application, otherwise called "trespass on the case," or simply "case," from the circumstance of the plaintiff's whole case or cause of complaint being set forth at length in the original writ by which formerly it was always commenced. 3 Bl. Comm. 122. Mobile L. Ins. Co. v. Rand­all, 74 Ala. 170; Cramer v. Fry (C. C.) 68 Fed. 201; Sharp v. Curtiss, 15 Conn. 529; Wallace v. Wilmington & N. R. Co., 8 Houst.

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

—Actionable fraud. Deception practiced in order to induce another to part with property or surrender some legal right; a false representation made with an intention to deceive; may be committed by stating what is known to be false or by professing knowledge of the truth of a statement which is false, but in either case, the essential ingredient is a falsehood ut­tered with intent to deceive. Marsh v. Falker, 40 N. Y. 575; Farrington v. Bullard, 40 Barb.

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

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

ACTOR. In English law. A statute, otherwise called "Statutum de Mercatoribus," made at a par­liament held at the castle of Acton Burnel in Shropshire, in the 11th year of the reign of Edward I. 2 Reeves, Eng. Law, 158-162.
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(causa publica) he was called "accusator." The defendant was called "reus," both in private and public causes; this term, however, according to Cicero, (De Orat. ii. 43,) might signify either party, as indeed we might conclude from the word itself. In a private action, the defendant was often called "adversarius," but either party might be called so.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Acts indicate the intention. 8 Co. 1469; Broom, Max. 301.

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

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

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


—Actual cash value. The fair or reasonable cash price for which the property could be sold in the market, in the ordinary course of business, not at forced sale; the price it will bring in a fair market after reasonable efforts to find a purchaser who will give the highest price. Birmingham F. Ins. Co. v. Puller, 126 Ill. 322, 18 N. E. 804, 4 Am. St. Rep. 598; Mack v. Lancashire Ins. Co. (C. C.) 4 Fed. 59; Morgan's L. & T. R. Co. v. Board of Reviewers, 41 La. Ann. 1169, 3 South. 507.—Actual change of possession. In statutes of frauds. An open, visible, and unequivocal change of possession, manifested by the usual outward signs, as distinguished from a merely formal or constructive change. Randall v. Parker, 3 Sandif. (N. Y.) 69; March v. Swenson, 40 Minn. 421, 42 N. W. 500; Dodge v. Jones, 7 Mont. 121, 14 Pac. 707; Stevens v. Irwin, 15 Cal. 503, 76 Am. Dec. 500.—Actual costs. The actual price paid for goods by a party, in the case of a real bona fide purchase, and not the market value of the goods. Alfonso v. United States, 2 Story, 421, Fed. Cas. No. 15.187; United States v. Sixteen Packages, 2 Mason, 48, Fed. Cas. No. 16.303; Lexington, etc., R. v. Fitchburg R. Co., 9 Gray (Mass.) 226.—Actual sale. Lands are "actually sold" at a tax sale, so as to entitle the treasurer to the statutory fees, when the sale is completed; when he has collected from the purchaser the amount of the bid. Miles v. Miller, 5 Neb. 272.—Actual violence. An assault with actual violence is an assault with physical force put in action, exerted upon the person assaulted. The term violence is synonymous with physical force, and the two are used interchangeably in relation to assaults. State v. Wells, 31 Conn. 210.

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

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

ACTUM. Lat. A deed; something done.

ACTUS. In the civil law. A species of right of way, consisting in the right of driving cattle, or a carriage, over the land subject to the servitude. Inst. 2, 3, pr. It is sometimes translated a "road," and included the kind of way termed "itur," or path. Lord Coke, who adopts the term "actus" from Bracton, defines it a foot and horse way, vulgarly called "pack and prime way;" but distinguishes it from a cart-way.
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In old English law. An act of parliament; a statute. A distinction, however, was sometimes made between actus and statutum. Actus parliamenti was an act made by the lords and commons; and it became statutum, when it received the king's consent. Barring. Obs. St. 46, note b.

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


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

Actus Dei nemini facit injuriam. The act of the law is hurtful to no one. An act in law shall prejudice no man. 2 Inst. 287. Actus legis nemini facit injuriam. The act of the law does injury to no one. 2 Inst. 287.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Actus repugnus non potest in esse produci. A repugnant act cannot be brought into being, i.e., cannot be made effective. Plowd. 356.

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

AD. Lat. At; by; for; near; on account of; to; until; upon.

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

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

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

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

AD ASSISAS CAPIENDAS. To take assises; to take or hold the assises. Bract, fol. 110a; 3 Bl. Comm. 185.

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

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

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

AD CAPTUM VULGI. Adapted to the common understanding.

AD COLLIGENDUM BONA DEFUNCTI. For collecting the goods of the deceased. See ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES.

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

**AD COMPARÆNDUM.** To appear. *Ad comparandum, et ad standum juris,* to appear and to stand to the law, or abide the judgment of the court. Cro. Jac. 67.

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

**AD CURIAM.** At a court. *1 Salk.* 196. *Ad curiam vocare,* to summon to court.

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

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

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

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

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

**Ad ea quae frequentius accident jura adaptantur.** Laws are adapted to those cases which most frequently occur. *2 Inst.* 137; *Broom, Max.* 48.

Laws are adapted to cases which frequently occur. A statute, which, construed according to its plain words, is, in all cases of ordinary occurrence, in no degree inconsistent or unreasonable, should not be varied by construction in every case, merely because there is one possible but highly improbable case in which the law would operate with great severity and against our notions of justice. The utmost that can be contended is that the construction of the statute should be varied in that particular case, so as to obviate the injustice. *7 Exch.* 549; *8 Exch.* 778.

**AD EFFECTUM.** To the effect, or end. *Co. Litt.* 204; *2 Crabb, Real Prop.* p. 502, § 2143. *Ad effectum sequentem,* to the effect following. *2 Salk.* 417.

**AD EXCAMBIUM.** For exchange; for compensation. *Bract. fol.* 12b, 37b.

**AD EXHÆREDAITIONEM.** To the disinheritance. *Bract. fol.* 15a; *3 Bl. Comm.* 288. Normal words in the old writs of waste.

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

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

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

**AD FEODI FIRMAM.** To farm. Derived from an old Saxon word denoting rent. *Ad feodi firmam,* to fee farm. *Spelman.*

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

**AD FIRMAM.** To farm. *Ad firmam.*

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

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

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

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

**AD FILUM VILÆ.** To the middle of the road; to the central line of the road. *Parkerv. Inhabitants of Framingham,* 8 Metc. (Mass.) 260.

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

**AD HOC.** For this; for this special purpose. An attorney *ad hoc,* or a guardian or curator *ad hoc,* is one appointed for a special purpose, generally to represent the client or infant in the particular action in which the appointment is made. *Sullier v. Kostteet,* 108 La. 378, 32 South. 338; *Bienvenu v. Insurance Co.,* 33 La. Ann. 212.

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

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


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

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

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

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

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

AD JUNGENDUM AUXILIUM. To joining in aid; to join in aid. See AID PAYEB.

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

AD LARGUM. At large; at liberty; free, or unconfined. *Ire ad largum*, to go at large. Plowd. 27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

AD MORDENDUM ASSUETUS. Acustomed to bite. Cro. Car. 254. A material averment in declarations for damage done by a dog to persons or animals. 1 Chit. Pl. 393; 2 Chit. Pl. 597.

AD NOCUMENTUM. To the nuisance, or annoyance. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52. § 10. *Ad nocumentum liber tenementi sui*, to the nuisance of his freehold. Formal words in the old assise of nuisance. 3 Bl. Comm. 221.

AD OFFICII JUSTICIARIORUM SPECTAT, unicum esse coram placitanti justitiam exhibere. It is the duty of justices to administer justice to every one pleading before them. 2 Inst. 451.

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

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

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

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

AD QUÆRIMONIAM. On complaint of.

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

AD QUESTIONES FACTI NON RESPONDENT JUDICES; AD QUESTIONES LEGIS NON RESPONDENT JURATORES. Judges do not answer questions of fact; Juries do not answer questions of law. 8 Coke, 308; Co. Litt. 205.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AD TERMINUM ANNORUM.** For a term of years.

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

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

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

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

**AD USUM ET COMMODUM.** To the use and benefit.

**AD VALENTIAM.** To the value. See *Ad Valorem*.

**AD VALOREM.** According to value. Duties are either *ad valorem* or *specific*; the former when the duty is laid in the form of a percentage on the value of the property; the latter where it is imposed as a fixed sum on each article of a class without regard to its value. The term *ad valorem* tax is as well defined and fixed as any other used in political economy or legislation, and simply means a tax or duty upon the value of the article or thing subject to taxation. Bailey v. Fuqua, 24 Miss. 501; Pingree v. Auditor General, 120 Mich. 95, 78 N. W. 1025, 44 L. R. A. 679.

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

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

**AD VITAM.** For life. Bract. fol. 13b. *In feodo, vel ad vitam; in fee, or for life.* Id.

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

AD WARACTUM. To follow. Bract. fol. 228a. See Waractum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL. This term embraces the idea of joining or uniting one thing to another, so as thereby to form one aggregate. Thus, "additional security" imports a security, which, united with or joined to the former one, is deemed to make it, as an aggregate, sufficient as a security from the beginning. State v. Hull, 53 Miss. 695.

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

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

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

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

A place of business or residence.

ADDUCE. To present, bring forward, offer, introduce. Used particularly with reference to evidence. Tuttle v. Story County, 56 Iowa, 316, 9 N. W. 222.

"The word 'adduced' is broader in its signification than the word 'offered,' and, looking to the whole statement in relation to the evidence below, we think it sufficiently appears that all of the evidence is in the record." Beatty v. O'Connor, 106 Ind. 31, 5 N. E. 859; Brown v. Griffin, 40 Ill. App. 558.

ADEMPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A revocation of a legacy; an ademption. Inst. 4, 1, 1.

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

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


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

ADEQUATE. Sufficient; proportionate; equally efficient.

—Adequate care. Such care as a man of ordinary prudence would himself take under similar circumstances to avoid accident; care proportionate to the risk to be incurred. Wallace v. Wilkinson & N. R. Co., 8 Houst. (Del.) 323; 18 Atl. 78.—Adequate cause. In criminal law. Adequate cause for the passion which reduces a homicide committed under its influence from the grade of murder to manslaughter, means such cause as would commonly produce a degree of anger, rage, resentment, or terror, in a person of ordinary temper, sufficient to render the mind incapable of cool reflection. Insulting words or gestures, or an assault and battery so slight as to show no intention to inflict pain or injury, or an injury to property unaccompanied by violence are not adequate causes. Gardner v. State, 40 Tex. Cr. R. 19, 48 S. W. 170; Williams v. State, 7 Tex. Sup. 806; Boyett v. State, 9 Tex. App. 100.—Adequate compensation (to be awarded to one whose property is taken for public use under the power of eminent domain) means the full and just value of the property, payable in money. Buffalo, etc., R. Co. v. Ferris, 26 Tex. 588.—Adequate consideration. One which is equal, or reasonably proportioned, to the value of that for which it is given. 1 Story, Eq. Julr. §§ 244-247. An adequate consideration is one which is not so disproportionate as to shock our sense of that morality and fair dealing which should always characterize transactions between man and man. Bevan v. Patterson, 21 R. I. 47, 33 Am. L. R. 193 (Ala.) 3, 9.—Adequate remedy. One vested in the complainant, to which he may at all times resort at his own option, willingly and freely, without let or hindrance. Wheeler v. Bedford, 54 Conn. 244, 7 Atl. 22. A remedy which is plain and complete and as practical and efficient to the ends of justice and its prompt administration as the remedy in equity. Keplinger v. Woolsey, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 282, 93 N. W. 1008.

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

ADFERRUMINATIO. In the civil law. The welding together of iron; a species of adjunctio, (q. v.) Called also ferruminatio. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 276; Dig. 6, 1, 23, 5.

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

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

Rebels, being citizens, are not "enemies." within the meaning of the constitution; hence a conviction for treason, in promoting a rebellion, cannot be sustained under that branch of the constitutional definition which speaks of "adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort." United States v. Grathouse, 2 Abb. (U. S.) 304, Fed. Cas. No. 15,234.

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

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

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

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

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

ADIT. In mining law. A lateral entrance or passage into a mine; the opening by which a mine is entered, or by which water and ores are carried away; a horizontal excavation in and along a lode. Electro-Magnetic M. & D. Co. v. Van Aukcn, 9 Colo. 204, 11 Pac. 80; Gray v. Truby, 6 Colo. 278.

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

ADJACENT. Lying near or close to; contiguous. The difference between adjacent and adjoining seems to be that the former implies that the two objects are not widely separated, though they may not actually touch, while adjoining imports that they are so joined or united to each other that no third object intervenes. People v. Kechler, 194 Ill. 235, 62 N. E. 526; Hanifen v. Armitage (C. C.) 117 Fed. 845; McDonald v. Wilson, 59 Ind. 54; Wormley v Wright.
ADJECTIVE LAW

The aggregate of rules of procedure or practice. As opposed to that body of law which the courts are established to administer, (called "substantive law,") it means the rules according to which the substantive law is administered. That part of the law which provides a method for enforcing or maintaining rights, or obtaining redress for their Invasion.

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

ADJOURN. To put off; defer; postpone. To postpone action of a convened court or body until another time specified, or indefinitely, the latter being usually called to adjourn sine die. Bispham v. Tucker, 2 N. J. Law, 253.

The primary signification of the term "adjourn" is to put off or defer to another day specified. But it has acquired also the meaning of suspending business for a time,—deferring, delaying. Probably, without some limitation, it would, when used with reference to a sale on foreclosure, or any judicial proceeding, properly include the fixing of the time to which the postponement was made. La Farge v. Van Wagenen, 14 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 54; People v. Martin, 5 N. Y. 22.

ADJOURNED. A term applied in Scotch law and practice to the records of the criminal courts. The original records of criminal trials were called "bukis of adjornale," or "books of adjournal:" few of which are now extant. An "act of adjournal" is an order of the court of justiciary entered on its minutes.

Adjournamentum est ad diem dicere seu diem dare. An adjournment is to appoint a day or give a day. 4 Inst. 27. Hence the formula "eat sine die."

ADJOURNATUR. L. Lat. It is adjourned. A word with which the old reports very frequently conclude a case. 1 Ld. Raym. 602; 1 Show. 7; 1 Leon. 88.

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

ADJUDICATION


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

ADJUDICATED. The giving or pronouncing a judgment or decree in a cause; also the judgment given. The term is prin-
principally used in bankruptcy proceedings, the adjudication being the order which declares the debtor to be a bankrupt.

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

In Scotch law. A species of diligence, or process for transferring the estate of a debtor or to a creditor, carried on as an ordinary action before the court of sessions. A species of judicial sale, redeemable by the debtor. A decree of the lords of session, adjudging and appropriating a person's lands, hereditaments, or any heritable right to belong to his creditor, who is called the "adjudger," for payment or performance. Bell; Ersk. Inst. c. 2, tit. 12, §§ 33-55; Forb. Inst. pt. 3, b. 1, c. 2, tit. 6.

—Adjudication contra hereditatem jaccentem. When a debtor's heir apparent renounces the succession, any creditor may obtain a decree cognitum causa, the purpose of which is that the amount of the debt may be ascertained so that the real estate may be adjudged.—Adjudication in bankruptcy.—Adjudication in implement. An action by a grantee against his grantor to compel him to complete the title.

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


ADJUNCTUM ACCESSORIUM. An accessory or appurtenance.

ADJURATION. A swearing or binding upon oath.

ADJUST. To bring to proper relations; to settle; to determine and apportion an amount due. Flaherty v. Insurance Co., 20 App. Div. 275, 46 N. Y. Supp. 384; Miller v. Insurance Co., 113 Iowa, 211, 84 N. W. 1049; Washington County v. St. Louis, etc., R. Co., 55 Mo. 375.

ADJUSTMENT. In the law of insurance, the adjustment of a loss is the ascertainment of its amount and the ratable distribution of it among those liable to pay it; the settling and ascertaining the amount of the indemnity which the assured, after all allowances and deductions made, is entitled to receive under the policy, and fixing the proportion which each underwriter is liable to pay. Marsh. Ins. (4th Ed.) 490; 2 Phil. Ins. §§ 1514, 1815; New York v. Insurance Co., 30 N. Y. 45, 100 Am. Dec. 400; Whipple v. Insurance Co., 11 R. I. 139.

Adjuvari quippe nos, non decipi, beneficio oportet. We ought to be favored, not injured, by that which is intended for our benefit. (The species of bailment called "loan" must be to the advantage of the borrower, not to his detriment.) Story, Bailm. § 275. See 8 El. & Bl. 1051.

ADLAMWR. In Welsh law. A proprietor who, for some cause, entered the service of another proprietor, and left him after the expiration of a year and a day. He was liable to the payment of 30 pence to his patron. Wharton.

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

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

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

—Admeasurement of dower. In practice. A remedy which lay for the heir on reaching his majority, by which the doweress had received more than she was legally entitled to. 2 Bl. Comm. 136; Gilb. Usbs. 379. In some of the states the statutory proceeding enabling a widow to compel the assignment of dower is called "admeasurement of dower."—Admeasurement of pasture. In English law. A writ which lies between those that have common of pasture appendant, or by vicinage, in cases where any one or more of them surcharges the common with more cattle than they ought. Bract, fol. 229a; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 318, § 358.—Admeasurement of pasture. In old English law. A writ which lies between those that have common of pasture appendant, or by vicinage, in cases where any one or more of them surcharges the common with more cattle than they ought. Bract, fol. 229a; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 318, § 358.—Admeasurement, writ of. It lay against persons who usurped more than their share, in the two following cases Admeasurement of dower, and admeasurement of pasture. Termes de la Ley.


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

ADMINICILE. In Scotch law. An aid or support to something else. A collateral deed or writing, referring to another which has been lost, and which it is in general necessary to produce before the tenor of the lost deed can be proved by parol evidence. Ersk. Inst. b. 4, tit. 1, § 55. Used as an English word in the statute of 1 Edw. IV. c. 1, in the sense of aid, or support.

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

ADMINICULAR. Auxiliary to. "The murder would be adminicular to the rob-
bbery," (i. e., committed to accomplish it.)

—Adminicular evidence. In ecclesiastical
law. Auxiliary or supplementary evidence; such as is presented for the purpose of explain-
ing and completing other evidence.

ADMINICULATE. To give adminicular
 evidence.

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

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

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

In physiology, and in criminal law, to ad-
minister means to cause or procure a person
to take some drug or other substance into
his or her system; to direct and cause a med-
icine, poison, or drug to be taken into the
system. State v. Jones, 4 Pennwill (Del.)
109, 53 Atl. 861; McLaughey v. State, 156
Ind. 41, 59 N. E. 169; La Bean v. People,
34 N. Y. 223; Sumpter v. State, 11 Fla. 247;
Robbins v. State, 8 Ohio St. 131.

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

ADMINISTRATION. In public law.
The administration of government means the
practical management and direction of the
executive department, or of the public ma-
chinery or functions, or of the operations of
the various organs of the sovereign. The
term "administration" is also conventionally
applied to the whole class of public function-
aries, or those in charge of the management
of the executive department. People v. Sal-

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

The term is applied broadly to denote the
management of an estate by an executor, and
also the management of estates of minors,
nullities, etc., in those cases where trustees
have been appointed by authority of law to
take charge of such estates in place of the
legal owners. Bouvier; Crow v. Hubard, 62
Md. 566.

Administration is principally of the fol-
lowing kinds, viz.:—

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

An administrator ad colligendum is the mere
agent or officer of the court to collect and
preserve the goods of the deceased until some one
is clothed with authority to administer them,
and cannot complain that another is appointed
administrator in chief. Flora v. Menzies, 12
Ala. 896.

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

Cum testamento annexo. Administration
with the will annexed. Administration
granted in cases where a testator makes a
will, without naming any executors; or
where the executors who are named in the
will are incompetent to act, or refuse to act;
or in case of the death of the executors, or
the survivor of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 503, 504.

De bonis non. Administration of the goods
not administered. Administration granted
for the purpose of administering such of the
goods of a deceased person as were not
administered by the former executor or ad-
ministrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 506; Sims v. Wat-
ters, 65 Ala. 442; Clemens v. Walker, 40
Ala. 198; Tucker v. Horner, 10 Phila. (Pa.)
122.

De bonis non cum testamento annexo.
That which is granted when an executor dies
leaving a part of the estate unadministered.
Conklin v. Egerton, 21 Wend. (N. Y.)
430; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 198.

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

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

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


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

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

Special administration. Authority to administer upon some few particular effects of a decedent, as opposed to authority to administer his whole estate. In re Senate Bill, 12 Colo. 193, 21 Pac. 482; Clemens v. Walker, 40 Ala. 198.

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE. Pertaining to administration. Particularly, having the character of executive or ministerial action. In this sense, administrative functions or acts are distinguished from such as are judicial. People v. Austin, 20 App. Div. 1, 46 N. Y. Supp. 526.

—Administrative law. That branch of public law which deals with the various organs of the sovereign power considered as in motion, and prescribes in detail the manner of their activity, being concerned with such topics as the collection of the revenue, the regulation of the military and naval forces, citizenship and naturalization, sanitary measures, poor laws, coinage, police, the public safety and morals, etc. See Holl. Jur. 305-307.-Administrative officer. Politically and as used in constitutional law, an officer of the executive department of government, and generally one of inferior rank; legally, a ministerial or executive officer, as distinguished from a judicial officer. People v. Salisbury, 134 Mich. 637, 96 N. W. 936.

ADMINISTRATOR, in the most usual sense of the word, is a person to whom letters of administration, that is, an authority to administer the estate of a deceased person, have been granted by the proper court. He resembles an executor, but, being appointed by the court, and not by the deceased, he has to give security for the due administration of the estate, by entering into a bond with sureties, called the administration bond. Smith v. Gentry, 18 Ga. 31; Collamore v. Wilder, 19 Kan. 78.

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

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

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

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

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

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


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

In the navy. Admiral is also the title of high naval officers; they are of various grades,—rear admiral, vice-admiral, admiral of the fleet, the latter being the highest.
ADimiralitas. L. Lat. Admiralty; the admiralty, or court of admiralty.

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

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

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

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

The building where the lords of the admiralty transact business.


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


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

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

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

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

Synonyms. The term "admission" is usually applied to civil transactions and to those matters of fact in criminal cases which do not involve criminal intent, while the term "confession" is generally restricted to acknowledgments of guilt. People v. Velarde, 59 Cal. 457; Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 28 Atl. 55, 22 L. R. A. 703; State v. Porter, 126 Or. 90, 23 Pac. 696.

Admission to Bail. The order of a competent court or magistrate that a person accused of crime be discharged from actual custody upon the taking of bail. Comp. Laws Nev. 1900, § 4460; Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1422; People v. Solomon, 5 Utah, 277, 19 Pac. 4; Shelby County v. Simmonds, 33 Iowa, 345.


Admit. To allow, receive, or take; to suffer one to enter; to give possession; to license. Gregory v. United States, 17 Blatchf. 325, 10 Fed. Cas. 1195. See Admission.

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

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

Admittendo in Socium. A writ for associating certain persons, as knights and other gentlemen of the county, to justices of assize on the circuit. Reg. Orig. 296.

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

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

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

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

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

ADNICHILED. Annulled, cancelled, made void. 28 Hen. VIII.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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


Adoption of children was a thing unknown to the common law, but was a familiar practice under the Roman law and in those countries where the civil law prevails, as France and Spain. Modern statutes authorizing adoption are taken from the civil law, and to that extent modify the rules of the common law as to the succession of property. Butterfield v. Sawyer, 187 Ill. 508, 58 N. E. 602, 62 L. R. A. 75, 79 Am. St. Rep. 246; Vidal v. Commagere, 13 La. Ann. 516; Eckford v. Knox, 67 Tex. 200, 2 S. W. 372.

-Adoption and legitimation. Adoption, properly speaking, refers only to persons who are strangers in blood, and is not synonymous with “legitimation,” which refers to persons of the same blood. Where one acknowledges his illegitimate child and takes it into his family and treats it as if it were legitimate, it is not properly an “adoption” but a “legitimation.” Blythe v. Ayres, 96 Cal. 532, 61 Pac. 915, 19 L. R. A. 40.

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

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

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

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

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

ADQUIETO. Payment. Blount.

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

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

ADRIFT. Sea-weed, between high and low water-mark, which has not been deposited on the shore, and which during flood-tide is moved by each rising and receding wave, is adrift, although the bottom of the mass may touch the beach. Anthony v. Gifford, 2 Allen (Mass.) 549.

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

ADS. An abbreviation for ad sectam, which means "at the suit of." Bowen v. Sewing Mach. Co., 86 Ill. 11.
ADSCRIPTUS. In the civil law. Added, annexed, or bound to by or in writing; enrolled, registered; united, joined, annexed, bound to, generally. *Serereus colona adscriptus,* a slave annexed to an estate as a cultivator. Dig. 19, 2, 54, 2. *Fundus adscriptus,* an estate bound to, or burdened with a duty. Cod. 11, 2, 3.

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

Advancement, in its legal acceptance, does not involve the idea of obligation or future liability to answer. It is a pure and irrevocable gift made by a parent to a child in anticipation of such child's future share of the parent's estate. Appeal of Yundt, 10 Pa. 590, 53 Am. Dec. 406. An advancement is any provision by a parent made to and accepted by a child out of his estate, either in money or property, during his life-time, over and above the obligation of the parent for maintenance and education. Code Ga. 1882, § 2579. An "advancement by portion," within the meaning of the statute, is a sum given by a parent to establish a child in life, (as by starting him in business,) or to make a provision for the child, (as on the marriage of a daughter.) L. R. 20 Eq. 165.

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

This word, when taken in its strict legal sense, does not mean gifts, (advancements,) and does mean a sort of loan; and, when taken in its ordinary and usual sense, it includes both loans and gifts,—loans more readily, perhaps, than gifts. Nolan v. Bolton, 25 Ga. 335.

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

ADVANTAGIUM. In old pleading. An advantage. Co. Ent. 484; Townsh. Pl. 50.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Adventure, bill of. In mercantile law. A writing signed by a merchant, stating that the property in goods shipped in his name belongs to another, to the adventure of which the person so named is to stand, with a covenant from the merchant to account to him for the produce.—Joint adventure. In maritime law. A loan on bottomry. So named because the lender, in case of a loss, or expense incurred for the common safety, must contribute to the gross or general average.—Joint adventure. A commercial or maritime enterprise undertaken by several persons jointly; a limited partnership,—not limited in the statutory sense as to the liability of the partners, but as to its scope and duration. Ross v. Willett, 76 Hun, 211, 27 N. Y. Supp. 785.

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

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

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

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

ADVERSE PARTY. An "adverse party" entitled to notice of appeal is every party whose interest in relation to the judgment or decree appealed from is in conflict with the modification or reversal sought by the appeal; every party interested in sustaining the judgment or decree. Harrigan v. Gilchrist, 121 Wis. 127, 60 N. W. 960; Moody v. Miller, 24 Or. 170, 50 Pac. 492; Mohr v. Byrne, 132 Cal. 250, 64 Pac. 257; Fitzgerald v. Cross, 30 Ohio St. 444; In re Clarke, 74 Minn. 8, 76 N. W. 790; Herriman v. Menzies, 115 Cal. 16, 44 Pac. 690, 35 L. R. A. 318, 56 Am. St. Rep. 81.

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

ADVERTISEMENT. Notice given in a manner designed to attract public attention; information communicated to the public, or to an individual concerned, by means of handbills or the newspaper. Montford v. Allen, 111 Ga. 18, 36 S. E. 305; Haffner v. Barnard, 123 Ind. 429, 24 N. E. 152; Com. v. Johnson, 3 Pa. Dist. R. 222.

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

ADVERTISEMENTS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH. Certain articles or ordinances drawn up by Archbishop Parker and some of the bishops in 1564, at the request of Queen Elizabeth, the object of which was to enforce decency and uniformity in the ritual of the church. The queen subsequently refused to give her official sanction to these advertisements, and left them to be enforced by the bishops under their general powers. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 910; 2 Prob. Div. 270; Id. 354.

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

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

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

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

ADVISE. To give an opinion or counsel, or recommend a plan or course of action; also to give notice. Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 36 N. W. 310.

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

ADVISED. Prepared to give judgment, after examination and deliberation. "The court took time to be advised." 1 Leon. 157.

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


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


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

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

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

The College or Faculty of Advocates is a corporate body in Scotland, consisting of the members of the bar in Edinburgh. A large portion of its members are not active practitioners, however. 2 Bankt. Inst. 486.

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADVOCATOK. In old practice. One who called on or vouched another to warrant a title; a voucher. Advocatus; the person called on, or vouched; a vouchee.

Spelman; Townsh. Pl. 45.

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

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

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

Advocatus est, ad quem pertinent ius advancementis alienus ecclesie, ut ad ecclesiam, nomine proprio, non alieno, positum presentare. A patron is he to whom appertains the right of presentation to a church, in such a manner that he may present to such a church in his own name, and not in the name of another. Co. Litt. 119.


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

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

—Advowee paramount. The sovereign, or highest patron.

ADVOWSON. In English ecclesiastical law. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice; the right of presenting a fit person to the bishop, to be by him admitted and instituted to a certain benefice within the diocese, which has become vacant. 2 Bl. Comm. 21; Co. Litt. 118b, 120a. The person enjoying this right is called the "patron" (patronus) of the church, and was formerly termed "advocatus," the advocate or defender, or in English, "advowee." Id.; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 129, § 117.

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

—Advowson appendant. An advowson annexed to a manor, and passing with it, as incident or appendant to it, by a grant of the manor only, without adding any other words. 2 Bl. Comm. 22: Co. Litt. 120, 121; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 130, § 118.—Advowson collative. Where the bishop happens himself to be the patron, in which case (presentation being impossible, or unnecessary) he does by one act, which is termed "collation," or conferring the benefice, all that is usually done by the separate acts of presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22, 23; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.—Advowson donative. Where the patron has the right to put his clerk in possession by his mere gift, or deed of donation, without any presentation to the bishop, or institution by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 131, § 119.—Advowson in gross. An advowson separated from the manor, and annexed to the see, or to the diocese. 2 Bl. Comm. 22; Co. Litt. 120; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 130, § 118; 3 Steph. Comm. 116.—Advowson presentative. The usual kind of advowson, where the patron has the right of presentation to the bishop, or ordinary, and moreover to demand of him admitted and instituted to a certain benefice within the diocese, which has become vacant. 2 Bl. Comm. 21; Co. Litt. 118b, 120a. The person enjoying this right is called the "patron" (patronus) of the church, and was formerly termed "advocatus," the advocate or defender, or in English, "advowee." Id.; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 129, § 117.

ADVOWTRY. See ADVOUTRY.

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

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

Ædifica in tuo proprio solo non hicet quod alteri nocet. 2 Inst. 201. To build upon your own land what may injure another is not lawful. A proprietor of land has no right to erect an edifice on his own ground, interfering with the due enjoyment of adjoining premises, as by overhanging
them, or by throwing water from the roof and eaves upon them, or by obstructing ancient lights and windows. Broom, Max. 399.

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


**Ædilium Edictum.** In the Roman law. The Ædilitian Edict; an edict providing remedies for frauds in sales, the execution of which belonged to the curule sediles. Dig. 21, 1. See Cod. 4, 58.

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

**Ægroto.** Lat. Being sick or indisposed. A term used in some of the older reports. "Holt ægroto." 11 Mod. 179.

**Ægyanize.** Uncompensated, unpaid for, unavenged. From the participle of exclusion, or, (Goth.,) and gild, payment, requital. Anc. Inst. Eng.

**Æqnat.** A Norman French term signifying "grandfather." It is also spelled "aieul" and "ayle." Kelham.

**Æquitatis.** In the civil law. Equity, as opposed to strictum or summum jus, (q. v.) Otherwise called aquum, aquum bonum, aquum et bonum, aquum et justum. Calvin.

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

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

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**Æquitas est perfecta quaedam ratio quae jus scriptum interpretatur et emendat; nulla scriptura comprehensa, sed solum in verâ ratione consistens.** Equity is a certain perfect reason, which interprets and amends the written law, comprehended in no writing, but consisting in right reason alone. Co. Litt. 24b.

**Æquitas est quasi aequalitas.** Equity is as it were equality; equity is a species of equality or equalization. Co. Litt. 24.

**Æquitas ignorantis opitulatur, oscil- tantis non item.** Equity assists Ignorance, but not carelessness.

**Æquitas non facit jus, sed juri auxil- latur.** Equity does not make law, but assists law. Lofft, 379.

**Æquitas nunquam contravertit leges.** Equity never counteracts the laws.

**Æquitas sequitur legem.** Equity follows the law. Gilb. 186.

**Æquitas supervacura edit.** Equity abhors superfluous things. Lofft, 282.

**Æquitas uxoribus, liberis, creditoribus maxime favet.** Equity favors wives and children, creditors most of all.

**Æquum et bonum est lex legum.** What is equitable and good is the law of laws. Hob. 224.

**Æquus.** Lat Equal; even. A provision in a will for the division of the residuary estate ex æquo among the legatees means equally or evenly. Archer v. Morris, 61 N. J. Eq. 152, 47 Atl. 275.

**Ærais.** A fixed point of chronological time, whence any number of years is counted; thus, the Christian era began at the birth of Christ, and the Mohammedan era at the flight of Mohammed from Mecca to Medina. The derivation of the word has been much contested. Wharton.

**Ærarium.** Lat. In the Roman law. The treasury, (fiscus.) Calvin.

**Æs.** Lat. In the Roman law. Money, (literally, brass;) metallic money in general, including gold. Dig. 9, 2, 2, pr.; Id. 9, 2, 27, 5; Id. 50, 16, 159.

**Æs alienum.** A civil law term signifying a debt; the property of another; borrowed money, as distinguished from æs suum, one's own money.Æs suum. One's own money. In the Roman law. Debt: a debt; that which others owe to us, (quod ali ab nobis debent.) Dig. 50, 16, 213.

**Æsnecia.** In old English law. Es- necy; the right or privilege of the eldest.
ESTIMATIO CAPITIS. In Saxon law. The estimation or valuation of the head; the price or value of a man. By the laws of Athelstan, the life of every man not excepting that of the king himself, was estimated at a certain price, which was called the wer, or *estimatio capitis*. Crabb, Eng. Law, c. 4.

Estimatio prætecti delicti ex post-remo facto non sequatur effectus. The intention is punished although the intended result does not follow. 9 Coke, 55.

AFFEER. To assess, liquidate, appraise, fix in amount. To *affer an amercement*. To establish the amount which one amerced in a courtleet should pay. To *affer an account*. To confirm it on oath in the exchequer. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

AFFEERORS. Persons who, in courtleets, upon oath, settle and moderate the fines and amercements imposed on those who have committed offenses arbitrarily punishable, or that have no express penalty appointed by statute. They are also appointed to moderate fines, etc., in courts-baron. Cowell.

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AFFIANCER. A plighting of troth between man and woman. Litt. § 39. An agreement by which a man or woman promise each other that they will marry together. Poth. Traité du Mar. n. 24.

AFFIANT. The person who makes and subscribes an affidavit. The word is used, in this sense, interchangeably with "deponent." But the latter term should be reserved as the designation of one who makes a deposition.

AFFIDARE. To swear faith to; to pledge one's faith or do fealty by making oath. Cowell.

AFFIDATUM. An oath taken by the lords in parliament.

AFFIDATUS. One who is not a vassal, but who for the sake of protection has connected himself with one more powerful. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 46.

AFFIDAVIT. A written or printed declaration or statement of facts, made voluntarily, and confirmed by the oath or affirmation of the party making it, taken before an officer having authority to administer such oath. Cox v. Stern, 170 Ill. 442, 43 N. E.
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906. 62 Am. St. Rep. 385; Hays v. Loomis,
34 Ill. 18.


An affidavit is an oath in writing, sworn before and attested by him who hath authority to administer the same. Knapp v. Duclo, 1 Mich. N. P. 120.

An affidavit is always taken ex parte, and in this respect it is distinguished from a deposition, the matter of which is elicited by questions, and which affords an opportunity for cross-examination. In re Litter's Estate, 19 Mont. 474, 48 Pac. 753.

—Affidavit of defense. An affidavit stating that the defendant has a good defense to the plaintiff's action on the merits of the case.—

Affidavit of merits. One setting forth that the defendant has a meritorious defense (substantive and not technical) and stating the facts constituting the same. Palmer v. Rogers, 70 Iowa, 381, 30 N. W. 645.—Affidavit of service. An affidavit intended to certify the service of a writ, notice, or other document.—

Affidavit to hold to bail. An affidavit made to procure the arrest of the defendant in a civil action.

AFFILIAR. L. Lat. To file or affile. Affilear, let it be filed. 8 Coke, 160. De recordo affidavitum, affiled of record. 2 Ed. Raym. 1470.

AFFILE. A term employed in old practice, signifying to put on file. 2 Maule & S. 202. In modern usage it is contracted to file.

AFFILIATION. The fixing any one with the paternity of a bastard child, and the obligation to maintain it.

In French law. A species of adoption which exists by custom in some parts of France. The person affiliated succeeded equally with other heirs to the property acquired by the deceased to whom he had been affiliated, but not to that which he inherited. Bouvier.

In ecclesiastical law. A condition which prevented the superior from removing the person affiliated to another convent. Guyot, Report.

AFFINAGE. A refining of metals. Blount.

AFFINES. In the civil law. Connections by marriage, whether of the persons or their relatives. Calvin.

Neighbors, who own or occupy adjoining lands. Dig. 10, 1, 12.

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Affinis mei affinis non est mihi affinis. One who is related by marriage to a person related to me by marriage has no affinity to me. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 174.

AFFINITAS. Lat. In the civil law. Affinity; relationship by marriage. Inst. 1, 10, 6.


AFFINITY. At common law. Relationship by marriage between the husband and the blood relations of the wife, and between the wife and the blood relations of the husband. 1 Bl. Comm. 434; Solinger v. Earle, 45 N. Y. Super. Ct. 50; Tegarden v. Phillips (Ind. App.) 39 N. E. 212.

Affinity is distinguished into three kinds; (1) Direct, or that subsisting between the husband and his wife's relations by blood, or between the wife and the husband's relations by blood; (2) secondary, or that which subsists between the husband and his wife's relations by marriage, (3) collateral, or that which subsists between the husband and the relations of his wife's relations. Wharton.

In the civil law. The connection which arises by marriage between each person of the married pair and the kindred of the other. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 147; Poydras v. Livingston, 5 Mart. O. S. (La.) 295. A husband is related by affinity to all the consanguinei of his wife, and vice versa, the wife to the husband's consanguinei; for the husband and wife being considered one flesh, those who are related to the one by blood are related to the other by affinity. Gib. Cod. 412; 1 Bl. Comm. 433.

In a larger sense, consanguinity or kindred. Co. Litt. 157a.

—Quasi affinity. In the civil law. The affinity which exists between two persons, one of whom has been betrothed to a kinsman of the other, but who have never been married.

AFFIRM. To ratify, make firm, confirm, establish, reassert.

To ratify or confirm a former law or judgment. Cowell.

In the practice of appellate courts, to affirm a judgment, decree, or order, is to declare that it is valid and right, and must stand as rendered below; to ratify and reassert it; to concur in its correctness and confirm its efficacy.

In pleading. To allege or aver a matter of fact; to state it affirmatively; the opposite of deny or traverse.

In practice. To make affirmation; to make a solemn and formal declaration or assertion that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being rendered below; to ratify and reassert it; to concur in its correctness and confirm its efficacy.

In the law of contracts. A party is said to affirm a contract, the same being voidable at his election, when he ratifies and accepts it, waives his right to annul it, and proceeds under it as if it had been valid originally.

AFFIRMANCE. In practice. The confirming, or ratifying a former law, or judgment. Cowell; Blount.

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pellet court of a judgment, order, or decree of a lower court brought before it for review. See AFFIRM.

A dismissal of an appeal for want of prosecution is not an "affirmance" of the judgment. Drummond v. Husson, 14 N. Y. 60.

The ratification or confirmation of a voidable contract or act by the party who is to be bound thereby.

The term is in accuracy to be distinguished from ratification, which is a recognition of the validity or binding force as against the party ratifying, of some act performed by another person; and from confirmation, which would seem to apply more properly to cases where a doubtful authority has been exercised by another in behalf of the person ratifying; but these distinctions are not generally observed with much care. Bouvier.

AFFIRMANCE DAY GENERAL. In the English court of exchequer, is a day appointed by the judges of the common pleas, and barons of the exchequer, to be held a few days after the beginning of every term for the general affirmance or reversal of judgments. 2 Tid'd. Pr. 1091.

AFFIRMANT. A person who testifies on affirmation, or who affirms instead of taking an oath. See AFFIRMATION. Used in affidavits and deposition which are affirmed, instead of sworn to in place of the word "deponent."


Affirmanti, non neganti incumebit probatio. The burden of proof lies upon him who affirms, not upon one who denies. Steph. Pl. 84.

AFFIRMATION. In practice. A solemn and formal declaration or asseveration that an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an affidavit is true, that the witness will tell the truth, etc., this being substituted for an oath in certain cases.

A solemn religious asseveration in the nature of an oath. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 371.

AFFIRMATIVE. That which declares positively; that which avers a fact to be true; that which establishes; the opposite of negative.

The party who, upon the allegations of pleadings joining issue, is under the obligation of making proof, in the first instance, of matters alleged, is said to hold the affirmative, or, in other words, to sustain the burden of proof. Abbott.

As to affirmative "Damages," "Pleas," "Warranties," see those titles.

AFFIRMATIVE defense. In code pleading. New matter constituting a defense; new matter which, assuming the complaint to be true, constitutes a defense to it. Carter v. Eighth Ward Bank, 33 Misc. Rep. 128, 67 N. Y. Supp. 300.—Affirmative pregnant. In pleading. An affirmative allegation implying some negative in favor of the adverse party. Fields v. State, 154 Ind. 46, 32 N. E. 780.—Affirmative relief. Relief, benefit, or compensation which may be granted to the defendant in a judgment or decree in accordance with the facts established in his favor; such as may properly be given within the issues made by the pleadings or according to the legal or equitable rights of the parties as established by the evidence. Garner v. Hannah, 9 Duer (N. Y.) 252.—Affirmative matter. A matter censured in legislation. A statute couched in affirmative or mandatory terms; one which directs the doing of an act, or declares what shall be done; as a negative statute is one which prohibits a thing from being done, or declares what shall not be done. Blackstone describes affirmative acts of parliament as those "wherein justice is directed to be done according to the law of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 142.

AFFIX. To fix or fasten upon, to attach to, to inscribe, or impress upon, as a signature, a seal, a trade-mark. Pen. Code N. Y. § 367. To attach, add to, or fasten upon, permanently, as in the case of fixtures annexed to real estate.

A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by the roots, in the case of trees, vines, or shrubs; or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently resting upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Civ. Code Cal. § 660; Civ. Code Mont. 1895, § 1076; McNally v. Connolly, 70 Cal. 3, 11 Pac. 320; Miller v. Waddingham (Cal.) 25 Pac. 688, 11 L. R. A. 510.

AFFIXUS. In the civil law. Affixed, fixed, or fastened to.

AFFORARE. To set a price or value on a thing. Blount.

AFFORATUS. Appraised or valued, as things vendible in a market. Blount.

AFFORCE. To add to; to increase; to strengthen; to add force to.

AFFORSE the assise. In old English practice. A method of securing a verdict, where the jury disagreed, by adding other jurors to the panel until twelve could be found who were unanimous in their opinion. Bract. fol. 1856, 220a; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 5, § 2; 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 567.

AFFORCIAMENTUM. In old English law. A fortress or stronghold, or other fortification. Cowell.

The calling of a court upon a solemn or extraordinary occasion. Id.

AFFOREST. To convert land into a forest in the legal sense of the word.

AFFOUAGE. In French law. The right of the inhabitants of a commune or section of a commune to take from the forest the fire-wood which is necessary for their use. Duverger.

AFFRANCHIR. L. Fr. To set free. Kelham.

AFFRANCHISE. To liberate; to make free.
AFFRAY. In criminal law. The fighting of two or more persons in some public place to the terror of the people. Burton v. Com., 30 S. W. 526, 22 Ky. Law Rep. 1315; Thompson v. State, 70 Ala. 26; State v. Allen, 11 N. C. 356.

It differs from a riot in not being premeditated; for if any persons meet together upon any lawful or innocent occasion, and happen on a sudden to engage in fighting, they are not guilty of a riot, but are simply guilty of affray, and in that case none are guilty except those actually engaged in it. Hawk. P. C. bk. 1, c. 65, § 3; 4 Bl. Comm. 146; 1 Russ. Crimes, 271; Supreme Council v. Garricus, 104 Ind. 133, 3 N. E. 818, 54 Am. Rep. 268.

If two or more persons voluntarily or by agreement engage in any fight, or use any blows or violence towards each other in an angry or quarrelsome manner, in any public place to the disturbance of others, they are guilty of an affray, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding thirty days, or by fine not exceeding one hundred dollars. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4006.

AFFREIGHTMENT. A contract of affreightment; a contract for the hire of a vessel. From the Fr. fret, which, according to Cowell, meant tons or tonnage.

AFFREIGHTMENT. A contract of affreightment is a contract with a ship-owner to hire his ship, or part of it, for the carriage of goods. Such a contract generally takes the form either of a charter-party or of a bill of lading. Maude & P. Mer. Shipp. 227; Smith, Merc. Law, 295; Bramble v. Culmer, 78 Fed. 501, 24 C. C. A. 182; Auten v. Bennett, 88 App. Div. 15, 84 N. Y. Supp. 689.

In French law, freighting and affreighting are distinguished. The owner of a ship freights it, (le frete;) he is called the freter, (freteur;) he is the letter or lessor, (locateur, locataire; con­ducteur.) The merchant affreights the ship, and is called the affreter, (affreteur;) he is the hirer, (locataire, con­ducteur.) Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

AFFRETER. Fr. In French law. The hiring of a vessel; affreighting. Called also noisalisation. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 2; Id. liv. 8, tit. 1, art. 1.

AFFRIL. In old English law. Plow cattle, bullocks or plow horses. Afrî, or afrî caruca; beasts of the plow. Spelman.

AFORESAID. Before, or already said, mentioned, or recited; premised. Plowd. 67. Foresaid is used in Scotch law.

Although the words "preceding" and "aforesaid" generally mean next before, and "following" means next after, yet a different signification will be given to them if required by the context and the facts of the case. Simpson v. Robert, 35 Ga. 180.

AFORETHOUGHT. In criminal law. Deliberate; planned; premeditated; purpose. State v. Peo, 9 Houst. (Del.) 488, 33 Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.) 4.
AGE. Signifies those periods in the lives of persons of both sexes which enable them to do certain acts which, before they had arrived at those periods, they were prohibited from doing. The length of time during which a person has lived or a thing has existed. In the old books, "age" is commonly used to signify "full age;" that is, the age of twenty-one years. Litt. § 259.

—Legal age. The age at which the person acquires full capacity to make his own contracts and transactions, and trusts business generally (age of majority) or to enter into some particular contract or relation, as, the "legal age of consent" marriage. See Capwell v. Capwell, 21 R. I. 101, 41 Atl. 1005; Montoya de Antonio v. Miller, 7 N. M. 289, 34 Pac. 40, 21 L. R. A. 699.

AENAGEnSIA. In medical jurisprudence. Impotentia generandi; sexual impotence; incapacity for reproduction, existing in either sex, and whether arising from structural or other causes.

AGENT. One who represents and acts for another under the contract or relation of agency, q. v.

Classification. Agents are either general or special. A general agent is one employed in his capacity as a professional man or master of an art or trade, or one to whom the principal confides his whole business or all transactions or functions of a designated class; or he acts as a person who is authorized by his principal to execute all deeds, sign all contracts, or pur chase all goods, required in a particular trade, business, or employment. See Story, Ag. § 17; Butler v. Maples, 9 Wall. 709, 19 L. Ed. 822; Jaques v. Todd, 3 Wend. (N. Y.) 80; Springfield Engine Co. v. Kennedy, 7 Ind. App. 502, 34 N. E. 856; Cruzan v. Smith, 41 Ind. 297; Godshaw v. Struck, 109 Ky. 239; 50 L. R. A. 683. A special agent is one employed to conduct a particular transaction or piece of business for his principal or authorized to perform a specified act. Bryant v. Moore, 26 Me. 87, 45 Am. Dec. 96; Gibson v. Snow Hardware Co., 94 Ala. 346, 10 South. 304; Cooley v. Perrine, 41 N. J. Law, 323, 52 Am. Rep. 210.

Agents employed for the sale of goods or merchandise are called "mercantile agents," and are of two principal classes,—brokers and factors. A broker is sometimes called a "commission agent," or "commission merchant." Russ. Merc. Ag. 1.

Synonyms. The term "agent" is to be distinguished from its synonyms "servant," "representative," and "trustee." A "servant" is a person in whose behalf and under the latter's direction and authority, but is regarded as a mere instrument, and not as the substitute or proxy of the master. Turner v. Cross, 53 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 575, 15 L. R. A. 262; People v. Treadwell, 69 Cal. 226, 16 Pac. 502. A representative (such as an executor or an assignee in bankruptcy) owes his power and authority to the law, which puts him in the place of the person represented, although the latter may have designated or chosen the representatives. A trustee acts in the interest and for the benefit of one person, but by an authority derived from another person.

In international law. A diplomatic agent is a person employed by a sovereign to manage his private affairs, or those of his subjects in his name, at the court of a foreign government. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 1237.

In the practice of the house of lords and privy council. In appeals, solicitors and other persons admitted to practise in those courts in a similar capacity to that of
sollicitors in ordinary courts, are technically called "agents." Macph. Priv. Coun. 65.

—Agent and patient. A phrase indicating the state of a person who is required to do a thing, as that of an ordinary patient to whom it is done—Local agent. One appointed to act as the representative of a corporation and transact its business generally (or business of a particular character) at a given place or within a defined district. See Frick Co. v. Wright, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 340, 65 S. W. 516. Moore v. Freeman's Nat. Bank, 52 N. C. 594. Western, etc., Organ. Co. v. Anderson, 97 Tex. 432, 79 S. W. 517.—Managing agent. A person who is invested with general power, involving the exercise of judgment and discretion, as distinguished from an ordinary agent or employe, who acts in an inferior capacity, and under the direction and control of superior authority, both in regard to the extent of the work and the manner of executing the same. Reddington v. Mariposa Land & Min. Co., 19 Hun (N. Y.) 403; Taylor v. Granite Lake Provi. Ass'n, 153 N. Y. 343, 32 N. E. 902; 32 Am. St. Rep. 749; U. S. v. American Bell Tel. Co. (O. C.) 29 Fed. 33; Upper Mississippi Transp. Co. v. Whittaker, 10 Wis. 220; Foster v. Charles Betcher Lumber Co., 5 S. D. 57, 58 N. W. 9, 23 La. R. A. 490; 49 Am. St. Rep. 830.—Private agent. An agent acting for an individual in his private capacity and distinguished from a public agent, who represents the government in some administrative capacity.—Public agent. An agent of the public, the state, or the government; a person appointed to act for the public in some matter pertaining to the administration of government or the public business. See Story, Ag. § 302; Whitleide v. United States, 65 U. S. 284, 23 L. Ed. 882.—Real-estate agent. Any person whose business it is to sell, or offer for sale, real estate for others, or to rent houses, stores, or other buildings, or real estate, or to collect rent for others. Act July 13, 1866, c. 49; 14 St. at Larue, 118. Carstens v. McLeavy, 1 Wash. St. 359, 25 Pac. 471.

Agentes et consentientes pari poena plectentur. Acting and consenting parties are liable to the same punishment. 5 Coke, 80.


In old English law. An acre. Spelman. AGGER. Lat. In the civil law. A dam, bank or mound. Cod. 9, 38; Townsh. Pl. 48.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT. An assault with circumstances of aggravation, or of a felonious character, or with intent to commit another crime. In re Burns (O. C.) 113 Fed. 602; Norton v. State, 14 Tex. 393. See Assault.

Defined in Pennsylvania as follows: "If any person shall unlawfully and maliciously inflict upon another person, either with or without any weapon or instrument, any grievous bodily harm upon another, or shall cut, wound, or purposely wound any other person, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor," etc. Brightly, Purd. Dig. p. 434, § 167.

AGGRAVATION. Any circumstance attending the commission of a crime or tort which increases its guilt or enormity or adds to its injurious consequences, but which is above and beyond the essential constituents of the crime or tort itself.

Material of aggravation, correctly understood, does not consist in acts of the same kind and description as those constituting the gist of the action, but in something done by the defendant, on the occasion of committing the trespass, which is, to some extent, of a different legal character from the principal act complained of. Hathaway v. Rice, 19 Vt. 107.

In pleading. The introduction of matter into the declaration which tends to increase the amount of damages, but does not affect the right of action itself. Steph. Pl. 257; 12 Mod. 597.

AGGREGATE. Composed of several; consisting of many persons united together. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.


AGGREGATIO MENTIUM. The meeting of minds. The moment when a contract is complete. A supposed derivation of the word "agreement."

AGGRESSOR. The party who first offers violence or offense. He who begins a quarrel or dispute, either by threatening or striking another.

AGGRIEVED. Having suffered loss or injury; damned; injured.

AGGRIEVED PARTY. Under statutes granting the right of appeal to the party aggrieved by an order or judgment, the party aggrieved is one whose pecuniary interest is directly affected by the adjudication; one whose right of property may be established or divested thereby. Ruff v. Montgomery, 83 Miss. 185, 36 South. 67; McFarland v. Pierce, 151 Ind. 546, 45 N. E. 706; Lamar v. Lamar, 118 Ga. 684, 45 S. E. 488; Smith v. Bradstreet, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 204; Bryant v. Allen, 6 N. H. 116; Wiggins v. Swett, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 194, 39 Am. Dec. 716; Tillington v. Brown University, 24 R. I. 170, 52 Atl. 891; Lowery v. Lowery, 64 N. C. 110; Raleigh v. Rogers, 25 N. J. Eq. 506. Or one against whom error has been committed. Kliney v. Macklin, 67 Mo. 95.

AGILD. In Saxon law. Free from penalty, not subject to the payment of geld, or wergild; that is, the customary fine or pecuniary compensation for an offense. Spelman; Cowell.

AGILER. In Saxon law. An observer or informer.

AGILLARIUS. L. Lat. In old English law. A hayward, herdward, or keeper of the herd of cattle in a common field. Cowell.
AGIO. In commercial law. A term used to express the difference in point of value between metallic and paper money, or between one sort of metallic money and another. McCul. Dict.

AGIOTAGE. A speculation on the rise and fall of the public debt of states, or the public funds. The speculator is called "agogateur."

AGIST. In ancient law. To take in and feed the cattle of strangers in the king's forest, and to collect the money due for the same to the king's use. Spelman; Cowell.

In modern law. To take in cattle to feed, or pasture, at a certain rate of compensation. See AGISTMENT.

AGISTATIO ANIMALIUM IN FORESTA. The drift or numbering of cattle in the forest.

AGISTERS, or GIST TAKERS. Officers appointed to look after cattle, etc. See Williams, Common, 232.

AGISTMENT. The taking in of another person's cattle to be fed, or to pasture, upon one's own land, in consideration of an agreed price to be paid by the owner. Also the profit or recompense for such pasturing of cattle. Bass v. Pierce, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 595; Williams v. Miller, 68 Cal. 290, 9 Pac. 166; Auld v. Travis, 5 Colo. App. 535, 39 Pac. 357.

There is also agistment of sea-banks, where lands are charged with a tribute to keep out the sea; and terrae agistatce are lands whose owners must keep up the sea-banks. Holtthouse.

AGISTOR. One who takes in horses or other animals to pasture at certain rates. Story, Baifim, § 443.

AGNATES. In the law of descents. Relations by the father. This word is used in the Scotch law, and by some writers as an English word, corresponding with the Latin agnati, (q. v.) Ersk. Inst. b. 1, tit. 7, § 4.

AGNATI. In Roman law. The term included "all the cognates who trace their connection exclusively through males. A table of cognates is formed by taking each lineal ancestor in turn and including all his descendants of both sexes in the tabular view. If, then, in tracing the various branches of such a genealogical table or tree, we stop whenever we come to the name of a female, and pursue that particular branch or ramification no further, all who remain after the descendants of women have been excluded are agnates, and their connection together is agnostic relationship." Maine, Anc. Law, 142.

All persons are agantically connected together who are under the same patria potestas, or who have been under it, or who might have been under it if their lineal ancestor had lived long enough to exercise his empire. Maine, Anc. Law, 144.

The agnate family consisted of all persons living at the same time, who would have been subject to the patria potestas of a common ancestor, if his life had been continued to their time. Hadl. Rom. Law, 131.

Between agnati and cognati there is this difference: that, under the name of agnati, cognati are included, but not e converso; for instance, a father's brother, that is, a paternal uncle, is both agnatus and cognatus, but a mother's brother, that is, a maternal uncle, is a cognatus but not agnatus. (Dig. 38, 7, 5, pr.) Burrill.

AGNATIC. [From agnati, q. v.]. Derived from or through males. 2 Bl. Comm. 236.

AGNATIO. In the civil law. Relationship on the father's side; agnation. Agatio a patre est. Inst. 3, 5, 4; Id. 3, 6, 6.

AGNATIA. Kinship by the father's side. See AGNATES; AGNATI.

AGNOMEN. Lat. An additional name or title; a nickname. A name or title which a man gets by some action or peculiarity; the last of the four names sometimes given a Roman. Thus, Scipio Africanus, (the African,) from his African victories. Ainsworth; Calvin:

AGNOMINATION. A surname; an additional name or title; agnomen.

AGNUS DEI. Lat. Lamb of God. A piece of white wax, in a flat, oval form, like a small cake, stamped with the figure of a lamb, and consecrated by the pope. Cowell.

AGRARIAN. Relating to land, or to a division or distribution of land; as an agrarian law.

AGRARIAN LAWS. In Roman law. Laws for the distribution among the people, by public authority, of the lands constituting the public domain, usually territory conquered from an enemy.

In common parlance the term is frequently applied to laws which have for their object the more equal division or distribution of landed property; laws for subdividing large properties and increasing the number of landholders.

AGRARIUM. A tax upon or tribute payable out of land.

AGREAMENTUM. In old English law. Agreement; an agreement Spelman.

AGREE. To concur; to come into harmony; to give mutual assent; to unite in mental action; to exchange promises; to make an agreement.

To concur or acquiesce in; to approve or
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adopt. Agreed, agreed to, are frequently used in the books, (like accord,) to show the concurrence or harmony of cases. Agreed per curiam is a common expression.

To harmonize or reconcile. “You will agree your books.” 8 Coke, 67.

AGREÉE. In French law. A solicitor practising solely in the tribunals of commerce.

AGREEMENT. In Scotch law. Agreement: an agreement or contract.

AGREED. Settled or established by agreement. This word in a deed creates a covenant.

This word is a technical term, and it is synonymous with “contracted,” McElrath v. McKislick, Melga (Tenn.) 438. It means, ex vi termini, that it is the agreement of both parties, whether both sign it or not, each and both consenting to it. Aikin v. Albany, V. & C. R. Co., 26 Barb. (N. Y.) 298.

—Agreed order. The only difference between an agreed order and one which is made in the due course of the proceedings in an action is that in the one case it is agreed to, and in the other it is made as authorized by law. Claffin v. Gibson (Ky.) 51 S. W. 439, 21 Ky. Law Rep. 337.—Agreed statement of facts. A statement of facts, agreed on by the parties as true and correct, to be submitted to a court for a ruling on the law of the case. United States Trust Co. v. New Mexico, 183 U. S. 535; Cuneo v. De Cuneo, 24 Tex. Civ. App. 436, 59 S. W. 284.

Parol agreements. Such as are either by word of mouth or are committed to writing, but are not under seal. The common law draws only one great line, between things under seal and not under seal. Wharton.

Synonyms distinguished. The term “agreement” is often used as synonymous with “contract.” Properly speaking, however, it is a wider term than “contract” (Anson, Cont. 4.) An agreement might not be a contract, because not fulfilling some requirement of the law of the place in which it is made. So, where a contract embodies a series of mutual stipulations or constituent clauses, each of these clauses might be denominated an “agreement.”

“Agreement” is more comprehensive than “promise;” signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties. A statute (of frauds) which requires the agreement to be in writing includes the consideration. Wain v. Warlters, 5 East, 10.

“Agreement” is not synonymous with “promise” or “undertaking,” but, in its more proper and correct sense, signifies a mutual contract, on consideration, between two or more parties, and implies a consideration. Andrews v. Pontue, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 285.

AGREER. Fr. In French marine law. To rig or equip a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1.

AGREZ. Fr. In French marine law. The rigging or tackle of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 2, art. 1; Id. tit. 11, art. 2; Id. liv. 3, tit. 1, art. 11.
AGRI. Arable lands in common fields.

**AGRI LIMITATI.** In Roman law. Lands belonging to the state by right of conquest, and granted or sold in plots. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 98.


**AGRICULTURAL LIEN.** A statutory lien in some states to secure money or supplies advanced to an agriculturist to be expended or employed in the making of a crop and attaching to that crop only. Clark v. Farrar, 74 N. C. 686, 690.

**AGRICULTURE.** The science or art of cultivating the ground, especially in fields or large areas, including the tillage of the soil, the planting of seeds, the raising and harvesting of crops, and the reaping of live stock. Dillard v. Webb, 55 Ala. 474. And see Binzel v. Grogan, 67 Wis. 147, 29 N. W. 896; Simons v. Lovell, 7 Heisk. (Tenn.) 510; Springer v. Lewis, 22 Pa. 191.

A person actually engaged in the "science of agriculture" (within the meaning of a statute giving him special exemptions) is one who derives the support of himself and his family, in whole or in part, from the tillage and cultivation of fields. He must cultivate something more than a garden, although it may be much less than a farm. If the area cultivated can be called a field, it is agriculture, as well in contemplation of law as in the etymology of the word. And if this condition be fulfilled, the uniting of any other business, not inconsistent with the pursuit of agriculture, does not take away the protection of the statute. Springer v. Lewis, 22 Pa. 193.

**AGUSADURA.** In ancient customs, a fee, due from the vassals to their lord for sharpening their plowing tackle.

**AHTEID.** In old European law. A kind of oath among the Bavarians. Spelman. In Saxon law. One bound by oath, q. d. "oath-tied." From ath, oath, and tied. Id.

**AID, v.** To support, help, or assist. This word must be distinguished from its synonym "encourage," the difference being that the former connotes active support and assistance, while the latter does not; and also from "abet," which last word imports necessary criminality in the act furthered, while "aid," standing alone, does not. See Abet.

**AID AND ABET.** In criminal law. That kind of connection with the commission of a crime which, at common law, rendered the person guilty as a principal in the second degree. It consisted in being present at the time and place, and doing some act to render aid to the actual perpetrator of the crime, though without taking a direct share in its commission. See 4 Bl. Comm. 34; People v. Dole, 122 Cal. 486, 55 Pac. 581, 68 Am. St. Rep. 50; State v. Tally, 102 Ala. 25, 15 South. 722; State v. Jones, 115 Iowa, 113, 88 N. W. 196; State v. Cox, 65 Mo. 29, 33.

**AID AND COMFORT.** Help; support; assistance; counsel; encouragement. As an element in the crime of treason, the giving of "aid and comfort" to the enemy may consist in a mere attempt. It is not essential to constitute the giving of aid and comfort that the enterprise commenced should be successful and actually render assistance. Young v. United States, 97 U. S. 62, 24 L. Ed. 992; U. S. v. Greathouse, 4 Sawy. 472, Fed. Cas. No. 15,254.

**AID OF THE KING.** The king's tenant prays this, when rent is demanded of him by others.

**AID PRAYER.** In English practice. A proceeding formerly made use of, by way of petition in court, praying in aid of the tenant for life, etc., from the reversioner or remainder-man, when the title to the inheritance was in question. It was a plea in suspension of the action. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

**AIDER BY VERDICT.** The healing or remission, by a verdict rendered, of a detect or error in pleading which might have been objected to before verdict.

The presumption of the proof of all facts necessary to the verdict as it stands, coming to the aid of a record in which such facts are not distinctly alleged.

**AIDS.** In feudal law, originally mere benevolences granted by a tenant to his lord, in times of distress; but at length the lords claimed them as of right. They were principally three: (1) To ransom the lord's person, if taken prisoner; (2) to make the lord's eldest son and heir apparent a knight; (3) to give a suitable portion to the lord's eldest daughter on her marriage. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

Also, extraordinary grants to the crown by the house of commons, and which were the origin of the modern system of taxation. 2 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.

—Reasonable aid. A duty claimed by the lord of the fee of his tenants, holding by knight service, to marry his daughter, etc. Cowell.

**AIEL, Aieul, Alle, Ayle.** L. Fr. A grandfather.

A writ which lieth where the grandfather was seised in his demesne as of fee of any lands or tenements in fee-simple the day that he died, and a stranger abateth or entereth the same day and disposesseth the heir. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 222; Spelman; Terms de la Ley; 3 Bl. Comm. 158.

**AILESSE.** A Norman French term signifying "grandmother." Kelham.
AINESSE. In French feudal law. The right or privilege of the eldest born; primogeniture; esnecy. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 17.


AIRE. In old Scotch law. The court of the justices itinerant, corresponding with the English eyre, (q. v.) Skene de Verb. Sign. voc. iter.


AIR-WAY. In English law. A passage for the admission of air into a mine. To maliciously fill up, obstruct, or damage, with intent to destroy, obstruct, or render useless the air-way to any mine, is a felony punishable by penal servitude or imprisonment at the discretion of the court. 24 & 25 Vict c 97, § 28.

AISIAMENTUM. In old English law. An easement. Spelman.

AISNE or EIGNE. In old English law, the eldest or first born.

AJOURNMENT. In French law. The document pursuant to which an action or suit is commenced, equivalent to the writ of summons in England. Actions, however, are in some cases commenced by requête or petition. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

AJUAR. In Spanish law. Paraphernalia. The jewels and furniture which a wife brings in marriage.

AJUTAGE. A tube, conical in form, intended to be applied to an aperture through which water passes, whereby the flow of the water is greatly increased. See Schuylkill Nav. Co. v. Moore, 2 Whart. (Pa.) 477.

AKIN. In old English law. Of kin. "Next-a-kin." 7 Mod. 140.

AL. L. Fr. At the; to the. Al barre; at the bar. Al huis d'esglise; at the church-door.

ALE ECCLESIE. The wings or side aisles of a church. Blount.

ALANERARIUS. A manager and keeper of dogs for the sport of hunting; from alaneus, a dog known to the ancients. A falconer. Blount.

ALARM LIST. The list of persons liable to military watches, who were at the same time exempt from trainings and musters. See Prov. Laws 1775-76, c. 10, § 18; Const. Mass. c. 11, § 1, art. 10; Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1287.

ALBA FIRMA. In old English law. White rent; rent payable in sliver or white money, as distinguished from that which was anciently paid in corn or provisions, called black mall, or black rent. Spelman; Reg. Orig. 319b.

ALBACEA. In Spanish law. A duty of a certain per cent. paid to the treasury on the sale or exchange of property.

ALBANAGIUM. In old French law. The state of alienage; of being a foreigner or alien.

ALBANUS. In old French law. A stranger, alien, or foreigner.

ALBINATUS. In old French law. The state or condition of an alien or foreigner.

ALBINATUS JUS. In old French law. The droit d'aubatne in France, whereby the king, at an alien's death, was entitled to all his property, unless he had peculiar exemption. Repealed by the French laws in June, 1791.

ALBUM BREVIE. A blank writ; a writ with a blank or omission in it.

ALBUS LIBER. The white book; an ancient book containing a compilation of the law and customs of the city of London. It has lately been reprinted by order of the master of the rolls.

ALCALDE. The name of a judicial officer in Spain, and in those countries which have received their laws and institutions from Spain. His functions somewhat resembled those of mayor in small municipalities on the continent, or justice of the peace in England and most of the United States. Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black, 17, 194, 17 L. Ed. 360.

ALCOHOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The pathological effect (as distinguished from physiological effect) of excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquors. It is acute when induced by excessive potations at one time or in the course of a single debauch. An attack of delirium tremens and alcoholic homicidal mania are examples of this form. It is chronic when resulting from the long-
continued use of spirits in less quantities, as in the case of dipsomania.

ALDERMAN. A judicial or administrative magistrate. Originally the word was synonymous with "elder," but was also used to designate an earl, and even a king.

In English law. An associate to the chief civil magistrate of a corporate town or city.

In American cities. The aldermen are generally a legislative body, having limited judicial powers as a body, as in matters of internal police regulation, laying out and repairing streets, constructing sewers, and the like; though in many cities they hold separate courts, and have magisterial powers to a considerable extent. Bouvier.

ALDERMANNUS. L. Lat. An alderman, q. v.

—Aldermannus civitatis vel burgi. Alderman of a city or borough, from which the modern office of alderman has been derived. T. Raym. 435, 437.—Aldermannus comitatus. The alderman of the county. According to Spelman, he held an office intermediate between that of an earl and a sheriff. According to other authorities, he was the same as the earl. 1 Bl. Comm. 116.—Aldermannus hundredi seu wapentachii. Alderman of a hundred or wapentake. Spelman.—Aldermannus regis. Alderman of the king. So called, either because he received his appointment from the king or because he gave the judgment of the king in the premises allotted to him.—Aldermannus totius Angliae. Alderman of all England. An officer among the Anglo-Saxons, supposed by Spelman to be the same with the chief justiciary of England in later times. Spelman.

ALE-CONNER. In old English law. An officer appointed by the court-leet sworn to look to the assise and goodness of ale and beer within the precincts of the leet. Kitch. Courts, 48; Whishaw.

An officer appointed in every court-leet, and sworn to look to the assise of bread, ale, or beer within the precincts of that lordship. Cowell.

ALE-HOUSE. A place where ale is sold to be drunk on the premises where sold.

ALE SILVER. A rent or tribute paid annually to the lord mayor of London by those who sell ale within the liberty of the city.

ALE-STAIRE. A maypole or long stake driven into the ground, with a sign on it for the sale of ale. Cowell.

ALEA. Lat. In the civil law. A game of chance or hazard. Dig. 11, 5. 1. See Cod. 3. 43. The chance of gain or loss in a contract.

ALEATOR. Lat. (From alea, q. v.) In the civil law. A gamester; one who plays at games of hazard. Dig. 11, 5; Cod. 3. 43.

ALEATORY CONTRACT. A mutual agreement, of which the effects, with respect both to the advantages and losses, whether to all the parties or to some of them, depend on an uncertain event. Civil Code La. art. 2982; Moore v. Johnston, 8 La. Ann. 488; Losecco v. Gregory, 108 La. 648, 32 South. 985.

A contract, the obligation and performance of which depend upon an uncertain event, such as insurance, engagements to pay annuities, and the like.

A contract is aleatory or hazardous when the performance of that which is one of its objects depends on an uncertain event. It is certain when the thing to be done is supposed to depend on the will of the party, or when in the usual course of events it must happen in the manner stipulated. Civil Code La. art. 1776.

ALER A DIEU. L. Fr. In old practice. To be dismissed from court; to go quit. Literally, "to go to God."

ALER SANS JOUR. In old practice, a phrase used to indicate the final dismissal of a case from court without continuance. "To go without day."

ALEU. Fr. In French feudal law. An allodial estate, as distinguished from a feudal estate or benefice.

ALFET. A cauldron into which boiling water was poured, in which a criminal plunged his arm up to the elbow, and there held it for some time, as an ordeal. Du Cange.

ALGARUM MARIS. Probably a corruption of Laganum maris, lagan being a right, in the middle ages, like jetsam and flotsam, by which goods thrown from a vessel in distress became the property of the king, or the lord on whose shores they were stranded. Spelman; Jacob; Du Cange.


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ALIAS. Lat. Otherwise; at another time; in another manner; formerly.

—Alias dictus. "Otherwise called." This phrase (or its shorter and more usual form. alia,) when placed between two names in a
pleading or other paper indicates that the same person is known by both those names. A fictitious name assumed by a person is colloquially termed an "alias." Ferguson v. State, 134 Ala. 63; 52 S. C. 760; 92 Am. St. Rep. 17; Turn v. Comm., 6 Mh. (Mass.) 253; Kennedy v. People, 1 Cow. Or. Rep. (N. Y.) 119.—Alian writ. An alisan writ is a second writ issued in the same cause, where a former writ of the same kind had been issued without effect. In such case, the language of the second writ is, "We command you, as we have before [sic] alian writ commanded you, etc." Roberts v. Church, 17 Conn. 142; Farris v. Walter, 2 Colo. App. 450, 31 Pac. 251.

ALIBI. Lat. In criminal law. Elsewhere; in another place. A term used to express that mode of defense to a criminal prosecution, where the party accused, in order to prove that he could not have committed the crime with which he is charged, offers evidence to show that he was in another place at the time; which is termed setting up an alibi. State v. McGarry, 111 Iowa, 709, 83 N. W. 718; State v. Child, 40 Kan. 482, 20 Pac. 275; State v. Powers, 72 Vt. 168, 47 Atl. 830; Peyton v. State, 54 Neb. 188, 74 N. W. 597.

ALIEN. n. A foreigner; one born abroad; a person resident in one country, but owing allegiance to another. In England, one born out of the allegiance of the king. In the United States, one born out of the jurisdiction of the United States, and who has not been naturalized under their constitution and laws. 2 Kent, Comm. 50; Ex parte Dawson, 3 Bradf. Sur. (N. Y.) 136; Lynch v. Clarke, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y) 668; Lyons v. State, 67 Cal. 380, 7 Pac. 763.

—Alien am. In international law. Alien friend. An alien who is the subject or citizen of a foreign government at peace with our own.

—Alien and sedition laws. Acts of Congress of July 6 and July 14, 1798. See Whart. State Tr. 22.—Alien enemy. In international law. An alien who is the subject or citizen of some foreign state at war with ours. See Dyer, 29 Ala. Co. Litt. 129b. A person who, by reason of owing a permanent or temporary allegiance to a hostile power, becomes, in time of war, impressed with the character of an enemy, and, as such, is disabled from suing in the courts of the adverse belligerent. See 1 Kent, Comm. 74; 2 Id. 68; Bell v. Chapman, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 183; Dorney v. Brigham, 177 Ill. 250, 52 N. E. 303, 42 L. R. A. 509, 69 Am. St. Rep. 228. —Alien Friend. The subject of a nation with which we are at peace; an alien am. —Alien née. A man born an alien.

ALIEN or ALIENE. v. To transfer or make over to another; to convey or transfer the property of a thing from one person to another; to alienate. Usually applied to the transfer of lands and tenements. Co. Litt. 118; Cowell.


ALIENABLE. Proper to be the subject of alienation or transfer.

ALIENAGE. The condition or state of an alien.

ALIENATE. To convey; to transfer the title to property. Co. Litt. 118b. Alien is very commonly used in the same sense. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 53.

"Sell, alienate, and dispose" are the formal words of transfer in Scotch conveyances of heritable property. Bell.

"The term alienate has a technical legal meaning, and any transfer of real estate, short of a conveyance of the title, is not an alienation of the estate. No matter in what form the sale may be made, unless the title is conveyed to the purchaser, the estate is not alienated." Masters v. Insurance Co., 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 630.

Alienatio licet prohibeat, sensuum tamen omnium, in quorum favorem prohibita est, postertari, et quilibet potest renunciare juri pro se introducto. Although alienation be prohibited, yet, by the consent of all in whose favor it is prohibited, it may take place; for it is in the power of any man to renounce a law made in his own favor. Co. Litt. 98.

Alienatio rei pretendentur juri accrescendi. Alienation is favored by the law rather than accumulation. Co. Litt. 185.

ALIENATION. In real property law. The transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things, from one person to another. Terms de la Ley. It is particularly applied to absolute conveyances of real property. Conover v. Mutual Ins. Co., 1 N. Y. 250, 294.

The act by which the title to real estate is voluntarily resigned by one person to another and accepted by the latter, in the forms required by law.

The voluntary and complete transfer from one person to another, involving the complete and absolute exclusion, out of him who alienates, of any remaining interest or particle of interest, in the thing transmitted; the complete transfer of the property and possession of lands, tenements, or other things to another. Orrell v. Bay Mfg. Co., 83 Miss. 800, 36 South. 561, 70 L. R. A. 881; Burbank v. Insurance Co., 24 N. H. 558, 57 Am. Dec. 200; United States v. Schurz, 102 U. S. 378, 26 L. Ed. 167; Vining v. Willis, 40 Kan. 609, 20 Pac. 232.

In medical jurisprudence. A generic term denoting the different kinds or forms of mental aberration or derangement.

—Alienation office. In English practice. An office for the recovery of fines levied upon writs of covenant and entries.

Alienation pending a suit is void. 2 P. Wms. 482; 2 Atk. 174; 3 Atk. 392; 11 Ves. 194; Murray v. Ballow, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 566, 550.
ALIENEE. One to whom an alienation, conveyance, or transfer of property is made.

ALIENI GENERIS. Lat. Of another kind. 3 P. Wms. 247.

ALIENI JURIS. Lat. Under the control, or subject to the authority, of another person; e. g., an infant who is under the authority of his father or guardian; a wife under the power of her husband. The term is contrasted with Sui Jusus, (q. v.)

ALIENIGENA. One of foreign birth; an alien. 7 Coke, 31.

ALIENISM. The state, condition, or character of an alien. 2 Kent, Comm. 56, 64, 69.

ALIENOR. He who makes a grant, transfer of title, conveyance, or alienation.

ALIENUS. Lat. Another's; belonging to another; the property of another. *Alienus homo,* another's man, or slave. Inst. 4, 3, *pr. Aliena res,* another's property. Bract. fol. 159.

ALIMENT. In Scotch law. To maintain, support, provide for; to provide with necessaries. As a noun, maintenance, support; an allowance from the husband's estate for the support of the wife. Paters. Comp. §§ 845, 850, 893.

ALIMEMTA. Lat. In the civil law. Aliments; means of support, including food, (cibaria,) clothing, (vestitus,) and habitation, (habitatio.) Dig. 24, 1, 6.

ALIMONY. The allowance made to a wife out of her husband's estate for her support, either during a matrimonial suit, or at its termination, when she proves herself entitled to a separate maintenance, and the fact of a marriage is established.

Alimony is an allowance out of the husband's estate, made for the support of the wife when living separate from him. It is either temporary or permanent. Code Ga. 1882, § 1736.


ALIQUE. Lat. Otherwise. A term used in the reports.

ALIUD EST CELARE. Lord Mansfield, 3 Burr. 1910.

ALIUD ET CELARE. To conceal is one thing; to be silent is another thing. Lord Mansfield, 3 Burr. 1910.
Allud est distinctio, allud separatio. Distinction is one thing; separation is another. It is one thing to make things distinct, another thing to make them separable.

Allud est possidere, allud esse in possession. It is one thing to possess; it is another to be in possession. Hob. 163.

Allud est vendere, allud vendenti consentire. To sell is one thing; to consent to a sale (seller) is another thing. Dig. 50, 17, 160.

Allud Examen. A different or foreign mode of trial. 1 Hale, Com. Law, 38.

Aliunde. Lat. From another source; from elsewhere; from outside. Evidence aliunde (i.e., from without the will) may be received to explain an ambiguity in a will. 1 Greenl. Ev. 9 § 291.

All. Collectively, this term designates the whole number of particulars, individuals, or separate items; distributively, it may be equivalent to "each" or "every." State v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 66 Me. 510; Sherburne v. Sisco, 143 Mass. 442, 9 N. E. 797.

—All and singular. A comprehensive term often employed in conveyances, wills, and the like, which includes the aggregate or whole and also each of the separate items or components. McClaskey v. Barr (C. C.) 54 Fed. 798—All faults. A sale of goods with "all faults" covers, in the absence of fraud on the part of the vendor, all such faults and defects as are not inconsistent with the identity of the goods as the goods described. Whitney v. Boardman, 113 Mass. 242—All faults. Two cases or decisions which are alike in all material respects, and precisely similar in all the circumstances affecting their determination, are said to be or to run on "all fours."—All the estate. The name given in England to the short clause in a conveyance or other assurance which purports to convey "all the estate, right, title, interest, claim, and demand" of the grantor, lessor, etc., in the property dealt with. Dar. Conv. 93.

Allegans contraria non est audiendus. One alleging contrary or contradictory things (whose statements contradict each other) is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279. Applied to the statements of a witness.

Allegans suum turpitudinem non est audiendus. One who alleges his own infamy is not to be heard. 4 Inst. 279.

Allegati non debuit quod probatum non relevat. That ought not to be alleged which, if proved, is not relevant. 1 Ch. Cas. 45.

Allegata. In Roman law. A word which the emperors formerly signed at the bottom of their rescripts and constitutions; under other instruments they usually wrote signata or testata. Enc. Lond.

Allegatio contra factum non est admittenda. An allegation contrary to the deed (or fact) is not admissible.

Alllegation. The assertion, declaration, or statement of a party to an action, made in a pleading, setting out what he expects to prove.

A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 463.

In ecclesiastical law. The statement of the facts intended to be relied on in support of the contested suit.

In English ecclesiastical practice the word seems to designate the pleading as a whole; the three pleadings are known as the allegations; and the defendant's plea is distinguished as the defensive, or sometimes the responsive, allegation, and the complainant's reply as the rejoining allegation.

—Alligation of faculties. A statement made by the wife of the property of her husband, in order to her obtaining alimony. See Faculties.

Allege. To state, recite, assert, or charge; to make an allegation.

Alleged. Stated; recited; claimed; asserted; charged.

Allegiance. By allegiance is meant the obligation of fidelity and obedience which the individual owes to the government under which he lives, or to his sovereign in return for the protection he receives. It may be an absolute and permanent obligation, or it may be a qualified and temporary one. The citizen or subject owes an absolute and permanent allegiance to his government or sovereign, or at least until, by some open and distinct act, he renounces it and becomes a citizen or subject of another government or another sovereign. The alien, while domiciled in the country, owes a local and temporary allegiance, which continues during the period of his residence. Carlisle v. U. S., 16 Wall. 154, 21 L. Ed. 426; Jackson v. Goodell, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 191; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 501.

"The tie or ligamen which binds the subject [or citizen] to the king [or government] in return for that protection which the king [or government] affords the subject, [or citizen]." 1 Bl. Comm. 366. It consists in "a true and faithful obedience of the subject due to his sovereign." 7 Coke, 45.
ALLEGIANOE

Allegiance is the obligation of fidelity and obedience which every citizen owes to the state. Pol. Code Cal. § 55.

In Norman French. Allegiation; relief; redress. Kelham.

—Local allegiance. That measure of obedience which is due from a subject of one government to another government, within whose territory he is temporarily resident.—Natural allegiance. In English law. That kind of allegiance which is due from all men born within the king's dominions, immediately upon their birth, which is intrinsic and perpetual, and cannot be revoked by any act of their own. 1 Bl. Comm. 369; 2 Kent, Comm. 42. In American law. The allegiance due from citizens of the United States to their native country, and also from naturalized citizens, and which cannot be renounced without the permission of government, to be declared by law. 2 Kent, Comm. 40-48. It differs from local allegiance, which is temporary only, being due from an alien or stranger born for so long a time as he continues within the sovereign's dominions and protection. Post. Cr. Law, 184.

ALLEGIARE. To defend and clear one's self; to wage one's own law.

ALLEGING DIMINUTION. The allegation in an appellate court, of some error in a subordinate part of the nisi prius record.

ALLEVIARE. L. Lat. In old records. To levy or pay an accustomed fine or composition; to redeem by such payment. Cowell.

ALLIANCE. The relation or union between persons or families contracted by intermarriage.

In international law. A union or association of two or more states or nations, formed by league or treaty, for the joint prosecution of a war, or for their mutual assistance and protection in repelling hostile attacks. The league or treaty by which the association is formed. The act of confederating, by league or treaty, for the purposes mentioned.

If the alliance is formed for the purpose of mutual aid in the prosecution of a war against a common enemy, it is called an "offensive" alliance. If it contemplates only the rendition of aid and protection in resisting the assault of a hostile power, it is called a "defensive" alliance. If it combines both these features, it is denominated an alliance "offensive and defensive."

ALLISION. The running of one vessel into or against another, as distinguished from a collision, t. e., the running of two vessels against each other.

ALLOCATION. An allowance made upon an account in the English exchequer. Cowell.

ALLOÇATÔNE FACIÈNDA. In old English practice. A writ for allowing to an accountant such sums of money as he hath lawfully expended in his office; directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer upon application made. Jacob.

ALLOCATO COMITATU. In old English practice. In proceedings in outlawry, when there were but two county courts helden between the delivery of the writ of exiçi facias to the sheriff and its return, a special exiçi facias, with an allocato comitatu issued to the sheriff in order to complete the proceedings. See EXIGENT.

ALLOCATUR. Lat. It is allowed. A word formerly used to denote that a writ or order was allowed.

A word denoting the allowance by a master or prothonotary of a bill referred for his consideration, whether touching costs, damages, or matter of account. Lee.

—Special allocaturn. The special allowance of a writ (particularly a writ of error) which is required in some particular cases.

ALLOCATUR EXIGENT. A species of writ anciently issued in outlawry proceedings, on the return of the original writ of exigent. 1 Tidd, Pr. 128.

ALLOCATION. See Allocutus.

ALLOCUTUS. In criminal procedure, when a prisoner is convicted on a trial for treason or felony, the court is bound to demand of him what he has to say as to why the court should not proceed to judgment against him; this demand is called the "allocutus," or "allocution," and is entered on the record. Archb. Crim. Pl. 173; State v. Ball, 27 Mo. 324.

ALLODARII. Owners of allodial lands. Owners of estates as large as a subject may have. Co. Litt. 1; Bac. Abr. "Tenure," A.

ALLODIAL. Free; not held of any lord or superior; owned without obligation of vassalage or fealty; the opposite of feudal. Barker v. Dayton, 28 Wis. 384; Wallace v. Harmstad, 44 Pa. 490.

ALLODIUM. Land held absolutely in one's own right, and not of any lord or superior; land not subject to feudal duties or burdens.


ALLOGRAPH. A document not written by any of the parties thereto; opposed to autograph.

ALLOGNE. When the indorsements on a bill or note have filled all the blank space, it is customary to annex a strip of paper, called an "allogne," to receive the further

**ALLOW.** To apportion, distribute; to divide property previously held in common among those entitled, assigning to each his ratable portion, to be held in severity; to set apart specific property, a share of a fund, etc., to a distinct party. Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 582; Fort v. Allen, 110 N. C. 183, 14 S. E. 685.

In the law of corporations, to allot shares, debentures, etc., to appropriate them to the applicants or persons who have applied for them; this is generally done by sending to each applicant a letter of allotment, informing him that a certain number of shares have been allotted to him. Sweet.

**ALLOWANCE.** A deduction, an average payment, a portion assigned or allowed; the act of allowing.

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**ALLOWMENT.** Partition, apportionment, division; the distribution of land under an inclosure act, or shares in a public undertaking or corporation.

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**ALLOW.** To grant, approve, or permit; to allow an appeal or a marriage; to allow an account. Also to give a fit portion out of a larger property or fund. Thurman v. Adams, 82 Miss. 204, 33 South. 944; Chamberlain v. Putnam, 10 S. D. 360, 73 N. W. 201; People v. Gilroy, 82 Hun, 500, 31 N. Y. Supp. 776; Hinds v. Marmolejo, 60 Cal. 251; Straus v. Wannamaker, 175 Pa. 213, 34 L. Ed. 562.

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**ALLOWANCE.** The subject of proceedings is more than sufficient to answer all claims in the proceedings, the court may allow to the parties interested the whole or part of the income, or (in the case of personality) part of the property itself. St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 86, § 57; Daniell, Ch. Pr. 1070. **Special allowances.** In English practice. In taxing the costs of an action as between party and party, the taxing officer is, in certain cases, empowered to make special allowances; i.e., to allow the party costs which the ordinary scale does not warrant. Sweet.

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**ALLOW.** An inferior or cheaper metal mixed with gold or silver in manufacturing or coining. As respects coining, the amount of alloy is fixed by law, and is used to increase the hardness and durability of the coin.

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**ALLOW.** A nation which has entered into an alliance with another nation. 1 Kent, Comm. 69. A citizen or subject of one of two or more allied nations.

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**ALMANAC.** A publication, in which is recounted the days of the week, month, and year, both common and particular, distinguishing the fasts, feasts, terms, etc., from...
the common days by proper marks, pointing out also the several changes of the moon, tides, eclipses, etc.

**ALMESFEOH.** In Saxon law. Alms-fee; alms-money. Otherwise called "Peterpence." Cowell.

**ALMOIN.** Alms: a tenure of lands by divine service. See Frankalmoigne.

**ALMOXARIFAZGO.** In Spanish law. A general term, signifying both export and import duties, as well as excise.

**ALMS.** Charitable donations. Any species of relief bestowed upon the poor. That which is given by public authority for the relief of the poor.

**ALNAGER, or ULNAGER.** A sworn officer of the king whose duty it was to look to the assise of woolen cloth made throughout the land, and to the putting on the seals for that purpose ordained, for which he collected a duty called "alnage." Cowell; Terms de la Ley.

**ALNETUM.** In old records, a place where alders grow, or a grove of alder trees. Doomsday Book; Co. Litt. 45b.

**ALODE, Alodes, Alodis.** L. Lat. In feudal law. Old forms of alodium, allodium, (q. v.)

**ALONG.** This term means "by," "on," or "over," according to the subject-matter and the context. Pratt v. Railroad Co., 42 Me. 586; Walton v. Railway Co., 67 Mo. 58; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 421.

**ALT.** In Scotch practice. An abbreviation of *Alter*, the other; the opposite party; the defender. 1 Broun, 336, note.


**ALTA VIA.** L. Lat. In old English law. A highway; the highway. 1 Salk. 222. *Alta via regia;* the king's highway; "the king's high street." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 9.

**ALTARAGE.** In ecclesiastical law. Offerings made on the altar; all profits which accrue to the priest by means of the altar. Ayliffe, Parerg. 61.

**ALTER.** To make a change in; to modify; to vary in some degree; to change some of the elements or ingredients or details without substituting an entirely new thing or destroying the identity of the thing affected. Hannibal v. Whinell, 54 Mo. 177; Haynes v. State, 15 Ohio St. 453; Davis v. Campbell, 93 Iowa, 524, 61 N. W. 1053; Sessions v. State, 115 Ga. 18, 41 S. E. 259. See Alteration.

**SYNODURIA.** This term is to be distinguished from its synonyms "change" and "amend." To change may import the substitution of an entirely different thing, while to alter is to operate upon a subject-matter which continues objectively the same while modified in some particular. If a check is raised, in respect to its amount, it is altered; if a new check is put in its place, it is changed. To "alter" implies that the modification made in the subject improves it, which is not necessarily the case with an alteration. An amendment always involves an alteration, but an alteration does not always amend.

**ALTERATION.** Variation; changing; making different. See Alter.

An alteration is an act done upon the instrument by which its meaning or language is changed. If what is written upon or erased from the instrument has no tendency to produce this result, or to mislead any person, it is not an alteration. Oliver v. Hawley, 5 Neb. 444.

An alteration is said to be material when it affects, or may possibly affect, the rights of the persons interested in the document.

**SYNODURIA.** An act done upon a written instrument, which, without destroying the identity of the document, introduces some change into its terms, meaning, language, or details is an alteration. This may be done either by the mutual agreement of the parties concerned, or by a person interested under the writing without the consent, or without the knowledge, of the others. In either case it is properly denominated an alteration; but if performed by a mere stranger, it is more technically described as a *esplication* or *mutation.* Cochran v. Nebeker, 48 Ind. 402. The term is not properly applied to any change which involves the substitution of a practically new document. And it should in strictness be reserved for the designation of changes in form or language, and not used with reference to modifications in matters of substance. The term is also to be distinguished from "decoration," which conveys the idea of an obliteration or destruction of marks, signs, or characters already existing. An addition which does not change or interfere with the existing marks or signs, but gives a different tenor or significance to the whole, may be an alteration, but is not a defacement. Linnery v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 55 Am. Dec. 756. Again, in the law of wills, there is a difference between revocation and alteration. If what is done simply takes away what was given before, or a part of it, it is a revocation; but if it gives something in addition or in substitution, then it is an alteration. Appeal of Miles, 68 Conn. 237, 30 Atl. 36, 36 L. R. A. 176.

**Alterius circumventio ali non prebet actionem.** The deceiving of one person does not afford an action to another. Dig. 50, 17, 49.

**ALTERNAT.** A usage among diplomats by which the rank and places of different powers, who have the same right and pretensions to precedence, are changed from time to time, either in a certain regular manner or one determined by lot. In drawing up treaties and conventions, for example, it is
the usage of certain powers to alternate, both
in the preamble and the signatures, so that
each power occupies, in the copy intended to
be delivered to it, the first place. Wheat.
Int. Law, § 157.

ALTERNATIM. L. Lat. Interchange-
ably. Litt. § 371; Townsh. Pl. 37.

Alternativa petitio non est andienda.
An alternative petition or demand is not to
be heard. 5 Coke, 40.

ALTERNATIVE. One or the other of
two things; giving an option or choice; al-
lowing a choice between two or more things
or acts to be done.

—Alternative contract. A contract whose
terms allow of performance by the doing of ei-
ther one of several acts at the election of the
party from whom performance is due. Crane
v. Peer, 47 J. Eq. 553, 4 Atl. 72.—Alterna-
tive obligation. An obligation allowing the
obligor to choose which of two things he will
do, the performance of either of which will sat-
isfy the instrument. Where the things which
form the object of the contract are separated
by a disjunctive, then the obligation is alterna-
tive. A promise to deliver a certain thing or
to pay a specified sum of money, is an example
of this kind of obligation. Civil Code La. art.
2066.—Alternative remedy. Where a new
remedy is created in addition to an existing
one, they are called "alternative" if only one
person may be enforced; but if both, "cumulative."—
Alternative writ. A writ commanding the
person against whom it is issued to do a speci-
ified thing, or show cause to the court why he
should not be compelled to do it. Allee v. Mc-
Coy, 2 Marv. (Del.) 465, 36 Atl. 359.

ALTERNIS VICIBUS. L. Lat. By al-
teate turns; at alternate times; alternate-
ly. Co Litt 4a; Shep. Touch. 206.

ALARUM NON LEDERE. Not to in-
jure another. This maxim, and two others,
honeste vivere, and suum cuique tribuere,
(q. e.) are considered by Justinian as funda-
mental principles upon which all the rules
of law are based. Inst. 1, 1, 3.

ALTUS NON TOLLENDI. In the civil
law. A servitude due by the owner of a
house, by which he is restrained from build-
ing beyond a certain height. Dig 8, 2, 4;
Sandars, Just. Inst. 119.

ALTUS TOLLENDI. In the civil law.
A servitude which consists in the right, to
him who is entitled to it, to build his house
as high as he may think proper. In general,
ever, every one enjoys this privilege, un-
less he is restrained by some contrary title.
Sandars, Just. Inst. 119.

ALTO ET BASSO. High and low. This
phrase is applied to an agreement made be-
tween two contending parties to submit all
matters in dispute, alto et basso, to arbitra-
tion. Cowell.

ALTUM MARE. L. Lat. In old English
law. The high sea, or seas. Co. Litt. 260b.
The deep sea. Super altum mare, on the
high seas. Hob. 2126.

ALUMNUS. A child which one has nurs-
ed; a foster-child. Dig. 40, 2, 14. One edu-
cated at a college or seminary is called an
"alumnus" thereof.

ALVEUS. The bed or channel through
which the stream flows when it runs within
its ordinary channel. Calvin.

ALVEUS derelictus, a deserted channel.
Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 274.

AMALGAMATION. A term applied in
England to the merger or consolidation of
two incorporated companies or societies.

In the case of the Empire Assurance Corpora-
tion, (1867,) L. R. 4 Eq. 347, the vice-chancel-
lor said: "It is difficult to say what the word
"amalgamate" means. I confess at this moment
I have not the least conception of what the full
legal effect of the word is. We do not find it
in any law dictionary, or expounded by any
competent authority. But I am quite sure of
this: that the word 'amalgamate' cannot mean
that the execution of a deed shall make a man
a partner in a firm in which he was not a part-
ner before, under conditions of which he is in no
way cognizant, and which are not the same as
those contained in the former deed." But in
Adams v. Yazoo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 194,
24 South. 200, 211, 60 L. R. A. 33, it is said
that the term "amalgamation" of corporations
is used in the English cases in the sense of what
is usually known in the United States as "mer-
gor," meaning the absorption of one corpora-
tion by another, so that it is the absorbing cor-
poration which continues in existence; and it
differs from "consolidation," the meaning of
which is limited to such a union of two or more
corporations as necessarily results in the crea-
tion of a third new corporation.

AMALPHITAN CODE. A collection of
sea-laws, compiled about the end of the
eleventh century, by the people of Amalphi.
It consists of the laws on maritime subjects,
which were or had been in force in countries
bordering on the Mediterranean; and was for
a long time received as authority in those
countries. Azuni; Wharton.

AMANUENSIS. One who writes on be-
half of another that which he dictates.

AMBACTUS. A messenger; a servant
sent about; one whose services his master
hired out. Spelman.

AMBASSACIOR. A person sent about
in the service of another; a person sent on a
service. A word of frequent occurrence in
the writers of the middle ages. Spelman.

AMBASSADOR. In international law.
A public officer, clothed with high diplomatic
powers, commissioned by a sovereign prince
or state to transact the international busi-
ness of his government at the court of the
country to which he is sent.
AMBASSADOR is the commissioner who represents one country in the seat of government of another. He is a public minister, which, usually, a consul is not. Brown.

AMBASSADOR is a person sent by one sovereign to another, with authority, by letters of credence, to treat on affairs of state. Jacob.

AMBER, or AMBRA. In old English law. A measure of four bushels.

AMBIDEXTER. Skillful with both hands; one who plays on both sides. Appended. 248.

AMBIGUA responsio contra proferentem est accipienda. An ambiguous answer is to be taken against (is not to be construed in favor of) him who offers it. 10 Coke, 59.

Ambigua casibus semper presumitur pro rege. In doubtful cases, the presumption always is in behalf of the crown. Lofft, Append. 248.

AMBIGUITAS. Lat. From ambiguo, doubtful, uncertain, obscure. Ambiguity; uncertainty of meaning. Ambigua responsio contra proferentem est accipienda. An ambiguous answer is to be taken against (is not to be construed in favor of) him who offers it. 10 Coke, 59.

Ambiguitas verborum latens verificatione suppletur; nam quod ex facto oritur ambiguum verificatione facti tollitur. A latent ambiguity in the language may be removed by evidence; for whatever ambiguity arises from an extrinsic fact may be explained by extrinsic evidence. Bac. Max. Reg. 23.

Ambiguitas verborum patens nulla verificatione excluditur. A patent ambiguity cannot be cleared up by extrinsic evidence. Lofft, 249.

AMBIGUITY. Doubtfulness; doubleness of meaning; indistinctness or uncertainty of meaning of an expression used in a written instrument. Nindle v. State Bank, 13 Neb. 245, 13 N. W. 275; Ellmaker v. Ellmaker, 4 Watts (Pa.) 89; Kranner v. Halsey, 82 Cal. 209, 22 Pac. 1137; Ward v. Epsay, 6 Humph. (Tenn.) 447.

An ambiguity may be either latent or patent. It is the former, where the language employed is clear and intelligible and suggests but a single meaning, but some extrinsic fact or extraneous evidence creates a necessity for interpretation or a choice among two or more possible meanings. But a patent ambiguity is that which appears on the face of the instrument, and arises from the defective, obscure, or insensible language used. Carter v. Holman, 60 Mo. 509; Brown v. Gulce, 46 Miss. 302; Stokely v. Gordon, 8 Md. 505; Chambers v. Ringstaff, 69 Ala. 140; Hawkins v. Garlind, 76 Va. 152, 44 Am. Rep. 193; Hand v. Hoffman, 8 N. J. Law, 71; Ives v. Kinneal, 1 Mich. 313; Palmer v. Albee, 50 Iowa, 431; Petrie v. Hamilton College, 158 N. Y. 458, 55 N. E. 216.

SYNONYMS. Ambiguity of language is to be distinguished from unintelligibility and inaccuracy, for words cannot be said to be ambiguous unless their signification seems doubtful and uncertain to persons of competent skill and knowledge to understand them. Story, Contr. 272.

The term "ambiguity" does not include mere inaccuracy, or such uncertainty as arises from the use of peculiar words, or of common words in a peculiar sense. Wig. Will, 174.

—Ambiguity upon the factum. An ambiguity in relation to the very foundation of the instrument itself, as distinguished from an ambiguity in regard to the construction of its terms. The term is applied, for instance, to a doubt as to whether a testator meant a particular clause to be a part of the will, or whether it was introduced with his knowledge, or whether a codicil was meant to republish a former will, or whether the residuary clause was accidentally omitted. Eatherly v. Eatherly, 7 Cold. (Tenn.) 461, 465, 78 Am. Dec. 499.

Ambiguum pactum contra venditorem interpretandum est. An ambiguous contract is to be interpreted against the seller.

Ambiguum placitum interpretari debet contra proferentem. An ambiguous plea ought to be interpreted against the party pleading it. Co. Litt. 303b.

AMBIT. A boundary line, as going around a place; an exterior or inclosing line or line. The limits or circumference of a power or jurisdiction; the line circumscribing any subject-matter.

AMBITUS. In the Roman law. A going around; a path worn by going around. A space of at least two and a half feet in width, between neighboring houses, left for the convenience of going around them. Calvin.

The procuring of a public office by money or gifts; the unlawful buying and selling of a public office. Inst. 4, 18, 11; Dig. 45, 14.

Ambulatoria est voluntas definita usque ad vitae supremum exitum. The will of a deceased person is ambulatory until the latest moment of life. Dig. 34, 4, 4.

AMBULATORY. Movable; revocable; subject to change. Ambulatoria voluntas (a changeable will) denotes the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. Hattersley v. Bissett, 50 N. J. Eq. 577, 25 Atl. 332.

The court of king's bench in England was formerly called an "ambulatory court," because it followed the king's person, and was
held sometimes in one place and sometimes in another. So, in France, the supreme court or parliament was originally ambulatory. 3 Bl. Comm. 38, 39, 41.

The return of a sheriff has been said to be ambulatory until it is filed. Wilmot, J., 3 Burr. 1644.

AMEND. To improve; to make better by change or modification. See ALTER.

AMENDMENT. In practice. The correction of an error committed in any process, pleading, or proceeding at law, or in equity, and which is done either of course, or by the consent of parties, or upon motion to the court in which the proceeding is pending. 3 Bl. Comm. 407, 448; 1 Tidd, Pr. 696.

Any writing made or proposed as an improvement of some principal writing.

In legislation. A modification or alteration proposed to be made in a bill on its passage, or an enacted law; also such modification or change when made. Brake v. Caillon (C. C) 122 Fed. 722.

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AMEBLISSEMENT. In French law. A species of agreement which by a fiction gives to immovable goods the quality of movable. Merri. Repert.; 1 Low. Can. 25, 53.

AMI; AMY. A friend; as *ami proprius*, an alien belonging to a nation at peace with us; *prochein ami*, a next friend suing or defending for an infant, married woman, etc.

AMICABLE. Friendly; mutually forbearing; agreed or assented to by parties having conflicting interests or a dispute; as opposed to hostile or adversary.

—Amicable action. In practice. An action brought by parties in action, brought and carried on by the mutual consent and arrangement of the parties, in order to obtain the judgment of the court on a doubtful question of law and practice. *Amicable guarantors*—the arbitrators properly so called, and the amicable compounders. The arbitrators ought to determine as judges, agreeably to the strictness of law. Amicable compounders are authorized to abate something of the strictness of the law in favor of natural equity. Amicable compounders are in other respects subject to the same rules which are provided for the arbitrators by the present title." Civ. Code La. arts. 3109, 3110.—Amicable compounders.

AMICUS CURIAE. Lat. A friend of the court. A by-stander (usually a counsel- sor) who interposes and volunteers information upon some matter of law in regard to which the judge is doubtful or mistaken, or upon a matter of which the court may take judicial cognizance. Counsel in court frequently act in this capacity when they happen to be in possession of a case which the judge has not seen, or does not at the moment remember. Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 416; Birmingham Loan, etc., Co. v. Bank, 100 Ala. 249, 13 South. 945, 46 Am. St. Rep. 45; In re Columbia Real Estate Co. (D. C.) 101 Fed. 970.

It is also applied to persons who have no right to appear in a suit, but are allowed to introduce evidence to protect their own interests. Bass v. Fontleroy, 11 Tex. 699, 701, 702.


AMITA. Lat. A paternal aunt. An aunt on the father's side. *Amita magna*.


AMITINUS. The child of a brother or sister; a cousin; one who has the same grandfather, but different father and mother. Calvin.

AMITTERE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To lose. Hence the old Scotch "amitt."

—Amittere curiam. To lose the court; to be deprived of the privilege of attending the court.—Amittere legem terrae. To lose the protection afforded by the law of the land.—Amittere, rem legem. To lose one's frank-law. A term having the same meaning as *amittere legem terrae*, (q. v.) He who lost his law lost the protection that still adhered to him, as a freeman, and became subject to the same law as thralls or serfs attached to the land.

AMNESY. A sovereign act of pardon and oblivion for past acts, granted by a government to all persons (or to certain persons) who have been guilty of crime or delict, generally political offenses,—treason, sedition, rebellion,—and often conditioned upon their return to obedience and duty within a prescribed time.

A declaration of the person or persons who have newly acquired or recovered the sovereign power in a state, by which they pardon all persons who composed, supported, or obeyed the government which has been overthrown.

The word "amnesty" properly belongs to international law, and is applied to treaties of peace following a state of war, and signifies there the burial in oblivion of the particular cause of strife, so that that shall not be again a cause for war between the parties; and this signification of "amnesty" is fully and poetically expressed in the Indian custom of burying the hatchet. And so amnesty is applied to rebellions which by their magnitude are brought within the rules of international law, and in which multitudes of men are the subjects of the clemency of the government. But in these cases, and in all cases, it means only "oblivion," and never expresses or implies a grant. Knote v. United States, 10 Ct. Cl. 407. "Amnesty" and "pardon" are very different. The former is an act of the sovereign power, the object of which is to efface and to cause to be forgotten a crime or misdemeanor; the latter is an act of the same authority, which exempts the individual on whom it is bestowed from the punishment the law inflicts for the crime he has committed. Bouvier; United States v. Bassett, 6 U. S. 151, 13 Pac. 237; Davies v. McKeeby, 5 Nev. 373; State v. Blalock, 61 N. C. 247; Knote v. United States, 95 U. S. 149, 152, 24 L. Ed. 442.

AMONG. Intermingled with. "A thing which is among others is intermingled with them. Commerce among the states cannot stop at the external boundary line of each state, but may be introduced into the interior." Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 194, 6 L. Ed. 23.

Where property is directed by will to be
distributed among several persons, it cannot be all given to one, nor can any of the persons be wholly excluded from the distribution. Hudson v. Hudson, 6 Munf. (Va.) 352.

AMORTIZATION. An alienation of lands or tenements in mortmain. The reduction of the property of lands or tenements to mortmain.

In its modern sense, amortization is the operation of paying off bonds, stock, or other indebtedness of a state or corporation. Sweet.

AMORTIZE. To alienate lands in mortmain.

AMOTIO. In the civil law. A moving or taking away; dispossession of lands. Ouster is an amotion of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 199, 208.

A moving or carrying away; the wrongful taking of personal chattels. Archb. Civil Pl. Introd. c. 2, § 3.

In corporation law. The act of removing an officer, or official representative, of a corporation from his office or official station, before the end of the term for which he was elected or appointed, but without depriving him of membership in the body corporate. In this last respect the term differs from "disfranchisement," (or expulsion,) which imports the removal of the party from the corporation itself, and his deprivation of all rights of membership. White v. Brownell, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 356; Richards v. Clarksburg, 50 W. Va. 491, 4 S. E. 774.

AMOUNT. The effect, substance, or result; the total or aggregate sum. Hilburn T. Railroad Co., 23 Mont 229, 58 Pac. 551; Connelly v. Telegraph Co., 100 Va. 51, 40 S. E. 618, 93 Am. St. Rep. 919.

—Amount covered. In insurance. The amount that is insured, and for which underwriters are liable for loss under a policy of insurance.—Amount in controversy. The damages claimed or relief demanded; the amount claimed or sued for. Smith v. Giles, 65 Tex. 341; Barber v. Kennedy, 18 Minn. 216, (Gill. 198;) Railroad Co. v. Cunnigan, 95 Tex. 439, 87 S. W. 588 —Amount of loss. In insurance. The diminution, destruction, or defect of the value of, or of the charge upon, the insured subject to the assured, by the direct consequence of the operation of the risk insured against, according to its value in the policy, or in contribution for loss, so far as its value is covered by the insurance.

AMOVEAS MANUS. Lat. That you remove your hands. After office found, the king was entitled to the things forfeited, either lands or personal property; the remedy for a person aggrieved was by "petition," or "monstrans de droit," or "traverses," to establish his superior right. Thereupon a writ issued, quod manus domini regis amoveantur. 3 Bl. Comm. 200.

AMPERO. In Spanish-American law. A document issued to a claimant of land as a protection to him, until a survey can be ordered, and the title of possession issued by an authorized commissioner. Trimble v. Smither's Admin', 1 Tex. 790.

AMPLIATION. In the civil law. A deferring of judgment until a cause be further examined. Calvin.; Cowell. An order for the rehearing of a cause on a day appointed, for the sake of more ample information. Halifax, Anal. b. 3, c. 13, n. 32.

AnFrench law. A duplicate of an acquittance or other instrument. A notary's copy of acts passed before him, delivered to the parties.

AMPLIUS. In the Roman law. More; further; more time. A word which the prector pronounced in cases where there was any obscurity in a cause, and the judices were uncertain whether to condemn or acquit; by which the case was deferred to a day named. Adam, Rom. Ant. 287.

AMPUTATION OF RIGHT HAND. An ancient punishment for a blow given in a superior court; or for assaulting a judge sitting in the court.

AMY. See AMI; PROCEIN AMY.

AN. The English Indefinite article. In statutes and other legal documents, it is equivalent to "one" or "any;" is seldom used to denote plurality. Kaufman v. Superior Court, 115 Gal. 152, 46 Pac. 904; People v. Ogden, 8 App. Div. 464, 40 N. Y. Supp. 827.

AN ET JOUR. Fr. Year and day; a year and a day.

AN, JOUR, ET WASTE. In feudal law. Year, day, and waste. A forfeiture of the lands to the crown incurred by the felony of the tenant, after which time the land escheats to the lord. Termes de la Ley, 40.

ANACRISIS. In the civil law. An investigation of truth, interrogation of witnesses, and inquiry made into any fact, especially by torture.

ANÆSTHESIA. In medical jurisprudence. (1) Loss of sensation, or insensibility to pain, general or local, induced by the administration or application of certain drugs such as ether, nitrous oxide gas, or cocaine. (2) Defect of sensation, or more or less complete insensibility to pain, existing in various parts of the body as a result of certain diseases of the nervous system.
ANAGRAM. A register, inventory, or commentary.

ANAGRAPHR. In logic, identity or similarity of proportion. Where there is no precedent in point, in cases on the same subject, lawyers have recourse to cases on a different subject-matter, but governed by the same general principle. This is reasoning by analogy. Wharton.

ANAPHRODISIA. In medical jurisprudence. Impotencia coeundi; frigidity; incapacity for sexual intercourse existing in either man or woman, and in the latter case sometimes called "dyspareuna."


ANATHEMA. An ecclesiastical punishment by which a person is separated from the body of the church, and forbidden all intercourse with the members of the same.

ANATHMATIZE. To pronounce anathema upon; to pronounce accursed by ecclesiastical authority; to excommunicate.

ANACOLOGY. In the civil law. Repeated or doubled interest; compound interest; usury. Cod. 4, 32, 1, 30.

ANCESTOR. One who has preceded another in a direct line of descent; a lineal ascendant.

ANCESTRAL. Relating to ancestors, or to what has been done by them; as homage ancestors.

ANCIENT. Old; that which has existed from an indefinite or early period, or which by age alone has acquired certain rights or privileges accorded in view of long continuance.

ANCIENT DEED. A deed 30 years old and shown to come from a proper custom and having nothing suspicious about it is an "ancient deed" and may be admitted in evidence without proof of its execution. Havens v. Seashore Land Co., 47 N. J. Eq. 365, 20 Atl. 497; Davis v. Wood, 161 Mo. 17, 61 S. W. 689.—Ancient demesne. Manors which in the time of William the Conqueror were in the hands of the crown, and are so recorded in the Domesday Book. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 14, 56; Baker v. Wich. 1 Salk. 56. Tenure in ancient demesne may be pleaded in abatement to an action of ejectment. Rust v. Roe, 2 Burr. 1046. Also a species of copyhold, which differs, however, from common copyholds in certain privileges, but yet must be conveyed by surrender, according to the custom of the manor. There are three classes: (1) Where the lands are held freely by the king's grant; (2) customary freeholds, which are held of a mayor in ancient demesne, but not at the lord's will, although they are conveyed by surrender, or deed and admissitance; (3) lands held by copy of court-roll at the lord's will. The house. One which has stood long enough to acquire an easement of support against the adjoining land or building. 5 Kent, Comm. 437; 2 Washb. Real Prop. 74, 78. In England this term is applied to houses or buildings erected before the time of legal memory, (Cooke, Incl. Acts, 35, 109,) that is, before the reign of Richard I., although practically any house is an ancient messuage if it was erected before the time of living memory, and its origin cannot be proved to be modern.—Ancient lights. Lights or windows in a house, which have been used in their present state, without molestation or interruption, for twenty years, and upwards. To these the owner of the house has a right by prescription or occupancy, so that they cannot be obstructed or closed by the owner of the adjoining land which they may over-look. Wright v. Freeman, 5 Har. & J. (Md.) 477; Story v. Odlin, 12 Mass. 163, 7 Am. Dec. 767. Ancient readings. Readings or lectures upon the ancient English statutes, for-
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merly regarded as of great authority in law. Litt, § 421; Co. Litt. 280.—Ancient rent. The rent reserved at the time the lease was made, if the building was not then under lease. Orbry v. Lord Mohun, 2 Vern. 542.—Ancient serjeant. In English law. The eldest of the queen's servants.—Ancient wall. A wall built to be used, and in fact used, as a party-wall, for more than twenty years, by the express permission and continuous acquiescence of the owners of the land on which it stands. Emo v. Del Vecchio, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 53, 63.—Ancient water-course. A water-course is "ancient" if the channel through which it naturally runs has existed from time immemorial independent of the quantity of water which it discharges. Eari v. De Hart, 12 N. J. Eq. 280, 72 Am. Dec. 396.—Ancient writings. Wills, deeds, or other documents upwards of thirty years old. These are presumed to be genuine without express proof, when coming from the proper custody.

ANCIENTS. In English law. Gentlemen of the Inns of court and chancery. In Gray's Inn the society consists of benchers, ancients, barristers, and students under the bar; and here the ancients are of the eldest barristers. In the Middle Temple, those who had passed their readings used to be termed "ancients." The Inns of Chancery consist of ancients and students or clerks; from the ancients a principal or treasurer is chosen yearly. Wharton. A N C I E N T Y. Eldership; senility. Used in the statute of Ireland, 14 Hen. VIII. Cowell.

ANCILLARY. Aiding; auxiliary; attendant upon; subordinate; a proceeding attendant upon or which aids another proceeding considered as principal. Steele v. Insurance Co., 31 App. Div. 389, 52 N. Y. Supp. 373.—Ancillary administration. When a decedent leaves property in a foreign state, (a state other than that of his domicile,) administration may be granted in such foreign state for the purpose of collecting the assets and paying the debts there, and bringing the residue due into the general administration. This is called an "ancillary" (auxiliary, subordinate) administration. Pisano v. Shanley Co., 66 N. J. 109, 44 N. W. 352. 9 L. R A. 218; Steele v. Insurance Co., supra —Ancillary attachment. One sued out in aid of an action already brought, its only office being to hold the property attached under it for the satisfaction of the plaintiff's demand. Templeton v. Mason, 107 Tenn. 625, 65 S. W. 25; Southern California Fruit Exch. v. Starn, 91 L. M. 361, 54 Pac. 345.—Ancillary bill or suit. One growing out of and auxiliary to another action or suit, either at law or in equity, such as a bill for discovery, or a proceeding for the enforcement of a judgment, or to set aside fraudulent transfers of property. Coltrane v. Templeton, 10 Fed. 370, 45 U. S. (C. C.) 325; In re Williams, (D. C.) 123 Fed. 321; Claffin v. McDermott (C. C.) 12 Fed. 375.

ANGIPITUS USUS. Lat. In International law. Of doubtful use; the use of which is doubtful; that may be used for a civil or peaceful, as well as military or warlike, purpose. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 3, c. 1, § 5, subd. 8; 1 Kent, Comm. 140.

ANGEL. An ancient English coin, of the value of ten shillings sterling. Jacob.

ANGER. A strong passion of the mind excited by real or supposed injuries; not synonymous with "heat of passion," "malice," or "rage or resentment," because these are all terms of wider import and may include anger as an element or as an incipient stage. Chandler v. State, 141 Ind. 106, 39 N. E. 444; Hoffman v. State, 97 Wis. 571, 73 N. W. 51; Eanes v. State, 10 Tex. App. 421, 446.

ANGILD. In Saxon law. The single value of a man or other thing; a single wergild; the compensation of a thing according to its single value or estimation. Spelman. The double gild or compensation was called "twigild," "trigild," etc. Id.

ANGLESCHERIA. In old English law. Englisheity; the fact of being an Englishman.

ANGILE JURA IN OMNI CASU LIBERTATIS DANT FAVOREM. The laws of England in every case of liberty are favorable, (favor liberty in all cases.) Fortes. c. 42.

ANGLICE. In English. A term formerly used in pleading when a thing is described both in Latin and English, inserted immediately after the Latin and as an introduction of the English translation.

ANGLO-INDIAN. An Englishman domiciled in the Indian territory of the British crown.

ANGUISH. Great or extreme pain, agony, or distress, either of body or mind; but, ANROCHIA. In old English law. A dairy-woman. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 57.

ANDROGNYS. An hermaphrodite.

ANDROGEPSY. The taking by one nation of the citizens or subjects of another, in order to compel the latter to do justice to the former. Wolfius, § 1104; Moll. de Jure Mar. 26.

ANEUCIUS. L. Lat. Spelled also as aeucius, centius, eneacs, eneys. The eldest-born; the first-born; senior, as contrasted with the suis-ne, (younger,) Spelman.

ANGARIA. A term used in the Roman law to denote a forced or compulsory service exacted by the government for public purposes; as a forced rendition of labor or goods for the public service. See Dig. 50, 4, 18, 4.

IN MARITIME LAW. A forced service, (onus,) imposed on a vessel for public purposes; an impressment of a vessel. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 5, §§ 1–6.

IN FEUDAL LAW. Any troublesome or vexatious personal service paid by the tenant to his lord. Spelman.

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as used in law, particularly mental suffering or distress of great intensity. Cook v. Railway Co., 19 Mo. App. 334.

ANGYDE. In Saxon law. The rate fixed by law at which certain injuries to person or property were to be paid for; in injuries to the person, it seems to be equivalent to the "wore," i.e., the price at which every man was valued. It seems also to have been the fixed price at which cattle and other goods were received as currency, and to have been much higher than the market price, or cappyld. Wharton.

ANHLOTTE. In old English law. A single tribute or tax, paid according to the custom of the country as soon and lot.

ANIENS, or ANIENT. Null, void, of no force or effect. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 214.

ANIMAL. Any animate being which is endowed with the power of voluntary motion. In the language of the law the term includes all living creatures not human.

Domita are those which have been tamed by man; domestic.

Fera natura are those which still retain their wild nature.

Mansuetae naturae are those gentle or tame by nature, such as sheep and cows.

—Animals of a base nature. Animals in which a right of property may be acquired by reclaiming them from wildness, but which, at common law, by reason of their base nature, are not regarded as possible subjects of a larceny. 3 Inst. 109; 1 Hale, P. C. 511, 512.

Animallia fera, si facta sint mansuetae et ex consuetudine sunt et sedent, volant et revolant, ut cervi, cygni, etc., esseque nostra sunt, et ita intelligentur quamduo habuerunt animum revertendi. Wild animals, if they be made tame, and are accustomed to go out and return, fly away and fly back, as stags, swans, etc., are considered to belong to us so long as they have the intention of returning to us. 7 Coke, 18.

ANIMO. Lat. With intention, disposition, design, will. Quo animo, with what intention. Animo cancellandi, with intention to cancel. 1 Pow. Dev. 606. Furandi, with intention to steal. 4 Bl. Comm. 230; 1 Kent. Comm. 183. Lucrandi, with intention to gain or profit. 5 Kent, Comm. 357. Manendi, with intention to remain. 1 Kent, Comm. 78. Morandi, with intention to stay, or delay. Republicandi, with intention to republish. 1 Pow. Dev. 699. Revertility, with intention to return. 2 Bl. Comm. 392. Revocandi, with intention to revoke. 1 Pow. Dev. 595. Testandi, with intention to make a will. See ANIMUS and the titles which follow it.

ANIMO ET CORPORE. By the mind, and by the body; by the intention and by the physical act. Dig. 50, 17, 153; Id. 41, 2, 3, 1; Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, §§ 9, 10.

ANIMO FELONICO. With felonious intent. Hob. 134.

ANIMUS. Lat. Mind; Intention; disposition; design; will. Animo, (q. v.;) with the intention or design. These terms are derived from the civil law.

—Animus cancellandi. The intention of destroying or canceling, (applied to wills.)—Animus capiendi. The intention to take or capture. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 226, 135.—Animus deificandi. The intention of donating or dedicating.—Animus defamandi. The intention of defaming. The phrase expresses the malicious intent which is essential in every case of verbal injury to render it the subject of an action for libel or slander.—Animus derogandi. The intention of abandoning. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 216. Rhodes v. Whitehead, 27 Tex. 304, 84 Am. Dec. 631.—Animus differendi. The intention to delay.—Animus donandi. The intention of giving. Expressive of the intent to give which is necessary to constitute a gift.—Animus et factus. Intention and act; will and deed. Used to denote those acts which become effective only when accompanied by a particular intention.—Animus furandi. The intention of stealing. Gardner v. State, 55 N. J. 312, 24 Am. Dec. 345; 4 Whishaw.

Animalia et rerum commodi. The intention to make a gain or profit.—Animus manendi. The intention of remaining; intention to establish a permanent residence. 1 Kent, Comm. 76. This is the point to be settled in determining the domicile or residence of a party. Id. 77.—Animus morandi. The intention to remain, or to delay.—Animus poscendi. The intention of possessing.—Animus quo. The intent with which.—Animus recipiendi. The intention of receiving.—Animus recuperandi. The intention of recovering. Lecocq de Jure Mar. lib. 2, c. 4, § 30.


Animus ad se omne jus duci. It is to the intention that all law applies. Law always regards the intention.

Animus hominis est anima scripti. The intention of the party is the soul of the Instrument. 3 Bulst. 67; Postl. Prin. & Sur. 26. In order to give life or effect to an instrument, it is essential to look to the intention of the Individual who executed it.

ANKER. A measure containing ten gallons.

ANN. In Scotch law. Half a year's stipend, over and above what is owing for the incumbency, due to a minister's relict, or child, or next of kin, after his decease. Whishaw.
ANNA. In East Indian coinage, a piece of money, the sixteenth part of a rupee.

ANNALES. Lat. Annuals; a title formerly given to the Year Books.
In old records. Yearlings; cattle of the first year. Cowell.

ANNALY. In Scotch law. To alienate; to convey.

ANNATES. In ecclesiastical law. First-fruits paid out of spiritual benefits to the pope, so called because the value of one year's profit was taken as their rate.

ANNEX. To add to; to unite; to attach one thing permanently to another. The word expresses the idea of joining a smaller or subordinate thing with another, larger, or of higher importance.
In the law relating to fixtures, the expression "annexed to the freehold" means fastened to or connected with it; mere juxtaposition, or the laying of an object, however heavy, on the freehold, does not amount to annexation. Merritt v. Judd, 14 Cal. 64.

ANNEXATION. The act of attaching, adding, joining, or uniting one thing to another; generally spoken of the connection of a smaller or subordinate thing with a larger or principal thing. The attaching an illustrative or auxiliary document to a deposition, pleading, deed, etc., is called "annexation" if so done in accordance with law.
The incorporation of newly-acquired territory into the national domain, as an integral part thereof, is called "annexation," as in the case of the addition of Texas to the United States.

In the law relating to fixtures: Actual annexation includes every movement by which a chattel can be joined or united to the freehold. Constructive annexation is the union of such things as have been held in common parcel of the reality, but which are not actually annexed, fixed, or fastened to the freehold. Shep. Touch. 469; Amos & F. Fixt. 2.

In Scotch law. The union of lands to the crown, and declaring them inalienable. Also the appropriation of the church-lands to the crown, and declaring them inalienable.

In the civil law. The union of lands to the crown, and the union of lands lying at a distance from the parish church to which they belong, to the church of another parish to which they are contiguous.

ANNI ET TEMPORA. Lat. Years and terms. An old title of the Year Books.

ANNI NUBILES. A woman's marriageable years. The age at which a girl becomes by law fit for marriage; the age of twelve.

ANNICULUS. A child a year old. Calvin.

Anniculus trecentesimo sexagesimo-quinto die dictur, incepienti plane non exacto die, quia annum civiliter non ad momenta temporum sed ad dies numeramur. We call a child a year old on the three hundred and sixty-fifth day, when the day is fairly begun but not ended, because we calculate the civil year not by moments, but by days. Dig. 50, 16, 134; 1d. 132; Calvin.

ANNIENTED. Made null, abrogated, frustrated, or brought to nothing. Litt. c. 3, § 741.

ANNIVERSARY. An annual day, in old ecclesiastical law, set apart in memory of a deceased person. Also called "year day" or "mind day." Spelman.

ANNO DOMINI. In the year of the Lord. Commonly abbreviated A. D. The computation of time, according to the Christian era, dates from the birth of Christ.

This phrase has become Anglicized by adoption, so that an indictment or declaration containing the words "Anno Domini" is not demurrable as not being in the English language. State v. Gilbert, 13 Vt. 947; Hale v. Vesper, Smith (N. H.) 283.

ANNONA. Grain; food. An old English and civil law term to denote a yearly contribution by one person to the support of another.

ANNONAE CIVILES. A species of yearly rents issuing out of certain lands, and payable to certain monasteries.

ANNOTATIO. In the civil law. The sign-manual of the emperor; a rescript of the emperor, signed with his own hand. The answers of the prince to questions put to him by private persons respecting some doubtful point of law. Summoning an absentee. Dig. 1, 5.
The designation of a place of deportation. Dig. 32, 1, 3.

Annuua nec debitum judex non separat ipsum. A judge (or court) does not divide annuities nor debt. 8 Coke, 52; 1 Salk. 36, 65. Debt and annuity cannot be divided or apportioned by a court.

ANNUA PENSIONE. An ancient writ to provide the king's chaplain, if he had no preferment, with a pension. Reg. Orig. 165, 307.

ANNUAL. Occurring or recurring once in each year; continuing for the period of a year; accruing within the space of a year; relating to or covering the events or affairs of a year. State v. McCullough, 3 Nev. 224.
—Annual assay. An annual trial of the gold and silver coins of the United States, to ascer-
tains whether the standard fineness and weight of the coinage is maintained. See Rev. St. U. S. § 3247 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2837). Annual income. Annual income is annual receipts from property. Income means that which comes in or is received from any business, or investment of capital, without reference to the outgoing expenditures. Betts v. Betts, 4Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 400.—Annual pension. In Scotch law. A yearly profit or rent.—Annual rent. In Scotch law. Yearly interest on a loan of money.—Annual value. The net yearly income derivable from a given piece of property; its fair rental value for one year, deducting costs and expenses; the value of its use for a year.

ANNUALLY. The meaning of this term, as applied to interest, is not an undertaking to pay interest at the end of one year only, but to pay interest at the end of each and every year during a period of time, either fixed or contingent. Sparhawk v. Willis, 6 Gray (Mass.) 164; Patterson v. McNeeley, 19 Ohio St. 348; Westfield v. Westfield, 19 S. C. 89.

ANNUITANT. The recipient of an annuity; one who is entitled to an annuity.

ANNUITIES OF TIENDS. In Scotch law. Annuitiis of tithes; 10s. out of the poll of tiend wheat, 5s. out of the poll of beer, less out of the poll of rye, oats, and peas, allowed to the crown yearly of the tiends not paid to the bishops, or set apart for other pious uses.

ANNUITY. A yearly sum stipulated to be paid to another in fee, or for life, or years, and chargeable only on the person of the grantor. Co. Litt. 1449. An annuity is different from a rent-charge, with which it is sometimes confounded, the annuity being chargeable on the person merely, and so far personality; while a rent-charge is something reserved out of reality, or fixed as a burden upon an estate in land. 2 Bl. Comm. 40-42; Rolle, 226; Horton v. Cook, 10 Watts (Pa.) 127, 36 Am. Dec. 151.

The contract of annuity is that by which one party delivers to another a sum of money, and agrees not to reclaim it so long as the receiver pays the rent agreed upon. This annuity may be either perpetual or for life. Civ. Code La. arts. 2708, 2794. The name of an action, now disused, (L. Lat. breve de annuo redditu,) which lay for the recovery of an annuity. Reg. Orig. 1589; Bract. fol. 2038; 1 Tid. Pr. 3.

ANNUITY-TAX. An impost levied annually in Scotland for the maintenance of the ministers of religion.

ANNUL. To cancel; make void; destroy. To annul a judgment or judicial proceeding is to deprive it of all force and operation, either ab initio or prospectively as to future transactions. Walt v. Wait, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 206; Woodson v. Skinner, 22 Mo. 24; In re Morrow's Estate, 204 Pa. 454, 54 Atl. 342.
ANSSEL, ANSUL, or AUNCCEL. In old English law. An ancient mode of weighing by hanging scales or hooks at either end of a beam or staff, which, being lifted with one’s finger or hand by the middle, showed the equality or difference between the weight at one end and the thing weighed at the other. Terms de la Ley, 66.

ANSWER. In pleading. Any pleading setting up matters of fact by way of defense. In chancery pleading, the term denotes a defense in writing, made by a defendant to the allegations contained in a bill or information filed by the plaintiff against him.

In pleading, under the Codes of Civil Procedure, the answer is the formal written statement made by a defendant setting forth the grounds of his defense; corresponding to what, in actions under the common-law practice, is called the “plea.”

In Massachusetts, the term denotes the statement of the matter intended to be relied upon by the defendant in avoidance of the plaintiff’s action, taking the place of special pleas in bar, and the general issue, except in real and mixed actions. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1287.

In matrimonial suits in the (English) probate, divorce, and admiralty division, an answer is the pleading by which the respondent puts forward his defense to the petition. Browne, Div. 223.

Under the old admiralty practice in England, the defendant’s first pleading was called his “answer.” Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 246.

In practice. A reply to interrogatories; an affidavit in answer to interrogatories. The declaration of a fact by a witness after a question has been put, asking for it.

As a verb, the word denotes an assumption of liability, as to “answer” for the debt or default of another.

—Voluntary answer, in the practice of the court of chancery, was an answer put in by a defendant, when the plaintiff had filed no interrogatories which required to be answered. Hunt, Eq.

ANTAPOCHA. In the Roman law. A transcript or counterpart of the instrument called “apocha,” signed by the debtor and delivered to the creditor. Calvin.

ANTE. Lat. Before. Usually employed in old pleadings as expressive of time, as pro (before) was of place, and coram (before) of person law. Townsh. Pl. 22.

Occurring in a report or a text-book, it is used to refer the reader to a previous part of the book.

—Ante exhibitionem bills. Before the exhibition of the bill. Before suit begun.—Ante-factum or ante-gestum. Done before. A Roman law term for a previous act, or thing done before.—Ante litem motam. Before suit brought; before controversy instituted.—Ante natus. Born before. A person born before another person or before a particular event. The term is particularly applied to one born in a country before a revolution, change of government or dynasty, or other political event, such that the question of his rights, status, or allegiance will depend upon the date of his birth with reference to such event. In England, the term commonly denotes one born before the act of union with Scotland; in America, one born before the declaration of independence. Its opposite is post natus, one born after the event.

ANTEA. Lat. Formerly; heretofore.

ANTECESSOR. An ancestor, (q. v.)

ANTEDATE. To date an instrument as of a time before the time it was written.

ANTEJURAMENTUM. In Saxon law. A preliminary or preparatory oath, (called also “prajuramentum,” and “juramentum calumnia,”) which both the accuser and accused were required to make before any trial or purgation; the accuser swearing that he would prosecute the criminal, and the accused making oath on the very day that he was to undergo the ordeal that he was innocent of the crime with which he was charged. Whishaw.

ANTENUPTIAL. Made or done before a marriage. Antenuptial settlements are settlements of property upon the wife, or upon her and her children, made before and in contemplation of the marriage.

ANTHROPOMETRY. In criminal law and medical jurisprudence. The measurement of the human body; a system of measuring the dimensions of the human body, both absolutely and in their proportion to each other, the facial, cranial, and other angles, the shape and size of the skull, etc., for purposes of comparison with corresponding measurements of other individuals, and serving for the identification of the subject in cases of doubtful or disputed identity. See Bertillon System.

ANTI MANIFESTO. A term used in international law to denote a proclamation or manifesto published by one of two belligerent powers, alleging reasons why the war is defensive on its part.

ANTICHRESIS. In the civil law. A species of mortgage, or pledge of immovables. An agreement by which the debtor gives to the creditor the income from the property which he has pledged, in lieu of the interest on his debt. Guyot, Repert.; Marquise De Portes v. Hurlbut, 44 N. J. Eq. 517, 14 Atl. 811.

A debtor may give as security for his debt any immovable which belongs to him, the creditor having the right to enjoy the use of it on account of the interest due, or of the capital if there is no interest due; this is called “antichresis.” Civ. Code Mex. art. 1927.

By the law of Louisiana, there are two kinds of pledges,—the pawn and the antichresis. A
pawn relates to movables, and the antichresis to immovables. The antichresis must be reduced to writing; and the creditor thereby acquires the right to the fruits, etc., of the immovables, deducting yearly their proceeds from the interest, in the first place, and afterwards from the principal of his debt. He is bound to pay taxes on the property, and keep it in repair, unless the contrary is agreed. The creditor does not become the proprietor of the property by failure to pay at the agreed time, and any clause to that effect is void. He can only sue the debtor, and obtain sentence for sale of the property. The possession of the property is, however, by the contract, transferred to the creditor.

AUTHORITY. The act of doing or taking a thing before its proper time.

In conveyancing, anticipation is the act of assigning, charging, or otherwise dealing with income before it becomes due.

In patent law, a person is said to have been anticipated when he patents a contrivance already known within the limits of the country granting the patent. Topliff v. Topliff, 145 U.S. 156, 12 Sup. Ct. 825, 36 L. Ed. 658; Detroit, etc., Co. v. Renchard (C. C.) 9 Fed. 298; National Hollow Brake Beam Co. v. Interchangeable Brake Beam Co. (C. C.) 99 Fed. 772.

ANTIGRAPHUS. In Roman law. An officer whose duty it was to take care of tax money. A comptroller.

ANTIGRAPHY. A copy or counterpart of a deed.

ANTINOMIA. In Roman law. A real or apparent contradiction or inconsistency in the laws. Merl. Repert. Conflicting laws or provisions of law; inconsistent or conflicting decisions or cases.

ANTINOMY. A term used in logic and law to denote a real or apparent inconsistency or conflict between two authorities or propositions; same as antinomia, (q. v.)

ANTIOCH. In English law. Ancient custom. An export duty on wool, wool-felts, and leather, imposed during the reign of Edw. I. It was so called by way of distinction from an increased duty on the same articles, payable by foreign merchants, which was imposed at a later period of the same reign and was called "custuma nova." 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

ANTIOCHUS. Also called "Vetera Statuta." English statutes from the time of Richard I. to Edward III. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 227.

ANTICLARE. In Roman law. To restore a former law or practice; to reject or vote against a new law; to prefer the old law. Those who voted against a proposed law wrote on their ballots the letter "A," the initial of antiquo, I am for the old law. Calvin.

ANTICLASE. Also called "Vetera Statuta." English statutes from the time of Richard I. to Edward III. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 227.

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ANTICLASE. In Roman law. A part of a house occupied by a person, while the rest is occupied by another, or others. As to the meaning of this term, see 7 Man. & G. 96; 6 Mod. 214; McMillan v. Solomon, 42 Ala. 356, 94 Am. Dec. 654; Commonwealth v. Estabrook, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 293; McLellan v. Dalton, 10 Mass. 190; People v. St. Clair, 38 Cal. 157.

APERTISATIO. An agreement or compact. Du Cange.

APERTA BREVIA. Open, unsealed writs.

APERTUM FACTUM. An overt act.

APERTURA TESTAMENTI. In the civil law. A form of proving a will, by the witnesses acknowledging before a magistrate their having sealed it.

APEX. The summit or highest point of anything; the top; e. g., in mining law, "apex of a vein." See Larkin v. Upton, 144 U. S. 19, 12 Sup. Ct. 614, 30 L. Ed. 330; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 40; Dugan v. Davy, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887.

—Apex juris. The summit of the law; a legal subtlety; a nice or cunning point of law; close technicality; a rule of law carried to an extreme point, either of severity or refinement.

—Apex rule. In mining law. The mineral laws of the United States give to the locator of a mining claim on the public domain the whole of every vein of the apex of which lies within his surface exterior boundaries, or within perpendicular planes drawn downward indefinitely on the planes of those boundaries; and he may follow a vein which thus apexes within his boundaries, on its dip, although it may so far depart from the perpendicular in its course downward as to extend outside the vertical
APHASIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the faculty or power of articulate speech; a condition in which the patient, while retaining intelligence and understanding and with the organs of speech unimpaired, is unable to utter articulate words, or unable to vocalize the particular word which is in his mind and which he wishes to use, or utters words different from those he believes himself to be speaking, or (in "sensory aphasia") is unable to understand spoken or written language. The seat of the disease is in the brain, but it is not a form of insanity.

APHONIA. In medical jurisprudence. Loss of the power of articulate speech in consequence of morbid conditions of some of the vocal organs. It may be incomplete, in which case the patient can whisper. It is to be distinguished from congenital dumbness, and from temporary loss of voice through extreme hoarseness or minor affections of the vocal cords, as also from aphasia, the latter being a disease of the brain without impairment of the organs of speech.

Apices Juris non sunt jura, [jus.] Extremities, or mere subtleties of law, are not rules of law, [are not law.] Co. Litt 304b; 10 Coke, 120; Wing. Max. 19, max. 14; Broom, Max. 188.

APICES LITIGANDI. Extremely fine points, or subtleties of litigation. Nearly equivalent to the modern phrase "sharp practice." "It is unconscionable in a defendant to take advantage of the apices litigandi, to turn a plaintiff around and make him pay costs when his demand is just." Per Lord Mansfield, in 3 Burr. 1243.

APNEA. In medical jurisprudence. Want of breath; difficulty in breathing; partial or temporary suspension of respiration; specifically, such difficulty of respiration resulting from over-oxygenation of the blood, and in this distinguished from "asphyxia," which is a condition resulting from a deficiency of oxygen in the blood due to suffocation or any serious interference with normal respiration. The two terms were formerly (but improperly) used synonymously.

APOCHA. Lat. In the civil law. A writing acknowledging payments; acquittance. It differs from acceptation in that: that acceptation imports a complete discharge of the former obligation whether payment be made or not; apocha, discharge only upon payment being made. Calvin.

APOCHE ONERATORIÆ. In old commercial law. Bills of lading.

APOCRISARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. One who answers for another. An officer whose duty was to carry to the emperor messages relating to ecclesiastical matters, and to take back his answer to the petitioners. An officer who gave advice on questions of ecclesiastical law. An ambassador or legate of a pope or bishop. Spelman.

APOCRISARIUS CANCELARIUS. In the civil law. An officer who took charge of the royal seal and signed royal dispatches.

APOGRAPHIA. A civil law term signifying an inventory or enumeration of things in one's possession. Calvin.

APOPLEXY. In medical jurisprudence. The failure of consciousness and suspension of voluntary motion from suspension of the functions of the cerebrum.

APOSTACY. In English law. The total renunciation of Christianity, by embracing either a false religion or no religion at all. This offense can only take place in such as have once professed the Christian religion.

APOSTATA. In civil and old English law. An apostate; a deserter from the faith; one who has renounced the Christian faith.

APOSTILA. In civil and old English law. An apostate capiendo. An obsolete English writ which issued against an apostate, or one who had violated the rules of his religious order. It was addressed to the sheriff, and commanded him to deliver the defendant into the custody of the abbot or prior.

APOSTILLE, Appostille. L. Fr. An addition; a marginal note or observation.

APOSTLES. In English admiralty practice. A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting brief dissimissory letters granted to a party who appeals from an inferior to a superior court, embodying a statement of the case and a declaration that the record will be transmitted.

This term is still sometimes applied in the admiralty courts of the United States to the papers sent up or transmitted on appeals.

APOSTOLL. In the civil law. Certificates of the inferior judge from whom a cause is removed, directed to the superior.

APOSTOLUS. A messenger; an ambassador, legate, or nuncio.

APOTHECA. In the civil law. A repository; a place of deposit, as of wine, oil, books, etc.
APOTHECARY. Any person who keeps a shop or building where medicines are compounded or prepared according to prescriptions of physicians, or where medicines are sold. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, c. 184, § 9, 14 Stat. 119; Woodward v. Ball, 6 Car. & P. 577; Westmoreland v. Bragg, 2 Hill (S. C.) 414; Com. v. Fuller, 2 Walk. (Pa.) 550.

The term “druggist” properly means one whose occupation is to buy and sell drugs, without compounding or preparing them. The term therefore has a much more limited and restricted meaning than the word “apothecary,” and there is little difficulty in concluding that the term “druggist” may be applied in a technical sense to persons who buy and sell drugs. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 767, 26 Am. Rep. 110; Apothecaries’ Co. v. Greenough, 1 Q. B. 803; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.

APPARATOR. A furnisher or provider. Formerly the sheriff, in England, had charge of certain county affairs and disbursements, in which capacity he was called “apparator comitatus,” and received therefor a considerable emolument. Cowell.

APPARENT. That which is obvious, evident, or manifest; what appears, or has been made manifest. In respect to facts involved in an appeal or writ of error, that which is stated in the record.

—Apparent danger, as used with reference to the doctrine of self-defense in homicide, means such overt actual demonstration, by conduct and acts, of a design to take life or do some great personal injury, as would make the killing apparently necessary to self-preservation. Evans v. State, 44 Miss. 775; Stoneman Com. 25 Grat. (Va.) 836; Leigh v. People, 113 Ill. 379.—Apparent defects, in a thing sold, are those which can be discovered by simple inspection. Code La. art. 2497.—Apparent easement. See EASEMENT.—Apparent heir. In English law. One whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 208. In Scotch law. He is the person to whom the succession has actually opened. He is so called until his regular entry on the lands by service or infeftment on a precept of clare constat.—Apparent maturity. The apparent maturity of a negotiable instrument payable at a particular time is the day on which, by its terms, it becomes due, or, when that is a holiday, the next business day. Civil Code Cal. § 3152.

APPARITO. In old English law. Resemblance; likelihood; as apparrlement of war. St. 2 Rich. II. st. 1, c. 6; Cowell.

APPARURA. In old English law the apparura were furniture, implements, tackle, or apparel. Carucarum apparura, plow-tackle. Cowell.

APPEAL. In civil practice. The complaint to a superior court of an injustice done or error committed by an inferior one, whose judgment or decision the court above is called upon to correct or reverse.

The removal of a cause from a court of inferior to one of superior jurisdiction, for the purpose of obtaining a review and retrial. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619.

The distinction between an appeal and a writ of error is that an appeal is a process of civil law origin, and removes a cause entirely, subjecting the facts, as well as the law, to a review and review, but a writ of error is of common law origin, and it removes nothing for re-examination but the law. Wiscart v. Dauchy, 3 Dall. 321, 1 L. Ed. 619; U. S. v. Goodwin, 7 Cranch, 108, 3 L. Ed. 284; Cunningham v. Neagle, 135 U. S. 7, 10 Sup. Ct. 658, 34 L. Ed. 57.

But appeal is sometimes used to denote the nature of appellate jurisdiction, as distinguished from original jurisdiction, without any particular regard to the mode by which a cause is transmitted to a superior jurisdiction. U. S. v. Wonson, 1 Gall. 6, 12, Fed. Cas. No. 16,750.

In criminal practice. A formal accusation made by one private person against another of having committed some heinous crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 312. Appeal was also the name given to the proceeding in English law where a person, indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appealed, or accused others, his accomplices in the same crime, in order to obtain his pardon. In this case he was called an “approver” or “prover,” and the party appealed or accused, the “appellee.” 4 Bl. Comm. 330.

In legislation. The act by which a member of a legislative body who questions the correctness of a decision of the presiding officer, or “chair,” procures a vote of the body upon the decision.

In old French law. A mode of proceeding in the lords’ courts, where a party was dissatisfied with the judgment of the peers, which was by accusing them of having given a false or malicious judgment, and offering to make good the charge by the duel or combat. This was called the “appeal of false judgment.” Montesq. Esprit des Lols, liv. 28, c. 27.

—Appeal bond. The bond given on taking an appeal, by which the appellant binds himself to pay damages and costs if he fails to prosecute the appeal. Omaha Hotel Co. v. Kountze, 107 U. S. 378, 2 Sup. Ct. 911, 27 L. Ed. 609.—Cross-appeal. Where both parties
to a judgment appeal therefrom, the appeal of each is called a "cross-appeal" as regards that of the other. 3 Steph. Comm. 581.

APPEALED. In a sense not strictly technical, this word may be used to signify the exercise by a party of the right to remove a litigation from one forum to another; as where he removes a suit involving the title to real estate from a justice's court to the common pleas. Lawrence v. Souther, 8 Met. (Mass.) 166.

APPEAR. In practice. To be properly before a court; as a fact or matter of which it can take notice. To be in evidence; to be proved. "Making it appear and proving are the same thing." Freem. 93.

To be regularly in court; as a defendant in an action. See APPEARANCE.

APPEARANCE. In practice. A coming into court as party to a suit, whether as plaintiff or defendant.

The formal proceeding by which a defendant submits himself to the jurisdiction of the court. Flint v. Comly, 95 Me. 251, 49 Atl. 1044; Crawford v. Vinton, 102 Mich. 83, 62 N. W. 988.

Classification. An appearance may be either general or special; the former is a simple and unqualified or unrestricted submission to the jurisdiction of the court, the latter a submission to the jurisdiction for some specific purpose only, not for all the purposes of the suit. National Furnace Co. v. Moline Malleable Iron Works (C. C.) 18 Fed. 864. An appearance may also be either compulsory or voluntary, the former where it is compelled by process served on the party, the latter where it is entered by his own will or consent, without the service of process, though process may be outstanding.

—Appearance by counsel. The day for appearing; that on which the parties are bound to come into court. Cru- sede the appearance by counsel. Mercer v. Watson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 253.—Appearance date. The day for appearing; that on which the parties are bound to come into court. Cru- sede the appearance by counsel. Mercer v. Watson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 253.—Appearance date. The day for appearing; that on which the parties are bound to come into court.


APPENDANT. A thing annexed to or belonging to another thing and passing with it; a thing of inheritance belonging to another inheritance which is more worthy; as an appurtenance, common, etc., which may be appurtenant to a manor, common of fishing to a freehold, a seat in a church to a house, etc. It differs from appurtenance, in that appendant must ever be by prescription, i. e., a personal usage for a considerable time, while an appurtenance may be created at this day; for if a grant be made to a man and his
heirs, of common in such a moor for his beasts levant or couchant upon his manor, the commons are appurtenant to the manor, and the king will pass them. 2 Bl. Com. 1216; Lucas v. Bishop, 15 Lea (Tenn.) 165, 54 Am. Rep. 440; Leonard v. White, 7 Mass. 6, 5 Am. Dec. 19; Meek v. Breckenridge, 29 Ohio St. 648. See APPURTENANCE.

APPENDITIA. The appendages or appurtenances of an estate or house. Cowell.

APPENDIX. A printed volume, used on an appeal to the English house of lords or privy council, containing the documents and other evidence presented in the inferior court and referred to in the cases made by the parties for the appeal. Answering in some respects to the "paper-book" or "case" in American practice.

APPENSURA. Payment of money by weight instead of by count. Cowell.

APPERTAIN. To belong to; to have relation to; to be appurtenant to. See APPERTENANCE.

APPLICABLE. When a constitution or court declares that the common law is in force in a particular state so far as it is applicable, it is meant that it must be applicable to the habits and conditions of the community, as well as in harmony with the genius, the spirit, and the objects of their institutions. Wagner v. Bissell, 3 Iowa, 402.

When a constitution prohibits the enactment of local or special laws in all cases where a general law would be applicable, a general law should always be construed to be applicable, in this sense, where the entire people of the state have an interest in the subject, such as regulating interest, statutes of frauds or limitations, etc. But where only a portion of the people are affected, as in locating a county-seat, it will depend upon the facts and circumstances of each particular case whether such a law would be applicable. Evans v. Job, 8 Nev. 322.

APPLICARE. Lat. In old English law. To fasten to; to moor (a vessel) Anciently rendered, "to apply." Hale, de Jure Mar. 322.

Applicatio est vita regula. Application is the life of a rule. 2 Bulst. 79.

APPLICATION. A putting to, placing before, preferring a request or petition to or before a person. The act of making a request for something.

A written request to have a certain quantity of land at or near a certain specified place. Biddle v. Dougall, 5 B. & Ad. (Pa.) 151. The use or disposition made of a thing.

A bringing together, in order to ascertain some relation or establish some connection; as the application of a rule or principle to a case or fact.

In insurance. The preliminary request, declaration, or statement made by a party applying for an insurance on life, or against fire.

Of purchase money. The disposition made of the funds received by a trustee on a sale of real estate held under the trust.

Of payments. Appropriation of a payment to some particular use; or the determination to which of several demands a general payment made by a debtor to his creditor shall be applied.

APPLY. 1. To make a formal request or petition, usually in writing, to a court, officer, board, or company, for the granting of some favor, or of some rule or order, which is within his or their power or discretion. For example, to apply for an injunction, for a pardon, for a policy of insurance.

2. To use or employ for a particular purpose; to appropriate and devote to a particular use, object, demand, or subject-matter. Thus, to apply payments to the reduction of interest.

3. To put, use, or refer, as suitable or relative; to co-ordinate language with a particular subject-matter; as to apply the words of a statute to a particular state of facts.

APPOINTEE. A person who is appointed or selected for a particular purpose; as the appointee under a power is the person who is to receive the benefit of the power.

APPOINTMENT. In chancery practice. The exercise of a right to designate the person or persons who are to take the use of real estate. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 302.

The act of a person in directing the disposition of property by limiting a use, or by substituting a new use for a former one, in pursuance of a power granted to him for that purpose by a preceding deed, called a "power of appointment;" also the deed or other instrument by which he so conveys.

Where the power embraces several permitted objects, and the appointment is made to one or more of them, excluding others, it is called "exclusive."

Appointment may signify an appropriation of money to a specific purpose. Harris v. Clark, 3 N. Y. 93, 119, 51 Am. Dec. 352.

In public law. The selection or designation of a person, by the person or persons having authority therefor, to fill an office or public function and discharge the duties of the same. State v. New Orleans, 41 La Ann. 156, 6 South. 592; Wickersham v. Brittan, 93 Cal. 34, 28 Pac. 792, 15 L. R. A. 106; Speed v. Crawford, 3 Metc. (Ky.) 210.

The term "appointment" is to be distinguished from "election." The former is an executive act, whereby a person is named as the in-
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The person who appoints, or executes a power of appointment; as appointee is the person to whom or in whose favor an appointment is made. 1 Steph. Comm. 506, 507; 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

One authorized by the donor, under the statute of uses, to execute a power. 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 1923.

APPORT. L. Fr. In old English law. Tax; tallage; tribute; imposition; payment; charge; expenses. Kelham.

APPORTIONMENT. The division, partition, or distribution of a subject-matter in proportionate parts. Co. Litt. 147; 1 Swanst. 37, n.; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. 475g.

Of contracts. The allowance, in case of a severable contract, partially performed, of a part of the entire consideration proportioned to the degree in which the contract was carried out.

Of rent. The allotment of their shares in a rent to each of several parties owning it. The determination of the amount of rent to be paid when the tenancy is terminated at some period other than one of the regular intervals for the payment of rent. Swint v. McCalmon Oil Co., 184 Pa. 202, 38 Atl. 1021, 63 Am. St. Rep. 791; Giuck v. Baltimore, 81 Md. 315, 32 Atl. 515, 48 Am. St. Rep. 515.

Of incumbrances. Where several persons are interested in an estate, apportionment, as between them, is the determination of the respective amounts which they shall contribute towards the removal of the incumbrance.

Of corporate shares. The pro tanto division among the subscribers of the shares allowed to be issued by the charter, where more than the limited number have been subscribed for. Clarke v. Brooklyn Bank, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 368; Haight v. Day, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 18.

Of common. A division of the right of common between several persons, among whom the land to which, as an entirety, it first belonged has been divided.

Of representatives. The determination upon each decennial census of the number of representatives in congress which each state shall elect, the calculation being based upon the population. See Const. U. S. art. 1, § 2.

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Of taxes. The apportionment of a tax consists in a selection of the subjects to be taxed, and in laying down the rule by which to measure the contribution which each of these subjects shall make to the tax. Barfield v. Gleason, 111 Ky. 491, 63 S. W. 904.

APPORTS EN NATURE. In French law. That which a partner brings into the partnership other than cash; for instance, securities, realty or personality, cattle, stock, or even his personal ability and knowledge. Argl. Fr. Merc. Law, 545.

APPORTUM. In old English law. The revenue, profit, or emolument which a thing brings to the owner. Commonly applied to a corody or pension. Blount.

APPOSLTE, or APPOSTIIXE. In French law, an addition or annotation made in the margin of a writing. Merl. Repert.

APPRAIS. In practice. To fix or set a price or value upon; to fix and state the true value of a thing, and, usually, in writing. Vincent v. German Ins. Co., 120 Iowa, 272, 94 N. W. 438.


APPRAISER. A person appointed by competent authority to make an appraisement, to ascertain and state the true value of goods or real estate.

General appraisers. Appraisers appointed under an act of congress to afford aid and assistance to the collectors of customs in the appraisement of imported merchandise. Gibb v. Washington, 10 Fed. Cas. 298—Merchant appraisers. Where the appraisement of an invoice of imported goods made by the revenue officers at the custom house is not satisfactory to the importer, persons may be selected (under this name) to make a definitive valuation; they must be merchants engaged in trade. Auffmordt v. Hedden (C. C.) 30 Fed. 390; Oelberman v. Merritt (C. C.) 19 Fed. 408.

APPREHEND. To take hold of, whether with the mind, and so to conceive, believe, fear, dread, (Trogdon v. State, 133 Ind. 1, 32 N. E. 725;) or actually and bodily, and so to take a person on a criminal process; to seize; to arrest. (Hogan v. Stophelet, 179 Ill. 150, 53 N. E. 604, 44 L. R. A. 809.)
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APPREHENSIO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A taking hold of a person or thing; apprehension; the seizure or capture of a person. Calvin.

One of the varieties or subordinate forms of occupatio, or the mode of acquiring title to things not belonging to any one.

APPREHENSION. In practice. The seizure, taking, or arrest of a person on a criminal charge. The term "apprehension" is applied exclusively to criminal cases, and "arrest" to both criminal and civil cases. Cummings v. Clinton County, 151 Mo. 162, 79 S. W. 1127; Rails County v. Stephens, 104 Mo. App. 115, 78 S. W. 231; Hogan v. Stophek, 179 Ill. 150, 53 N. E. 604, 44 L. R. A. 800.

In the civil law. A physical or corporal act, (corpus,) on the part of one who intends to acquire possession of a thing, by which he brings himself into such a relation to the thing that he may subject it to his exclusive control; or by which he obtains the physical ability to exercise his power over the thing whenever he pleases. One of the requisites to the acquisition of judicial possession, and by which, when accompanied by Intention, (animus,) possession is acquired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 248, 249, 250.

APPRENDRE. A fee or profit taken or received. Cowell.

APPRENTICE. A person, usually a minor, bound in due form of law to a master, to learn from him his art, trade, or business, and to serve him during the time of his apprenticeship. 1 Bl. Comm. 426; 2 Kent, Comm. 211; 4 Term, 735. Altemus v. Ely, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 307; In re Goodenough, 19 Wis. 274; Phelps v. Railroad Co., 99 Pa. 113; Lyon v. Whitemore, 3 N. J. Law, 845.

—Apprentice en la ley. An ancient name for students at law, and afterwards applied to counsellors, apprentice ad barres, from which one person, usually a minor, bound in due form of law to a master, to learn from him his art, trade, or business, and to serve him during the time of his apprenticeship. 1 Bl. Comm. 426; 2 Kent, Comm. 211; 4 Term, 735. Altemus v. Ely, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 307; In re Goodenough, 19 Wis. 274; Phelps v. Railroad Co., 99 Pa. 113; Lyon v. Whitemore, 3 N. J. Law, 845.

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APPRENTICESHIP. A contract by which one person, usually a minor, called the "apprentice," is bound to another person, called the "master," to serve him during a prescribed term of years in his art, trade, or business, in consideration of being instructed in such art or trade, and (commonly) of receiving his support and maintenance from the master during such term.

The term during which an apprentice is to serve.

The status of an apprentice; the relation subsisting between an apprentice and his master.

APPRENTICIUS AD LEGEM. An apprentice to the law; a law student; a counsellor below the degree of serjeant; a barrister. See Apprentice en la Ley.

APPRISSING. In Scotch law. A form of process by which a creditor formerly took possession of the estates of the debtor in payment of the debt due. It is now superseded by adjudications.

APPROACH. In international law. The right of a ship of war, upon the high sea, to visit another vessel for the purpose of ascertaining the nationality of the latter. 1 Kent, Comm. 153, note.

APPROBATE AND REPROBATE. In Scotch law. To approve and reject; to take advantage of one part, and reject the rest. Bell. Equity suffers no person to approbate and reprobate the same deed. 1 Kames, Eq. 317; 1 Bell, Comm. 146.

APPROPRIATE. 1. To make a thing one's own; to make a thing the subject of property; to exercise dominion over an object to the extent, and for the purpose, of making it subserve one's own proper use or pleasure. The term is properly used in this sense to denote the acquisition of property and a right of exclusive enjoyment in those things which before were without an owner or were publici juris. United States v. Nicholson (D. C.) 12 Fed. 622; Wulzen v. San Francisco, 101 Cal. 15, 35 Pac. 333, 40 Am. St. Rep. 17; People v. Lammerts, 164 N. Y. 137, 58 N. E. 22.

2. To prescribe a particular use for particular moneys; to designate or destine a fund or property for a distinct use, or for the payment of a particular demand. Whitehead v. Gibbons, 10 N. J. Eq. 235; State v. Bordelon, 6 La. Ann: 68.

In its use with reference to payments or moneys, there is room for a distinction between this term and "apply." The former properly denotes the setting apart of a fund or payment for a particular use or purpose, or the mental act of resolving that it shall be so employed, while "apply" signifies the actual expenditure of the fund, or using the payment, for the purpose to which it has been appropriated. Practically, however, the words are used interchangeably.

3. To appropriate is also used in the sense of to distribute; in this sense it may denote the act of an executor or administrator who distributes the estate of his decedent among the legatees, heirs, or others entitled, in pursuance of his duties and according to their respective rights.

APPROPRIATION. The act of appropriating, or setting apart; prescribing the destination of a thing; designating the use or application of a fund.

In public law. The act by which the legislative department of government designates a particular fund, or sets apart a specified portion of the public revenue or of the money in the public treasury, to be applied to some general object of governmental expenditure, (as the civil service list, etc.)
or to some individual purchase or expense. State v. Moore, 50 Neb. 88, 69 N. W. 373, 61 Am. St. Rep. 538; Clayton v. Berry, 27 Ark. 129.

When money is appropriated (i.e., set apart) for the purpose of securing the payment of a specific debt or class of debts, or for an individual purchase or object of expense, it is said to be specifically appropriated for that purpose.

A specific appropriation is an act of the legislature by which a named sum of money has been set apart in the treasury, and devoted to the payment of a particular demand. Stratton v. Green, 45 Cal. 149.

Appropriation of land. The act of selecting, devoting, or setting apart land for a particular use or purpose, as where land is appropriated for public buildings, military reservations, or other public uses. McCorley v. Hill, 2 Wash. St. 638, 27 Pac. 552; Murdock v. Memphis, 7 Cold. (Tenn.) 500; Jackson v. Wilcox, 2 Ill. 360. Sometimes also applied to the taking of private property for public use in the exercise of the power of eminent domain. Railroad Co. v. Foltz (C. C.) 62 Fed. 650; Sweet v. Rechel, 159 U. S. 270, 6 Sup. Ct. 143, 39 L. Ed. 188.

Appropriation of water. An appropriation of water flowing on the public domain consists in the capture, impounding, or diversion of it from its natural course or channel and its actual application to some beneficial use private or personal to the appropriator, to the entire exclusion (or exclusion to the extent of the water appropriated) of all other persons. To constitute a valid appropriation, there must be an intent to apply the water to some beneficial use existing at the time or contemplated in the future, a diversion from the natural channel by means of a ditch or canal, or some other open physical act of taking possession of the water, and an actual application of it within a reasonable time to some useful or beneficial purpose. Low v. Rizor, 25 Or 551, 176 Pac. 794; Reservoir Co. v. People, 8 Colo. 70, 38 Sup. Ct. 551, 16 Sup. Ct. 43, 40 L. Ed. 188.

Appropriation of payments. This means the application of a payment to the discharge of a particular debt. Thus, if a creditor has two distinct debts due to him from his debtor, and the latter makes a general payment on account, without specifying at the time to which debt he intends the payment to apply, it is optional for the creditor to appropriate (apply) the payment to either of the two debts he pleases. Gwin v. McLean, 62 Miss. 121; Martin v. Draher, 5 Watts (Pa.) 544.

In English ecclesiastical law. The perpetual annexing of a benefice to some spiritual corporation either sole or aggregate, being the patron of the living. 1 Bl. Comm. 384; 8 Steph. Comm. 70-75; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 144, § 129. Where the annexation is to the use of a lay person, it is usually called an "impropriation." 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 145, § 130.

APPROPRIATOR. One who makes an appropriation; as, an appropriator of water. Water v. Haggan, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 796.

In English ecclesiastical law. A spiritual corporation entitled to the profits of a benefice.

APPROVAL. The act of a judge or magistrate in sanctioning and accepting as satisfactory a bond, security, or other instrument which is required by law to pass his inspection and receive his approbation before it becomes operative.

APPROVE. To take to one's proper and separate use. To improve; to enhance the value or profits of anything. To inclose and cultivate common or waste land.

To approve common or waste land is to inclose and convert it to the purposes of husbandry, which the owner might always do, provided he left common sufficient for such as were entitled to it. St. Mert. c. 4; St. Westm. 2, c. 46; 2 Bl. Comm. 34; 3 Bl. Comm. 240; 2 Steph. Comm. 7; 3 Kent, Comm. 406.

In old criminal law. To accuse or prove; to accuse an accomplice by giving evidence against him.

APPROVED INDORSED NOTES. Notes indorsed by another person than the maker, for additional security.

APPROVEMENT. The act of the party appealed or accused is called the "approvement." Such approvement can only be in evidence against him.

APPROVER, n. In real property law. Approver; improvement. "There can be no approver in derogation of a right of common of turbary." 1 Taunt. 433.
In criminal law. An accomplice in crime who accuses others of the same offense, and is admitted as a witness at the discretion of the court to give evidence against his companions in guilt. He is vulgarly called "Queen's Evidence."

He is one who confesses himself guilty of felony and accuses others of the same crime to save himself from punishment. Myers v. People, 26 Ill. 175.

In old English law. Certain men sent into the several counties to increase the farms (rents) of hundreds and wapentakes, which formerly were let at a certain value to the sheriff.

Bailiffs of lords in their franchises. Sheriffs were called the king's "approvers" in 1 Edw. III. st. 1, c. 1. Termes de la Ley, 49.

Approvers in the Marches were those who had license to sell and purchase beasts there.

APPRAIRE. To take to one's use or profit. Cowell.

APPLEUS. In the civil law. A driving to, as of cattle to water. Dig. 8, 3, 1, 1.

APPURTENANCE. That which belongs to something else; an adjunct; an appendage; something annexed to another thing more worthy as principal, and which passes as incident to it, as a right of way or other easement to land; an out-house, barn, garden, or orchard, to a house or messuage. Meek v. Breckenridge, 29 Ohio St. 642; Harris v. Elliott, 10 Pet. 54, 9 L. Ed. 333; Humphreys v. McKissock, 140 U. S. 304, 11 Sup. Ct. 779, 35 L. Ed. 473; Farmer v. Washington Co., 56 Cal. 11.

Appurtences of a ship include whatever is on board a ship for the objects of the voyage and adventure in which she is engaged, belonging to her owner.

Appurtenant is substantially the same in meaning as accessory, but it is more technically used in relation to property, and is the more appropriate word for a conveyance.

APPURTEINENT. Belonging to; accessory or incident to; adjunct, appended, or annexed to; answering to accessorium in the civil law. 2 Steph. Comm. 30 note.

A thing is deemed to be incidental or appurtenant to land when it is by right used with the land for its benefit, as in the case of a way, or water-course, or of a passage for light, air, or heat from or across the land of another. Civil Code Cal. § 602.

In common speech, appurtenant denotes annexed or belonging to; but in law it denotes an annexation which is of convenience merely and not of necessity, and which may have had its origin at any time, in both which respects it is distinguished from appendant, (q. v.)

APROVECHAMIENTO. In Spanish law. Approvement, or improvement and enjoyment of public lands. As applied to pueblo lands, it has particular reference to the commons, and includes not only the actual enjoyment of them but a right to such enjoyment. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 530, 566.

APT. Fit; suitable; appropriate.

—Apt time. Apt time sometimes depends upon lapse of time; as, where a thing is required to be done at the first term, or within a given time, it cannot be done afterwards. But the phrase more usually refers to the order of proceedings, as fit or suitable. Pugh v. York, 74 N. C. 383—Apt words. Words proper to produce the legal effect for which they are intended; sound technical phrases.

APTA VIRO. Fit for a husband; marriageable; a woman who has reached marriageable years.

APUD ACTA. Among the acts; among the recorded proceedings. In the civil law, this phrase is applied to appeals taken orally, in the presence of the judge, at the time of judgment or sentence.

AQUA. In the civil and old English law. Water; sometimes a stream or water-course.

—Aqua estiva. In Roman law. Summer water; water that was used in summer only. Dig. 43, 20, 1, 3, 4—Aqua currit et debet ourrere, ut currit. Running water.—Aqua dulcis, or frisca. Fresh water. Reg. Orig. 97; Bract. fols. 117, 135.—Aqua fontanea. Spring water. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 24, § 5—Aqua prodigens. Flowing or running water. Dig. 1, 8, 2.—Aqua quotidiana. In Roman law. Daily water; water that might be drawn at all times of the year. Dig. 43, 20, 1-4. —Aqua salsa. Salt water.

Aqua cedit solo. Water follows the land. A sale of land will pass the water which covers it. 2 Bl. Comm. 18; Co. Litt. 4.

Aqua currit et debet currere, ut currere soledat. Water runs, and ought to run, as it has used to run. 3 Bulst. 330; 3 Kent, Comm. 459. A running stream should be left to flow in its natural channel, without alteration or diversion. A fundamental maxim in the law of water-courses.

AQUE DUCTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to carry water by means of pipes or conduits over or through the estate of another. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Inst. 2, 3.

AQUE HAUSTUS. In the civil law. A servitude which consists in the right to draw water from the fountain, pool, or spring of another. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Dig. 8, 3, 1, 1.

AQUE IMMITTENDE. A civil law easement or servitude, consisting in the right of one whose house is surrounded with other buildings to cast waste water upon the adjacent roofs or yards. Similar to the common

AQUAGIUM. A canal, ditch, or water-course running through marshy grounds. A mark or gauge placed in or on the banks of a running stream, to indicate the height of the water, was called “aquagium.” Spelman.

AQUATIC RIGHTS. Rights which individuals have to the use of the sea and rivers, for the purpose of fishing and navigation, and also to the soil in the sea and rivers.

ARABANT. They plowed. A term of feudal law, applied to those who held by the tenure of plowing and tilling the lord’s lands within the manor. Cowell.

ARAHO. In feudal law. To make oath in the church or some other holy place. All oaths were made in the church upon the relics of saints, according to the Riparian laws. Cowell; Spelman.


ARATOR. A plow-man; a farmer of arable land.

ARATRUM TERRIÆ. In old English law. A plow of land; a plow-land; as much land as could be tilled with one plow. Whishaw.

ARATURA TERRIÆ. The plowing of land by the tenant, or vassal, in the service of his lord. Whishaw.

ARATURIA. Land suitable for the plow; arable land. Spelman.

ARBITER. A person chosen to decide a controversy; an arbitrator, referee. A person bound to decide according to the rules of law and equity, as distinguished from an arbitrator, who may proceed wholly at his own discretion, so that it be according to the judgment of a sound man. Cowell. According to Mr. Abbott, the distinction is as follows: “Arbitrator” is a technical name of a person selected with reference to an established system for friendly determination of controversies, which, though not judicial, is yet regulated by law; so that the powers and duties of the arbitrator, when once he is chosen, are prescribed by law, and his doings may be judicially revised if he has exceeded his authority. “Arbitrator” is an untechnical designation of a person to whom a controversy is referred, irrespective of any law to govern the decision; and is the proper word to signify a referee of a question outside of or above municipal law. But it is elsewhere said that the distinction between arbiters and arbitrators is not observed in modern law. Russ. Arb. 112.

In the Roman law. A judge invested with a discretionary power. A person appointed by the praetor to examine and decide that class of causes or actions termed “bonae fidei,” and who had the power of judging according to the principles of equity, (ex aquo et bono;) distinguished from the iudex, (q. v.) who was bound to decide according to strict law. Inst. 4, 6, 30, 31.

ARBITRAMENT. The award or decision of arbitrators upon a matter of dispute, which has been submitted to them. Termes de la Ley.

—Arbitrament and award. A plea to an action brought for the same cause which had been submitted to arbitration and on which an award had been made. Watts. Arb. 256.

Arbitramentum sequum tribuit cuique suum. A just arbitration renders to every one his own. Noy, Max. 248.

ARBITRARY. Not supported by fair, solid, and substantial cause, and without reason given. Trelonor v. Bigge, L. R. 9 Exch. 155.

—Arbitrary government. The difference between a free and an arbitrary government is that in the former limits are assigned to those to whom the administration is committed, but the latter depends on the will of the departments or some of them. Kamper v. Hawkins, 1 Va. Cas. 20, 23.—Arbitrary punishment. That punishment which is left to the decision of the judge, in distinction from those defined by statute.


Compulsory arbitration is that which takes place when the consent of one of the parties is enforced by statutory provisions. Voluntary arbitration is that which takes place by mutual and free consent of the parties. In a wide sense, this term may embrace the whole method of thus settling controversies, and thus include all the various steps. But in more strict use, the decision is separately spoken of, and called an “award,” and the “arbitration” denotes only the submission and hearing.

—Arbitration clause. A clause inserted in a contract providing for compulsory arbitration in case of dispute as to rights or liabilities under it; ineffectual if it purports to oust the courts of jurisdiction entirely. See Perry v. Cobb, 88 Me. 435, 34 Atl. 278, 49 L. R. A. 380.

—Arbitration of exchange. This takes place where a merchant pays his debts in one country by a bill of exchange upon another.

ARBITRATOR. A private, disinterested person, chosen by the parties to a disputed
question, for the purpose of hearing their contention, and giving judgment between them; to whose decision (award) the litigants submit themselves either voluntarily, or, in some cases, compulsorily, by order of a court. Gordon v. U. S., 7 Wall. 195, 19 L. Ed. 35; Mobile v. Wood (C. C.) 85 Fed. 533; Burchell v. Marsh, 17 How. 348, 15 L. Ed. 88; Miller v. Canal Co., 63 Barb. (N. Y.) 555; Fudickar v. Insurance Co., 62 N. Y. 399.

"Referee" is of frequent modern use as a synonym of arbitrator, but is in its origin of broader signification and less accurate than arbitrator.

ARBITRIOS. In Spanish and Mexican law. Taxes imposed by municipalities on certain articles of merchandise, to defray the general expenses of government, in default of revenues from "proprios," i. e., lands owned by the municipality, or the income of which was legally set apart for its support. Sometimes used in a wider sense, as meaning the resources of a town, including its privileges in the royal lands as well as the taxes. Escriche Dict.; Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 413.

ARBITRIUM. The decision of an arbiter, or arbitrator; an award; a judgment.

Arbitrium est judicium. An award is a judgment Jenk. Cent 137.

Arbitrium est judicium boni viri, secundum sequum et bouum. An award is the judgment of a good man, according to justice. 3 Bulst 64.

ARBOR. Lat. A tree; a plant; something larger than an herb; a general term including vines, osiers, and even reeds. The mast of a ship. Brissonius. Timber. Ainsworth; Calvin.

ARBOR CONSANGUINITATIS. A table, formed in the shape of a tree, showing the genealogy of a family. See the arbor civilis of the civilians and canonists. Hale, Com. Law, 335.

Arbor dum crescit, lignum cum ores-cere nescit. [That which is] a tree while it grows, [is] wood when it ceases to grow. Cro. Jac. 166; Hob. 77b, In marg.

ARBOR FINALIS. In old English law. A boundary tree; a tree used for making a boundary line. Bract. fols. 167, 207b.

ARCA. Lat. In the civil law. A chest or coffer; a place for keeping money. Dig. 30, 30, 6; Id. 32, 64. Brissonius.

ARCANA IMPERII. State secrets. 1 Bl. Comm. 337.

ARCARIUS. In civil and old English law. A treasurer; a keeper of public money. Cod. 10, 70, 15; Spelman.

ARCHAIONOMIA. A collection of Saxon laws, published during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, in the Saxon language, with a Latin version by Lambard.

ARCHBISHOP. In English ecclesiastical law. The chief of the clergy in his province, having supreme power under the king or queen in all ecclesiastical causes.

ARCHDEACON. A dignitary of the Anglican church who has ecclesiastical jurisdiction immediately subordinate to that of the bishop, either throughout the whole of his diocese or in some particular part of it.

ARCHDEACON'S COURT. In English ecclesiastical law. A court held before a judge appointed by the archdeacon, and called his official. Its jurisdiction comprises the granting of probates and administrations, and ecclesiastical causes in general, arising within the archdeaconry. It is the most inferior court in the whole ecclesiastical polity of England. 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Steph. Comm. 430.

ARCHDEACONY. A division of a diocese, and the circuit of an archdeacon's jurisdiction.


ARCHES COURT. In English ecclesiastical law. A court of appeal belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the judge of which is called the "Dean of the Arches," because his court was anciently held in the church of Saint Mary-le-Bow, (Sancta Maria de Arcibus,) so named from the steeple, which is raised upon pillars built archwise. The court was until recently held in the hall belonging to the College of Civilians, commonly called "Doctors' Commons." It is now held in Westminster Hall. Its proper jurisdiction is only over the thirteen peculiar parishes belonging to the archbishop in London, but, the office of Dean of the Arches having been for a long time united with that of the archbishop's principal official, the Judge of the Arches, in right of such added office, it receives and determines appeals from the sentences of all inferior ecclesiastical courts within the province. 3 Bl. Comm. 64.

ARCHETYPE. The original copy.

ARCHICAPellanus. L. Lat. In old European law. A chief or high chancellor. (summus cancellarius.) Spelman.

ARCHIVES. The Rolls; any place where ancient records, charters, and evidences are kept. In libraries, the private depository. Cowell; Spelman.

The derivative meaning of the word (now the more common) denotes the writings them-
selves thus preserved; thus we say the archives of a college, of a monastery, a public office, etc. Texas M. Ry. Co. v. Jarvis, 69 Tex. 537, 7 S. W. 210; Guillbeau v. Mays, 15 Tex. 410.

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ARGUMENTUM A COMMUNITAS. An argument arising from the inconvenience which the proposed construction of the law would create.

ARGENT. In heraldry. Silver.

ARGENTARIUS. In the Roman law, a money lender or broker; a dealer in money; a banker. Argentarius, the instrument of the loan, similar to the modern word "bond" or "note."

ARGENTARIUS MILES. A money porter in the English exchequer, who carries the money from the lower to the upper exchequer to be examined and tested. Spelman.

ARGENTEUS. An old French coin, answering nearly to the English shilling. Spelman.

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ARGUENDO. In arguing; in the course of the argument. A statement or observation made by a judge as a matter of argument or illustration, but not directly bearing upon the case at bar, or only incidentally involved in it, is said (in the reports) to be made arguendo, or, in the abbreviated form, arg.

ARGUMENT. In rhetoric and logic, an inference drawn from premises, the truth of which is indisputable, or at least highly probable.

The argument of a demurrer, special case, appeal, or other proceeding involving a question of law, consists of the speeches of the opposed counsel; namely, the "opening" of the counsel having the right to begin, (q. v.), the speech of his opponent, and the "reply" of the first counsel. It answers to the trial of a question of fact. Sweet. ... constitute an argument. Malcomb v. Hamill, 65 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 506; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 209.

ARGUMENT AB INCONVENIENTI. An argument arising from the inconvenience which the proposed construction of the law would create.

ARGUMENTATIVE. In pleading. Indirect; inferential. Steph. PI. 179.

A pleading is so called in which the statement on which the pleader relies is implied instead of being expressed, or where it contains, in addition to proper statements of facts, reasoning or arguments upon those facts and their relation to the matter in dispute, such as should be reserved for presentation at the trial.

Argumentum a communitas accidentibus in jure frequens est. An argument
Argumentum a divisione est fortissimum in jure. An argument from division [of the subject] is of the greatest force in law. Co. Litt. 2136; 6 Coke, 90.

Argumentum ab auctoritate est fortissimum in lege. An argument from authority is the strongest in the law. "The book cases are the best proof of what the law is." Co. Litt. 254a.

Argumentum ab impossibili valet in lege. An argument drawn from an impossibility is forcible in law. Co. Litt. 92a.

Argumentum ab inconvenienti est validum in lege; quia lex non permittit aliquod inconvenienti. An argument drawn from what is inconvenient is good in law, because the law will not permit any inconvenience. Co. Litt. 66a, 258.

Argumentum ab inconvenienti pluri-mum valet [est validum] in lege. An argument drawn from inconvenience is of the greatest weight [is forcible] in law. Co. Litt. 66a, 97a, 1529, 2556; Broom, Max. 184. If there be in any deed or instrument equivocal expressions, and great inconvenience must necessarily follow from one construction, it is strong to show that such construction is not according to the true intention of the grantor; but where there is no equivocal expression in the instrument, and the words used admit only of one meaning, arguments of inconvenience prove only want of foresight in the grantor. 3 Madd. 540; 7 Taunt. 496.

ARIBANNUM. In feudal law. A fine for not setting out to join the army in obedience to the summons of the king.

ARIERBAN, or ARRIERE-BAN. An edict of the ancient kings of France and Germany, commanding all their vassals, the noblesse, and the vassals' vassals, to enter the army, or forfeit their estates on refusal. Spelman.

ARIMANNI. A mediaeval term for a class of agricultural owners of small allodial farms, which they cultivated in connection with larger farms belonging to their lords, paying rent and service for the latter; and being under the protection of their superiors. Military tenants holding lands from the emperor. Spelman.

ARISTOCRACY. A government in which a class of men rules supreme.

A form of government which is lodged in a council composed of select members or nobles, without a monarch, and exclusive of the people.

A privileged class of the people; nobles and dignitaries; people of wealth and station.

ARISTODEMOCRACY. A form of government where the power is divided between the nobles and the people.

ARLES. Earnest. Used in Yorkshire in the phrase "Arles-penny." Cowell. In Scotland it has the same significance. Bell.

ARM OF THE SEA. A portion of the sea projecting inland, in which the tide ebbs and flows. 5 Coke, 107.

An arm of the sea is considered as extending as far into the interior of a country as the water of fresh rivers is propelled backwards by the ingress of the tide. Ang. Tide-Waters, 73; Hubbard v. Hubbard, 8 N. Y. 196; Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 484; U. S. v. Grush, 5 Mason, 290, Fed. Cas. No. 15,268; Ex parte Byers (D. C.) 32 Fed. 404.

ARMATA VIS. In the civil law. Armed force. Dig. 43, 16, 3; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 4.

ARMED. A vessel is "armed" when she is fitted with a full armament for fighting purposes. She may be equipped for warlike purposes, without being "armed." By "armed" it is ordinarily meant that she has cannon, but if she had a fighting crew, muskets, pistols, powder, shot, cutlasses, and boarding appliances, she might well be said to be equipped for warlike purposes, though not armed. 2 Hurl. & C. 537; Murray v. The Charming Betsy, 2 Cranch, 121, 2 L. Ed. 206.

ARMIGER. An armor-bearer; an esquire. A title of dignity belonging to gentlemen authorized to bear arms.

In its earlier meaning, a servant who carried the arms of a knight. Spelman.

A tenant by scutage; a servant or valet;
ARMISCARA. An ancient mode of punishment, which was to carry a saddle at the back as a token of subjection. Spelman.

ARMISTICE. A suspending or cessation of hostilities between belligerent nations or forces for a considerable time.

ARMORIAL BEARINGS. In English law. A device depicted on the (now imaginary) shield of one of the nobility, of which gentry is the lowest degree. The criterion of nobility is the bearing of arms, or armorial bearings, received from ancestry.

**A r m o r u m appellatione, non solum scuta et gladil et galeae, sed et fustes ei lapides continentur.** Under the name of arms are included, not only shields and swords and helmets, but also clubs and stones. Co. Litt. 162.

ARMS. Anything that a man wears for his defense, or takes in his hands, or uses in his anger, to cast at or strike at another. Co. Litt. 161b, 162a; State v. Buzzard, 4 Ark.

This term, as it is used in the constitution, relative to the right of citizens to bear arms, refers to the arms of a militiaman or soldier, and the word is used in its military sense. The arms of the infantry soldier are the musket and bayonet; of cavalry and dragoons, the sabre, holster pistols, and carbine; of the artillery, the field-piece, siege-gun, and mortar, with side arms. The term, in this connection, cannot be made to cover such weapons as dirks, daggers, slung-shots, sword-canes, brass knuckles, and bowie-knives. These are not military arms. English V. State, 35 Tex. 476, 14 Am. Rep. 374; Hill v. State, 53 Ga. 219; Cutter v. Waddingham, 22 Mo. 254.

ARMY. The armed forces of a nation intended for military service on land.

"The term 'army' or 'armies' has never been used by congress, so far as I am advised, so as to include the navy or marines, and there is nothing in the act of 1822, or the circumstances which led to its passage, to warrant the conclusion that it was used therein in any other than its long established and ordinary sense,—the land forces, as distinguished from the navy and marines." In re Bailey, 2 Sawy. 205, Fed. Cas. No. 723. But see In re Stewart, 7 Rob. (N. Y.) 636.

AROMATARITIJS. A word formerly used for a grocer. 1 Vent. 142.
ARRAY. The whole body of Jurors summoned to attend a court, as they are arrayed or arranged on the panel. Dane, Abr. Index; 1 Chitt. Crim. Law, 536; Com. Dig. "Challenge," B. Durrah v. State, 44 Miss. 789.

A ranking, or setting forth in order; the order in which Jurors' names are ranked in the panel containing them. Co. Litt. 155; 3 Bl. Comm. 253.

ARRARES, or ARREARAGES. Money unpaid at the due time, as rent behind; the remainder due after payment of a part of an account; money in the hands of an accounting party. Cowell; Hollingsworth v. Willis, 64 Miss. 132, 8 South. 170; Wigglin v. Knights of Pythias (C. C.) 31 Fed. 122; Condit v. Neighbor, 13 N. J. Law, 92.

ARREST. To accuse or charge with an offense. Arrestati, accused or suspected persons.

ARRANDAMENTO. In Spanish law. The contract of letting and hiring an estate or land, (heredad.) White, Recorp. b. 2, tit. 14, c. 1.

ARRENT. In old English law. To let or demise at a fixed rent. Particularly used with reference to the public domain or crown lands; as where a license was granted to inclose land in a forest with a low hedge and a ditch, under a yearly rent, or where an encroachment, originally a purpurrence, was allowed to remain on the fixing and payment of a suitable compensation to the public for its maintenance.

ARREST. In criminal practice. The stopping, seizing, or apprehending a person by lawful authority; the act of laying hands upon a person for the purpose of taking his body into custody of the law; the restraining of the liberty of a man's person in order to compel obedience to the order of a court of justice, or to prevent the commission of a crime, or to insure that a person charged or suspected of a crime may be forthcoming to answer it. French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; Emery v. Chesley, 18 N. H. 201; U. S. v. Benner, 24 Fed. Cas. 1084; Rhodes v. Walsh, 55 Minn. 542, 57 N. W. 212, 23 L. R. A. 632; Ex parte Sherwood, 29 Tex. App. 334, 15 S. W. 812.

Arrest is well described in the old books as "the beginning of imprisonment, when a man is first taken and restrained of his liberty, by power of a lawful warrant." 2 Shep. Abr. 299; Wood, Inst. Com. Law, 575.

In civil practice. The apprehension of a person by virtue of a lawful authority to answer the demand against him in a civil action.

In admiralty practice. In admiralty actions a ship or cargo is arrested when the marshal has served the writ in an action in rem. Williams & B. Adm. Jur. 193; Felham v. Rose, 9 Wall. 103, 19 L. Ed. 692.

Synonyms distinguished. The term "apprehension" seems to be more peculiarly appropriate to seizure on criminal process; while "arrest" may apply to either a civil or criminal action, but is perhaps better confined to the former. Montgomery County v. Robinson, 85 Ill. 176.

As ordinarily used, the terms "arrest" and "attachment" coincide in meaning to some extent, though in strictness, as a distinction, an arrest may be said to be the act resulting from the service of an attachment; and, in the more extended sense which is sometimes given to attachment, including the act of taking, it would seem to differ from arrest, in that it is more peculiarly applicable to a taking of property, while arrest is more commonly used in speaking of persons. Bouvier.

By arrest is to be understood to take the party into custody. To come in the separate and distinct act of carrying the party to prison, after having taken him into custody by force of the execution. French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502.

-Arrest of inquest. Pleading in arrest of the taking upon a former issue, and showing cause why an inquest should not be taken.—Arrest of judgment. In practice. The act of staying a judgment, or refusing to render judgment in an action at law, after verdict, for some matter intrinsic appearing on the face of the record, which would render the judgment, if given, erroneous or reversible. 3 Bl. Comm. 393; 3 Steph. Comm. 628; 2 Tind. Pr. 918; Browning v. Powers, 142 Mo. 322, 44 S. W. 240; People v. Kelly, 94 N. Y. 129; Perren v. Lynn, 18 Tex. Civ. App. 229, 44 S. W. 311.

-Malicious arrest. An arrest made willfully and without probable cause, but in the absence of a regular proceeding.—Parol arrest. One ordered by a judge or magistrate from the bench, without written complaint or other proceedings, of a person who is present before him, and which is executed on the spot; as in case of breach of the peace in open court.—Warrant. A written order issued and signed by a magistrate, directed to a peace officer or some other person specially named, and commanding him to arrest the body of a person named, who is accused of an offense. Brown v. State, 100 Ala. 70, 20 South. 103.

ARRESTATIS BONIS NE DISSEPENTUR. In old English law. A writ which lay for a person whose cattle or goods were taken by another, who during a contest was likely to make away with them, and who had not the ability to render satisfaction. Reg. Orig. 126.

ARRENDANDO IPSUM QUI PECUNIAM RECEPI. In old English law. A writ which issued for apprehending a person who had taken the king's prest money to serve in the wars, and then hid himself in order to avoid going.

ARRESTATIO. In old English law. An arrest. (q. v.)

ARRESTEE. In Scotch law. The person in whose hands the movables of another, or a debt due to another, are arrested by the
creditor of the latter by the process of arrestment. 2 Kames, Eq. 173, 175.

ARRESTER. In Scotch law. One who sues out and obtains an arrestment of his debtor's goods or movable obligations. Ersk. Inst. 3, 6, 1.

ARRESTMENT. In Scotch law.Securing a criminal's person till trial, or that of a debtor till he give security judicio sieti. The order of a judge, by which he who is debtor in a movable obligation to the arrester's debtor or is prohibited to make payment or delivery till the debt due to the arrester be paid or secured. Ersk. Inst. 3, 6, 2.

ARRESTMENT JURISDICTIONIS FUNDANDiE CAUSA. In Scotch law. A process to bring a foreigner within the jurisdiction of the courts of Scotland. The warrant attaches a foreigner's goods within the jurisdiction, and these will not be released unless caution or security be given.

ARRESTO FACTO SUPER BONIS MERCATORUM ALIENIGENORUM. In old English law. A writ against the goods of aliens found within this kingdom, in revenge of goods taken from a denizen in a foreign country, after denial of restitution. Reg. Orig. 129. The ancient civilians called it "clarigatio," but by the moderns it is termed "reprisalia."

ARRÊT. Fr. A judgment, sentence, or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction. The term is derived from the French law, and is used in Canada and Louisiana. Suïste arrêt is an attachment of property in the hands of a third person. Code Prac. La. art. 208; 2 Low. Can. 77; 5 Low. Can. 198, 218.

ARRETTED. Charged; charging. The conveying a person charged with a crime before a judge. Staunef. P. C. 45. It is used sometimes for imputed or laid unto; as no folly may be arrested to one under age. Cowell.

ARRIBADO. In the civil law. Earnest; money given to bind a bargain. Calvin.

ARRIVE. In the civil law. Money or other valuable things given by the buyer to the seller, for the purpose of evidencing the contract; earnest.

ARRIAGE AND CARRIAGE. In English and Scotch law. Indefinite services formerly demandable from tenants, but prohibited by statute, (20 Geo. II. c. 50, §§ 21, 22,) Holthouse; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 42.

ARRIER BAN. In feudal law. A second summons to join the lord, addressed to those who had neglected the first. A summons of the inferiors or vassals of the lord. Spelman.

ARRIERE FIEF, or FEE. In feudal law. A fief or fee dependent on a superior one; an inferior fief granted by a vassal of the king, out of the fief held by him. Montesq. Esprit des Lois. liv. 31, cc. 26, 32.

ARRIERE VASSAL. In feudal law. The vassal of a vassal.

ARRIVAL. In marine insurance. The arrival of a vessel means an arrival for purposes of business, requiring an entry and clearance and stay at the port so long as to require some of the acts connected with business, and not merely touching at a port for advices, or to ascertain the state of the market, or being driven in by an adverse wind and sailing again as soon as it changes. Gronstadt v. Witthoff (D. C.) 15 Fed. 265; Dalgleish v. Brooke, 15 East, 295; Kenyon v. Tucker, 17 R. L. 529, 23 Atl. 61; Melgs v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 439; Toler v. White, 1 Ware, 290, 24 Fed. Cas. 3; Harrison v. Vose, 9 How. 384, 13 L. Ed. 179.

"A vessel arrives at a port of discharge when she comes, or is brought, to a place where it is intended to discharge cargo there, and is the usual and customary place of discharge. When a vessel is insured to one or two ports, and sails for one, the risk terminates on her arrival there. If a vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, and is destined to discharge cargo successively at two different wharves, docks, or places, arrival at that port, each being a distinct place for the delivery of cargo, the risk ends when she has been moored twenty-four hours in safety at the first place. But if she is destined to one or more places for the delivery of cargo, and delivery or discharge of a portion of her cargo is necessary, not by reason of her having reached any destined place of delivery, but as a necessary and usual nautical measure, to enable her to reach such usual and destined place of delivery, she cannot properly be considered as having arrived at the usual and customary place of discharge, when she is at anchor for the purpose only of using such means as will better enable her to reach it. If she cannot get to the destined place of discharge in the port because she is too deep, and must be lightered to get there, and, to aid in prosecuting the voyage, cargo is thrown overboard or put into lighters, such discharge does not make that the place of arrival; it is only a stopping-place in the voyage. When the vessel is insured to a particular port of discharge, arrival within the limits of the harbor does not terminate the risk, if the place is not one where vessels are discharged and voyages completed. The policy covers the vessel through the port navigation, as well as on the open sea, until she reaches the destined place." Simpson v. Insurance Co., Holmes, 137, Fed. Cas. No. 12,896.

ARRIVE. To reach or come to a particular place of destination by traveling towards it. Thompson v. United States, 1 Brock. 411, Fed. Cas. No. 407.

In insurance law. To reach that particular place or point in a harbor which is the ultimate destination of a vessel. Meigs v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 439, 453.

The words "arrive" and "enter" are not always synonymous; there certainly may be an arrival without an actual entry or at-

ARROGATION. In the civil law. The adoption of a person who was of full age or sui juris. 1 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 119; Dig. 1, 7, 5; Inst. 1, 11, 3. Reinders v. Koppeleman, 68 Mo. 497, 30 Am. Rep. 802.

ARRONDISSEMENT. In France, one of the subdivisions of a department.

ARSE ET PENSATE. Burnt and weighed. A term formerly applied to money tested or assayed by fire and by weighing.

ARSELS. Store-houses for arms; dock-yards, magazines, and other military stores.

ARSER IN LE MAIN. Burning in the hand. The punishment by burning or branding the left thumb of lay offenders who claimed and were allowed the benefit of clergy, so as to distinguish them in case they made a second claim of clergy. 5 Coke, 51; 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

ARSON. Arson, at common law, is the act of unlawfully and maliciously burning the house of another man. 4 Steph. Comm. 99; 2 Russ. Crimes, 896; Steph. Crim. Dig. 298.

Arson, by the common law, is the willful and malicious burning of the house of another. The word "house," as here understood, includes not merely the dwelling-house, but allouthouses which are parcel thereof. State v. McGowan, 20 Conn. 245, 52 Am. Dec. 338; Graham v. State, 40 Ala. 664; Allen v. State, 10 Ohio St. 300; State v. Porter, 90 N. C. 719; Hill v. Com. 98 Pa. 105; State v. McCoy, 102 Mo. 353, 62 S. W. 911.

Arson is the malicious and willful burning of the house or outhouse of another. Code Ga. 1882, § 4375.

Arson is the willful and malicious burning of a building with intent to destroy it. Pen. Code Cal. § 447.

Degrees of arson. In several states, this crime is divided into arson in the first, second, and third degrees, the first degree including the burning of an inhabited dwelling-house in the night-time; the second degree, the burning (at night) of a building other than a dwelling-house, but so situated with reference to a dwelling-house as to endanger it; the third degree, the burning of any building or structure not the subject of arson in the first or second degree, or the burning of property, his own or another's, with intent to defraud or prejudice an insurer thereof. People v. Durkin, 6 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 545; People v. Fanshawe, 65 Hun. 77, 19 N. Y. Supp. 856; State v. McCoy, 162 Mo. 385, 62 S. W. 991; State v. Jessup, 42 Kan. 422, 22 Pac. 627.

ARSTIRA. The trial of money by heating it after it was coined. A pound was said to burn so many pence (tot ardere denarios) as it lost by the fire. Spelman. The term is now obsolete.


In the law of patents, this term means a useful art or manufacture which is beneficial and which is described with exactness in its mode of operation. Such an art can be protected only in the mode and to the extent thus described. Smith v. Downing, 22 Fed. Cas. 511; Carnegie Steel Co. v. Cambria Iron Co. (C. C.) 89 Fed. 754; Jacobs v. Baker, 7 Wall. 207, 19 L. Ed. 200; Corning v. Burden, 16 How. 207, 14 L. Ed. 630.

ART, WORDS OF. Words used in a technical sense; words scientifically fit to carry the sense assigned them.

ART AND PART. In Scotch law. The offense committed by one who aids and assists the commission of a crime, but who is not the principal or chief actor in its actual commission. An accessory. A principal in the second degree. Paters. Comp.

ARTHEL, ARDHEL, or ARDDELIO. To avouch; as if a man were taken with stolen goods in his possession he was allowed a lawful arthel, i.e., voucher, to clear him of the felony; but provision was made against it by 28 Hen. VIII. c. 6. Blount.

ARTICLE. A separate and distinct part of an instrument or writing comprising two or more particulars; one of several things presented as connected or forming a whole. Carter v. Railroad Co., 126 N. C. 437, 36 S. E. 14; Wetzell v. Dinsmore, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 195.

In English ecclesiastical law. A complaint exhibited in the ecclesiastical court by way of libel. The different parts of a libel, responsive allegation, or counter allegation in the ecclesiastical courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 109.


ARTICLED CLERK. In English law. A clerk bound to serve in the office of a solicitor in consideration of being instructed in the profession. This is the general acceptation of the term; but it is said to be equally applicable to other trades and professions. Reg. v. Reeve, 4 Q. B. 212.

ARTICLES. 1. A connected series of propositions; a system of rules. The subdivisions of a document, code, book, etc. A specification of distinct matters agreed upon
or established by authority or requiring judicial action.

2. A statute; as having its provisions articulated expressed under distinct heads. Several of the ancient English statutes were called "articles," (articuli.)

3. A system of rules established by legal authority; as articles of war, articles of the navy, articles of faith, (see infra.)

4. A contractual document executed between parties, containing stipulations or terms of agreement; as articles of agreement, articles of partnership.

5. In chancery practice. A formal written statement of objections filed by a party, after depositions have been taken, showing ground for discrediting the witnesses.

**Articles approbatory.** In Scotch law. That part of the proceedings which corresponds to the charge in an English bill in chancery. Patern. Comp.—**Articles improbatory.** In Scotch law. Articulate averments setting forth the facts relied upon. Bell. They correspond to the articles of the proceedings which corresponds to the charge in an English bill in chancery to set aside a deed. Patern. Comp. The answer is called "articles approbatory."—**Articles Lords of a.** A committee of the Scottish parliament, which, in the mode of its election, and by the nature of its powers, was calculated to increase the influence of the crown, and to confer upon it a power equivalent to that of a negative power. This system appeared incompatible with the freedom of parliament, and at the revolution the convention of estates declared it a grievance, and accordingly it was suppressed by Act 1690, c. 3. Wharton.—**Articles of agreement.** A writing memorandum of the terms of an agreement. It is a common practice for persons to enter into articles of agreement preparatory to the execution of a formal deed, whereby it is stipulated that one of the parties shall convey to the other certain lands, or release his right to them, or execute some other disposition of them.—**Articles of association.** Articles subscribed by the members of a joint-stock company or corporation organized under a general law, and which create the corporate body. Articles of association are in the nature of a partnership agreement, and commonly specify the form of organization, amount of capital, kind of business to be pursued, location of the company, etc. Articles of association are to be distinguished from a charter, in that the latter is a grant of power from the sovereign or the legislature.—**Articles of confederation.** The name of the instrument embodying the compact made between the thirteen original states of the Union, before the adoption of the present constitution.—**Articles of faith.** In English law. The system of faith of the Church of England, more commonly known as the "Thirty-Nine Articles."—**Articles of implication.** A formal written allegation of the causes for impeachment; answering the same office as an indictment in an ecclesiastical and temporal courts. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 291—296.—**Articles of the navy.** A system of rules prescribed by act of parliament for the government of the English navy; also, in the United States, there are articles for the government of the navy.—**Articles of the peace.** A complaint made or exhibited to a court by a person who makes oath that he is in fear of death or bodily harm from some one who has threatened or attempted to do him injury. The court may thereupon order the person complained of to find sureties for the peace, and, in default, may commit him to prison. 4 Bl. Comm. 255.—**Articles of union.** In English law. Articles agreed to, by A. D. 1707, by the parliaments of England and Scotland, for the union of the two kingdoms. They were twenty-five in number. 1 Bl. Comm. 96.—**Articles of war.** Codes framed for the government of a nation’s army are commonly thus called.

**ARTICULATE ADJUDICATION.** In Scotch law. Where the creditor holds several distinct debts, a separate adjudication for each claim is thus called.

**ARTICULATELY.** Article by article; by distinct clauses or articles; by separate propositions.

**ARTICULI.** Lat. Articles; items or heads. A term applied to some old English statutes, and occasionally to treatises.

**Articuli clerii.** Articles of the clergy, (q. v.)—**Articuli de moneta.** Articles concerning money, or the currency. The title of a statute passed in the twentieth year of Edward I. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 228; Crabb, Eng. Law, (Amer. Ed.) 347.—**Articuli Magnae Chartae.** The preliminary articles, forty-nine in number, upon which the Magna Charta was founded.—**Articuli super chartas.** Articles upon the charters. The title of a statute passed in the twenty-eighth year of Edward I. st. 3, confirming or enlarging many particulars in Magna Charta, and the Charta de Foresta, and appointing the method for enforcing the observance of them, and for the punishment of offenders. 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 103, 233.

**ARTICULO MORTIS.** (Or more commonly in articulo mortis.) In the article of death; at the point of death.

**ARTIFICER.** One who buys goods in order to reduce them, by his own art or industry, into other forms, and then to sell them. Lansdale v. Brashear, 3 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 335.

One who is actually and personally engaged or employed to do work of a mechanical or physical character, not including one who takes contracts for labor to be performed by others. Ingram v. Barnes, 7 El. & Bl. 135; Chawner v. Cummings, 8 Q. B. 297.

One who is master of his art, and whose employment consists chiefly in manual labor. Wharton; Cunningham.
ARTIFICIAL. Created by art, or by law; existing only by force of or in contemplation of law.


ARTIFICIALLY. Technically; scientifically; using terms of art. A will or contract is described as "artificially" drawn if it is couched in apt and technical phrases and exhibits a scientific arrangement.


ARURA. An old English law term, signifying a day's work in plowing.

ARVIL-SUPPER. A feast or entertainment made at a funeral in the north of England; arvil bread is bread delivered to the poor at funeral solemnities, and arvil, arval, or arfal, the burial or funeral rites. Cowell.

AS. Lat. In the Roman and civil law. A pound weight; and a coin originally weighing a pound, (called also "libra;") divided into twelve parts, called "uncia." Any integral sum, subject to division in certain proportions. Frequently applied in the civil law to inheritances; the whole inheritance being termed "as," and its several proportionate parts "sextans," "quadrans," etc. Buerll. The term "as" and the multiples of its uncia, were also used to denote the rates of interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m.

AS AGAINST; AS BETWEEN. These words contrast the relative position of two persons, with a tacit reference to a different relationship between one of them and a third person. For instance, the temporary bailie of a chattel is entitled to it as between himself and a stranger, or as against a stranger; reference being made by this form of words to the rights of the bailor. Wharton.

ASCEND. To go up; to pass up or upwards; to go or pass in the ascending line. 4 Kent, Comm. 393, 397.

ASCENDANTS. Persons with whom one is related in the ascending line; one's parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, etc.

ASCENDIENTES. In Spanish law. Ascendants; ascending heirs; heirs in the ascending line. Schm. Civil Law, 230.

ASCENT. Passage upwards; the transmission of an estate from the ancestor to the heir in the ascending line. See 4 Kent, Comm. 393, 397.

ASCERTAIN. To fix; to render certain or definite; to estimate and determine; to clear of doubt or obscurity. Brown v. Lyddy, 11 Hun, 456; Bunting v. Speck, 41 Kan. 424, 21 Pac. 288, 3 L. R. A. 690; Pughe v. Coleman (Tex. Civ. App.) 44 S. W. 578.

ASCRIPITIUS. In Roman law. A foreigner who had been registered and naturalized in the colony in which he resided. Cod. 11, 47.

ASPECT. View; object; possibility. Implies the existence of alternatives. Used in the phrases "bill with a double aspect" and "contingency with a double aspect."

ASPHYXIA. In medical jurisprudence. A morbid condition of swooning, suffocation, or suspended animation, resulting in death if not relieved, produced by any serious interference with normal respiration (as, the inhalation of poisonous gases or too rarified air, choking, drowning, obstruction of the air passages, or paralysis of the respiratory muscles) with a consequent deficiency of oxygen in the blood. See State v. Baldwin, 36 Kan. 1, 12 Pac. 328.

ASPORATION. The removal of things from one place to another. The carrying away of goods; one of the circumstances requisite to constitute the offense of larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 231. Wilson v. State, 21 Md. 1; State v. Higgins, 88 Mo. 354; Rex v. Walsh, 1 Moody, Cr. Cas. 14, 15.

ASPORTAVIT. He carried away. Sometimes used as a noun to denote a carrying away. An "asportavit of personal chattels." 2 H. Bl. 4.


ASSART. In English law. The offense committed in the forest, by pulling up the trees by the roots that are thicketts and covertts for deer, and making the ground plain as arable land. It differs from waste. In that waste is the cutting down of covertts which may grow again, whereas assart is
ASSASSINATION. Murder committed for hire, without provocation or cause of resentment given to the murderer by the person upon whom the crime is committed. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 45.

A murdered committed treacherously, or by stealth or surprise, or by lying in wait.

ASSAULT. An ancient custom in Wells, by which a person accused of crime could clear himself by the oaths of three hundred men. It was abolished by St. 1 Hen. V. c. 6. Cowell; Spelman.

ASSAULT. An unlawful attempt or offer, on the part of one man, with force or violence, to inflict a bodily hurt upon another.

An attempt or offer to beat another, without touching him; as if one lifts up his cane or his fist in a threatening manner at another; or strikes at him, but misses him. 3 Bl. Comm. 129; 3 Steph. Comm. 409.

Aggravated assault is one committed with the intention of committing some additional crime; or one attended with circumstances of peculiar outrage or atrocity. Simple assault is one committed with no intention to do any other injury.

An assault is an unlawful attempt, coupled with a present ability, to commit a violent injury on the person of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 240.

An assault is an attempt to commit a violent injury on the person of another. Code Ga. 1852, § 927.

An assault is any willful and unlawful attempt or offer, with force or violence, to do a corporal hurt to another. Pen. Code Dak. § 235.

An assault is an offer or an attempt to do a corporal injury to another; as by striking him with the hand, or with a stick, or by striking the fist at him, or presenting a gun or other weapon within such distance as that a hurt might be given, or drawing a sword and brandishing it in a menacing manner; provided the act is done with intent to do some corporal hurt. United States v. Hand, 2 Wash. 1882, § 4357.

A trial of weights and measures by a standard; as by the constituted authorities, clerks of markets, etc. Reg. Orig. 250.

A trial or examination of certain commodities, as bread, cloths, etc. Cowell; Blount.

—Assay office. The staff of persons by whom the building in which the process of assaying gold and silver, required by government, incidental to maintaining the coinage, is conducted.

ASSAYER. One whose business it is to make assays of the precious metals.

—Assayer of the king. An officer of the royal mint, appointed by St. 2 Hen. VI. c. 12, who received and tested the bullion taken in for coinage; also called "assayator regis." Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

ASSEASURE. To assure, or make secure by pledges, or any solemn interposition of faith. Cowell; Spelman.


ASSEDATION. In Scotch law. An old term, used indiscriminately to signify a lease or feu-right. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 2, 6, 20.

ASSEMBLY. The concourse or meeting together of a considerable number of persons at the same place. Also the persons so gathered.

Popular assemblies are those where the people meet to deliberate upon their rights; these are guaranteed by the constitution. Const. U. S. Amend. art. 1.

The lower or more numerous branch of the legislature in many of the states is also called the "Assembly" or "House of Assembly," but the term seems to be an appropriate one to designate any political meeting required to be held by law.

—Assembly general. The highest ecclesiastical court in Scotland, composed of a repre-
sentation of the ministers and elders of the church, regulated by Act 5th Assem. 1694.—

Assembly, unlawful. In criminal law. The assembling of three or more persons together to do an unlawful act, who separate without actually doing it, or making any motion towards it. 3 Inst. 176; 4 Bl. Comm. 146. It differs from a riot or rout, because in each of the latter cases there is some act done besides the simple meeting. See State v. Stalcup, 23 Ind. 280; 4 Gill & J. (Md.) 1, 30; Baker v. Johnson County, 37 Iowa, 189; Fuller v. Kemp (Com. Pl.) 16 N. Y. Supp. 160.

-Mutual assent. The meeting of the minds of both or all the parties to a contract; the fact that each agrees to all the terms and conditions, in the same sense and with the same meaning as the others. Insurance Co. v. Young, 23 Wall. 107, 23 L. Ed. 152.

ASSESSORY COVENANT. One which affirms that a particular state of facts exists; an affirming promise under seal.

ASSESS. 1. To ascertain, adjust, and settle the respective shares to be contributed by several persons toward an object beneficial to them all, in proportion to the benefit received.

2. To adjust or fix the proportion of a tax which each person, of several liable to it, has to pay; to apportion a tax among several; to distribute taxation in a proportion founded on the proportion of burden and benefit. Allen v. McKay, 120 Cal. 332, 52 Pac. 528; Seymour v. Peters, 67 Mich. 415, 35 N. W. 62.

3. To place a valuation upon property for the purpose of apportioning a tax. Brade-well v. Morton, 46 Ark. 73; Moss v. Hindees, 28 Vt. 281.

4. To impose a pecuniary payment upon persons or property; to tax. People v. Priest, 169 N. Y. 435, 62 N. E. 508.

ASSESSED. Where the charter of a corporation provides for the payment by it of a state tax, and contains a proviso that "no other tax or impost shall be levied or assessed upon the said company," the word "assessed" in the proviso cannot have the force and meaning of describing special levies for public improvements, but is used merely to describe the act of levying the tax or impost.

New Jersey Midland R. Co. v. Jersey City, 42 N. J. Law, 97.

ASSESSMENT. In a general sense, denotes the process of ascertaining and adjusting the shares respectively to be contributed by several persons toward a common beneficial object according to the benefit received.

In taxation. The listing and valuation of property for the purpose of apportioning a tax upon it, either according to value alone or in proportion to benefit received. Also determining the share of a tax to be paid by each of many persons; or apportioning the entire tax to be levied among the different taxable persons, establishing the proportion due from each. Adams, etc., Co. v. Shelbyville, 164 Ind. 407, 57 N. E. 114, 49 L. R. A. 797, 77 Am. St. Rep. 464; Webb v. Bidwell, 19 Ill. 48 (Gil. 394); State v. Bore-mer, 24 Tex. 292, 59 S. W. 541; Kinney v. Zimpleman, 36 Tex. 582; Southern R. Co. v. Kay, 62 S. C. 28, 39 S. E. 785; U. S. v. Erie R. Co., 107 U. S. 1, 2 Sup. Ct. 88, 27 L. Ed. 385.

Assessment, as used in juxtaposition with taxation in a state constitution, includes all the steps necessary to be taken in the legitimate exercise of the power to tax. Hurford v. Omaha, 4 Neb. 336.

Assessment is also popularly used as a synonym for taxation in general,—the authoritative imposition of a rate or duty to be paid. But in its technical signification it denotes only taxation for a special purpose or local improvement; local taxation, as distinguished from general taxation; taxation on the principle of apportionment according to the relation between burden and benefit.

As distinguished from other kinds of taxation, assessments are those special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of municipal improvements which are necessary to pay the improvement, and are laid with reference to the special benefit which the property is supposed to have derived therefrom. Hale v. Kenosha, 29 Wis. 599. And see Ride-nour v. Saffin, 1 Handy (Ohio) 464; Roosevelt Hospital v. New York, 54 N. Y. 108, 112; King v. Portland, 2 Or. 146; Reeves v. Wood County, 8 Ohio St. 638; Wood v. Brady, 68 Cal. 382, 43 Pac. 692.

Taxes are impositions for purposes of general revenue, while assessments are special and local impositions upon property in the immediate vicinity of an improvement in a municipal corporation, and levied only on those parcels of real property which, by reason of the location of such improvement, are specially benefitted by it. Village of Morgan Park v. Wis-sall, 135 Ill. 262, 30 N. E. 541; Wilson v. Auburn, 27 Neb. 433, 43 N. W. 277; Raleigh v. Pesco, 110 N. C. 32, 14 S. E. 621, 17 L. R. A. 339; Sargent v. Tuttle, 67 Conn. 162, 34 Atl. 1028, 52 L. R. A. 822.

Assessment and tax are not synonymous. An assessment is doubtless a tax, but the term implies something more; it implies a tax of a particular kind, predicated upon the principle of equivalents, or benefits, which are peculiar to the persons or property charged therewith, and which cannot be ascertained or appraised, according to the measure or proportion of such equivalents; whereas a simple tax is imposed for the purpose of supporting the government generally, upon a reference to the advantage which may be supposed to accrue to
the persons taxed. Taxes must be levied, without discrimination, equally upon all the subjects of property; whilst assessments are only levied upon lands, or some other specific property, the subject of the supposed benefits; to repay which the assessment is levied. Ridenour v. Saffin, 1 Hand’y (Ohio) 464.

In corporations. Instalments of the money subscribed for shares of stock, called for from the subscribers by the directors, from time to time as the company requires money, are called “assessments,” or, in England, “calls,” Water Co. v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 47, 28 Pac. 54, 27 Am. St. Rep. 91; Spangler v. Railroad Co., 21 Ill. 278; Stewart v. Publishing Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 29 Pac. 905.

The periodical demands made by a mutual insurance company, under its charter and by-laws, upon the makers of premium notes, are also denominated “assessments.” Hill v. Insurance Co., 129 Mich. 141, 88 N. W. 392.

Of damages. Fixing the amount of damages to which the successful party in a suit is entitled after an interlocutory judgment has been taken.

Assessment of damages is also the name given to the determination of the sum which a corporation proposing to take lands for a public use must pay in satisfaction of the demand proved or the value taken.

In insurance. An apportionment made in general average upon the various articles and interests at risk, according to their value at the time and place of being in safety, for contribution for damage and sacrifices purposely made, and expenses incurred for escape from impending common peril. 2 Phil. Ins. c. xv.

—Assessment company. In life insurance. A company in which a death loss is met by levying an assessment on the surviving members of the corporation. Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Marsey, 55 Va. 643, 8 S. E. 481—Assessment contract. One wherein the payment of the benefit is in any manner or degree dependent upon a collection of an assessment levied on persons holding similar contracts. Folkens v. Insurance Co., 38 Mo. App. 450, 72 S. W. 720—Assessment district. In taxation. Any subdivision of territory, whether the whole or part of any municipality, in which by law a separate assessment of taxable property is made by the officers elected or appointed therefor. Rev. Stat. Wis. 1898, § 1031.—Assessment fund. The assessment fund of a mutual benefit association is the balance of the assessments, less expenses, out of which beneficiaries are paid. Kerr v. Ben Ass’n, 39 Minn. 174, 39 N. W. 312, 12 Am. St. Rep. 631.

—Assessor. In taxation. The list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors, not as it appears after review and equalization. Bank v. Genoa, 28 Misc. Rep. 71, 59 N. Y. Supp. 523; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Miss. 894, 15 South. 482—Assessment work. Under the mining laws of the United States, the holder of an unpatented mining claim on the public domain is required, in order to hold his claim to do labor or make improvements upon it to the extent of at least one hundred dollars in each year. Rev. St. U. S. § 2324 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1420). This is commonly called by miners “doing assessment work.”

ASSASSESSMENT.

ASSASSESSOR. An officer chosen or appointed to appraise, value, or assess property.

In civil and Scotch law. Persons skilled in law, selected to advise the judges of the inferior courts. Bell; Dig. 1, 22; Cod. 1, 51

A person learned in some particular science or industry, who sits with the judge on the trial of a cause requiring such special knowledge and gives his advice.

In England it is the practice in admiralty business to call in assessors, in cases involving questions of navigation or seamanship. They are called “nautical assessors,” and are always Brethren of the Trinity House.

ASSETS. In probate law. Property of a decedent available for the payment of debts and legacies; the estate coming to the heir or personal representative which is chargeable, in law or equity, with the obligations which such heir or representative is required, in his representative capacity, to discharge.

In an accurate and legal sense, all the personal property of the deceased which is of a salable nature and may be converted into ready money, is deemed assets. But the word is not confined to such property; for all other property of the deceased which is chargeable with his debts, legacies, and is applicable to that purpose, is, in a large sense, assets. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 531; Marvin v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 49 Fed. 430; Trust Co. v. Eagle, 110 U. S. 710, 4 Sup. Ct. 231, 28 Ed. 301.

Assets per descent. That portion of the ancestor’s estate which descends to the heir, and which is sufficient to charge him, as far as it goes, with the specialty debts of his ancestors. 2 Williams, Ex’rs, 1011.

In commercial law. The aggregate of available property, stock in trade, cash, etc., belonging to a merchant or mercantile company.

The word “assets,” though mostly generally used to denote everything which comes to the representatives of a deceased person, yet is by no means confined to that use, but has come to signify everything which can be made available for the payment of debts, whether belonging to the estate of a deceased person or not. Hence we speak of the assets of a bank or other mercantile corporation, the assets of an insolvent debtor, or, and the assets of an individual or private copartnery; and we always use this word when we speak of the means which a party has, as compared with his liabilities or debts. Stanton v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 449; Vaiden v. Hawkins, 59 Miss. 419; Pelican v. Rock Falls, 81 Wis. 423, 51 N. W. 871, 52 N. W. 1659.

The property or effects of a bankrupt or insolvent, applicable to the payment of his debts.

The term “assets” includes all property of every kind and nature, chargeable with the debts of the bankrupt, that comes into the hands of and under the control of the assignee; and the value thereof is not to be considered a less sum than that actually realized out of said property, and received by the assignee for it. In re Taggart, 16 N. B. R. 351, Fed. Cas. No. 15,725.

—Assets entre mains. L. Fr. Assets in hand; assets in the hands of executors or administrators.
ministrors, applicable for the payment of debts. Termes de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 519; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 23; Favorite v. Booher, 17 Ohio St. 557.—Equitable assets. Equitable assets are all assets which are chargeable with the payment of debts or legacies in equity, and which do not fall under the description of legal assets. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 552. Those portions of the property which by the ordinary rules of law are exempt from debts, but which the testator has voluntarily charged as assets, or which, being non-existent at law, have been created in equity. Adams, Eq. 256, et seq. They are so called because they can be reached only by the aid and instrumentality of a court of equity, and because their distribution is governed by a different rule from that which governs the distribution of legal assets. 2 Conbl. Eq. b. 4, pr. 2, c. 2, § 1, and notes; Story, Eq. Jur. § 552.—Legal assets. That portion of the assets of a deceased party which by law is directly liable, in the hands of his executor or administrator, to the payment of debts and legacies. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 551. Such assets as can be reached in the hands of an executor or administrator, by a suit at law against him. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 551. A transfer of a bill, note, or check, or set over to another; to transfer; as to assign property, or some interest therein. Cowell.

ASSIGN, v. In conveyancing. To make or set over to another; to transfer; as to assign property, or some interest therein. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 326; Bump v. Van Orsdale, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 638; Hoag v. Mendenhall, 19 Minn. 336 (Gil. 289).

In practice. To appoint, allot, select, or designate for a particular purpose, or duty. Thus, in England, justices are said to be "assigned to take the assises," "assigned to hold pleas," "assigned to make gaol delivery," "assigned to keep the peace," etc. St. Westm. 2, c. 30; Reg. Orig. 68, 69; 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59, 353; 1 Bl. Comm. 351. To transfer persons, as a sheriff is said to assign prisoners in his custody. To point at, or point out; to set forth, or specify; to mark out or designate; as to assign errors on a writ of error; to assign breaches of a covenant. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1168; 1 Tidd, 686.

ASSIGNABLE. That may be assigned or transferred; transferable; negotiable, as a bill of exchange. Comb. 176; Story, Bills, § 17.

ASSIGNATION. A Scotch law term equivalent to assignment, (q. v.)

Assignatus utitur jure auctoris. An assignee uses the right of his principal; an assignee is clothed with the rights of his principal. Halk. Max. p. 14; Broom, Max. 403.

ASSIGNAY. In Scotch law. An assignee.

ASSIGNEE. A person to whom an assignment is made. Allen v. Pancoast, 20 N. J. Law, 74; Ely v. Comrs, 49 Mich. 17, 12 N. W. 893, 13 N. W. 754. The term is commonly used in reference to personal property; but it is not incorrect, in some cases, to apply it to reality, e. g., "assignee of the reversion." Assignee in fact is one to whom an assignment has been made in fact by the party having the right. Starkweather v. Insurance Co., 22 Fed. Cas. 1091; Tucker v. West, 31 Ark. 643. Assignee in law is one in whom the law vests the right; as an executor or administrator. Idem.

The word has a special and distinctive use as employed to designate one to whom, under an insolvent or bankrupt law, the whole estate of a debtor is transferred to be administered for the benefit of creditors.

In old law. A person deputed or appointed by another to do any act, or perform any business. Blount. An assignee, however, was distinguished from a deputy, being said to occupy a thing in his own right, while a deputy acted in right of another. Cowell.

ASSIGNMENT. In contracts. 1. The act by which one person transfers to another, or causes to vest in that other, the whole of the right, interest, or property which he has in any reality or personality, in possession or in action, or any share, interest, or subsidiary estate therein. Seventh Nat. Bank v. Iron Co. (C. C.) 35 Fed. 449; Haug v. Riley, 101 Ga. 372, 29 S. E. 44, 40 L. R. A. 244. More particularly, a written transfer of property, as distinguished from a transfer by mere delivery.

2. In a narrower sense, the transfer or making over of the estate, right, or title which one has in lands and tenements; and, in an especially technical sense, the transfer of the unexpired residue of a term or estate for life or years.

Assignment does not include testamentary transfers. The idea of an assignment is essentially that of a transfer by one existing party to another existing party of some species of property or valuable interest, except in the case of an executor. Hight v. Sackett, 34 N. Y. 441.

3. A transfer or making over by a debtor of all his property and effects to one or more assignees in trust for the benefit of his creditors. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1036.

4. The instrument or writing by which such a transfer of property is made.

5. A transfer of a bill, note, or check, not negotiable.
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6. In bankruptcy proceedings, the word designates the setting over or transfer of the bankrupt's estate to the assignee.

—Assignment for benefit of creditors. An assignment whereby a debtor, generally an insolvent, transfers to another his property, in trust to pay his debts or apply the property upon their payment. Van Patten v. Burr, 52 Iowa, 518, 3 N. W. 524.—Assignment of debts. A mortgage or pledge of personal property, created by laying out or marking off one-third of the deceased husband's lands, and setting off the same for her use during life. Bettis v. McNeal, 688, 64 South, 819, 97 Am. St. Rep. 50.—Assignment of error. See ERROR.—Assignment with preferences. An assignment for the benefit of creditors, with directions to the assignee to prefer specified creditors or classes of creditors, by paying their claims in full before the others receive any dividend, or in some other manner. More usually termed a "preferential assignment."—Foreign assignment. An assignment made in a foreign country, or in another state. 2 Kent, Comm. 405, et seq.—General assignment. An assignment made for the benefit of all the assignor's creditors, instead of a few only; or one which transfers the whole of his estate to the assignee, instead of a part only. Royer Wheel Co. v. Fielding, 101 N. Y. 504, 5 N. E. 451; Halsey v. Connell, 111 Ala. 221, 20 South. 445; Mussey v. Noyes, 26 Vt. 471.—Voluntary assignment. An assignment for the benefit of his creditors made by a debtor voluntarily; as distinguished from a compulsory assignment which takes place by operation of law in proceedings in bankruptcy or insolvency. Presumably it means an assignment of a debtor's property in trust to pay his debts generally, in distinction from a transfer of property to a particular creditor in payment of his demand, or to a conveyance by way of collateral security or mortgage. Dias v. Bouchaud, 10 Paige. (N. Y.) 445.

ASSIGNEE. One who makes an assignment of any kind; one who assigns or transfers property.

ASSIGNS. Assignees; those to whom property shall have been transferred. Now seldom used, except in the plural, as "heirs, administrators, and assigns." Grant v. Carpenter, 8 R. I. 36; Bally v. De Crespligny, 10 Best. & 8. 12.

ASSISA. In old English and Scotch law. An assise; a kind of jury or inquest; a writ; or recognitors of assise. 3 Bl. Comm. 57, 59.—Assisa ultimse praesentationis. Assise of last presentation. An assise of presentment, for the purpose of presenting a writ of habeas corpus, and of making an issue thereon. See Bract. 4, 1, 6; Co. Litt. ?933, 1590.

ASSISA CADERE. To fail in the assise; i.e., to be nonsuited. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 402.

—Assisa cadit in jurtam. The assise fails (turns) into a jury; hence to submit a controversy to trial by jury.

ASSISE, or ASSIZE. 1. An ancient species of court, consisting of a certain number of men, usually twelve, who were summoned together to try a disputed cause, performing the functions of a jury, except that they gave a verdict from their own investigation and knowledge and not upon evidence adduced. From the fact that they sat together, (asside,co,) they were called the "assise." See Bract. 4, 1, 6; Co. Litt. ?933, 1590.

A court composed of an assembly of knights and other substantial men, with the baron or justice, in a certain place, at an appointed time. Grand Con. cc. 24, 25.

2. The verdict or judgment of the jurors or recognitors of assise. 3 Bl. Comm. 57, 59.

3. In modern English law, the name "assises" or "assizes" is given to the court, time, or place where the judges of assise and nisi prius, who are sent by special commission from the crown on circuits through the kingdom, proceed to take indictments, and to try such disputed causes issuing out of the courts at Westminster as are then ready for trial, with the assistance of a jury from the particular county; the regular sessions of the judges at nisi prius.

4. Anything reduced to a certainty in respect to time, number, quantity, quality, weight, measure, etc. Spelman.

5. An ordinance, statute, or regulation. Spelman gives this meaning of the word the first place among his definitions, observing
that statutes were in England called "assises" down to the reign of Henry III.

6. A species of writ, or real action, said to have been invented by Glanville, chief justice to Henry II., and having for its object to determine the right of possession of lands, and to recover the possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 184, 185.

7. The whole proceedings in court upon a writ of assise. Co. Litt. 159b. The verdict or finding of the jury upon such a writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 57.

---Assise of Clarendon. See Assisa.—Assise of darrein presentment. A writ of assise which formerly lay when a man or his ancestors under whom he claimed presented a clerk to a benefice, who was instituted, and afterwards, upon the next avoidance, a stranger presented a clerk and thereby disturbed the real patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 245; St. 13 Edw. I. (Westm. 2) c. 5. It has given way to the remedy by quare impedit.—Assise of fresh force. In old English practice. A writ which lay by the usage of the custom of a city or borough, where a man was dispossessed of his lands and tenements in such city or borough. It was called "fresh force," because it was to be sued within forty days after the party's title accrued to him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 7 C.—Assise of mort d'ancestor. A real action which lay to recover land of which a person had been deprived on the death of his ancestor by the abatement or intrusion of a stranger. 3 Bl. Comm. 185; Co. Litt. 159a. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.—Assise of novel disseisin. A writ of assise which lay for the recovery of lands or tenements, where the claimant had been lately dispossessed.—Assise of nuisance. A writ of assise which lay where a nuisance had been committed to the complainant's freehold; either for abatement of the nuisance or for damages.—Assise of the forest. A statute touching orders to be observed in the king's forests. Manwood, 35,—Assise of the vires.—Assise of the vires of the wood. The certain es...
the justices and sergeants for the purposes of taking the assisses. 3 Bl. Comm. 59, 60.

-Articles of association. See ARTICLES.—


ASSOCIÉ EN NOM. In French Law. In a société en commandité an associé en nom is one who is liable for the engagements of the undertaking to the whole extent of his property. This expression arises from the fact that the names of the associés so liable figure in the firm-name or form part of the société en nom collective. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 546.

ASSOIL. To absolve; acquit; to set free; to deliver from excommunication. St. 1 Hen. IV. c. 7; Cowell.

ASSOILZIE. In Scotch law. To acquit the defendant in an action; to find a criminal not guilty.


ASSUMPSIT. Lat. He undertook; he promised. A promise or engagement by which one person assumes or undertakes to do some act or pay something to another. It may be either oral or in writing, but is not under seal. It is express if the promisor puts his engagement in distinct and definite language; it is implied where the law infers a promise (though no formal one has passed) from the conduct of the party or the circumstances of the case.

In practice. A form of action which lies for the recovery of damages for the non-performance of a parol or simple contract; or a contract that is neither of record nor under seal. 7 Term, 351; Ballard v. Walker, 3 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 60.

The ordinary division of this action is into (1) common or undebitatus assumpsit, brought for the most part on an implied promise; and (2) special assumpsit, founded on an express promise. Steph. Pl. 11, 13.

The action of assumpsit differs from trespass and trover, which are founded on a tort, not upon a contract; from covenant and debt, which are appropriate where the ground of recovery is a scaled instrument, or special obligation to pay a fixed sum; and from replevin, which seeks the recovery of specific property, if attainable, rather than of damages.

—Implied assumpsit. An undertaking or promise not formally made, but presumed or implied from the conduct of business. Willenborg v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 11 Ill. App. 302—Special assumpsit. An action of assumpsit is so called where the declaration sets out the precise language or effect of a special contract, which forms the ground of action; as distinguished from a general assumpsit, in which the technical claim is for a debt alleged to grow out of the contract, not the agreement itself.

ASSUMPTION. The act or agreement of assuming or taking upon one's self; the undertaking or adoption of a debt or obligation primarily resting upon another, as where the purchaser of real estate "assumes" a mortgage resting upon it, in which case he adopts the mortgage debt as his own and becomes personally liable for its payment. Eggleston v. Morrison, 84 Ill. App. 631; Locke v. Homer, 131 Mass. 93, 41 Am. Rep. 199; Springer v. De Wolf, 194 Ill. 218, 62 N. E. 542, 56 L. R. A. 465, 88 Am. St. Rep. 155; Lenz v. Railroad Co., 111 Wls. 108, 86 N. W. 607.

The difference between the purchaser of land assuming a mortgage on it and simply buying subject to the mortgage, is that in the former case he makes himself personally liable for the payment of the mortgage debt, while in the latter case he does not. Hancock v. Fleming, 103 Ind 533, 3 N. E. 254; Broman v. Dowse, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 227.

Where one "assumes" a lease, he takes to himself the obligations, contracts, agreements, and benefits to which the other contracting party was entitled under the terms of the lease. Cincinnati, etc., R. Co. v. Indiana, etc., R. Co., 44 Ohio St. 287, 314, 7 N. E. 152.


ASSURANCE. In conveyancing. A deed or instrument of conveyance. The legal evidences of the transfer of property are in England called the "common assurances" of the kingdom, whereby every man's estate is assured to him, and all controversies, doubts, and difficulties are either prevented or removed. 2 Bl. Comm. 294. State v. Farrand, 8 N. J. Law, 335.

In contracts. A making secure; insurance. The term was formerly of very frequent use in the modern sense of insurance, particularly in English maritime law, and still appears in the policies of some companies, but is otherwise seldom seen of late years. There seems to be a tendency, however, to use assurance for the contracts of life insurance companies, and insurance for risks upon property.

Assurance, further, covenant for. See Covenants.
ASSURED. A person who has been insured by some insurance company, or underwriter, against losses or perils mentioned in the policy of insurance. Brockway v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 29 Fed. 766; Sanford v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 548.

The person for whose benefit the policy is issued and to whom the loss is payable, not necessarily the person on whose life or property the policy is written. Thus where a wife insures her husband's life for her own benefit and he, has no interest in the policy, she is the "assured" and he the "insured." Hogle v. Insurance Co., 6 Bob. (N. Y.) 570; Ferdon v. Canfield, 104 N. Y. 143, 10 N. E. 146; Insurance Co. v. Luchs, 108 U. S. 498, 2 Sup. Ot. 949, 27 L. Ed. 800.

ASSURER. An insurer against certain perils and dangers; an underwriter; an indemnifier.

ASYLUM. 1. A sanctuary, or place of refuge and protection, where criminals and debtors found shelter, and from which they could not be taken without sacrilege. State v. Bacon, 6 Neb. 291; Cromie v. Institution of Mercy, 3 Bush (Ky.) 391.

2. Shelter; refuge; protection from the hand of justice. The word includes not only place, but also shelter, security, protection; and a fugitive from justice, who has committed a crime in a foreign country, "seeks an asylum" at all times when he claims the use of the territories of the United States. In re De Giacomo, 12 Blatchf. 895, Fed. Cas. No. 3,747.


AT ARM'S LENGTH. Beyond the reach of personal influence or control. Parties are said to deal "at arm's length" when each stands upon the strict letter of his rights, and conducts the business in a formal manner, without trusting to the other's fairness or integrity, and without being subject to the other's control or overmastering influence.


AT LARGE. (1) Not limited to any particular place, district, person, matter, or question. (2) Free; unrestrained; not under corporal control; as a ferocious animal so free from restraint as to be liable to do mischief. (3) Fully; in detail; in an extended form.

AT LAW. According to law; by, for, or in law; particularly in distinction from that which is done in or according to equity; or in titles such as sergeant at law, barrister at law, attorney or counsellor at law. See Hooker v. Nichols, 116 N. C. 157, 21 S. E. 208.


ATAMITA. In the civil law. A great-great-great-grandfather's sister.

ATA VIA. In the civil law. A great-grandmother's grandmother.

ATAVUNCULUS. The brother of a great-grandfather's grandmother.

ATAVUS. The great-grandfather's or great-grandmother's grandfather; a fourth grandfather. The ascending line of inelance runs thus: Pater, Avus, Prosavus, Abavus, Atavus, Tritavus. The seventh gen-
eration in the ascending scale will be *Trivatis-pater*, and the next above it *Proavi-atavus*.

**ATHA.** In Saxon law. An oath; the power or privilege of exacting and administering an oath. Spelman.


**ATIA.** Hatred or ill-will. See De Odio et Atia.

**ATILLUM.** The tackle or rigging of a ship; the harness or tackle of a plow. Spelman.

**ATMATERTERA.** A great-grandfather's grandmother's sister, (atavius soror) called by Bracton "atmatertera magna." Bract, fol. 65b.

**ATPATRITUS.** The brother of a great-grandfather's grandfather.

**ATRAVESADOS.** In maritime law. A Spanish term signifying athwart, at right angles, or abeam; sometimes used as descriptive of the position of a vessel which is "lying to." The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed. 403, 410.

**ATTACH.** To take or apprehend by commandment of a writ or precept. Buckeye Pipe-Line Co. v. Fee, 62 Ohio St 543, 57 N. E. 446, 78 Am. St Rep. 743.

It differs from arrest, because it takes not only the body, but sometimes the goods, whereas an arrest is only against the person; besides, he who attaches keeps the party attached in order to produce him in court on the day named, but he who arrests lodges the person arrested in the custody of a higher power, to be forthwith disposed of. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 24. See ATTACHMENT.

**Attaching creditor.** See CREDITOR.

**ATTACHE.** A person attached to the suite of an ambassador or to a foreign legation.

**ATTACHIAMENTA.** L. Lat. Attachment—Attachiaxnenta bonorum. A distress for former goods and chattels, by the legal attachiators or bailiffs, as security to answer an action for personal estate or debt—Attachiaxnenta de spinis et boscis. A privilege granted to the officers of a forest to take to their own use thorns, brush, and windfalls, within their precincts. Kenn. Pax. Antiq. 200. —Attachiaxnenta de placitis corone. Attachment of pleas of the crown. Jewison v. Dyon, 9 Mees. & W. 544.

**ATTACHMENT.** The act or process of taking, apprehending, or seizing persons or property, by virtue of a writ, summons, or other judicial order, and bringing the same into the custody of the law; used either for the purpose of bringing a person before the court, of acquiring jurisdiction over the property seized, to compel an appearance, to furnish security for debt or costs, or to arrest a fund in the hands of a third person who may become liable to pay it over.

Also the writ or other process for the accomplishment of the purposes above enumerated, this being the more common use of the word.

**Of persons.** A writ issued by a court of record, commanding the sheriff to bring before it a person who has been guilty of contempt of court, either in neglect or abuse of its process or of subordinate powers. 3 Bl. Comm. 280; 4 Bl. Comm. 283; Burbach v. Light Co., 119 Wis. 354, 96 N. W. 829.

**Of property.** A species of mesne process, by which a writ is issued at the institution or during the progress of an action, commanding the sheriff to seize the property, rights, credits, or effects of the defendant to be held as security for the satisfaction of such judgment as the plaintiff may recover. It is principally used against absconding, concealed, or fraudulent debtors. U. S. Cap. sure Co. v. Isaacs, 23 Ind. App. 533, 55 N. E. 832; Campbell v. Keys, 130 Mich. 127, 89 N. W. 720; Rempe v. Ravens, 68 Ohio St. 113, 67 N. E. 282.

**To give jurisdiction.** Where the defendant is a non-resident, or beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the court, his goods or land within the territory may be seized upon process of attachment; whereby he will be compelled to enter an appearance, or the court acquires jurisdiction so far as to dispose of the property attached. This is sometimes called "foreign attachment."

**Domestic and foreign.** In some jurisdictions it is common to give the name "domestic attachment" to one issuing against a resident debtor, (upon the special ground of fraud, intention to abscond, etc,) and to designate an attachment against a non-resident, or his property, as "foreign." Longwell v. Hartwell, 164 Pa. 533, 30 Atl. 495; Biddle v. Girard Nat. Bank, 109 Pa. 356. But the term "foreign attachment" more properly belongs to the process otherwise familiarly known as "garnishment." It was a peculiar and ancient remedy open to creditors within the jurisdiction of the city of London, by which they were enabled to satisfy their own debts by attaching or seizing the money or goods of the debtor in the hands of a third person within the jurisdiction of the city. Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 546. This power and process survive in modern law, in all common-law jurisdictions, and are variously denominated "garnishment," "trustee process," or "factorizing."

**Attachment execution.** A name given in some states to a process of garnishment for
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the satisfaction of a judgment. As to the judgment debtor it is an execution; but as to the garnishee it is an original process by which a man is summoned to appear and show cause, if any he has, why the judgment should not be levied on the goods and effects of the defendant in his hands. Kennedy v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 195 Pa. 179, 30 Atl. 724; Appeal of Lane, 105 Pa. 61, 51 Am. Rep. 166.—Attachment of property in the Federal constitution. Story, Const. § 484, 35 N. R 951, 23 L. R. A. 830, 37 Am. St.

ATTENDANCE. In old English law, the summons by which a party is commanded to appear and show cause, if any he has, why the judgment should not be levied on the goods and effects of the defendant in his hands. Kennedy v. Agricultural Ins. Co., 195 Pa. 179, 30 Atl. 724; Appeal of Lane, 105 Pa. 61, 51 Am. Rep. 166.

ATTAINED. That extinction of civil rights and capacities which takes place whenever a person who has committed treason or felony receives sentence of death for his crime. 1 Steph. Comm. 408; 1 Bish. Crim. Law, § 441; Green v. Shumway, 39 N. Y. 431; In re Garland, 32 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 251; Cozens v. Long, 3 N. J. Law, 766; State v. Hastings, 37 Neb. 96, 55 N. W. 731.

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It differs from conviction, in that it is after judgment, whereas conviction is upon the verdict guilty, but before judgment pronounced, and may be quashed upon some point of law reserved, or judgment may be arrested. The conviction is a declaratory of guilt, the attainder is a declaration of property and corruption of blood. 4 Bl. Comm. 380.

At the common law, attainder resulted in three ways, viz.: by confession, by verdict, and by process or outlawry. The first case was where the prisoner pleaded guilty at the bar, or having fled to sanctuary, confessed his guilt and abjured the realm to save his life. The second was where the prisoner pleaded not guilty at the bar, and the jury brought in a verdict against him. The third, when the person accused made his escape and was outlawed.

—Bill of attainder. A legislative act, directly proclaiming a designated person, pronouncing him guilty of an alleged crime, (usually treason,) without trial or conviction according to the recognized rules of procedure, and passing sentence of death and attainder upon him. "Bills of attainder," as they are technically called, are such special acts of the legislature as inflict a milder degree of punishment than death, it is called a "bill of pains and penalties," but both are included in the prohibition by which an act inflicts a milder degree of punishment than death, it is called a "bill of pains and penalties," but both are included in the prohibition.

ATTENDEE. One who owes a duty or service to another, or in some sort depends upon him. Termes de la Ley. One who follows and waits upon another.

ATTENDANT TERMS. In English law. Terms, (usually mortgages,) for a long period of years, which are created or kept out of the three courts formerly held in forests. The first case was where the prisoner pleaded guilty at the bar, or having fled to sanctuary, confessed his guilt and abjured the realm to save his life. The second was where the prisoner pleaded not guilty at the bar, and the jury brought in a verdict against him. The third, when the person accused made his escape and was outlawed.

There is a marked distinction between "attempt" and "intent." The former conveys the idea of physical effort to accomplish an act; the latter, the quality of mind with which an act was done. To charge, in an indictment, that the plaintiff should be restored to all that he lost by reason of the unjust verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 404; Co. Litt. 3906.

ATTAIN D'UNE CAUSE. In French law. The gain of a suit.

ATTENDANCE. In old English practice. A writ which lay to inquire whether a jury of twelve men had given a false verdict, in order that the judgment might be reversed. 3 Bl. Comm. 402; Bract. fol. 288b—292. This inquiry was made by a grand assise or jury of twenty-four persons, and, if they found the verdict a false one, the judgment was that the jurors should become infamous, should forfeit their goods and the profits of their lands, should themselves be imprisoned, and their wives and children thrust out of doors, should have their houses razed, their trees extirpated, and their meadows plowed up, and that the plaintiff should be restored to all that he lost by reason of the unjust verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 404; Co. Litt. 3906.

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A phrase used in conveying to denote estates which are kept alive, after the objects for which they were originally created have ceased, so that they might be deemed merged or satisfied, for the purpose of protecting or strengthening the title of the owner. Abbott.

ATTENDAT. Lat. He attempts. In the civil and canon law. Anything wrongfully innovated or attempted in a suit by an inferior judge, (or judge a quo,) pending an appeal. 1 Addams, 22, note; Shelf. Mar. & Div. 502.

ATTERMINE. In old English law. To put off to a succeeding term; to prolong
the time of payment of a debt. St. Westm. 2, c. 4; Cowell; Blount.

ATTERMINING. In old English law. A putting off; the granting of a time or term, as for the payment of a debt. Cowell.

ATTERMOIEMENT. In canon law. A making terms; a composition, as with creditors. 7 Low. Can. 272, 306.

ATTES. To witness the execution of a written instrument, at the request of him who makes it, and subscribe the same as a witness. White v. Magaraham, 87 Ga. 217, 13 S. E. 509; Logwood v. Hussey, 60 Ala. 424; Arrington v. Arrington, 122 Ala. 510, 26 South. 152. This is also the technical word by which, in the practice in many of the states, a certifying officer gives assurance of the genuineness and correctness of a copy.

An “attested” copy of a document is one which has been examined and compared with the original, with a certificate or memorandum of its correctness, signed by the persons who have examined it. Goss, etc., Co. v. People, 4 Ill. App. 515; Donaldson v. Wood, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 400; Gerner v. Mosher, 38 Neb. 153, 75 N. W. 334, 46 L. R. A. 244.

ATTENTION. The act of witnessing an instrument in writing, at the request of the party making the same, and subscribing it as a witness. See ATTES.

Execution and attestation are clearly distinct formalities; the former being the act of the party, the latter of the witnesses only.

—Attestation clause. That clause wherein the witnesses certify that the instrument has been executed before them, and the manner of the execution of the same.—Attesting witness. One who signs his name to an instrument in writing, at the request of the party or parties, for the purpose of proving and identifying it. Skinner v. Bible Soc, 92 Wis. 230, 56 W. 1037.

ATTORNEYS OF A CAUTIONER. In Scotch practice. A person who attests the sufficiency of a cautioner, and agrees to become subsidiarie liable for the debt. Bell.

ATTILE. In old English law. Rigging; tackle. Cowell.

ATTORN. In feudal law. To transfer or turn over to another. Where a lord alienated his seigniory, he might, with the consent of the tenant, and in some cases without, attorn or transfer the homage and service of the latter to the alleinee or new lord. Bract. fols. 818, 82.

In modern law. To consent to the transfer of a rent or reversion. A tenant is said to attorn when he agrees to become the tenant of the person to whom the reversion has been granted. See ATTORNMENT.

ATTERMORE. In feudal law. To attorn; to transfer or turn over; to appoint an attorney or substitute.

—Attorney rem. To turn over money or goods, &c., to assign or appropriate them to some particular use or service.

ATTORNATO FACIENDO VEL RECIPIENCE. In old English law. An obsolete writ which commanded a sheriff or steward of a county court or hundred court to receive and admit an attorney to appear for the person who owed suit of court. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 156.


ATTORNEY. In the most general sense this term denotes an agent or substitute, or one who is appointed and authorized to act in the place or stead of another. In re Ricker, 66 N. H. 207, 29 Atl. 559, 24 L. R. A. 740; Eichelberger v. Sitford, 27 Md. 320. It is “an ancient English word, and signifies one that is set in the turne, stead, or place of another; and of these some be private * * * and some be publicke, as attorneys at law.” Co. Litt. 51b, 128a; Britt. 285b.

One who is appointed by another to do something in his absence, and who has authority to act in his place and turn of him by whom he is delegated.

When used with reference to the proceedings of courts, or the transaction of business in the courts, the term always means “attorney at law,” q. v. And see People v. May, 3 Mich. 605; Kelly v. Herb, 147 Pa. 563, 23 Atl. 889; Clark v. Morse, 16 La. 576.

—Attorney ad hoc. See AD HOC.—Attorney at large. In old practice. An attorney who practised in all the courts. Cowell.—Attorney in fact. A private attorney authorized by another to act in his place and stead, either for some particular purpose, as to do a particular act, or for the transaction of business in general, not of a legal character. This authority is conferred by an instrument in writing, called a “letter of attorney,” or more commonly a “power of attorney.” Treat v. Tolman, 113 Fed. 893, 51 C. C. A. 522; Hall v. Sawyer, 47 Barb. (N. Y.) 119; White v. Purgeon, 29 Ind. App. 144, 44 N. E. 49—Attorney of record. The one whose name is entered on the record of an action or suit as the attorney of a designated party thereto. De Laney v. Husband, 64 N. J. Law, 275, 45 Atl. 265.—Attorney of the wards and livery. In English law. This was the third officer of the duchy court. Bac. Abr. “Attorney.”—Public attorney. This name is sometimes given to an attorney at law, as distinguished from a private attorney, or attorney in fact.—Attorney’s certificate. In English law. A certificate that the attorney named has paid the annual tax or duty. This is required to be taken out every year by all practising attorneys under a penalty of fifty pounds.—Attorney's lien. See LIEN.—Letter of attorney. A power of attorney; a written instrument by which one person constitutes another his true and lawful attorney, in order that the latter may do for the former, and in his place and
ATTORNEY AT LAW


ATTORNEY AT LAW. An advocate, counsel, official agent employed in preparing, managing, and trying cases in the courts. An officer in a court of justice, who is employed by a party in a cause to manage the same for him.

In English law. An attorney at law was a public officer belonging to the superior courts of common law at Westminster, who conducted legal proceedings on behalf of others, called his clients, by whom he was retained; he answered to the solicitor in the courts of chancery, and the proctor of the admiralty, ecclesiastical, probate, and divorce courts. An attorney was almost invariably also a solicitor. It is now provided by the judicature act, 1873, § 87, that solicitors, attorneys, or proctors of, or by law empowered to practise in, any court the jurisdiction of which is by that act transferred to the high court of justice or the court of appeal, shall be called "solicitors of the supreme court." Wharton.

The term is in use in America, and in most of the states includes "barrister," "counselor," and "solicitor," in the sense in which those terms are used in England. In some states, as well as in the United States supreme court, "attorney" and "counselor" are distinguishable, as well as in the United States supreme court, and "solicitor," in the sense in which those terms are used in England. In some states, the former term being applied to the younger members of the bar, and to those who carry on the practice and formal parts of the suit, while "counselor" is the adviser, or special counsel retained to try the cause. In some jurisdictions one must have been an attorney for a given time before he can be admitted to practise as a counselor. Rap. & L.

ATTORNEY GENERAL. In English law. The chief law officer of the realm, being created by letters patent, whose office is for the advice of the cabinet, and to prosecute for the crown in matters criminal, and to file bills in the exchequer in any matter concerning the king's revenue. State v. Cunningham, 83 Wis. 90, 53 N. W. 25, 17 L. R. A. 145, 25 Am. St. Rep. 27.

In American law. The attorney general of the United States is the head of the department of justice, appointed by the president, and a member of the cabinet. He appears in behalf of the government in all cases in the supreme court in which it is interested, and gives his legal advice to the president and heads of departments upon questions submitted to him. In each state also there is an attorney general, or similar officer, who appears for the people, as in England the attorney general appears for the crown. State v. District Court, 22 Mont. 25, 55 Pac. 916; People v. Kramer, 33 Misc. Rep. 200, 68 N. Y. Supp. 593.

ATTORNEYSHIP. The office of an agent or attorney.

ATTORNEMENT. In feudal and old English law. A turning over or transfer by a lord of the services of his tenant to the grantee of his seigniory.

ATTORNEMENT is the act of a person who holds a leasehold interest in land, or estate for life or years, by which he agrees to become the tenant of a stranger who has acquired the fee in the land, or the remainder or reversion, or the right to the rent or services by which the tenant holds. Landley v. Dakin, 13 Ind. 385; Willis v. Moore, 59 Tex. 536, 46 Am. Rep. 284; Foster v. Morris, 3 A. K. Marsh. (Ky.) 610, 13 Am. Dec. 205.

AU BESOIN. In case of need. A French phrase sometimes incorporated in a bill of exchange, pointing out some person from whom payment may be sought in case the drawee fails or refuses to pay the bill. Story, Bills, § 63.

AUBAINE. See Droit d'Aubaine.


A sale by auction is a sale by public outcry to the highest bidder on the spot. Civ. Code Cal. § 1792; Civ. Code Dak. § 1022.

The sale by auction is that which takes place when the thing is offered publicly to be sold to whoever will give the highest price. Civ. Code La. art. 2601.

Auction is very generally defined as a sale to the highest bidder, and this is the usual meaning. There may, however, be a sale to the lowest bidder, as where land is sold for non-payment of taxes to whomsoever will take it for the shortest term, or where a contract is offered to the one who will perform it at the lowest price. And these appear fairly included in the term "auction." Abbott.

-Dutch auction. A method of sale by auction which consists in the public offer of the property at a price beyond its value, and then gradually lowering the price until some one becomes the purchaser. Crandall v. State, 28 Ohio St. 482.—Public auction. A sale of property at auction, where any and all persons who choose are permitted to attend and offer bids. Though this phrase is frequently used, it is doubtful whether the word "public" adds anything to the force of the expression, since "auction" itself imports publicity. If there can be such a thing as a private auction, it must be one where the property is sold to the highest bidder, but only certain persons, or a certain class of persons, are permitted to be present or to offer bids.

AUCTONARIE. Catalogues of goods for public sale or auction.

AUCTONARIUS. One who bought and sold again at an increased price; an auctioneer. Spelman.

AUCTONER. A person authorized or licensed by law to sell lands or goods of other persons at public auction; one who
sells at auction. Crandall v. State, 28 Ohio St. 481; Williams v. Millington, 1 H. Bl. 83; Russell v. Miner, 5 Lans. (N. Y.) 539.

Auctioneers differ from brokers, in that the latter may both buy and sell, whereas auctioneers can only sell; also brokers may sell by private contract only, and auctioneers by public auction only. Auctioneers can only sell goods for ready money, but factors may sell upon credit. Wilkes v. Ellis, 2 H. Bl. 557; Steward v. Winters, 4 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 590.

AUCTOR. In the Roman law. An auctioneer.

In the civil law. A grantor or vendor of any kind.


AUCTORITAS. In the civil law. Authority.

In old European law. A diploma, or royal charter. A word frequently used by Gregory of Tours and later writers. Spelman.

Auctoritates philosophorum, medicorum, et poetarum, sunt in causis allegrandae et tenendae. The opinions of philosophers, physicians, and poets are to be alleged and received in causes. Co. Litt. 264.

Aucupia verborum sunt judice indigina. Catching at words is unworthy of a judge. Hob. 345.

Audiat alteram partem. Hear the other side; hear both sides. No man should be condemned unheard. Broom, Max. 113. See L. R. 2 P. C. 106.

AUDIENCE. In international law. A hearing; interview with the sovereign. The king or other chief executive of a country grants an audience to a foreign minister who comes to him duly accredited; and, after the recall of a minister, an "audience of leave" ordinarily is accorded to him.

AUDIENCE COURT. In English law. A court belonging to the Archbishop of Canterbury, having jurisdiction of matters of form only, as the confirmation of bishops, and the like. This court has the same authority with the Court of Arches, but is of inferior dignity and antiquity. The Dean of the Arches is the official auditor of the Audience court. The Archbishop of York has also his Audience court.

AUDIENDO ET TERMINANDO. A prerogative of some bishops, to confirm the appointments of any bishop, or of a deputy authorized.

AUDIT. As a verb; to make an official investigation and examination of accounts and vouchers.

As a noun; the process of auditing accounts; the hearing and investigation had before an auditor. People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 200; Maddox v. Randolph County, 65 Ga. 218; Machias River Co. v. Pope, 35 Me. 22; Cobb County v. Adams, 68 Ga. 51; Clement v. Lewiston, 97 Me. 85, 63 Atl. 983; People v. Barnes, 114 N. Y. 317, 20 N. B. 600; In re Clark, 5 Fed. Cas. 854.

AUDITA QUERELA. The name of a writ constituting the initial process in an action brought by a judgment defendant to obtain relief against the consequences of the judgment, on account of some matter of defense or discharge, arising since its rendition and which could not be taken advantage of otherwise. Foss v. Witham, 9 Allen (Mass.) 572; Longworth v. Screven, 2 Hill (S. C.) 285, 27 Am. Dec. 381; McLean v. Bindley, 114 Pa. 559, 8 Atl. 1; Wetmore v. Law, 34 Barb. (N. Y.) 517; Manning v. Phillips, 65 Ga. 559; Coffin v. Ewer, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 228; Gleason v. Peck, 12 Vt. 56, 38 Am. Dec. 329.

AUDITOR. A public officer whose function is to examine and pass upon the accounts and vouchers of officers who have received and expended public money by lawful authority.

In practice. An officer (or officers) of the court, assigned to state the items of debit and credit between the parties in a suit where accounts are in question, and exhibit the balance. Whitwell v. Willard, 1 Mete. (Mass.) 218.

In English law. An officer or agent of the crown, or of a private individual, or corporation, who examines periodically the accounts of under officers, tenants, stewards, or bailiffs, and reports the state of their accounts to his principal.

—Auditor of the receipts. An officer of the English exchequer. 4 Inst. 107.—Auditors of the imprest. Officers in the English exchequer, who formerly had the charge of auditing the accounts of the customs, naval and military expenses, etc., now performed by the commissioners for auditing public accounts.

AUGMENTATION. The increase of the crown's revenues from the suppression of religious houses and the appropriation of their lands and revenues. Also the name of a court (now abolished) erected 27 Hen. VIII., to determine suits and controversies relating to monasteries and abbey-lands.

Augusta legisb soluta non est. The empress or queen is not privileged or exempted from subjection to the laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 219; Dig. 1, 3, 31.

AULA. In old English law. A hall, or court; the court of a baron, or manor; a court baron. Spelman.

—Aula ecclesiae. A nave or body of a church where temporal courts were anciently held.—Aula regis. The chief court of England in
early Norman times. It was established by William the Conqueror in his own hall. It was composed of the great officers of state, resident in the palace, and followed the king's household in all his expeditions.

AULNAGE. See ALNAGER.

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AUMEEN. In Indian law. Trustee; commissioner; a temporary collector or supervisor, appointed to the charge of a country on the removal of a zamindar, or for any other particular purpose of local investigation or arrangement.

AUMIL. In Indian law. Agent; officer; native collector of revenue; superintendent of a district or division of a country, either on the part of the government zamindar or renter.

AUMILDAAR. In Indian law. Agent; the holder of an office; an intendant and collector of the revenue, uniting civil, military, and financial powers under the Mohammedan government.

AUMONE, SERVICE IN. Where lands are given in alms to some church or religious house, upon condition that a service or prayers shall be offered at certain times for the repose of the donor's soul. Brit. 164.

AUNCIL WEIGHT. In English law. An ancient mode of weighing, described by Cowell as "a kind of weight with scales hanging, or hooks fastened to each end of a staff, which a man, lifting up upon his forefinger or hand, discerneth the quality or difference between the weight and the thing weighed."

AUNT. The sister of one's father or mother, and a relation in the third degree, correlative to niece or nephew.

AURA EPILEPTICA. In medical jurisprudence. A term used to designate the sensation of a cold vapor frequently experienced by epileptics before the loss of consciousness occurs in an epileptic fit. Aurentz v. Anderson, 3 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 311.

AURES. A Saxon punishment by cutting off the ears, inflicted on those who robbed churches, or were guilty of any other theft.

AURUM REGINÆ. Queen's gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king.

AUTHENTIC. Genuine; true; having the character and authority of an original; duly vested with all necessary formalities and legally attested; competent, credible, and reliable as evidence. Downing v. Brown, 3 Colo. 390.

AUTHENTIC ACT. In the civil law. An act which has been executed before a notary or other public officer authorized to execute such functions, or which is testified by a public seal, or has been rendered public by the authority of a competent magistrate, or which is certified as being a copy of a public register. Nov. 73, c. 2; Cod. 7, 52, 6, 4, 21; Dig. 22, 4.

The authentic act, as relates to contracts, is that which has been executed before a notary public or other officer authorized to execute such functions, in presence of two witnesses, free, male, and aged at least fourteen years, or of three witnesses, if the party be blind. If the party does not know how to sign, the notary must cause him to affix his mark to the Instrument. All procès voluptes of sales of succession property, signed by the sheriff or other person making the same, by the purchaser and two witnesses, are authentic acts. Civil Code La. art. 2234.

AUTHENTICATION. In the law of evidence. The act or mode of giving authority or legal authenticity to a statute, record, or other written instrument, or a certified copy thereof, so as to render it legally admissible in evidence. Mayfield v. Sears, 133 Ind. 86, 32 N. E. 816; Hartley v. Ferrell, 9 Fla. 380; In re Fowler (C. C.) 4 Fed. 303.

An attestation made by a proper officer by which he certifies that a record is in due form of law, and that the person who certifies it is the officer appointed so to do.

AUTHENTICS. In the civil law. A Latin translation of the Novels of Justinian by an anonymous author; so called because the Novels were translated entière, in order to distinguish it from the epitome made by Julian. There is another collection so called, compiled by Irmler, of incorrect extracts from the Novels and inserted by him in the Code, in the places to which they refer.

AUTHENTICUM. In the civil law. An original instrument or writing; the original of a will or other instrument, as distinguished from a copy. Dig. 22, 4, 2; Id. 29, 3, 12.

AUTHORITIES. Citations to statutes, precedents, judicial decisions, and textbooks of the law, made on the argument of questions of law or the trial of causes before a court, in support of the legal positions contended for.

AUTHORITY. In contracts. The lawful delegation of power by one person to another.

In the English law relating to public administration, an authority is a body having jurisdiction in certain matters of a public nature.

In governmental law. Legal power; a right to command or to act; the right and power of public officers to require obedience to their orders lawfully issued in the scope of their public duties.

Authority to execute a deed must be given by deed. Com. Dig. "Attorney," C, 5; 4 Term. 213; 7 Term, 207; 1 Holt, 141; Blood v. Goodrich, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 68, 75, 24 Am. Dec. 121; Banogere v. Hovey, 5 Mass. 11, 4 Am. Dec. 17; Cooper v. Rankin, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 613.

AUTOCORDADO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign. Schm. Civil Law, 93.

AUTOCRACY. The name of an unlimited monarchical government. A government at the will of one man, (called an "autocrat"), unchecked by constitutional restrictions or limitations.

AUTOGRAPH. The handwriting of any one.

AUTOMATISM. In medical jurisprudence, this term is applied to actions or conduct of an individual apparently occurring without will, purpose, or reasoned intention on his part; a condition sometimes observed in persons who, without being actually insane, suffer from an obscuration of the mental faculties, loss of volition or of memory, or kindred affections. "Ambulatory automatism" describes the pathological impulse to purposeless and irresponsible wanderings from place to place often characteristic of patients suffering from loss of memory with dissociation of personality.

AUTONOMY. The political independence of a nation; the right (and condition) of self-government.


AYRE. L Fr. Another.

Again action pendant. Another action pending.

Again droit. The right of another.

Again vie. Another's life. A person holding an estate for or during the life of another is called a tenant "pur autre vie," or "pur terme d'autre vie." Litt. § 66; 2 Bl. Comm. 120.

AUTREFOIS. L Fr. At another time; formerly; before; heretofore.

Formerly acquit. In criminal law. Formerly acquitted. The name of a plea in bar to a criminal action, stating that the defendant has been once already indicted and tried for the same alleged offense and has been acquitted. Simco v. State, 9 Tex. App. 348; U. S. v. Olsen, 25 Fed. 1, 120; Autrefois attaint. In criminal law. Formerly attainted. A plea that the defendant has already been attainted for one felony, and therefore cannot be criminally prosecuted for another. 4 Bl. Comm. 336—Autrefois convici. Formerly convicted. In criminal law. A plea by a criminal in bar to an indictment that he has been formerly convicted of the same identical crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 336; 4 Steph. Comm. 404; Simco v. State, 9 Tex. App. 348; U. S. v. Olsen (D. C. Cin. Fed. 652; Shepherd v. People, 25 N. Y. 420.


AUXILIUM. In feudal and old English law Aid; compulsory aid, hence a tax or tribute; a kind of tribute paid by the vassal to his lord, being one of the incidents of the tenure by knight's service. Spelman.

AUXILIUM ad fillum militem faciendum et fillam maritandam. An ancient writ which was addressed to the sheriff to levy compulsorily an aid towards the knighting of a son or the marrying of a daughter of the tenant in capite of the crown—AUXILIUM curiae. In old English law. A precept or order of court citing and convening a party, at the suit and request of another, to warrant something—AUXILIUM regis. In English law. The king's aid or money levied for the royal use and the public service, as taxes granted by parliament. —AUXILIUM vice comitii. An ancient duty paid to sheriffs. Cowell.

AVAIL OF MARRIAGE. In feudal law. The right of marriage, which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony. A guardian in socage had also the same right, but not attended with the same advantage. 2 Bl. Comm. 88.

In Scotch law. A certain sum due by the heir of a deceased ward vassal, when the heir became of marriageable age. Ersk. Inst. 2, 5, 18.

AVAILABLE MEANS. This phrase, among mercantile men, is a term well understood to be anything which can readily be converted into money; but it is not necessarily or primarily money itself. McFadden v. Leeka, 48 Ohio St. 513, 28 N. E. 874;
AVAILS. Profits, or proceeds. This word seems to have been construed only in reference to wills, and in them it means the corpus or proceeds of the estate after the payment of the debts. 1 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1039. See Allen v. De Witt, 3 N. T. 279; McNaughton v. McNaughton, 34 N. Y. 201.

AVAL. In French law. The guaranty of a bill of exchange; so called because usually placed at the foot or bottom (aval) of the bill. Story, Bills, §§ 394, 454. The act of subscribing one's signature at the bottom of a promissory note or of a bill of exchange; properly an act of suretyship, by the party signing, in favor of the party to whom the note or bill is given. 1 Low. Can. 221.

AVANTURE. L. Fr. Chance; hazard; mischance.

AVARIA, AVARIE. Average; the loss and damage suffered in the course of a navigation. Poth. Mar. Louage, 105.

AVERAGE. A certain quantity of oats paid by a tenant to his landlord as rent, or in lieu of some other duties.

AVENAGE. A certain quantity of oats paid by a tenant to his landlord as rent, or in lieu of some other duties.

AVENTURE, or ADVENTURE. A mischance causing the death of a man, as where a person is suddenly drowned or killed by any accident, without felony. Co. Litt. 391.

AVER. L. Fr. To have.

—Aver et tener. In old conveyancing. To have and to hold.

AVER, v. In pleading. To declare or assert; to set out distinctly and formally; to allege.

In old pleading. To avouch or verify. Litt. § 691; Co. Litt. 362b. To make or prove true; to make good or justify a plea.

AVER, n. In old English and French. Property; substance, estate, and particularly live stock or cattle; hence a working beast; a horse or bullock.

—Aver corn. A rent reserved to religious houses, to be paid by their tenants in corn.

—Aver land. In feudal law. Land plowed by the tenant for the proper use of the lord of the soil—Aver penny. Money paid towards the king's averages or carriages, and so to be freed thereof.—Aver silver. A custom or rent formerly so called.

AVERAGE. A medium, a mean proportion.

In old English law. A service by horse or carriage, ancienly due by a tenant to his lord. Cowell. A labor or service performed with working cattle, horses, or oxen, or with wagons and carriages. Spelman.

Stubble, or remainder of straw and grass left in corn-fields after harvest. In Kent it is called "wattoon," and in other parts "roughings."

In maritime law. Loss or damage accidentally happening to a vessel or to its cargo during a voyage. Also a small duty paid to masters of ships, when goods are sent in another man's ship, for their care of the goods, over and above the freight.

In marine insurance. Where loss or damage occurs to a vessel or its cargo at sea, average is the adjustment and apportionment of such loss between the owner, the freight, and the cargo, in proportion to their respective interests and losses, in order that one may not suffer the whole loss, but each contribute ratably. Coster v. Insurance Co., 2 Wash. C. C. 51, 6 Fed. Cas. 611; Insurance Co. v. Bland, 9 Dana (Ky.) 147; Whitteridge v. Norris, 6 Mass. 125; Nickerson v. Tyson, 8 Mass. 467; Insurance Co. v. Jones, 2 Hin. (Pa.) 532. It is of the following kinds:

General average (also called "gross") consists of expense purposely incurred, sacrifice made, or damage sustained for the common safety of the vessel, freight, and cargo, or the two of them, at risk, and is to be contributed for by the several interests in the proportion of their respective values exposed to the common danger, and ultimately surviving, including the amount of expense, sacrifice, or damage so incurred in the contributory value. 2 Phil. Ins. § 1269 et seq. 2 Steph. Comm. 179; Padelford v. Boardman, 4 Mass. 548.

Particular average is a loss happening to the ship, freight, or cargo which is not to be shared by contribution among all those interested, but must be borne by the owner of the subject to which it occurs. It is thus called in contradistinction to general average. Bargett v. Insurance Co., 3 Bosw. (N. Y.) 395.

Petty average. In maritime law. A term used to denote such charges and disbursements as, according to occurrences and the custom of every place, the master necessarily furnishes for the benefit of the ship and cargo, either at the place of loading or unloading, or on the voyage; such as the hire of a pilot for conducting a vessel from one place to another, towage, light money, beaconage, anchorage, bridge toll, quarantine and such like. Park, Ins. 100. The particulars belonging to this head depend, however, entirely upon usage. Abb. Ship. 404.

Simple average. Particular average, (q. v.)

—Average charges. "Average charges for toll and transportation" are understood to mean, and do mean, charges made at a mean rate, obtained by dividing the entire receipts for toll
and transportation by the whole quantity of tonnage carried, reduced to a common standard of tons moved one mile. Hersh v. Railway Co., 74 Pa. 130.—Average prices. Such as are computed on all the prices of any articles sold within a certain period or district.—Gross average. In maritime law. A contribution made by the owners of a ship, its cargo, and the freight, towards the loss sustained by the voluntary and necessary sacrifice of property for the common safety, in proportion to their respective interests. More commonly called "general average," (q. v.) See 3 Kent, Comm. 222; 2 Steph. Comm. 179. Wilson v. Cross, 33 Cal. 69.

AVERIA. In old English law. This term was applied to working cattle, such as horses, oxen, etc.

—Averia carrum. Beasts of the plow.—Averis capitis in withernam. A writ granted to one whose cattle were unlawfully detained by another and driven out of the county in which they were taken, so that they could not be reprieved by the sheriff. Reg. Orig. 82.

AVERMENT. In pleading. A positive statement of facts, in opposition to argument or inference. 1 Chit. Pl. 320.

In old pleading. An offer to prove a plea, or pleading. The concluding part of a plea, replication, or other pleading, containing new affirmative matter, by which the party offers or declares himself "ready to verify."

AVERRARE. In feudal law. A duty required from some customary tenants, to carry goods in a wagon or upon loaded horses.

AVERSIO. In the civil law. An averting or turning away. A term applied to a species of sale in gross or bulk. Letting a house altogether, instead of in chambers. 4 Kent, Comm. 517.

—Aversio periculi. A turning away of peril. Used of a contract of insurance. 3 Kent, Comm. 203.

AVERUM. Goods, property, substance; a beast of burden. Speiman.

AVET. A term used in the Scotch law, signifying to abet or assist.

AVIA. In the civil law. A grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3.

AVIATICUS. In the civil law. A grandmother.

AVIZANDUM. In Scotch law. To make avizandum with a process is to take it from the public court to the private consideration of the judge. Bell.

AVOCAT. Fr. Advocate; an advocate.

AVOID. To annul; cancel; make void; to destroy the efficacy of anything.
denies that the plaintiff had the right of property or possession in the subject-matter, alleging it to have been in the defendant or a third person, or avers a right sufficient to warrant the defendant in taking it, although such right has not continued in force to the time of making answer.

**AVOWTERER.** In English law. An adulterer with whom a married woman continues in adultery. *Termes de la Ley.*

**AVOWTRY.** In old English law. Adultery. *Termes de la Ley.*

**AVULSION.** The removal of a considerable quantity of soil from the land of one man, and its deposit upon or annexation to the land of another, suddenly and by the perceptible action of water. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 452. The property of the part thus separated continues in the original proprietor, in which respect avulsion differs from alluvion, by which an addition is insensibly made to a property by the gradual washing down of the river, and which addition becomes the property of the owner of the lands to which the addition is made. Wharton. And see Rees v. McDaniel, 115 Mo. 145, 21 S. W. 913; Nebraska v. Iowa, 143 U. S. 359, 12 Sup. Ct. 396, 36 L. Ed. 186; Bouvier v. Stricklett, 40 Neb. 792, 59 N. W. 550; Chicago v. Ward, 169 Ill. 392, 48 N. E. 927, 38 L. R. A. 849, 38 Am. St Rep. 185.

**AVUNCULUS.** In the civil law. A mother's brother. 2 Bl. Comm. 230. *Avunculus magnus,* a great-uncle. *Avunculus major,* a great-grandmother's brother. *Avunculus maximus,* a great-great-grandmother's brother. See Dig. 38, 10, 10; Inst. 3, 6, 2.

**AVUS.** In the civil law. A grandfather Inst. 3, 6, 1.

**AWAIT.** A term used in old statutes, signifying a lying in wait, or waylaying.

**AWARD,** v. To grant, concede, adjudge to. Thus, a jury *awards* damages; the court *awards* an injunction. Starkey v. Minneapolis, 19 Minn. 206 (Gil. 186).

**AWARD,** n. The decision or determination rendered by arbitrators or commissioners, or other private or extrajudicial decisioners, upon a controversy submitted to them; also the writing or document embodying such decision. Halnon v. Halnon, 55 Vt. 321; Henderson v. Beaton, 52 Tex. 43; Peters v. Peirce, 8 Mass. 398; Benjamin v. U. S., 29 Ct. Cl. 417.

**AWAY-GOING CROP.** A crop sown before the expiration of a tenancy, which cannot ripen until after its expiration, to which, however, the tenant is entitled. Broom, Max. 412.

**AWM.** In old English statutes. A measure of wine, or vessel containing forty galsons.

**AXIOM.** In logic. A self-evident truth; an indisputable truth.

**AYANT CAUSE.** In French law. This term signifies one to whom a right has been assigned, either by will, gift, sale, exchange, or the like; an assignee. An *ayant cause* differs from an heir who acquires the right by inheritance. 8 Toullier, n. 245. The term is used in Louisiana.

**AYLE.** See *Aire.*

**AYRE.** In old Scotch law. Eyre; a circuit, eyre, or iter.

**AYUNTAMIENTO.** In Spanish law. A congress of persons; the municipal council of a city or town. 1 White, Coll. 416; Friedman v. Goodwin, 9 Fed. Cas. 818.

**AZURE.** A term used in heraldry, signifying blue.
B. The second letter of the English alphabet; is used to denote the second of a series of pages, notes, etc.; the subsequent letters, the third and following numbers.

B. C. An abbreviation for "before Christ," "ball court," "bankruptcy cases," and "British Columbia."

B. E. An abbreviation for "Baron of the Court of Exchequer."

B. F. An abbreviation for bonum factum, a good or proper act, deed, or decree; signifies "approved."

B. R. An abbreviation for Bancus Regis, (King's Bench,) or Bancus Regince, (Queen's Bench.) It is frequently found in the old books as a designation of that court. In more recent usage, the initial letters of the English names are ordinarily employed, i. e., K. B. or Q. B.

B. S. Bancus Superior, that is, upper bench.

"BABY ACT." A plea of Infancy, interposed for the purpose of defeating an action upon a contract made while the person was a minor, is vulgarly called "pleading the baby act." By extension, the term is applied to a plea of the statute of limitations.

BACHELERIA. In old records. Commonalty or yeomanry, in contradistinction to baronage.

BACHELOR. The holder of the first or lowest degree conferred by a college or university, e. g., a bachelor of arts, bachelor of law, etc. A kind of inferior knight; an esquire. A man who has never been married.

BACK. v. To indorse; to sign on the back; to sign generally by way of acceptance or approval. Where a warrant issued in one county is presented to a magistrate of another county and he signs it for the purpose of making it executory in his county, he is said to "back" it. 4 Bl. Comm. 291. So an indorser of a note or bill is colloquially said to "back" it. Seabury v. Hungerford, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 80.

BACK, adv. To the rear; backward; in a reverse direction. Also, in arrear.

—Back lands. A term of no very definite import, but generally signifying lands lying back from (not continuous to) a highway or a watercourse. See Ryers v. Wheeler, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 150. —Back taxes. Those assessed for a previous year or years and remaining due and unpaid from the original tax debtor. M. E. Church v. New Orleans, 107 La. 611, 32 South. 101; Gaines v. Galbraith, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 363. —Backwater. Water in a stream which, in consequence of some dam or obstruction below, is detained or checked in its course, or flows back. Hodges v. Raymond, 9 Mass. 316; Chambers v. Kyle, 87 Ind. 85. Water caused to flow backward from a steam-vessel by reason of the action of its wheels or screw.

BACKBEAR. In forest law. Carrying on the back. One of the cases in which an offender against vert and venison might be arrested, as being taken with the malnour, or manner, or found carrying a deer off on his back. Manwood; Cowell.

BACKBEREND. Sax. Bearing upon the back or about the person. Applied to a thief taken with the stolen property in his immediate possession. Bract. 1, 3, tr. 2, c. 32. Used with handhabend, having in the hand.

BACKBOND. In Scotch law. A deed attaching a qualification or condition to the terms of a conveyance or other instrument. This deed is used when particular circumstances render it necessary to express in a separate form the limitations or qualifications of a right. Bell. The instrument is equivalent to a declaration of trust in English conveyancing.

BACKING. Indorsement; indorsement by a magistrate.

BACKING A WARRANT. See BACK.

BACKSIDE. In English law. A term formerly used in conveyances and also in pleading; it imports a yard at the back part of or behind a house, and belonging thereto.

BACKWARDATION. In the language of the stock exchange, this term signifies a consideration paid for delay in the delivery of stock contracted for, when the price is lower for time than for cash. Dos Passos, Stock-Brok. 270.

BACKWARDS. In a policy of marine insurance, the phrase "forwards and backwards at sea" means from port to port in the course of the voyage, and not merely from one terminus to the other and back. 1 Taunt. 475.

BACULUS. A rod, staff, or wand, used in old English practice in making livery of seizin where no building stood on the land, (Bract. 40;) a stick or wand, by the erection of which on the land involved in a real action the defendant was summoned to put in his appearance; this was called "baculus nuntiatorius." 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

BAD. Substantially defective; inapt; not good. The technical word for unsoundness in pleading.

—Bad debt. Generally speaking, one which is uncollectible. But technically, by statute in
some states, the word may have a more precise meaning. In Louisiana, for instance, the term does not include those which have been prescribed against (barred by limitations) and those due by bankrupts who have not surrendered any property to be divided among their creditors. Civil Code La. 1900, art. 1048. In North Dakota, as applied to the management of banking associations, the term means all debts due to the association on which the interest is past due and unpaid for a period of six months, unless the same are well secured and in process of collection. Rev. Codes N. D. 1894, § 2240—End for bad faith. The opposite of “good faith,” generally implying or involving actual or constructive fraud, or a design to mislead or deceive another, or a negligence refusal to do some duty or some contractual obligation, not prompted by an honest mistake as to one’s rights or duties, but by some interested or sinister motive. Hilgenberg v. Norr, 154 Ind. 92, 33 N. E. 786; Morton v. Immigration Ass’n, 70 Ala. 617; Coleman v. Billings, 89 Ill. 191; Lewis v. Holmes, 109 La. 1090, 39 South. 60, 61 L. R. A. 274; Harris v. Harris, 70 Va. 174; Penn Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Trust Co., 73 Fed. 655, 19 C. C. A. 316, 38 L. R. A. 32, 70; Insurance Co. v. Edwards, 74 Ga. 320—Bad faith. One which conveys no property to the purchaser of the estate; one which is so radically defective that it is not marketable, and hence such that a purchaser cannot be legally compelled to accept it. Heller v. Cohen, 15 Misc. Rep. 378, 36 N. Y. Supp. 668.

BADGE. A mark or cognizance worn to show the relation of the wearer to any person or thing: the token of anything; a distinctive mark of office or service.

BADGE OF FRAUD. A term used relatively to the law of fraudulent conveyances made to hinder and defraud creditors. It is defined as a fact tending to throw suspicion upon a transaction, and calling for an explanation. Bump, Fraud. Conv. 31; Gould v. Sanders, 69 Mich. 5, 37 N. W. 37; Bryant v. Kelton, 1 Tex. 420; Goshoen v. Snodgrass, 17 W. Va. 708; Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 213, 30 Atl. 504; Phelps v. Samson, 113 Iowa, 143, 84 N. W. 1031.

BADGER. In old English law. One who made a practice of buying corn or victuals in one place, and carrying them to another to sell and make profit by them.

BAG. A sack or satchel. A certain and customary quantity of goods and merchandise in a sack. Wharton.

BAGA. In English law. A bag or purse. Thus there is the petty-bag-office in the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery. That is all original jurisdiction cases those the business of the crown were formerly kept in a little sack or bag, in parvo bagae. 1 Madd Ch. 4.

BAGGAGE. In the law of carriers. This term comprises such articles of personal convenience or necessity as are usually carried by passengers for their personal use, and not merchandise or other valuables, although carried in the trunks of passengers, which are not designed for any such use, but for other purposes, such as a sale and the like. The term includes whatever the passenger takes with him for his personal use or convenience according to the habits or wants of the particular class to which he belongs, either with reference to the immediate necessities or ultimate purpose of the journey. Macrow v. Railway Co., L. R. 6 Q. B. 612; Bomar v. Maxwell, 9 Humph. (Tenn.) 621, 51 Am. Dec. 682; Railroad Co. v. Collins, 56 Ill. 217; Hawkins v. Hoffman, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 590, 41 Am. Dec. 767; Mauritz v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 23 Fed. 771; Dexten v. Railroad Co., 42 N. Y. 220, 1 Am. Rep. 527; Story, Bailm. § 490.

BAHADUM. A chest or coffer. Fleta.

BAI1, v. To procure the release of a person from legal custody, by undertaking that he shall appear at the time and place designated, and submit himself to the jurisdiction and judgment of the court.

To set at liberty a person arrested or imprisoned, on security being taken for his appearance on a day and a place certain, which security is called “bail,” because the party arrested or imprisoned is delivered into the hands of those who bind themselves for his forthcoming, (that is, become bail for his due appearance when required.) in order that he may be safely protected from prison Wharton. Stafford v. State, 10 Tex. App. 49.

BAIL, n. In practice. The sureties who procure the release of a person under arrest, by becoming responsible for his appearance at the time and place designated. Those persons who become sureties for the appearance of the defendant in court.

Upon those contracts of indemnity which are taken in legal proceedings as security for the performance of an obligation imposed or declared by the tribunals, and known as undertakings or recognizances, the sureties are called “bail.” Civil Code Cal. § 2783.

The taking of bail consists in the acceptance by a competent court, magistrate, or officer, of sufficient bail for the appearance of the defendant according to the legal effect of his undertaking, or for the payment to the state of a certain specified sum if he does not appear. Code Ala. 1886, § 4407.

—Bail absolute. Sureties whose liability is conditioned upon the failure of the principal to duly account for money coming to his hands as administrator, guardian, etc.—Bail-bond. A bond executed by a defendant who has been arrested, together with other persons as sureties, naming the sheriff, constable, or marshal as obligee, in a penal sum proportioned to the damages claimed or penalty denounced, conditioned that the defendant shall duly appear to answer to the legal process in the officer’s hands, or shall cause special bail to be put in, as the case may be.—Bail common. A fictitious proceeding, intended only to express the appearance of the defendant, in which special bail is not required. It is put in in the same form as special bail, but the sureties are merely nominal or imaginary persons, as John Doe and Richard Roe. 3 Bl. Comm. 297—Bail court. In English law and practice. An auxiliary court of the court of queen’s bench at Westminster, wherein points connected more
particularly with pleading and practice are argued and determined. Holthouse.—Ball in error. That given by a defendant who intends to bring a writ of error on the judgment and desire a stay of execution in the mean time.—Ball piece. A formal entry or memorandum of the fact or evidence or use of special bail in civil actions, which, after being signed and acknowledged by the bail before the proper officer, is filed in the court in which the action is pending. 8 Bl. Comm. 201; 1 Tidd, Pr. 250; Worthen v. Prescott, 60 Vt. 68, 11 Atl. 690; Nicholls v. Ingersoll, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 154. —Ball to the action or bail below. Special bail, (q. v.);—Ball to the sheriff, or bail below. In practice. Persons who undertake that a defendant arrested upon mesne process in a civil action shall duly appear to answer the plaintiff; such undertaking being in the form of a bond given to the sheriff, termed a "ballbond." —Ball to the sheriff. Nominal or worthless bail, of which the parole persons, or agents of property, who make a practice of going for bail for any one who will pay them a fee therefor.

BAIL. Fr. In French and Canadian law. A lease of lands.——Ball à chéptel. A contract by which one of the parties gives to the other cattle to keep, feed, and care for, the borrower receiving half the profit of increase, and bearing half the loss.——Ball à longues années. A lease for more than nine years; the same as bail emphyteutique or an emphyteutic lease.——Ball à loyer. A contract of letting houses.——Ball à rente. A contract partaking of the nature of the contract of sale, and that of the contract of lease; it is translative of property, and the rent is essentially redeemable. Clark's Heirs v. Christ's Church, 4 La. 242.——Ball to the sheriff. A contract by which one who will pay them a fee therefor, (q. v.) to superintend the manor, collection of fines, and quit rents, inspect the buildings, and also to execute writs and process in the several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 345; 3 Steph. Comm. 29; Bract, fol. 116—Bailiffs of hundreds.——Ball engine. A contract of letting lands.——Ball engine. 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BAILWICK. The territorial jurisdiction of a sheriff or bailiff. 1 Bl. Comm. 344. Greenup v. Bacon, 1 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 108.

BAILLEUR DE FONDS. In Canadian law. The unpaid vendor of real estate.

BAILL. In old French law. One to whom judicial authority was assigned or delivered by a superior.

BAILMENT. A delivery of goods or personal property, by one person to another, in trust for the execution of a special object upon or in relation to such goods, beneficial either to the bailor or bailee or both, and upon a contract, express or implied, to perform the trust and carry out such object, and thereupon either to redeliver the goods to the bailor or otherwise dispose of the same in conformity with the purpose of the trust. Watson v. State, 70 Ala. 13, 45 Am. Rep. 70; Com. v. Maher, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 425; McCaffrey v. Knapp, 74 Ill. App. 80; Krause v. Com., 93 Pa. 418, 39 Am. Rep. 762; Fulcher v. State, 32 Tex. Cr. R. 621, 25 S. W. 625. See Code Ga. 1882, § 2058.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods redelivered to the bailor, or otherwise dealt with, according to his directions, or (as the case may be) kept till he reclaims them. 2 Steph. Comm. 80.

A delivery of goods in trust upon a contract, expressed or implied, that the trust shall be faithfully executed on the part of the bailee. 2 Bl. 4 Comm. 141.

Bailment, from the French bailer, to deliver, is a delivery of goods for some purpose, upon a contract, express or implied, that, after the purpose has been fulfilled, they shall be redelivered to the bailor, or otherwise dealt with, as soon as the purposes of the bailment shall be answered. 2 Kent, Comm. 559.

Bailment is a delivery of a thing in trust for some special object or purpose, and upon a contract, express or implied, to conform to the object or purpose of the trust. Story, Bailm. 3.

A delivery of goods in trust on a contract, either expressed or implied, that the trust shall be duly executed, and the goods redelivered as soon as the time or use for which they were bailed shall have elapsed or been performed. Jones, Bailm. 117.

Bailment is a word of French origin, significant of the custodial transfer, the delivery or mere handing over, which is appropriate to the transaction. Schouler, Pers. Prop. 306.

The test of a bailment is that the identical thing is to be returned; if another thing of equal value is to be returned, the transaction is a sale. Marsh v. Titus, 6 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 29; Sturm v. Boker, 150 U. S. 312, 14 Sup. Ct. 99, 37 L. Ed. 1093.

Classification. Sir William Jones has divided bailments into five sorts, namely: Depositum, or deposit; mandatum, or commission without recompense; commodatum, or loan for use without pay; pignori accep- tum, or pawn; locatum, or hiring, which is always with reward. This last is subdivid-
ed into locatio rei, or hiring, by which the hirer gains a temporary use of the thing; locatio operis faciendi, when something is to be done to the thing delivered; locatio operis mercium vehendarum, when the thing is merely to be carried from one place to another. Jones, Bailm. 36.

Lord Holt divided bailments thus:

1. Depositum, or a naked bailment of goods, to be kept for the use of the bailee.

2. Commodatum. Where goods or chattels that are useful are lent to the bailee gratis, to be used by him.

3. Locatio rei. Where goods are lent to the bailee to be used by him for hire.

4. Vadium. Pawn or pledge.

5. Locatio operis faciendi. Where goods are delivered to be carried, or something is to be done about them, for a reward to be paid to the bailee.

-Baill-ment for hire. A contract in which the bailor agrees to pay an adequate recompense for the work or services of the thing intrusted to the custody of the bailee, and the bailee agrees to keep it and restore it on the request of the bailor, in the same condition substantially as he received it, excepting injury or loss from causes for which he is not responsible. Arent v. Squire, 1 Daly (N. Y.) 356.—Gratui-
tous bailment. Another name for a depositum or naked bailment, which is made only for the benefit of the bailor and is not a source of profit to the bailee. Foster v. Essex Bank, 17 Mass. 499, 9 Am. Dec. 168.—Locative bailment. One which is undertaken upon a consideration and for which a payment or compensation is to be made to the bailee, or from which he is to derive some advantage. Prince v. Alabama State Fair, 106 Ala. 340, 17 South. 449, 28 L. R. A. 716.

BAILOR. The party who bails or delivers goods to another, in the contract of bailment. McGee v. French, 49 S. C. 454, 27 S. B. 487.

BAIRN-MAN. In old Scotch law. A poor insolvent debtor, left bare and naked, who was obliged to swear in court that he was not worth more than five shillings and five pence.

BAIRNS. In Scotch law. A known term, used to denote one's whole issue. Ersk. Inst. 3, S. 43. But it is sometimes used in a more limited sense. Bell.

BAIRN'S PART. In Scotch law. Children's part; a third part of the defunct's free movables, debts deducted, if the wife survive, and a half if there be no relict.

BAITING ANIMALS. In English law. Procuring them to be worried by dogs. Punishable on summary conviction, under 12 & 13 Vict. c. 92, § 3.
BALENA. A large fish, called by Blackstone a "whale." Of this the king had the head and the queen the tail as a perquisite whenever one was taken on the coast of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 222.

BALANCE. The amount remaining due from one person to another on a settlement of the accounts involving their mutual dealings; the difference between the two sides (debit and credit) of an account.

A balance is the conclusion or result of the debit and credit sides of an account. It implies mutual dealings, and the existence of debt and credit, without which there could be no balance. Loeb v. Keyes, 156 N. Y. 529, 51 N. E. 285; McWilliams v. Allan, 45 Mo. 574; Thillman v. Shadrick, 69 Md. 528, 18 Atl. 138.

The term is also frequently used in the sense of residue or remainder; as when a will speaks of "the balance of my estate." Lopez v. Lopez, 23 S. C. 269; Brooks v. Brooks, 65 Ill. App. 331; Lynch v. Spicer, 53 W. Va. 426, 44 S. E. 255.

-Balance-sheet. When it is desired to ascertain the exact state of a merchant's business, or other commercial enterprise, at a given time, all the ledger accounts are closed up to date and balances struck; and these balances, when exhibited together on a single page, and so grouped and arranged as to close into each other and be summed up in one general result, constitute the "balance-sheet." Eyre v. Harmon, 92 Cal. 580, 28 Pac. 779.

BALCANIFER, or BALDAKINIFER. The standard-bearer of the Knights Templar.

BALCONIES. Small galleries of wood or stone on the outside of houses. The erection of them is regulated in London by the building acts.

BALDIO. In Spanish law. Waste land; land that is neither arable nor pasture. White New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4, and note. Unappropriated public domain, not set apart for the support of municipalities. Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 415.

BALE. A pack or certain quantity of goods or merchandise, wrapped or packed up in cloth and corded round very tightly, marked and numbered with figures corresponding to those in the bills of lading for the purpose of identification. Wharton.

A bale of cotton is a certain quantity of that commodity compressed into a cubical form, so as to occupy less room than when in bags. 2 Car. & P. 525. Penrice v. Cocks, 2 Miss. 229. But see Bonham v. Railroad Co., 16 S. C. 634.

BALISE. Fr. In French marine law. A buoy.

BALISAIUS. In the civil law. A teacher; one who has the care of youth; a tutor; a guardian. Du Cange; Spelman.

BALISTA. Law. A ballist, or jurisdictio.

BALLOT. In marine insurance. There is considerable analogy between ballast and dunnage. The former is used for trimming the ship, and bringing it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Dunnage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being wetted by water getting into the hold, or between the different parcels to keep them from bruising and injuring each other. Great Western Ins. Co. v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607.

BALLASTAGE. A toll paid for the privilege of taking up ballast from the bottom of a port or harbor.

BALLIVO AMOVENDO. An ancient writ to remove a bailiff from his office for want of sufficient land in the bailiwick. Reg. Orig. 78.

BALLOT. In the law of elections. A slip of paper bearing the names of the offices to be filled at the particular election and the names of the candidates for whom the elector desires to vote; it may be printed, or written, or partly printed and partly written, and is deposited by the voter in a "ballot-box" which is in the custody of the officers holding the election. Opinion of Justices, 19 R. I. L. 729, 36 Atl. 716, 36 L. R. A. 547; Brilsbin v. Cleary, 26 Minn. 107, 1 N. W. 823; State v. Timothy, 147 Mo. 332, 49 S. W. 500; Taylor v. Bleakley, 55 Kan. 1, 39 Pac. 1045, 28 L. R. A. 683, 49 Am. St. Rep. 233.

Also the act of voting by balls or tickets. A ballot is a ticket folded in such a manner that nothing written or printed thereon can be seen. Pol. Code Cal. § 1156.

A ballot is defined to be "a paper ticket containing the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote and designating the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen." Thus a ballot, or a ticket, is a single piece of paper containing the names of the candidates and the offices for which they are running. If the elector were to write the names of the candidates upon his ticket twice or three or more times, he does not thereby make it more than one ticket. People v. Holden, 28 Cal. 139.

-Joint ballot. In parliamentary practice, a joint ballot is an election or vote by ballot par­ ticipated in by the members of both houses of a legislative assembly sitting together as one body, the result being determined by a majority of the votes cast by the joint assembly thus constituted, instead of by concurrent majorities of the two houses. See State v. Shaw, 8 S. C. 144.

BALLOT-BOX. A case made of wood for receiving ballots.

BALLOTEMENT. Fr. In medical jurisprudence. A test for pregnancy by palpation with the finger inserted in the vagina to the mouth of the uterus. The tip of the finger being quickly jerked upward, the
fetus, if one be present, can be felt rising upward and then settling back against the finger.

**BANNEARII**. In the Roman law. Those who stole the clothes of bathers in the public baths. 4 Bl. Comm. 239.

**BAN.** 1. In old English and civil law. A proclamation; a public notice; the announcement of an intended marriage. Cowell. An excommunication; a curse, publicly pronounced. A proclamation of silence made by a crier in court before the meeting of champions in combat. Id. A statute, edict, or command; a fine, or penalty.

2. In French law. The right of announcing the time of mowing, reaping, and gathering the vintage, exercised by certain seignorial lords. Guyot. Repert Univ.

3. An expanse; an extent of space or territory; a space inclosed within certain limits; the limits or bounds themselves. Spelman.

4. A privileged space or territory around a town, monastery, or other place.

5. In old European law. A military standard; a thing unfurled, a banner. Spelman. A summoning to a standard; a calling out of a military force; the force itself so summoned; a national army levied by proclamation.

**BANAL.** In Canadian and old French law. Pertaining to a ban or privileged place; having qualities or privileges derived from a ban. Thus, a banal mill is one to which the lord may require his tenant to carry his grain to be ground.

**BANALITY.** In Canadian law. The right by virtue of which a lord subjects his vassals to grind at his mill, bake at his oven, etc. Used also of the region within which this right applied. Guyot. Repert. Univ.

**BANC.** Bench; the seat of judgment; the place where a court permanently or regularly sits.

The full bench, full court. A "sitting in banc" is a meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at nisi prius and from trials at bar.

**BANCI NARRARES.** In old English law. Advocates; counsors; serjeants. Applied to advocates in the common pleas courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 24; Cowell.

**BANCO.** Ital. See Banc. A seat or bench of justice; also, in commerce, a word of Italian origin signifying a bank.

**BANCUS.** L. Lat. In old English law and practice. A bench or seat in the king's hall or palace. Filea, lib. 2, c. 16, § 1. A high seat, or seat of distinction; a seat of judgment, or tribunal for the administration of justice.

The English court of common pleas was formerly called "Bancus."

A sitting in banc; the sittings of a court with its full judicial authority, or in full form, as distinguished from sittings at nisi prius.

A stall, bench, table, or counter, on which goods were exposed for sale. Cowell.

---Bancos reges. The queen's bench. See Queen's Bench.—Bancus regius. The king's bench; the supreme tribunal of the king after parliament. 5 Bl. Comm. 41.—Bancus superior. The upper bench. The king's bench was so called during the Protectorate.

**BAND.** In old Scotch law. A proclamation calling out a military force.

**BANDIT.** An outlaw; a man banned, or put under a ban; a brigand or robber. Banditi, a band of robbers.

**BANE.** A malefactor. Bract. L, t. 8, c. 1.

Also a public denunciation of a malefactor; the same with what was called "hutesium," hue and cry. Spelman.

**BANEBIT, or BANNEBET.** In English law. A knight made in the field, by the ceremony of cutting off the point of his standard, and making it, as it were, a banner. Knights so made are accounted so honorable that they are allowed to display their arms in the royal army, as barons do, and may bear arms with supporters. They rank next to barons; and were sometimes called "vexillarii." Wharton.

**BANI.** Deodands, (q. v.)

**BANISHMENT.** In criminal law. A punishment inflicted upon criminals, by compelling them to quit a city, place, or country for a specified period of time, or for life. See Cooper v. Telfair, 4 Dall. 14, 1 L. Ed. 721; People v. Potter, 1 Park. Cr. R. (N. Y.) 54.

Banishment, however, merely ... the idea of deprivation of liberty after the convict arrives at the place to which he has been carried. Rap. & L.

**BAN.** Bank. A bench or seat; the bench or tribunal occupied by the judges; the seat of judgment; a court. The full bench, or full court; the assembly of all the judges of a court. A "sitting in banc" is a meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the
purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from the sitting of a single judge at the assizes or at nisi prius and from trials at bar. But, in this sense, banc is the more usual form of the word.

2. An institution, of great value in the commercial world, empowered to receive deposits of money, to make loans, and to issue its promissory notes, (designed to circulate as money, and commonly called "bank-notes" or "bank-bills," ) or to perform any one or more of these functions.


Also the house or place where such business is carried on.

Banks In the commercial sense are of three kinds, to-wit: (1) Of deposit; (2) of discount; (3) of circulation. Strictly speaking, the term "bank" implies a place for the deposit of money, as that is the most obvious purpose of such an institution. Originally the business of banking consisted only in receiving deposits, such as bullion, plate, and the like, for safe-keeping until the depositor should see fit to draw it out for use, but the business, in the progress of events, was extended, and bankers assumed to discount bills and notes, and to loan money upon mortgage, pawn, or other security, and, at a still later period, to issue notes of their own, intended as a circulating currency and a medium of exchange, instead of gold and silver. Modern bankers frequently exercise any two or even all three of those functions, but it is still true that an institution prohibited from exercising any more than one of those functions is a bank, in the strictest commercial sense. Oulton v. German Sav. & L. Soc., 17 Wall. 118, 21 L. Ed. 618; Rev. St. U. S. § 1407 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2246).

3. An acclivity; an elevation or mound of earth; usually applied in this sense to the raised earth bordering the sides of a watercourse.

-Bank-account. A sum of money placed with a bank or banker, on deposit, by a customer, and subject to be drawn out on the latter's check. The statement or computation of the several sums deposited and those drawn out by the customer on checks, entered on the books of the bank and the depositor's pass-book. Gale v. Drake, 11 N. H. 37; -Bank-note. A promissory note issued by a bank, payable to bearer on demand, and designed to circulate as money. Townsend v. People, 4 Ill. 323; Low v. People, 2 Park. Cr. R. (N. Y.) 37; State v. Hays, 21 Ind. 176; State v. Wilkins, 17 Vt. 155. -Bank-book. A book kept by a customer of a bank, showing the state of his account with it. -Bank-check. See CHECK. -Bank-credits. Accommodations allowed to a person on security given to a bank, to draw money on it to a certain extent agreed upon. -Bank-note. A promissory note issued by a bank or authorized banker, payable to bearer on demand, and intended to circulate as money. Same as BANK-BILL, supra. -Bank of issue. One authorized by law to issue its own notes intended to circulate as money. Bank v. Gruber, 87 Pa. 471, 43 L. Ed. 920; Richmond v. Blake, 132 U. S. 592, 10 Sup. Ct. 204, 33 L. Ed. 481; Wharton.—Savings bank. An institution in the nature of a bank, formed or established for the purpose of receiving deposits of money, for the credit of the persons depositing, to accumulate the produce of such deposit, and the produce thereof, to the depositors, their executors or administrators, at compound interest, and to return the whole or any part of such deposit, and the produce thereof, to the depositors, their executors or administrators, deducting out of such produce so much as shall be required for the necessary expenses attending the management of such institution, but deriving no benefit whatever from any such deposit or the produce thereof. Grant, Banks, 546; Johnson v. Ward, 2 Ill. App. 274; Com. v. Reading Sav. Bank, 133 Mass. 16, 19, 43 Am. Rep. 495; National Bank of Redemption v. Boston & Fitchburg R. R., 155 U. S. 690, 10 Sup. Ct. 424, 33 L. Ed. 689; Barrett v. Bloomfield Sav. Inst., 64 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 Atl. 543.

BANKABLE. In mercantile law. Notes, checks, bank-bills, drafts, and other securities for money, received as cash by the banks. Such commercial paper as is considered worthy of discount by the bank to which it is offered is termed "bankable." Allis Co. v. Power Co., 9 S. D. 459, 70 N. W. 650.


BANKER'S NOTE. A commercial instrument resembling a bank-note in every particular except that it is given by a private banker or unincorporated banking institution.
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BANKRUPT. A person who has committed an act of bankruptcy; one who has done some act or suffered some act to be done in consequence of which, under the laws of his country, he is liable to be proceeded against by his creditors for the seizure and distribution among them of his entire property. Adolph v. Stone, 2 Web. & M. 347, 2 Fed. Cas. 15; In re Scott, 21 Fed. Cas. 603; U. S. v. Pusey, 27 Fed. Cas. 632.

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A person who, by the formal decree of a court, has been declared subject to be proceeded against under the bankruptcy laws, or entitled, on his voluntary application, to take the benefit of such laws.

BANKRUPT LAW. A law relating to bankrupts and the procedure against them in the courts. A law providing for a remedy for the creditors of a bankrupt, and for the relief and restitution of the bankrupt himself. A bankrupt law is distinguished from the ordinary law between debtor and creditor, as involving these three general principles: (1) A summary and immediate seizure of all the debts of a bankrupt only, that is, traders of a certain description; the latter, insolvents in general, or persons unable to pay their debts. This has led to a marked separation between the two systems, with an implication of a practice, which in England has always been carefully maintained, although in the United States it has of late been much disregarded. In further illustration of this distinction, it may be observed that a bankrupt law, in its proper sense, is a remedy intended primarily for the benefit of creditors; it is set in motion at their instance, whereas in the ordinary law between debtor and creditor, as debts should become payable, whereby the creditor's business would be broken up; bankruptcy means the particular legal status, as debts should become payable, whereby the creditor's business would be broken up; bankruptcy means the particular legal status, to be ascertained and declared by a judicial decree. In re Black, 2 Ben. 196, Fed. Cas. No. 1,457.

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BANLEUCA. An old law term, signifying a space or tract of country around a
city, town, or monastery, distinguished and protected by peculiar privileges. Spelman.

**BANLIEU, or BANLIEUE.** A French and Canadian law term, having the same meaning as *banleuca,* (q. v.)

**BANNERET.** See BANERET.

**BANNI, or BANNITUS.** In old law, one under a ban, (q. v.;) an outlaw or banished man. Britt. cc. 12, 13; Calvin.

**BANNI NPTARUM.** L. Lat In old English law. The bans of matrimony.

**BANNIMUS.** We ban or expel. The form of expulsion of a member from the University of Oxford, by affixing the sentence in some public places, as a promulgation of it. Cowell.

**BANNIRE AD PLACITA, AD MOLENDINUM.** To summon tenants to serve at the lord's courts, to bring corn to be ground at his mill.

**BANNS.** See BANS OF MATRIMONY.

**BANNUM.** A ban, (q. v.)

**BANNUS.** In old English law. A proclamation. *Bannus regis;* the king's proclamation, made by the voice of a herald, forbidding all present at the trial by combat to interfere either by motion or word, whatever they might see or hear. Bract f ol. 142.

**BANQUEST.** Fr. A bench; the table or counter of a trader, merchant, or banker. *Banque route;* a broken bench or counter; bankrupt.

**BANS OF MATRIMONY.** A public announcement of an intended marriage, required by the English law to be made in a church or chapel, during service, on three consecutive Sundays before the marriage is celebrated. The object is to afford an opportunity for any person to interpose an objection if he knows of any impediment or other just cause why the marriage should not take place. The publication of the bans may be dispensed with by procuring a special license to marry.

**BANYAN.** In East Indian law. A Hindoo merchant or shop-keeper. The word is used in Bengal to denote the native who manages the money concerns of a European, and sometimes serves him as an interpreter.

**BAR.** 1. A partition or railing running across a court-room, intended to separate the general public from the space occupied by the judges, counsel, jury, and others concerned in the trial of a cause. In the English courts it is the partition behind which all outer-bar-

risters and every member of the public must stand. Solicitors, being officers of the court, are admitted within it; as are also queen's counsel, barristers with patents of precedence, and serjeants, in virtue of their ranks. Parties who appear in person also are placed within the bar on the floor of the court.

2. The term also designates a particular part of the court-room; for example, the place where prisoners stand at their trial, whence the expression "prisoner at the bar."

3. It further denotes the presence, actual or constructive, of the court. Thus, a trial at bar is one had before the full court, distinguished from a trial had before a single judge at nisi prius. So the "case at bar" is the case now before the court and under its consideration; the case being tried or argued.

4. In the practice of legislative bodies, the bar is the outer boundary of the house, and therefore all persons, not being members, who wish to address the house, or are summoned to it, appear at the bar for that purpose.

5. In another sense, the whole body of attorneys and counsellors, or the members of the legal profession, collectively, are figuratively called the "bar," from the place which they usually occupy in court. They are thus distinguished from the "bench," which term denotes the whole body of judges.

6. In the law of contracts, "bar" means an impediment, an obstacle, or preventive barrier. Thus, relationship within the prohibited degrees is a *bar* to marriage. In this sense also we speak of the "bar of the statute of limitations."

7. It further means that which defeats, annuls, cuts off, or puts an end to. Thus, a provision "in bar of dower" is one which has the effect of defeating or cutting off the dower-rights which the wife would otherwise become entitled to in the particular land.

8. In pleading, it denoted a special plea, constituting a sufficient answer to an action at law; and so called because it *barred,* i. e., prevented, the plaintiff from further prosecuting it with effect, and, if established by proof, defeated and destroyed the action altogether. Now called a special "plea in bar." See *Plea in Bar.*

**BAR FEE.** In English law. A fee taken by the sheriff, time out of mind, for every prisoner who is acquitted. Bac. Abr. "Exortion." Abolished by St 14 Geo. III. c 26; 55 Geo. III. c. 50; 8 & 9 Vict c. 114.

**BARAGARIA.** Span. A concubine, whom a man keeps alone in his house, unconnected with any other woman. Las Partidas, pt 4, tit 14.

**BARATRIAM COMMITTIT qui propter pecuniam justitiam baractat.** He is guilty of barratry who for money sells justice. Bel.
BARBANS. In old Lombardic law. An uncle, (patruus.)

BARBICANAGE. In old European law. Money paid to support a barbicane or watchtower.

BARBITTS. L Fr. (Modern Fr. brebis.) Sheep. See Millen v. Fawen, Bendloe, 171, "home oue petit chien chase barbitts."

BARE TRUSTEE. A person to whose fiduciary office no duties were originally attached, or who, although such duties were originally attached to his office, would, on the requisition of his cestuis que trust, be compellable in equity to convey the estate to them or by their direction. 1 Ch. Div. 279.

BARET. L Fr. A wrangling suit. Britt. c. 82; Co. Litt. 3859.

BARGAIN. A mutual undertaking, contract, or agreement.

A contract or agreement between two parties, the one to sell goods or lands, and the other to buy them. Hunt v. Adams, 5 Mass. 390, 4 Am. Dec. 68; Sage v. Wilcox, 6 Conn. 91; Bank v. Archer, 16 Miss. 192.

"If the word 'agreement' imports a mutual act of two parties, surely the word 'bargain' is not less significative of the consent of two. In a popular sense, the former word is frequently used as declaring the engagement of one only. A man may agree to pay money or to perform some other act, and the word is then used synonymously with 'promise' or 'engage.' But the word 'bargain' is seldom used, unless to express a mutual contract or undertaking." Packard v. Richardson, 17 Mass. 131, 9 Am. 123.

—Bargaine. The party to a bargain to whom the subject-matter of the bargain or thing bargained for is to go; the grantee in a deed of bargain and sale.—Bargainer. The party to a bargain who is to perform the contract by delivery of the subject-matter.—Catching bargains. Bargains, which by which money is loaned, at an extortionate or extravagant rate, to an heir or any one who has an estate in reversion or expectancy, to be repaid on the vesting of his interest; or a similar unconscionable bargain with such person for the purchase outright of his expectancy.

BARGAIN AND SALE. In conveyancing. The transferring of the property of a thing from one to another, upon valuable consideration, by way of sale. Shep. Touch. (by Preston,) 221.

A contract or bargain by the owner of land, in consideration of money or its equivalent paid, to sell land to another person, called the "bargaineer," whereupon a use arises in favor of the latter, to whom the seisin is transferred by force of the statute of uses. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 128; Brittin v. Freeman, 17 N. J. Law, 231; Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 26 L. Ed. 198; Love v. Miller, 29 Ind. 296, 21 Am. Rep. 192; Slifer v. Bates, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 176.

The expression "bargain and sale" is also applied to transfers of personality, in cases where there is first an executory agreement for the sale, (the bargain,) and then an actual or completed sale.

The proper and technical words to denote a bargain and sale are "bargain and sell;" but any other words that are sufficient to raise a use upon a valuable consideration are sufficient. 2 Wood. Conv. 15; Jackson ex dem. Hudson v. Alexander, 3 Johns. 494, 3 Am. Dec. 517.

BARK. Is sometimes figuratively used to denote the mere words or letter of an instrument, or outer covering of the ideas sought to be expressed, as distinguished from its inner substance or essential meaning. "If the bark makes for them, the pith makes for us." Bacon.

BARLEYCORN. In linear measure. The third of an inch.

BARMOTE COURTS. Courts held in certain mining districts belonging to the Duchy of Lancaster, for regulation of the mines, and for deciding questions of title and other matters relating thereto. 3 Steph. Comm. 547, note b.

BARNARD'S INN. An inn of chancery. See Inns of Chancery.

BARO. An old law term signifying, originally, a "man," whether slave or free. In later usage, a "freeman," a "strong man," a "good soldier," a "baron," also a "vassal," or "feudal tenant or client," and "husband," the last being the most common meaning of the word.

BARON. A lord or nobleman; the most general title of nobility in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 398, 399. A particular degree or title of nobility, next to a viscount. A judge of the court of exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; Cowell.

A Freeman. Co. Litt. 58a. Also a vassal holding directly from the king.

A husband; occurring in this sense in the phrase "baron et femme," husband and wife.

—Baron and femme. Husband and wife. A wife being under the protection and influence of her baron, lord, or husband, is styled a "feme-covert," (femina viro cooperta,) and her state of marriage is called her "coverture." Cummings v. Everett, 82 Me. 260, 19 Atl. 456.

—Barons of the cinque ports. Members of parliament from these ports, viz.: Sandwich, Romney, Hastings, Hythe, and Dover. Winclesa and Rye have been added.—Barons of the exchequer. The six judges of the court of exchequer in England, of whom one is styled the "chief baron," answering to the justices and chief justice of other courts.

BARONAGE. In English law. The collective body of the barons, or of the nobility at large. Spelman.
BARONET. An English name or title of dignity, (but not a title of nobility,) established A. D. 1611 by James I. It is created by letters patent, and descends to the male heir. Spelman.

BARONY. The dignity of a baron; a species of tenure; the territory or lands held by a baron. Spelman.

—Barony of land. In England, a quantity of land amounting to 15 acres. In Ireland, a subdivision of a county.

BARRA, or BARRE. In old practice.

A plea in bar. The bar of the court. A barrister.

BARRATOR. One who is guilty of the crime of barratry.

BARRATROUS. Fraudulent; having the character of barratry.

BARRATRY. In maritime law. An act committed by the master or mariners of a vessel, for some unlawful or fraudulent purpose, contrary to their duty to the owners, whereby the latter sustain injury. It may include negligence, if so gross as to evidence fraud. Marcardier v. Insurance Co., 8 Cranch, 49, 3 L. Ed. 481; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 65 N. Y. 538; Atkinson v. Insurance Co., 4 Daly (N. Y.) 16; Patapscio Ins. Co. v. Coulter, 3 Pet. 231, 7 L. Ed. 659; Lawton v. Insurance Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 501; Earle v. Rowcroft, 8 East, 135.

Barratry is some fraudulent act of the master or mariners, tending to their own benefit, to the prejudice of the owner of the vessel, without his privity or consent. Kendrick v. Delafield, 2 Caines (N. Y.) 67.

BARRIED. Obstructed by a bar; subject to hindrance or obstruction by a bar or barrier which, if interposed, will prevent legal redress or recovery; as, when it is said that a claim or cause of action is "barred by the statute of limitations." Knox County v. Morton, 68 Fed. 791, 15 C. C. A. 671; Cowan v. Mueller, 176 Mo. 192, 75 S. W. 606; Wilson v. Knox County, 132 Mo. 387, 34 S. W. 45, 477.

BARTER. A contract by which parties exchange goods or commodities for other goods. It differs from sale, in this: that in
the latter transaction goods or property are always exchanged for money. Guerrleo v. Pelle, 3 Barn. & Ald. 617; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 418; Meyer v. Rousseau, 47 Ark. 400, 2 S. W. 112.

This term is not applied to contracts concerning land, but to such only as relate to goods and chattels. Barter is a contract by which the parties exchange goods. Speigle v. Meredith, 4 Bliss. Fed. Cas. No. 13,-227.

BARTON. In old English law. The demesne land of a manor; a farm distinct from the mansion.

Bas, Pr. Low; inferior; subordinate.
—Base chevalliers. In old English law. Low, or inferior knights, by tenure of a base military fee, as distinguished from barons and baronets, who were the chief or superior knights. Cowell.—Bas ville. In French law. The suburbs of a town.

BASE, adj. Low; inferior; servile; of subordinate degree; impure, adulterated, or alloyed.
—Base animal. See Animal.—Base bullion. Base silver bullion is silver in bars mixed to a greater or less extent with alloys or base materials. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44.—Base coin. Debased, adulterated, or alloyed coin. Gabe v. State, 6 Ark. 540.—Base court. In English law. Any inferior court that is not of record, as a court baron, etc. Ritch. 36, 36; Cowell.—Base estate. The estate which "base tenants" (q. v.) have in their land. Cowell.—Base fee. In English law. An estate or fee which has a qualification subjoined thereto, and which must be determined whenever the qualification annexed to it is at an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 103. Wiggins Ferry Co. v. Railroad Co., 94 Ill. 93; Camp Meeting Ass'n v. East Lyme, 54 Conn. 152, 5 Atl. 846.—Base infestment. In Scotch law. A dishonorable land by a vassal, to be held of himself. —Base right. In Scotch law. A subordinate right; the right of a subvassal in the lands held by him. Bell.—Base services. In feudal law. Such services as were unworthy to be performed by the nobler men, and were performed by the peasants and those of servile rank. 2 Bl. Comm. 61.—Base tenants. Tenants who performed to their lords services in villegage; tenants who held at the will of the lord, as distinguished from frank tenants, or freeholders. Cowell.—Base tenure. A tenure by villegage, or other customary service, as distinguished from tenure by military service; or from tenure by free service. Cowell.

BASILEUS. A Greek word, meaning "king." A title assumed by the emperors of the Eastern Roman Empire. It is used by Justinian in some of the Novels; and is said to have been applied to the English kings before the Conquest. See 1 Bl. Comm. 242.

BASILICA. The name given to a compilation of Roman and Greek law, prepared about A. D. 880 by the Emperor Basilius, and published by his successor, Leo the Philosopher. It was written in Greek, was mainly an abridgment of Justinian's Corpus Juris, and comprised sixty books, only a portion of which are extant. It remained the law of the Eastern Empire until the fall of Constantinople, in 1453.

BASILS. In old English law. A kind of money or coin abolished by Henry II.


BASKET TENURE. In feudal law. Lands held by the service of making the king's baskets.

BASSE JUSTICE. In feudal law. Low justice; the right exercised by feudal lords of personally trying persons charged with trespasses or minor offenses.

BASTARD. An illegitimate child; a child born of an unlawful intercourse, and while its parents are not united in marriage. Timmins v. Lacy, 30 Tex. 135; Miller v. Anderson, 43 Ohio St. 473, 3 N. E. 605, 54 Am. Rep. 823; Pettus v. Dawson, 82 Tex. 18, 17 S. W. 714; Smith v. Perry, 80 Va. 570. A child born after marriage, but under circumstances which render it impossible that the husband of his mother can be his father. Cor. v. Shepherd, 6 Bin. (Pa.) 283, 6 Am. Dec. 449. One begotten and born out of lawful wedlock. 2 Kent, Comm. 208. One born of an illicit union. Civ. Code La. arts. 29, 190. A bastard is a child born out of wedlock, and whose parents do not subsequently intermarry, or a child the issue of adulterous intercourse of the wife during wedlock. Code Ga. 1882, § 1797.

BASTARD DISEASE. In old English law. Bastardise. To declare one a bastard, as a court does. To give evidence to prove one a bastard. A mother (married) cannot bastardize her child.

BASTARDUS NON POTEST. In old English law. A female bastard. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 40.

BASTARDIZE. To declare one a bastard, as a court does. To give evidence to prove one a bastard. A mother (married) cannot bastardize her child.

Bastardus nullius est filius, aut filius populi. A bastard is nobody's son, or the son of the people.

Bastardus non potest habere heredem nisi de corpore suo legite procreatum. A bastard can have no heir unless it be one lawfully begotten of his own body. Tray Lat. Max. 61.

BASTARDY PROCESS. The method provided by statute of proceeding against the putative father to secure a proper maintenance for the bastard.

BASTON. In old English law, a baton, club, or staff. A term applied to officers of the wardens of the prison called the "Fleet," because of the staff carried by them. Cowell; Spelman; Termes de la Ley.

BATABEE-GROTJND. Land that is in controversy, or about the possession of which there is a dispute, as the lands which were situated between England and Scotland before the Union. Skene.

BATATLLE. In old English law. Battel; the trial by combat or duelium. Arg. Fr: Merc. Law, 546.

BATTURE. In Louisiana, a marine term used to denote a bottom of sand, stone, or rock mixed together and rising towards the surface of the water; an elevation of the bed of a river under the surface of the water, since it is rising towards it; sometimes, however, used to denote the same elevation of the bank when it has risen above the surface of the water, or is as high as the land on the outside of the bank. In this latter sense it is synonymous with "alluvion." It means, in common-law language, land formed by accretion. Morgan v. Livingston, 6 Mart. (O. S.) (La.) 111; Hollingsworth v. Chaffe, 33 La. Ann. 551; New Orleans v. Morris, 3 Woods 117, Fed. Cas. No. 10,183; Leonard v. Baton Rouge, 39 La. Ann. 275, 4 South. 243.

BAY. A pond-head made of a great height to keep in water for the supply of a mill, etc., so that the wheel of the mill may be turned by the water rushing thence, through a passage or flood-gate. St. 27 Eliz. c. 19. Also an arm of the sea surrounded by land except at the entrance. U. S. v. Morel, 13 Amer. Jur. 286, Fed. Cas. No. 15,807.


BAYOU. A species of creek or stream common in Louisiana and Texas. An outlet from a swamp, pond, or lagoon, to a river, or the sea. See Surgett v. Lapice, 8 How. 48, 70, 12 L. Ed. 982.

BEACH. This term, in its ordinary significance, when applied to a place on tide-
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BEACON. A light-house, or sea-mark, formerly used to alarm the country, in case of the approach of an enemy, but now used for the guidance of ships at sea, by night, as well as by day.

BEACONAGE. Money paid for the maintenance of a beacon or signal-light.

BEADLE. In English ecclesiastical law. An inferior parish officer, who is chosen by the vestry, and whose business is to attend the vestry, to give notice of its meetings, to execute its orders, to attend upon inquests, and to assist the constables. Wharton.

BEAMS AND BALANCE. Instruments for weighing goods and merchandise.

BEAR. To support, sustain, or carry; to give rise to, or to produce, something else as an incident or auxiliary.

—Bear arms. To carry arms as weapons and with reference to their military use, not to wear them about the person as part of the dress. Aymette v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 158. As applied to fire-arms, includes the right to load and shoot them, and to use them as such things are usually used. Hill v. State, 23 Ga. 496.

—Bear interest. To generate interest, so to produce or yield interest at the rate specified by the parties or granted by law. Slaughter v. Slaughter, 21 Ind. App. 641, 52 N. E. 995.

—Bearer. One who carries or holds a thing. When a check, note, draft, etc., is payable to “bearer,” it imports that the contents thereof shall be payable to any person who may present the instrument for payment. Thompson v. Perrine, 106 U. S. 589, 1 Sup. Ct. 564, 568, 27 L. Ed. 298; Bradford v. Jenks, 3 Fed. Cas. 1,132; Hubbard v. Railroad Co., 14 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 273.—Bearers. In old English law. Those who bore down upon or oppressed others; maintainers.

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—Bear witness. To testify in a case, or to produce a witness for the purpose of testifying in a case.

—Bear the burden. To bear the burden of a case, or to support the burden of a case.

—Bear the brunt. To bear the brunt of a case, or to support the brunt of a case.

—Bear the cost. To bear the cost of a case, or to support the cost of a case.

—Bear the injury. To bear the injury of a case, or to support the injury of a case.

—Bear the loss. To bear the loss of a case, or to support the loss of a case.

—Bear the misfortune. To bear the misfortune of a case, or to support the misfortune of a case.

—Bear the risk. To bear the risk of a case, or to support the risk of a case.

—Bear the trouble. To bear the trouble of a case, or to support the trouble of a case.

—Bear the weight. To bear the weight of a case, or to support the weight of a case.

BEAST. An animal; a domestic animal; a quadruped, such as may be used for food or in labor or for sport.


—Beast, n. In the criminal law and law of torts, with reference to assault and battery, this term includes any unlawful physical violence offered to another. See Barr. In other connections, it is understood in a more restricted sense, and usually only the infliction of one or more blows. Regina v. Hale, 2 Car. & K. 327; Com. v. McClellan, 101 Mass. 35; State v. Harrigan, 4 Pennewill (Del.) 129, 55 Atl. 5.

—Beaut, n. In some of the southern states (as Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina) the principal legal subdivision of a county, corresponding to towns or townships in other states; or a voting precinct. Williams v. Pearson, 38 Ala. 308.

BEAST-PLEADER, (to plead fairly.) In English law. An obsolete writ upon the statute of Marlbridge, (52 Hen. III. c. 11,) which enacts that neither in the circuits of the justices, nor in counties, hundreds, or courts-baron, any fines shall be taken for fair-pleading, & c., for not pleading fairly or aptly to the purpose; upon this statute, then, this writ was ordained, addressed to the sheriff, bailiff, or him who shall demand such fine, prohibiting him to demand it; an alias, pluries, and attachment followed. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 596.

BED. 1. The hollow or channel of a water-course; the depression between the banks worn by the regular and usual flow of the water.

"The bed is that soil so usually covered by water as to be distinguishable from the banks by the character of the soil, or vegetation, or both, produced by the common presence and action of flowing water." Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 427, 14 L. Ed. 189. And see Palme Lumber Co. v. U. S. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 864; Alabama v. Georgia, 25 How. 515, 16 L. Ed. 596; Haight v. Koke, 4 Iowa, 213; Pulley v. Municipality
No. 2, 18 La. 282; Harlan, etc., Co. v. Paschall, 5 Del. Ch. 463.

2. The right of cohabitation or marital intercourse; as in the phrase "divorce from bed and board." or a mensa et thoro.

—Bed of justice. In old French law. The seat or throne upon which the king sat when personally present in parliament; hence it signified the parliament itself.


An officer of the forest, similar to a sheriff's special bailiff. Cowell.

A collector of rents for the king. Plowd. 199, 200.

A well-known parish officer. See Beadle.

—Bedelary. The jurisdiction of a bedel, as a baillwick is the jurisdiction of a bailiff. Co. Litt. 234b; Cowell.

—Bederpe. A service which certain tenants were anciently bound to perform, as to reap their landlord's corn at harvest. Said by Whishaw to be still in existence in some parts of England. Blount; Cowell; Whishaw.

—Beer. A liquor compounded of malt and hops.

In its ordinary sense, denotes a beverage which is intoxicating, and is within the fair meaning of the words "strong or spirituous liquors," used in the statutes on this subject. Tompkins County v. Taylor, 21 N. Y. 175; Nevin v. Ladue, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 44; Mullen v. State, 96 Ind. 306; People v. Wheelock, 3 Parker, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.) 14; Maier v. State, 2 Tex. Civ. App. 296, 21 S. W. 974.

—Beer-house. In English law. A place where beer is sold to be consumed on the premises; as distinguished from a "beer-shop," which is a place where beer is sold to be consumed off the premises. 16 Ch. Div. 721.

—Before. Prior to; preceding. In the presence of; under the official purview of; as in a magistrate's jurat, "before me personally appeared," etc.

In the absence of any statutory provision governing the computation of time, the authorities are uniform that, where an act is required to be done a certain number of days or weeks before a certain other day upon which another act is to be done, the day upon which the first act is done is to be excluded from the computation, and the whole number of days or weeks must intervene before the day fixed for doing the second act. Ward v. Walters, 63 Wis. 44, 22 N. W. 844, and cases cited.

—Beg. To solicit alms or charitable aid.

The act of a cripple in passing along the sidewalk and silently holding out his hand and receiving money from passers-by is "begging for alms," within the meaning of a statute which uses that phrase. In re Haller, 2 Abb. N. C. (N. Y.) 65.

—Bego. A land measure used in the East Indies. In Bengal it is equal to about a third part of an acre.

—Beggary. One who lives by begging charity, or who has no other means of support than solicited alms.

—Begum. In India. A lady, princess, woman of high rank.

—Behalf. A witness testifies on "behalf of the party who calls him, notwithstanding his evidence proves to be adverse to that party's case. Richerson v. Sternburg, 65 Ill. 274. See, further, 12 Q. B. 693; 18 Q. B. 512.

—Behavior. Manner of behaving, whether good or bad; conduct; manners; carriage of one's self, with respect to propriety and morals; deportment. Webster. State v. Roll, 1 Ohio Dec. 284.

Surety to be of good behavior is said to be a larger requirement than surety to keep the peace.

—Behetreria. In Spanish law. Lands situated in places where the inhabitants had the right to select their own lords.

—Befoof. Use; benefit; profit; service; advantage. It occurs in conveyances, e. g., "to his and their use and behoof." Stiles v. Japhet, 84 Tex. 31, 19 S. W. 450.


With regard to things which make not a very deep impression on the memory, it may be called "belief." "Knowledge" is nothing more than a man's firm belief. The difference is ordinarily merely in the degree; to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court; by the jury, when addressed to the jury. Hatch v. Carpenter, 9 Gray (Mass.) 274.

The distinction between the two mental conditions seems to be that knowledge is an assurance of a fact or proposition founded on perception by the senses, or intuition; while belief is an assurance gained by evidence, and from other persons. Abbott.

—Belligerent. In international law. A term used to designate either of two nations which are actually in a state of war with each other, as well as their allies actively co-operating; as distinguished from a nation which takes no part in the war and maintains a strict indifference as between the contending parties, called a "neutral." U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 Fed. 412; Johnson v. Jones, 44 Ill. 151, 92 Am. Dec. 139.

Bello parta cedunt república. Things acquired in war belong or go to the state.
**BELLUM**

Lat. In public law. War. An armed contest between nations; the state of those who forcibly contend with each other. *Jus belli*, the law of war.

**BENEFICIARY**

One for whose benefit a trust is created; a *cestui que trust*. In *Roman law*, a beneficiarius was the person to whom a beneficium or a *benefice* was assigned. In *ecclesiastical law*, a person to whom a benefice or a perpetual curacy is assigned, or to whom an endowed chapel is granted; a person entitled to the use, enjoyment, and benefit of an estate.

**BENEFICE**

Fr. In French law. A benefit or advantage, and particularly a privilege given by the law rather than by the agreement of the parties.

**Bénéfice de discussion.** Benefit of discussion. The right of a guarantor to require that the creditor first exhaust his recourse against the principal debtor before having recourse to the guarantor himself. **Bénéfice de division.** Benefit of division; right of contribution as between co-sureties. **Bénéfice d'office.** A term which corresponds to the *beneficium inventarli* of Roman law, and substantially to the English law doctrine that the executor properly accounting is only liable to the extent of the assets received by him. **Bénéficiaire.** The person in whose favor a promissory note or bill of exchange is payable; or any person in whose favor a contract of any description is executed. *Arg. Fr. Merc. Law*, 547.

**Beneficial.** Tending to the benefit of a person; yielding a profit, advantage, or benefit; *objet de* or *entitled for*. In re *Importers' Exchange* (Com. Pl.) 2 N. Y. Supp. 237; *Regina v. Vange*, 3 Adol. & El. (N. S.) 254. This term is applied both to estates (as a "beneficial interest") and to persons, (as "the beneficial owner."

**BENEFICIAL association.** Another name for a benefit society. See *Benefit*—*Beneficial enjoyment*. The enjoyment which a man has of an estate in his own right and for his own benefit, and not as trustee for another. 11 H. L. Cas. 271—*Beneficial estate*. An estate in expectancy is one where the right to the possession is postponed to a future period, and is "beneficial" where the devisee takes solely for his own use or benefit, and not as the mere holder of the title for the use of another. In re *Seaman's Estate*, 147 N. Y. 69, 41 N. E. 401.

**Beneficial interest.** Profit, benefit, or advantage resulting from a contract, or the ownership of an estate as distinct from the legal ownership or control. **Beneficial power.** A power to sell, mortgag, or give away an estate, or any part thereof; a power which has for its object a person other than the donee, and is to be executed solely for the benefit of such person. *Jennings v. Conboy*, 73 N. Y. 234; Rev. St. N. Y. § 79—*Beneficial use*. The right to use and enjoy property according to one's own liking or so as to derive a profit or benefit from it, including all that makes it desirable or habitable, as, light, air, and access; as distinguished from a mere right of occupation or possession. *Reling v. Railroad Co.* (Super. Ct.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 240.

**Beneficiary.** One for whose benefit a trust is created; a *cestui que trust*. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 521; In re *Welch*, 20 App. Div. 412, 46 N. Y. Supp. 689; Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2218. A person having the enjoyment of property of which a trustee, executor, etc., has the legal possession. The person to whom a policy of insurance is payable. Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 3066a.

**Beneficiary heir.** In the law of Louisiana. One who, by the succession or in the manner of inheritance, takes the benefit of an inventory regularly made. *Civ. Code La.* 1900, art. 883. Also one who may accept the succession. Succession of *Guzman*, 30 La. Ann. 200.
**BENEFICIO PRIMA**

**[ECCLESIASTICO HABENDO.]** In English law. An ancient writ, which was addressed by the king to the lord chancellor, to bestow the benefice that should first fall in the royal gift, above or under a specified value, upon a person named therein. Reg. Orig. 307.

**BENEFICIO.** In early feudal law. A benefice; a permanent stipendiary estate; the same with what was afterwards called a "ife," "feud," or "fee." 3 Steph. Comm. 77, note 4; Spelman.

In the civil law. A benefit or favor; any particular privilege. Dig. 1, 4, 3; Cod. 7, 71; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

A general term applied to ecclesiastical livings. 4 Bl. Comm. 107; Cowell.

**Beneficium abstinenti.** In Roman law. The power of an heir to abstain from accepting the inheritance. Sanders, Just. Inst. (6th Ed.) 214—Beneficium divisionis. In Roman law. The privilege by which a surety could, before paying the creditor, compel the antecedent heir, such as the heir of line in possession, only to the value of the effects of the successor in interest, to account to the creditor for the value of the effects of the successor in the possession, and, if this privilege formed a part of the composition, to confess a debt, which was，在…

**Beneficium cedendi actionis.** In civil and Scotch law. The right which an insolvent debtor had, among others, to insist upon paying only his pro rata share of the debt. Bell. In the civil law. The right which an insolvent debtor had, such as the Romans, on making cession of his property for the benefit of his creditors, to retain what was required for him to live honestly according to his condition. 7 Toullier, n. 235—Beneficium divisiones. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of one of several co-sureties (cautio) to insist upon paying only his pro rata share of the debt. Bell—Beneficium inventaril. See Beneficium ordinis. In civil and Scotch law. The privilege of an order to require that the creditor should first proceed against the principal and exhaust his remedy against him, before resorting to the surety. Bell.—Beneficium separations. In the civil law. The right to have the goods of an heir separated from those of the testator in favor of creditors.

**Beneficium non datum nisi propter officium.** Hob. 148. A renumeration [is] not given, unless on account of a duty performed.


In the law of eminent domain, it is a rule that, in assessing damages for private property taken, while special benefits are such as accrue to the community at large to the vicinage, or to all property similarly situated with reference to the work or improvement in question; while special benefits are such as accrue directly and solely to the owner of the land in question and not to others. Little Miami R. v. Collett, 6 Ohio St. 182; St. Louis, etc., Ry. Co. v. Fowler, 142 Mo. 670, 44 S. W. 771; Gray v. Manhan, Ry. Co. 16 Daly, 510; 12 N. Y. Supp. 542; Barr v. Omaha, 42 Neb. 941, 60 N. W. 591.

**Benefit building society.** The original name for what is now more commonly called a "building and loan association." 94 Pa. 489. Com. v. Aid Ass'n, 137 Pa. 412, 18 Atl. 1112; Com. v. Aid Ass'n, 94 Pa. 489.

In the civil law. The release of a debtor from future imprisonment for his debts, which the law opposes in his favor upon the surrender of his property to the benefit of the community. Poth. Proc. Civ. pt. 5, c. 2, § 1.—Benefit of clergy. In its original sense, the phrase denoted the protection which was accorded to clergymen from the jurisdiction of the secular courts, or from arrest or attachment on criminal process issuing from those courts in certain particular cases. Afterwards, it meant a privilege of exemption from the punishment of death accorded to such persons as were clerks, or who could read. This privilege of exemption from capital punishment was anciently allowed to clergymen only, but afterwards to all who were connected with the church, even to its children. Such were the order of the officers of the later time to all persons who could read, (then called "clerks," whether ecclesiastics or laymen.) It was extended to cases of high treason, or did it apply to more misdemeanors. The privilege was claimed after the person's conviction, by a species of motion which was called "praying his clergy." As a means of testing his clerical character, he was given a psalm to read, (usually, or always, the fifty-first,) and, upon his reading it correctly, he was turned over to the ecclesiastical courts, to be tried by the bishop or a jury of twelve clerks. These heard him on oath, with his witnesses and compurgators, who attested their belief in his innocence. This privilege operated greatly to mitigate the extreme rigor of the criminal laws, but was found to involve such gross abuses that parliament began to enact that certain crimes should be felonies "without benefit of clergy," and finally, by St. 7 Geo. IV. c. 28, § 6, it was altogether abolished. The act of Congress of April 30, 1790, § 30, provided that there should be no benefit of clergy for any capital crime against the United States; and, if this privilege formed a part of the common law of the several states before the Revolution, it no longer exists.—Benefit of discursion. In the criminal law. The privilege of discursion has caused the cause of the principal debtor to be applied in satisfaction of the obligation. At common law, in instances of the nature mentioned, the principal creditor must sue in his own right. 3 S. C. 871, 15 Am. Civil Code La. art. 1032.—Benefit societies. Under the laws of several states, friendly societies of Michigan, loan and fund associations of Massachusetts, mechanics' associations of Michigan, the mechanics' and fund association of Illinois, and the mechanics' and fund association of California, and the mechanics' and fund association of New York, and the mechanics' and fund association of New Jersey, friendly societies in Great Britain, are a still more extensive and important species belonging to this class. Benevolent societies, etc., 127.
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BERNETH. A feudal service rendered by the tenant to his lord with plow and cart. Cowell.

BENEVOLENCE. The doing a kind or helpful action towards another, under no obligation except an ethical one.

Is no doubt distinguishable from the words "liberty" and "charity:" for, although many charitable institutions are very properly called "benevolent," it is impossible to say that every object of the donor's benevolence is also an object of his charity. James v. Allen, 3 Mer. 17; Pell v. Mercer, 14 R. I. 443; Murdock v. Bridges, 91 Me. 124, 39 Atl. 475.

In public law. Nominally a voluntary gratuity given by subjects to their king, but in reality a tax or forced loan.

BENEVOLENT. Philanthropic; humane; having a desire or purpose to do good to men; intended for the conferring of benefits, rather than for gain or profit.

This word is certainly more indefinite, and of far wider range, than "charitable" or "religious:" it would include all gifts prompted by good-will or kind feeling towards the recipient, whether an object of charity or not. The natural and usual meaning of the word would so extend it. It has no legal meaning separate from its usual meaning. "Charitable" has acquired a settled limited meaning in law, which confines it within known limits. But in all the decisions in England on the subject it has been held that a devise or bequest for benevolent objects, or in trust to give to such objects, is too indefinite and therefore void. Norris v. Thomson, 19 N. J. Eq. 313; Thomson v. Norris, 29 N. J. Eq. 523; Suter v. Hilliard, 132 Mass. 413, 42 Am. Rep. 444; Fox v. Gibbs, 86 Me. 87, 29 Atl. 940. This word, as applied to objects or purposes, may refer to those which are in their nature charitable, and may also have a broader meaning and include objects and purposes not charitable in the legal sense of that word. Acts of kindness, friendship, forethought, or goodwill, which are generally described as benevolently, have therefore been held that gifts to trustees to be applied for "benevolent purposes" at the discretion, or to such "benevolent purposes" as they could agree upon, do not create a public charity. But where the word is used in connection with other words explanatory of its meaning, and indicating the intent of the donor to limit it to purposes strictly charitable, it has been held to be synonymous with, or equivalent to, "charitable." Suter v. Hilliard, 152 Mass. 412, 42 Am. Rep. 444; De Camp v. Dobbins, 31 N. J. Eq. 695; Chamberlain v. Stearns, 111 Mass. 285; Goodale v. Moody, 60 N. H. 235, 49 Am. Rep. 324.

—Benevolent associations. Those having a philanthropic or charitable purpose, as distinguished from such as are conducted for profit and classified "benefit associations" or "beneficial associations." See BENEFIT.—Benevolent societies. In English law. Societies established and registered under the friendly societies act, 1875, for any charitable or benevolent purposes.

Benigne faciendae sunt interpretationes charitatum, ut res magis valeat quam pereat; et quae libet concessio fortissimo contra donatorem interpretanda est. Liberal interpretations are to be made of deeds, so that the purpose may rather stand than fail; and every grant is to be taken most strongly against the grantor. Wallis v. Wallis, 4 Mass. 135; 3 Am. Dec. 210; Hayes v. Kershow, 1 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 258, 259.

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Benignior sententia in verbis generalibus seu dubiis, est praferenda. 4 Coke, 15. The more favorable construction is to be placed on general or doubtful expressions.

Benignius leges interpretae sunt quo voluntas earum conservetur. Laws are to be more liberally interpreted, in order that their intent may be preserved. Dig. 1, 3, 18.

BEQUEST. To give personal property by will to another. Lasher v. Lasher, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 106.

This word is the proper term for a testamentary gift of personal property only, the word "devise" being used with reference to real estate; but if the context clearly shows the intention of the testator to use the word as synonymous with "devise," it may be held to pass real property. Dow v. Dow, 38 Me. 216; Borgner v. Brown, 153 Ind. 291, 33 N. E. 92; Logan v. Logan, 11 Colo. 447, 17 Pac. 99; Laing v. Barbour, 137 Mass. 252; Scholle v. Scholle, 113 N. Y. 261, 21 N. E. 841; in re Fretow's Estate, 58 Pa. 427; Ladd v. Harvey, 21 N. H. 528; Evans v. Fisco, 118 Ill. 590, 8 N. E. 564.

BEQUEST. A gift by will of personal property; a legacy. A specific bequest is one whereby the testator gives to the legatee all his property of a certain class or kind; as all his pure personal property. A residuary bequest is a gift of all the remainder of the testator's personal estate, after payment of debts and legacies, etc. An executory bequest is the bequest of a future, deferred, or contingent interest in personality. A conditional bequest is one the taking effect or continuing of which depends upon the happening or non-occurrence of a particular event. Mitchell v. Mitchell, 143 Ind. 113, 42 N. E. 465; Farnam v. Farnam, 53 Conn. 261, 2 Atl. 325, 5 Atl. 682; Merrill v. College, 74 Wis. 415, 43 N. W. 104.

BERCARIA. In old English law, a sheepfold; also a place where the bark of trees was laid to tan.

BERCARIUS, or BERCATOR. A shepherd.
BEREWICA, or BEREWICA. In old English law. A term used in Domesday for a village or hamlet belonging to some town or manor.

BERGHMAister. An officer having charge of a mine. A bailiff or chief officer among the Derbyshire miners, who, in addition to his other duties, executes the office of coroner among them. Blount; Cowell.

BERGHMOTH, or BERGHMOTE. The ancient name of the court now called "barmote," (q. v.)

BERNET. In Saxon law. Burning; the crime of house burning, now called "arson." Cowell; Blount.

BERRA. In old law. A plain; open heath. Cowell.

BERBT, or BURY. A villa or seat of habitation of a nobleman; a dwelling or mansion house; a sanctuary.

BERTILLOn SYSTEM. A method of anthropometry, used chiefly for the identification of criminals and other persons, consisting of the taking and recording of a system of numerous, minute, and uniform measurements of various parts of the human body, absolutely and in relation to each other, the facial, cranial, and other angles, and of any eccentricities or abnormalities noticed in the individual.

BERTON. A large farm; the barn-yard of a large farm.

BES. Lat. In the Roman law. A division of the as, or pound, consisting of eight sextans or duodecimal parts, and amounting to two-thirds of the as. 2 Bl. Comm. 452, note m.

Two-thirds of an inheritance. Inst. 2, 14, 5.

Eight per cent. Interest. 2 Bl. Comm. ubi supra.

BESAILE, BEASAYLE. The great-grandfather, 

BESAYL, BEASAYL, Besayle. In old English law. A writ which lay where a great-grandfather died seised of lands and tenements in fee-simple, and on the day of his death a stranger abated, or entered and kept out the heir. Reg. Orig. 226; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 221 D; 3 Bl. Comm. 186.

BET. An agreement between two or more persons that a sum of money or other valuable thing, to which all jointly contribute, shall become the sole property of one or some of them on the happening in the future of an event at present uncertain, or according as a question disputed between them is settled in one way or the other. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 532; Rich v. State, 38 Tex. Cr. R. 199, 42 S. W. 291, 38 L. R. A. 719; Jacobus v. Hazlett, 78 Ill. App. 241; Shaw v. Clark, 49 Mich. 384, 13 N. W. 786, 43 Am. Rep. 474; Alvord v. Smith, 63 Ind. 62.

Bet and wager are synonymous terms, and are applied both to the contract of betting or wagering and to the thing or sum bet or wagered. For example, one bets or wagers, or lays a bet or wager of so much, upon a certain result. But these terms cannot properly be applied to the act to be done, or event to happen, upon which the bet or wager is laid. Bets or wagers may be laid upon acts to be done, events or facts existing or to exist. The bets or wagers may be illegal, and the acts, events, or facts upon which they are laid may not be. Bets or wagers may be laid upon games, and things that are not games. Everything upon which a bet or wager may be laid is not a game. Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 16; Shumate v. Com., 15 Grat. 660; Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539.

BETROTHMENT. Mutual promise of marriage; the plighting of troth; a mutual promise or contract between a man and woman competent to make it, to marry at a future time.

BETTER EQUITY. See EQUITY.

BETTERMENT. An improvement put upon an estate which enhances its value more than mere repairs. The term is also applied to denote the additional value which an estate acquires in consequence of some public improvement, as laying out or widening a street, etc. French v. New York, 16...

—Betterment acts. Statutes which provide that a bona fide occupant of real estate making lasting improvements in good faith shall have a lien upon the estate recovered by the real owner to the extent that his improvements have increased the value of the land. Also called “occupying claimant acts.” Jones v. Hotel Co., 88 Fed. 336, 30 L. C. A. 198.

BETWEEN. As a measure or indication of distance, this word has the effect of excluding the two termini. Revere v. Leonard, 1 Mass. 93; State v. Godfrey, 12 Me. 396. See Morris & E. R. Co. v. Central R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 212.

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BEVERAGE. This term is properly used to distinguish a sale of liquors to be drunk for the pleasure of drinking; from liquor to be drunk in obedience to a physician’s advice. Com. v. Mandeville, 142 Mass. 469, 8 N. E. 327.

BEWARED. O. Eng. Expended. Before the Britons and Saxons had introduced the general use of money, they traded chiefly by exchange of wares. Wharton.

BEYOND SEA. Beyond the limits of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland; outside the United States; out of the state.

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This term is not synonymous with “prejudice.” By the use of this word in a statute declaring disqualification of jurors, the legislature intended to describe another and somewhat different ground of disqualification. A man cannot be prejudiced against another without being biased against him; but he may be biased without being prejudiced. Bias is “a particular influential power, which sways the judgment; the inclination of the mind towards a particular object.” It is not to be supposed that the legislature expected to secure in the juror a state of mind absolutely free from all inclination to one side or the other. The statute means that, although a juror has not formed a judgment for or against the prisoner, before the evidence is heard on the trial, yet, if he is under such an influence as so sways his mind to the one side or the other as to prevent his deciding the case fairly, the evidence is incompetent. Willis v. State, 12 Ga. 444.

Actual bias consists in the existence of a state of mind on the part of the juror which satisfies the exception. In the execution of discretion, that the juror cannot try the issues impartially and without prejudice to the substantial rights of the party challenging. State v. Chapman, 1 S. D. 414, 47 N. W. 411, 10 L. A. 432; People v. McQuade, 110 N. Y. 284, 18 N. E. 377; 1 L. R. A. 273; People v. Wells, 100 Cal. 227, 54 Pac. 718.

BID. An offer by an intending purchaser to pay a designated price for property which is about to be sold at auction. U. S. v. Vestal (D. C.) 12 Fed. 50; Payne v. Cave, 3 Term, 149; Eppes v. Railroad Co., 35 Ala. 56.

—Bid in. Property sold at auction is said to be “bid in” by the owner or an incumbrancer or some one else who is interested in it, when he attends the sale and makes the successful bid. —Bid off. One is said to “bid off” a thing when he bids for it at an auction sale, and it is known to him that the sale will pass to some one else who is interested in it. —Bid on. To bid for the property at his bid or competing at a new price. —Biddings. Offer of a designated price for goods or other property put up for sale at auction. —By-bidding. In the law relating to sales by auction, this term is equivalent to “puffing.” The practice consists in making fictitious bids for the property, under a secret arrangement with the owner or auctioneer, for the purpose of misleading the party challenging, the auctioneer, or the bidder, who may bid in good faith. —Upset bid. A bid made after a judicial sale, but before the successful bid at the sale has been confirmed, larger or better than such successful bid, and made for the purpose of upsetting the sale and securing to the “upset bidder” the privilege of taking the property at his bid or competing at a new sale. Yost v. Porter, 80 Va. 588.

BIDAL, or BIDALL. An invitation of friends to drink ale at the house of some poor man, who hopes thereby to be relieved by charitable contribution. It is something like “house-warming,” & c., a visit of friends
to a person beginning to set up house-keeping. Wharton.

**BIELBRIEF.** Germ. In European maritime law. A document furnished by the builder of a vessel, containing a register of her dimensions, particularizing the length, breadth, and dimensions of every part of the ship. It sometimes also contains the terms of agreement between the party for whose account the ship is built, and the ship-builder. It has been termed in English the "grand bill of sale;" in French, "contrat de construction ou de la vente d'un vaisseau," and corresponds in a great degree with the English, French, and American "register," (q. v.,) being an equally essential document to the lawful ownership of vessels. Juc. Sec. Laws, 12, 13, and note. In the Danish law, it is used to denote the contract of bottomry.

**BIENES.** Sp. In Spanish law. Goods; property of every description, including real as well as personal property; all things (not being persons) which may serve for the uses of man. Larkin v. U. S., 14 Fed. Cas. 1154.

—**BIENES comunes.** Common property; those things which, not being the private property of any person, are open to the use of all, such as the air, rain, water, the sea and its beaches. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 315, 10 Pac. 707.—**BIENES gananciales.** A species of community in property enjoyed by husband and wife, the property being divisible equally between them on the dissolution of the marriage; does not include what they held as their separate property at the time of contracting the marriage. Welder v. Lambert, 91 Tex. 510, 44 S. W. 281.—**BIENES publicos.** Those things which, as to property, pertain to the people or nation, and, as to rights to the individuals of the territory or district, such as rivers, shores, ports, and public roads. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 315, 10 Pac. 707.

**BIENNALLY.** This term, in a statute, signifies, not duration of time, but a period for the happening of an event; once in every two years. People v. Tremain, 9 Hun (N. Y.) 576; People v. Kilbourn, 68 N. Y. 479.

**BIENS.** In English law. Property of every description, except estates of freehold and inheritance. Sugd. Vend. 495; Co. Litt. 119b.

In **French law.** This term includes all kinds of property, real and personal. *Biens* are divided into *biens meubles,* movable property; and *biens immeubles,* immovable property. The distinction between movable and immovable property is recognized by the continental jurists, and gives rise, in the civil as well as in the common law, to many important distinctions as to rights and remedies. Story, Confl. Laws, § 13, note 1.

**BIGNA, or BIGATA.** A cart or chariot drawn with two horses, couple side to side; but it is said to be properly a cart with two wheels, sometimes drawn by one horse; and in the ancient records it is used for any cart, wagon, or wagon. Jacob.

**BIGAMUS.** In the civil law. A man who was twice married; one who at different times and successively has married two wives. 4 Inst. 88. One who has two wives living. One who marries a widow.

Bigamus seu trigamus, etc., est qui divers temporibus et successivè duos seu tres uxores habuit. 4 Inst. 88. A bigamus or trigamus, etc., is one who at different times and successively has married two or three wives.

**BIGAMY.** The criminal offense of willfully and knowingly contracting a second marriage (or going through the form of a second marriage) while the first marriage, to the knowledge of the offender, is still subsisting and undissolved. Com. v. McNerny, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 207; Gise v. Com., 81 Pa. 450; Scoggin v. State, 82 Ark. 213; Cannon v. U. S., 116 U. S. 65, 6 Sup. Ct. 287, 29 L. Ed. 561.

The state of a man who has two wives, or of a woman who has two husbands, living at the same time.

The offense of having a plurality of wives at the same time is commonly denominated "polygamy;" but the name "bigamy" has been more frequently given to it in legal proceedings. 1 Russ. Crimes, 185.

The use of the word "bigamy" to describe this offense is well established by long usage, although often criticized as a corruption of the true meaning of the word. Polygamy is suggested as the correct term, instead of bigamy, to designate the offense of having a plurality of wives or husbands at the same time, and has been adopted for that purpose in the Massachusetts statutes. But as the substance of the offense is marrying a second time, while having a lawful husband or wife living, without regard to the number of marriages that may have taken place, bigamy seems not an inappropriate term. The objection to its use urged by Blackstone (4 Bl. Comm. 163) seems to be founded not so much upon considerations of the etymology of the word as upon the propriety of distinguishing the ecclesiastical offense termed "bigamy" in the canon law, and which is defined below, from the offense known as "bigamy" in the modern criminal law. The same distinction is carefully made by Lord Coke, (4 Inst. 88.) But, the ecclesiastical offense being now obsolete, this reason for substituting polygamy to denote the crime here defined ceases to have weight. Abbott.

In the canon law, the term denoted the offense committed by an ecclesiastical who married two wives successively. It might be committed either by marrying a second wife after the death of a first or by marrying a widow.

**BIGOT.** An obstinate person, or one that is wedded to an opinion, in matters of religion, etc.

**BILAGINES.** By-laws of towns; municipal laws.
BILAN. A term used in Louisiana, derived from the French. A book in which bankers, merchants, and traders write a statement of all they owe and all that is due them; a balance-sheet. See Dauphin v. Soule, 3 Mart. (N. S.) 446.

BILANCOIS DE FERENDIS. In English law. An obsolete writ addressed to a corporation for the carrying of weights to such a haven, there to weigh the wool anciently licensed for transportation. Reg. Orig. 270.

BILATERAL CONTRACT. A term, used originally in the civil law, but now generally adopted, denoting a contract in which both the contracting parties are bound to fulfill obligations reciprocally towards each other; as a contract of sale, where one becomes bound to deliver the thing sold, and the other to pay the price of it. Montpelier Seminary v. Smith, 69 Vt. 382, 38 Atl. 66.

"Every convention properly so called consists of a promise or mutual promises proffered and accepted. Where one only of the agreeing parties gives a promise, the convention is said to be 'unilateral.' Wherever mutual promises are proffered and accepted, there are, in strictness, two or more conventions. But where the performance of either of the promises is made to depend on the performance of the other, the several conventions are commonly deemed one convention, and the convention is then said to be 'bilateral.'" Aust. Jur. § 308.

BILGED. In admiralty law and marine insurance. That state or condition of a vessel in which water is freely admitted through holes and breaches made in the planks of the ship's timbers are broken or not. Peele v. Insurance Co., 3 Mason, 27, 39, 19 Fed. Cas. 103.

BILINE. A word used by Britton in the sense of "collateral." En line biline, in the collateral line. Britt. c. 119.

BILINGUIS. Of a double language or tongue; that can speak two languages. A term applied in the old books to a jury composed partly of Englishmen and partly of foreigners, which, by the English law, an alien party to a suit is, in certain cases, entitled to; more commonly called a "jury de mediateque linguae." 3 Bl. Comm. 360; 4 Steph. Comm. 422.

BILL. A formal declaration, complaint, or statement of particular things in writing. As a legal term, this word has many meanings and applications, the more important of which are enumerated below.

1. A formal written statement of complaint to a court of justice. In the ancient practice of the court of king’s bench, the usual and orderly method of beginning an action was by a bill, or original bill, or plaintiff. This was a written statement of the plaintiff's cause of action, like a declaration or complaint, and always alleged a trespass as the ground of it, in order to give the court jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 43.

In Scotch law, every summary application in writing, by way of petition to the Court of Session, is called a "bill." Cent. Dict.

—Bill chamber. In Scotch law. A department of the court of session in which petitions for suspension, interdict, etc. are entertained. It is equivalent to sittings in chambers in the English and American practice. Paters. Comp.

—Bill of privilege. In old English law, a method of proceeding against attorneys and officers of the court not liable to arrest. 3 Bl. Comm. 288.—Bill of proof. In English practice, the name given, in the mayor's court of London, to a species of intervention by a third person laying claim to the subject-matter in dispute between the parties to a suit.

2. A species of writ; a formal written declaration by a court to its officers, in the nature of process.

—Bill of Middlesex. An old form of process similar to a capias, issued out of the court of king's bench in personal actions directed to the sheriff of the county of Middlesex, (hence the name,) and commanding him to take the defendant and have him before the king at length after day named, to answer the plaintiff's complaint. State v. Mathews, 2 Erev (S. C.) 83; Sims v. Alderson, 8 Leigh (Va.) 454.

3. A formal written petition to a superior court for action to be taken in a cause already determined, or a record or certified account of the proceedings in such action or some portion thereof, accompanying such a petition.

—Bill of advocacy. In Scotch practice. A bill by which the judgment of an inferior court is appealed from, or brought under review of a superior. Bell.—Bill of certiorari. A bill, the object of which is to remove a suit in equity from some inferior court to the court of chancery, or some other superior court of equity, on account of some alleged incompetency of the inferior court, or some injustice in its proceedings. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 298.—Bill of exceptions. A formal statement in writing of the objections or exceptions taken by a party defendant in the trial of a cause to the decisions, rulings, or instructions of the trial judge, stating the objection, with the facts and circumstances on which it is founded, and, in order to attest its accuracy, signed and sealed by the judge; the object being to put the controverted rulings or decisions upon the record for the information of the appellate court. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 193, 8 L. Ed. 92; Galvin v. State, 56 Ind. 56; Coxe v. Field, 13 N. J. Law, 218; Sackett v. McCord, 23 Ala. 394.

4. In equity practice. A formal written complaint, in the nature of a petition, addressed by a suitor in chancery to the chancellor or to a court of equity or a court having equitable jurisdiction, showing the names of the parties, stating the facts which make up the case and the complainant's allegations, averring that the acts disclosed are contrary to equity, and praying for process or specific relief, or for such relief as the circumstances demand. U. S. v. Ambrose, 105 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 652, 27 L. Ed. 746; Feeney v. Howard, 79 Cal. 523, 21
Bills are said to be original, not original, or in the nature of original bills. They are original when the circumstances constituting the case are not already before the court, and relief is demanded, or the bill is filed for a subsidiary purpose.

**Bill for a new trial.** A bill in equity in which the specific relief asked is an injunction against the enforcement of a judgment, or to correct such defects in law and a new trial in the action, on account of some fact which would render it inequitable to enforce the judgment, but which was not available in the party's law, or the party was prevented from presenting by fraud or accident, without concurrent fraud or negligence on the party's own part.—Bill for permanent injunction.

One which is filed by a mortgagee against the mortgagor, for the purpose of having the estate sold, thereby to obtain the sum mortgaged on the premises, with interest and costs.—1 Madd. Ch. Pr. 528—Bill in nature of a bill of review. A bill in equity, to obtain a re-examination and reversal of a decree, filed by one who has not been a party to the original suit, nor bound by the decree.—Bill in nature of a bill of revivor. Where, on the abatement of a suit, or the death of a party, or transmission of the interest of the incapacitated party to the title to it, as well as the person entitled, may be the subject of litigation in a court of chancery, the suit is continued by a bill of review, but an original bill upon which the title may be litigated must be filed. This is called a "bill in nature of a bill of revivor." It is founded on privity of estate or title by the act of the party. And the nature and operation of the whole act by which the privity is created is specified in Story, Eq. Pr. 358—2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 271—Bill in nature of a supplemental bill. A bill filed when new parties, with new interests, arising from events happening since the suit was commenced, are brought before the court; wherein it differs from a supplemental bill, which is properly applicable to cases only where the same parties or the same interests remain before the court. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 345 et seq.—Bill of conformity. One filed by an executor or administrator, to settle the affairs of the deceased so much involved that he cannot safely administer the estate except under the control of a court. Story, Eq. Pl. 358—2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 271—Bill in nature of a supplemental bill. A bill filed when new parties, with new interests, arising from events happening since the suit was commenced, are brought before the court; wherein it differs from a supplemental bill, which is properly applicable to cases only where the same parties or the same interests remain before the court. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 345 et seq.—Bill of conformity. One filed by an executor or administrator, to settle the affairs of the deceased so much involved that he cannot safely administer the estate except under the control of a court. Story, Eq. Pl. 358—2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 271—Bill in nature of a supplemental bill. A bill filed when new parties, with new interests, arising from events happening since the suit was commenced, are brought before the court; wherein it differs from a supplemental bill, which is properly applicable to cases only where the same parties or the same interests remain before the court. Story, Eq. Pl. (5th Ed.) § 345 et seq.—Bill of conformity. One filed by an executor or administrator, to settle the affairs of the deceased so much involved that he cannot safely administer the estate except under the control of a court. Story, Eq. Pl. 358—2 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 271.
5. In legislation and constitutional law, the word means a draft of an act of the legislature before it becomes a law; a proposed or projected law. A draft of an act presented to the legislature, but not enacted. An act is the appropriate term for it, after it has been acted on by, and passed by, the legislature. Southwark Bank v. Comm., 29 Pa. 430; Sedgwick County Com'r v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 608; May v. Rcoe, 91 Ind. 549; State v. Hogeeman, 2 Pennwell (Del.) 147, 44 Atl. 621. Also a special act passed by a legislative body in the exercise of a quasi judicial power. Thus, bills of attainder, bills of pains and penalties, are spoken of.—Bill of attainder, see ATTAINDER.—Bill of indemnity. In English law. An act of parliament which indemnifies or indemnifies but does not contain an indemnity. It is called also a "cross" or "counter" bill or note.

6. In commercial law. A written statement of the terms of a contract, or specification of the items of a transaction or of a demand; also a general name for any item of indebtedness, whether receivable or payable.—Bill-book. In mercantile law. A book in which an account of bills of exchange and promissory notes, whether payable or receivable, is stated. A printed form on which merchants and traders make out their bills and render accounts to their customers.—Bill of lading. In common law. The written evidence of a contract of carriage of goods by sea. A bill of lading is an instrument in writing, signed by a carrier of goods by sea, for a certain freight, Mason v. Dickbarrow, 1 H. Bl. 359. A written memorandum, given by the person in command of a merchant vessel, acknowledging the receipt on board the ship of certain specified goods, in good order or "apparent good order," which he undertakes, in consideration of the payment of freight, to deliver in like good order (dangers of the sea excepted) at a designated place to the consignor or to his order or to the order of another person at a specified place. Civil Code Cal. § 2126; Civil Code Dak. § 1229.—Bill of parcels. In law. A bill to the importer along with the goods, exhibiting in detail the items composing the parcel and their several prices, to enable him to detect any mistake or omission; an invoice.—Bill of sale. In contracts. A written agreement under seal, by which one person assigns or transfers his right to or interest in goods and personal chattels to another. An instrument by which, in particular, the property in ships and vessels is conveyed. Putnam v. McDonald, 72 Vt. 4, 47 Atl. 159; Young v. Stone, 61 App. Div. 384, 70 N. Y. Supp. 555.—Bill payable. In a merchant's accounts, all bills which he has accepted, and promissory notes which he has made, are called "bills payable," and are entered in a ledger account under that name, and recorded in a book bearing the same title.—Bill receivable. In a merchant's accounts, all notes, drafts, checks, etc., payable to him, or of which he is to receive the proceeds at a future date, are called "bill receivable," and are entered in a ledger account under that name, and also noted in a book bearing the same title. State v. Robinson, 57 Md. 501.—Bill rendered. A bill of items charged by a creditor to a debtor, or an account rendered, as distinguished from "an account stated." Hill v. Hatch, 11 Me. 435.—Grand bill of sale. In English law. The name of an instrument used for the transfer of a ship while she is at sea. An expression which
is understood to refer to the instrument whereby a ship was originally transferred from the owner to the buyer, or first purchaser. 8 Kent, Comm. 133.

9. In the law of negotiable instruments. A promissory obligation for the payment of money.


—Bill of exchange. A written order from A. to B., directing B. to pay to O. a certain sum of money by a ship was originally transferred from the owner to the buyer, or first purchaser. 8 Kent, Comm. 133.

A bill of exchange is an instrument, negotiable in form, by which one, who is called the "drawer," requests another, called the "drawee," to pay a specified sum of money. Civil Code Cal. 1317.

An exchange is an order by one person, called the "drawer" or "maker," to another, called the "drawee" or "acceptor," to pay money to another, (who may be the drawer himself,) called the "payee," or his or her order, or to the bearer. If the payee, or a bearer, transfers the bill by indorsement, he then becomes the "indorser." If the drawer or drawee resides out of this state, it is then called a "foreign bill of exchange." Code Ga. 1882, § 2773.—Bill of credit. In constitutional law. A promissory obligation for the payment of money, and redeemable at a future day. Civil Code Cal. 1354.

A written statement or specification of the particular de­mand for which an action at law is brought, or of a defendant's set-off against such demand, (including dates, sums, and items in detail,) furnished by one of the parties to the other, either voluntarily or in compliance with a judge's order for that purpose. 1 Tidd, P. C. 596-600; 2 Arrhb. Pr. 221; Ferguson v. Ashbell, 53 Tex. 250; Baldwin v. Gregg, 13 Metc. (Mass.) 253.

11. In revenue law and procedure, the term is given to various documents filed in or issuing from a custom house, principally of the sorts described below.

—Bill of entry. An account of the goods entered at the custom house, both incoming and outgoing. A bill of entry is an instrument of merchandise, and whither transported, and whence. —Bill of sight. When an importer is ignorant of the exact quantity or quality, so that he cannot make a perfect entry of them, he may give to the customs officer a written description of them, according to the best of his information and belief. This is called a "bill of sight." —Bill of store. In English law. A kind of license granted at the custom-house to merchants, to carry such stores and provisions as are necessary for their voyage, custom free. Jacob.—Bill of suffrance. In English law. A license granted at the custom-house to a merchant, to suffer him to trade from one English port to another, without paying custom. Cowell.

12. In criminal law, a bill of indictment, see infra.

—Bill of indictment. A formal written document accusing a person or persons named of having committed a felony or misdemeanor, lawfully laid before a grand jury for their action upon it. If the grand jury decide that a trial ought to be had, for the names, or indorsement, of "false bill," if otherwise, "not a true bill" or "not found." —State v. Ray, Rice (S. C.) 4, 33 Am. Dec. 90.—Bill of appeal. An ancient, but now abandoned, method of criminal prosecution. See Bartell.

13. In common-law practice. An itemized statement or specification of particular details, especially items of cost or charge.

—Bill of costs. A certified, itemized statement of the amount of costs in an action or suit. Doe v. Thomson, 22 N. Y. 217. By the English usage, this term is applied to the statement of the charges and disbursements of an attorney or solicitor incurred in the conduct of his client's business, and which might be taxed upon application, even though not incurred in any suit. Thus, conveying costs might be taxed. Wharton, Law of particular. In practice. A written statement or specification of the particulars of the demand for which an action at law is brought, or of a defendant's set-off against such demand, (including dates, sums, and items in detail,) furnished by one of the parties to the other, either voluntarily or in compliance with a judge's order for that purpose. 1 Tidd, P. C. 596-600; 2 Arrhb. Pr. 221; Ferguson v. Ashbell, 53 Tex. 250; Baldwin v. Gregg, 13 Metc. (Mass.) 253.
14. In English law, a draft of a patent for a charter, commission, dignity, office, or appointment.

Such a bill is drawn up in the attorney general's patent bill office, is submitted by a secretary of state for the King's signature, when it is called the "King's bill," and is then countersigned by the secretary of state and sealed by the privy seal, and then the patent is prepared and sealed. Sweet.

BILLA. L. Lat. A bill; an original bill.—Bill excaenbili. A bill of exchange.—Bill excaenbatiunia. A bill of lading.—Bill vera. (A true bill.) In old practice. The indorsement anciently made on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, when they found it sufficiently sustained by evidence. 4 Bl. Comm. 306.

BILLA CASSETUR, or QUOD BILLA CASSETUR. (That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment rendered for a defendant on a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill; that is, where the suit is commenced by capias, and not by original writ. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 4.

BILLET. A soldier's quarters in a civilian's house; or the ticket which authorizes him to occupy them.

In French law. A bill or promissory note. Billet à ordre, a bill payable to order. Billet à vue, a bill payable at sight. Billet de complaisance, an accommodation bill. Billet de change, an engagement to give, at a future time, a bill of exchange, which the party is not at the time prepared to give. Story, Bills, § 2, n.

BILLETIA. In old English law. A bill or petition exhibited in parliament. Cowell.

BI-METALLIC. Pertaining to, or consisting of, two metals used as money at a fixed relative value.

BI-METALLISM. The legalized use of two metals in the currency of a country at a fixed relative value.

BIND. To obligate; to bring or place under definite duties or legal obligations, particularly by a bond or covenant; to affect one. In a constraining or compulsory manner with a contract or a judgment. So long as a contract, an adjudication, or a legal relation remains in force and virtue, and continues to impose duties or obligations, it is said to be "binding." A man is bound by his contract or promise, by a judgment or decree against him, by his bond or covenant, by an estoppel, etc. Stone v. Bradbury, 14 Me. 193; Holmes v. Tutton, 5 El. & Bl. 80; Bank v. Ireland, 127 N. C. 238, 37 S. E. 223; Douglas v. Hennessy, 15 R. I. 272, 10 Atl. 533.

BIND OUT. To place one under a legal obligation to serve another; as to bind out an apprentice.

BINDING OVER. The act by which a court or magistrate requires a person to enter into a recognizance or furnish bail to appear for trial, to keep the peace, to attend as a witness, etc.

BIPARTITE. Consisting of, or divisible into, two parts. A term in conveyancing descriptive of an instrument in two parts, and executed by both parties.

BIRRETTUM, BIRRETTUS. A cap or coif used formerly in England by judges and serjeants at law. Spelman.

BIRTH. The act of being born or wholly brought into separate existence. Wallace v. State, 10 Tex. App. 270.

BIS. Lat. Twice.

Bis idem exigit bona fides non patitur; et in satisfactionibus non permititur amplius fieri quam semel factum est. Good faith does not suffer the same thing to be demanded twice; and in making satisfaction [for a debt or demand] it is not allowed to be done more than once. 9 Coke, 53.

BISAILIE. The father of one's grandfather or grandmother.

BISANTIMUM. BEZANTINE, BEZANT. An ancient coin, first issued at Constantinople; it was of two sorts,—gold, equivalent to a ducat, valued at 9s. 6d.; and silver, computed at 2s. They were both current in England. Wharton.

BI-SCOT. In old English law. A fine imposed for not repairing banks, ditches, and causeways.

BISHOP. In English law. An ecclesiastical dignitary, being the chief of the clergy within his diocese, subject to the archbishop of the province in which his diocese is situated. Most of the bishops are also members of the House of Lords.

BISHOPRIC. In ecclesiastical law. The diocese of a bishop, or the circuit in which he has jurisdiction; the office of a bishop. 1 Bl. Comm. 377-382.

BISHOP'S COURT. In English law. An ecclesiastical court, held in the cathedral of each diocese, the judge whereof is the bishop's chancellor, who judges by the civil canon law; and, if the diocese be large, he has his commissaries in remote parts, who hold consistory courts, for matters limited to them by their commission.

BISSEXTILE. The day which is added every fourth year to the month of February,
In order to make the year agree with the course of the sun.

Leap year, consisting of 366 days, and happening every fourth year, by the addition of a day in the month of February, which in that year consists of twenty-nine days.

**BLACK ACRE and WHITE ACRE.** Pictitious names applied to pieces of land, and used as examples in the old books.

**BLACK ACT.** The statute 9 Geo. I. c. 22, so called because it was occasioned by the outrages committed by persons with their faces blacked or otherwise disguised, who appeared in Epping Forest, near Waltham, in Essex, and destroyed the deer there, and committed other offenses. Repealed by 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 27.

**BLACK ACTS.** Old Scotch statutes passed in the reigns of the Stuarts and down to the year 1586 or 1587, so called because printed in black letter. Bell

**BLACK BOOK OF HEREFORD.** In English law. An old record frequently referred to by Cowell and other early writers.

**BLACK BOOK OF THE ADMIRALTY.** A book of the highest authority in admiralty matters, generally supposed to have been compiled during the reign of Edward III. with additions of a later date. It contains the laws of Oleron, a view of crimes and offenses cognizable in the admiralty, and many other matters. See DeLovio v. Bolt, 2 Gall. 404, Fed. Cas. No. 3,776.

**BLACK BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER.** The name of an ancient book kept in the English exchequer, containing a collection of treaties, conventions, charters, etc.

**BLACK CAP.** The head-dress worn by the judge in pronouncing the sentence of death. It is part of the judicial full dress, and is worn by the judges on occasions of especial state. Wharton.

**BLACK CODE.** A name given collectively to the body of laws, statutes, and rules in force in various southern states prior to 1865, which regulated the institution of slavery, and particularly those forbidding their reception at public inns and on public conveyances. Civil Rights Cases, 109 U. S. 3, 3 Sup. Ct. 18, 27 L. Ed. 835.

**BLACK GAME.** In English law. Heath fowl, in contradistinction to red game, as grouse.

**BLACK-LIST.** A list of persons marked out for special avoidance, antagonism, or enmity on the part of those who prepare the list or those among whom it is intended to circulate; as where a trades-union "blacklists" workmen who refuse to conform to its rules, or where a list of insolvent or untrustworthy persons is published by a commercial agency or mercantile association. Masters v. Lee, 39 Neb. 574, 58 N. W. 222; Mattison v. Railway Co., 2 Ohio N. P. 279.

**BLACK-MAIL.** 1. In one of its original meanings, this term denoted a tribute paid by English dwellers along the Scottish border to influential chieftains of Scotland, as a condition of securing immunity from raids of marauders and border thieves.

2. It also designated rents payable in cattle, grain, work, and the like. Such rents were called "black-mail," (reditus nigri), in distinction from white rents, (blanche firmes,) which were rents paid in silver.

3. The extortion of money by threats or overtures towards criminal prosecution or the destruction of a man's reputation or social standing.

In common parlance, the term is equivalent to, and synonymous with, "extortion,"—the exaction of money, either for the performance of a duty, the prevention of an injury, or the exercise of an influence. It supposes the service to be unlawful, and the payment involuntary. Not infrequently it is extorted by threats, or by operating upon the fears or the creditibility, or by promises to conceal, or offers to expose, the weaknesses, the follies, or the crimes of the victim. Hilsnall v. Bohns, 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 284, 17 Abb. Prac. 221; Life Ass'n v. Booger, 3 Mo. App. 173; Hess v. Sparks, 44 Kan. 463, 24 Pac. 970, 21 Am. St. Rep. 300; People v. Thompson, 97 N. Y. 315; Utterback v. State, 153 Ind. 546, 55 N. E. 420; Mitchell v. Sharon (C. C.) 51 Fed. 424.

**BLACK MARIA.** A closed wagon or van in which prisoners are carried to and from the jail, or between the court and the jail.

**BLACK RENTS.** In old English law. Rents reserved in work, grain, provisions, or baser money, in contradistinction to those which were reserved in white money or silver, which were termed "white rents," (reditus albi,) or blanch farms. Tomlins; Whishaw.

**BLACK-ROD, GENTLEMAN USHER OF.** In England, the title of a chief officer of the king, deriving his name from the Black Rod of office, on the top of which reposes a golden lion, which he carries.

**BLACK WARD.** A subvassal, who held ward of the king's vassal.

**BLACKLEG.** A person who gets his living by frequenting race-courses and places where games of chance are played, getting the best odds, and giving the least he can, but not necessarily cheating. That is not indictable either by statute or at common law. Barnett v. Allen, 3 Hurl. & N. 379.
BLADA. In old English law. Growing crops of grain of any kind. Spelman. All manner of annual grain. Cowell. Harvested grain. Bract. 217b; Reg. Orig. 94b, 95.

BLADARIUS. In old English law. A corn-monger; meal-man or corn-chandler; a bladier, or engrosser of corn or grain. Blount.

BLANC. In old law and practice. White; plain; smooth; blank.

BLANK. A space left unfilled in a written document, in which one or more words or marks are to be inserted to complete the sense. Angle v. Insurance Co., 92 U. S. 337, 23 L. Ed. 556.

Also a skeleton or printed form for any legal document, in which the necessary and invariable words are printed in their proper order, with blank spaces left for the insertion of such names, dates, figures, additional clauses, etc., as may be necessary to adapt the instrument to the particular case and to the design of the party using it.

—Blank acceptance. An acceptance of a bill of exchange written on the paper before the bill is made, and delivered by the acceptor. —Blank bar. Also called the "common bar." The name of a plea in bar which in an action of trespass is put in to oblige the plaintiff to assign the certain place where the trespass was committed. It was most in practice in the common bench. See Cro. Jac. 594.—Blank bonds. Scotch securities, in which the creditor's name was left blank, and which passed by mere delivery, the bearer being at liberty to put in his name and sue for payment. Declared void by Act 1696, c. 25.—Blank indorsement. The indorsement of a bill of exchange or promissory note, by merely writing the name of the indorser, without mentioning any person to whom the bill or note is to be paid; called "blank," because a blank or space is left over it for the insertion of the name of the indorsee, or of any subsequent holder. Otherwise called an indorsement "in blank." 3 Kent, Comm. 89; Story, Prom. Notes, § 135.

BLANKET POLICY. In the law of fire insurance. A policy which contemplates that the risk is shifting, fluctuating, or varying, and is applied to a class of property, rather than to any particular article or thing. 1 Wood, Ins. § 40. See Insurance Co. v. Baltimore Warehouse Co., 93 U. S. 541, 23 L. Ed. 868; Insurance Co. v. Landau, 62 N. J. Eq. 73, 49 Atl. 738.

BLANKS. A kind of white money, (value 8d.) coined by Henry V. In those parts of France which were then subject to England; forbidden to be current in that realm by 2 Hen. VI. c. 9. Wharton.

BLASARIUS. An incendiary.

BLASPHEMY. In English law. Blasphemy is the offense of speaking matter relating to God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, or the Book of Common Prayer, intended to wound the feelings of mankind or to excite contempt and hatred against the church by law established, or to promote immorality. Sweet.


In general, blasphemy may be described as consisting in speaking evil of the Deity with an impious purpose or derogate from the divine majesty, and to alienate the minds of others from the love and reverence of God. It is purposely using words concerning God calculated and designed to impair and destroy the reverence, respect, and confidence due to Him as the intelligent creator, governor, and judge of the world. It embraces the idea of detraction, when used towards the Supreme Being, as "calumny" usually carries the same idea when applied to an individual. It is a willful and malicious attempt to lessen men's reverence of God by denying His existence, or His attributes as an intelligent creator, governor, and judge of men, and to prevent their having confidence in Him as such. Com. v. Kneeland, 20 Pick. (Mass.) 211, 212.

The use of this word is, in modern law exclusively confined to sacred subjects; but blasphemia and blasphemare were anciently used to signify the reviling by one person of another. Nov. 77, c. 1, § 1; Spelman.

BLEES. In old English law. Grain; particularly corn.

BLEECH, BLEECH HOLDING. See BLANCH HOLDING.

BLENDED FUND. In England, where a testator directs his real and personal estate to be sold, and disperses the proceeds as forming one aggregate, this is called a "blended fund."

BLIND. One who is deprived of the sense or faculty of sight. See Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 2241.

BLINKS. In old English law. Boughs broken down from trees and thrown in a way where deer are likely to pass. Jacol.
BLOCK. A square or portion of a city or town inclosed by streets, whether partially or wholly occupied by buildings or containing only vacant lots. Ottawa v. Barney, 10 Kan. 270; Fraser v. Ott, 98 Cal. 608; 34 Cal. Rptr. 667, 14 La. Ann. 164, 10 South. 597; Todd v. Railroad Co., 78 Ill. 530; Harrison v. People, 195 Ill. 466, 63 N. E. 191.

BLOCK OF SURVEYS. In Pennsylvania land law. Any considerable body of contiguous tracts surveyed in the name of the same warrantee, without regard to the manner in which they were originally located; a body of contiguous tracts located by exterior lines, but not separated from each other by interior lines. Morrison v. Seaman, 183 Pa. 74, 38 Atl. 710; Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 549, 23 Atl. 49.

BLOCKADE. In international law. A marine investment or beleaguerment of a town or harbor. A sort of circumvallation round a place by which all foreign connection and correspondence is, as far as human power can effect it, to be cut off. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 151. It is not necessary, however, that the place should be invested by land, as well as by sea, in order to constitute a legal blockade; and, if a place be blockaded by sea only, it is no violation of belligerent rights for the neutral to carry on commerce with it by inland communications. 1 Kent, Comm. 147.

The actual investment of a port or place by a hostile force fully competent, under ordinary circumstances, to cut off all communication therewith, so arranged or disposed as to be able to apply its force to every point of practicable access or approach to the port or place so invest ed. Bouvier; The Olinda Rodrigues (D. C.) 91 Fed. 274; Id., 174 U. S. 510, 19 Sup. Ct. 581, 42 L. Ed. 107; U. S. v. The William Arthur, 26 Fed. Cas. 624; The Peterhoff, 6 Wall. 50, 18 L. Ed. 564; Grinnan v. Edwards, 21 W. Va. 347.

It is called a "blockade de facto" when the usual notice of the blockade has not been given to the neutral powers by the government causing the investment, in consequence of which the blockading squadron has to warn off all approaching vessels.

—Paper blockade. The state of a line of coast proclaimed to be under blockade in time of war, when the naval force on watch is not sufficient to repel a real attempt to enter.—Public blockade. A blockade which is not only established in fact, but is notified, by the government directing it, to other governments; as distinguished from a simple blockade, which may be established by a naval officer acting upon his own discretion or under direction of superiors, without governmental notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 796.—Simple blockade. One established by a naval commander acting on his own discretion and responsibility, or under the direction of a superior or officer, but without governmental orders or notification. The Circassian, 2 Wall. 150, 17 L. Ed. 796.


—Half-blood. A term denoting the degree of relationship which exists between those who have the same father or the same mother, but not both parents in common.—Mixed blood. A person is "of mixed blood" who is descended from ancestors of different races or nationalities; but particularly, in the United States, the term denotes a person one of whose parents (or more remote ancestor) was a negro. See Hopkins v. Bowers, 111 N. C. 175, 16 S. E. 1.—Whole blood. Kinship by descent from the same father and mother; as distinguished from half blood, which is the relationship of those who have one parent in common, but not both.

BLOOD MONEY. A weregild, or pecuniary mulct paid by a slayer to the relatives of his victim. Also used, in a popular sense, as descriptive of money paid by way of reward for the apprehension and conviction of a person charged with a capital crime.

BLOOD STAINS, TESTS FOR. See Precipitin Test.

BLOODWIT. An amercement for bloodshed. Cowell.

The privilege of taking such amercements. Skene.

A privilege or exemption from paying a fine or amercement assessed for bloodshed. Cowell.

BLOODY HAND, in forest law. The having the hands or other parts bloody, which, in a person caught trespassing in the forest against venison, was one of the four kinds of circumstantial evidence of his having killed deer, although he was not found in the act of chasing or hunting. Manwood.

BLUE LAWS. A supposititious code of severe laws for the regulation of religious and personal conduct in the colonies of Connecticut and New Haven; hence any rigid Sunday laws or religious regulations. The assertion by some writers of the existence of the blue laws has no other basis than the adoption, by the first authorities of the New Haven colony, of the Scriptures as their code of law and government, and their strict application of Mosaic principles. Century Dict.

BOARD. A committee of persons organized under authority of law in order to exercise certain authorities, have oversight or control of certain matters, or discharge certain functions of a magisterial, representative, or fiduciary character. Thus, "board
of aldermen, "board of health," "board of directors," "board of works."

Also lodging, food, entertainment, furnished to a guest at an inn or boarding-house.

**Board of aldermen.** The governing body of a municipal corporation. Oliver v. Jersey City, 63 N. J. Law, 96, 42 Atl. 782. See Alder, in which a superiority of a board or board of aldermen is provided for by statute in some states, to adjust and settle the accounts of municipal corporations.

**Board of fire underwriters.** As these exist in many cities, they are usually a voluntary association composed, exclusively of persons engaged in the business of fire insurance, having for their object consolidation and co-operation in matters affecting the business, the writing of the insurance, the enforcement of policies and the maintenance of uniform rates. Chida v. Insurance Co., 66 Minn. 393, 69 N. W. 141, 35 L. R. A. 89. See Board of health.

A board or commission created by the sovereign authority or by municipalities, invested with certain powers and charged with certain duties in relation to the preservation and improvement of the public health. General boards of health are usually charged with general and advisory duties, with the collection of vital statistics, the investigation of sanitary conditions, and the enforcement of dealing with epidemic and other diseases, the quarantine laws, etc. Such are the national board of health, created by act of congress of March 3, 1879, (20 St. at Large, 484,) and the state boards of health created by the legislatures of most of the states. Local boards of health are invested with more direct and immediate means of securing the public health, and exercise inquisitorial and executive powers in relation to sanitary regulations, offensive nuisances, the sanitation of slaughterhouses, drains and sewers, and similar subjects. Such boards are constituted in most American cities either by general law or by their charters, or by municipal ordinance, and in England by the statutes, 11 & 12 Vict. c. 63, and 21 & 22 Vict. c. 98, and other acts amending the same. See Gaines v. Wettig, 64 Ark. 699, 44 S. W. 353. Such boards are constituted in most American cities either by general law or by their charters, or by municipal ordinance, and in England by the statutes, 11 & 12 Vict. c. 63, and 21 & 22 Vict. c. 98, and other acts amending the same. See Gaines v. Wettig, 64 Ark. 699, 44 S. W. 353. —Board of health.

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ter land. Land boc, a writing for conveying land; a deed or charter; a land-book.

—Boc horde. A place where books, writings, or evidences were kept. Cowell.—Boc land. In Saxon law. Alodial lands held by deed or other written evidence of title.

BOGHERAS. Sax. A scribe, notary, or chancellor among the Saxons.

BODILY. Pertaining to or concerning the body; of or belonging to the body or the physical constitution; not mental but corporeal. Electric R. Co. v. Lauer, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703.

—Bodily harm. Any touching of the person of another against his will with physical force, in an intentional, hostile, and aggressive manner, or a projecting of such force against his person. People v. Moore, 50 Hun, 356, 3 N. Y. Supp. 159.—Bodily heirs. Heirs begotten or born by the person referred to; lineal descendants. This term is equivalent to "heirs of the body." Turner v. Hause, 189 Ill. 464, 65 N. E. 445; Craig v. Ambrose, 80 Ga. 134, 4 S. B. 1; Righter v. Forrester, 1 Bush (Ky.) 275.—Bodily injury. Any physical or corporeal injury; not necessarily restricted to injury to the trunk or main part of the body as distinguished from the head or limbs. Quirk v. Siegel-Cooper Co., 43 App. Div. 494, 60 N. Y. Supp. 228.

BOD MERIE, BODEMERIE, BODEMERY. Belg. and Germ. Bottomry, (q. v.)

BODY. A person. Used of a natural body, or of an artificial one created by law, as a corporation.

Also the main part of any instrument; in deeds it is spoken of as distinguished from the recitals and other introductory parts and signatures; in affidavits, from the title and jurat. The main part of the human body; the trunk. Sanchez v. People, 22 N. Y. 140; State v. Edmundson, 64 Mo. 402; Walker v. State, 84 Fla. 167, 16 South. 90, 43 Am. St. Rep. 186.

BODY CORPORATE. A corporation.

BODY OF A COUNTY. A county at large, as distinguished from any particular place within it. A county considered as a territorial whole. State v. Arthur, 39 Iowa, 632; People v. Dunn, 31 App. Div. 159, 52 N. Y. Supp. 968.

BODY OF AN INSTRUMENT. The main and operative part; the substantive provisions, as distinguished from the recitals, title, jurat, etc.

BODY OF LAWS. An organized and systematic collection of rules of jurisprudence; as, particularly, the body of the civil law, or corpus juris civilis.

BODY POLITIC. A term applied to a corporation, which is usually designated as a "body corporate and politic."

The term is particularly appropriate to a public corporation invested with powers and duties of government. It is often used, in a rather loose way, to designate the state or nation or sovereign power, or the government of a county or municipality, without distinctly connoting any express and individual corporate character. Munn v. Illinois, 94 U. S. 124, 24 L. Ed. 77; Coyle v. McIntire, 7 Houst. (Del.) 44, 30 Atl. 728, 40 Am. St. Rep. 109; Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 122; People v. Morris, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 334.

BOILARY. Water arising from a salt well belonging to a person who is not the owner of the soil.

BOIS, or BOYS. L. Fr. Wood; timber; brush.

BOLHAGIUM, or BOLDAGIUM. A little house or cottage. Blount.

BOLT. The desertion by one or more persons from the political party to which he or they belong; the permanent withdrawal before adjournment of a portion of the delegates to a political convention. Rap. & L.

BOLTING. In English practice. A term formerly used in the English inns of court, but more particularly at Gray's Inn, signifying the private arguing of cases, as distinguished from mooting, which was a more formal and public mode of argument. Cowell; Tomlins; Holthouse.

BOMBAY REGULATIONS. Regulations passed for the presidency of Bombay, and the territories subordinate thereto. They were passed by the governors in council of Bombay until the year 1854, when the power of local legislation ceased, and the acts relating thereto were thenceforth passed by the governor general of India in council. Moxley & Whitley.

BON. Fr. In old French law. A royal order or check on the treasury, invented by Francis I. Bon pour mille livres, good for a thousand livres. Step. Lect. 387.

In modern law. The name of a clause (bon pour ——, good for so much) added to a cedule or promise, where it is not in the handwriting of the signer, containing the amount of the sum which he obliges himself to pay. Poth. Obl. part 4, ch. 1, art. 2, § 1.

BONA. Lat. n. Goods; property; possessions. In the Roman law, this term was used to designate all species of property, real, personal, and mixed, but was more strictly applied to real estate. In modern civil law, it includes both personal property (technically so called) and chattels real, thus corresponding to the French biens. In the common law, its use was confined to the de-

—Bona confisca. Goods confiscated or forfeited to the imperial fisc or treasury. 1 Bl. Comm. 298.—Bona e catalla. Goods and chattels forfeited. 1 Bl. Comm. 298. "Bona fide" in this sense includes all personal things that belong to a man. 16 Mees. & W. 68.—Bona felnunum. In English law. Goods of felons; the goods of one convicted of felony. 5 Coke, 100a.—Bona mobilia. In the civil law. Movables. Those things which move themselves or can be transported from one place to another, and not permanently attached to a farm, heritage, or building.—Bona notabilia. In English probate law. Notable goods; property worthy of notice, or of sufficient value be accounted for, that is, amounting to £5. Where a decedent leaves goods of sufficient amount (bona notabilia) in different dioceses, administration is made in the metropolitan to prevent the confusion arising from the appointment of many different administrators. 2 Bl. Comm. 509; Rolle, Abr. 908; Moore v. Jordan, 30 Kan. 271, 13 Pac. 337, 69 Am. Rep. 550.—Bona paraphernalia. In the civil law. The separate property of a married woman other than that which is included in her dowry; more particularly, her clothing, jewels, and ornaments. Whilton v. Snyder, 88 N. Y. 305.—Bona peritura. Goods of a perishable nature; such goods as an executor or trustee must use diligence in disposing of and converting them into money.—Bona utlagramorum. Goods of outlawry; goods belonging to persons outlawed.—Bona sancta. Vacant, unclaimed, or stray goods. Those things in which nobody claims a property, and which belong to the crown, by virtue of its prerogative. 1 Bl. Comm. 298; 5 Coke, 1094; 1 Bl. Comm. 296.

BONA. Lat. adj. Good. Used in numerous legal phrases of which the following are the principal:

—Bona fides. Good faith; integrity of dealing; honesty; sincerity; the opposite of mala fides and mala fidei. Good faith is only liable for that which he had a right to sell, for fear of being apprehended, or to facilitate his escape; and which go to the sovereign. 5 Coke, 1094; 1 Bl. Comm. 296.

BONA FIDE. In or with good faith; honestly, openly, and sincerely; without deceit or fraud.

Truly; actually; without simulation or pretense.

Innocently; in the attitude of trust and confidence; without notice of fraud, etc.

The phrase "bona fide" is often used ambiguously; thus, the expression "a bona fide holder for value" may either mean a holder for real value, as opposed to a holder for pretended value, or it may mean a holder for real value without notice of any fraud, etc. Byles, Bills, 121.

—Bona fide purchaser. A purchaser for a valuable consideration paid or parted with in the belief that the vendor had a right to sell, and without any suspicious circumstances to put him on inquiry. Merritt v. Railroad Co. 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 605. One who acts without covin, fraud, or collusion; one who, in the commission of or connivance at no fraud, pays full price for the property, and in good faith, honestly, and in fair dealing buys and goes into possession. Sanders v. McAfee, 42 Ga. 250. A bona fide purchaser is one who buys property of another without notice that some third person has a right to, or interest in, such property, and pays a full and fair price for the same, at the time of such purchase, or before he has notice of the claim or interest of such other in the property. Spicer v. Waters, 65 Barb. (N. Y.) 231.

Bona fide possessor facit fructus consequuntur nos. By good faith a possessor makes the fruits consumed his own. Tray. Lat. Max. 57.

Bona fides exigat usque ad quod conveniat. Good faith demands that what is agreed upon shall be done. Dig. 19, 20, 21; Id. 19, 1, 50; Id. 50, 8, 2, 13.

Bona fides non patiatur ut idem exiguatur. Good faith does not allow us to demand twice the payment of the same thing. Dig. 50, 17, 57; Broom, Max. 358, note; Perine v. Dunn, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 443.

BONE FIDEI. In the civil law. Of good faith; in good faith. This is a more frequent form than bona fide.

—Bona fidei contracts. In civil and Scotch law. Those contracts in which equity may interpose to correct inequalities, and to adjust all matters according to the plain intention of the parties. 1 Kames, Eq. 200.—Bona fidei executor. A purchaser in good faith. One who either was ignorant that the thing he bought belonged to another or supposed that the seller had a right to sell it. Dig. 50, 16, 109. See Id. 6, 2, 4, 11.—Bona fidei possessor. A possessor in good faith. One who believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 243.

Bona fide possessor in id tantum quod esse perversi tenetur. A possessor in good faith is only liable for that which he himself has obtained. 2 Inst. 285.

BOND, n. A contract by specialty to pay a certain sum of money; being a deed or instrument under seal, by which the maker or obligor promises, and thereto binds himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay a designated sum of money to another; usually with a clause to the effect that upon performance of a condition (as to pay another and smaller sum) the obligation shall be void. U. S. v. Rundle, 100 Fed. 403, 40 C. C. A. 450; Turck v. Mining Co., 8 Colo. 113, 5 Pac. 838; Boyd v. Boyd, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 126.

The word "bond" shall embrace every written undertaking for the payment of money or ac-
knowledge of being bound for money, conditioned to be void on the performance of any duty, or the occurrence of anything therein expressed, and subscribed and delivered by the party making it, to take effect as his obligation, whether it be sealed or unsealed; and, when a bond is required by law, an undertaking in writing without seal shall be sufficient. Rev. Code Miss. 1890, § 19.

The word "bond" has with us a definite legal signification. It has a clause, with a sum fixed as a penalty, binding the parties to pay the same, conditioned, however, that the payment of the penalty may be avoided by the performance by some one or more of the parties of certain acts. In re Fitch, 3 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 430.

Bonds are either single (simple) or double, (conditional.) A single bond is one in which the obligor binds himself, his heirs, etc., to pay a certain sum of money to another person at a specified day. A double (or conditional) bond is one to which a condition is added that if the obligor does or forbears from doing some act or fails to do some act shall be void. Formerly such a condition was sometimes contained in a separate instrument, and was then called a "defeasance."

The term is also used to denote debentures or certificates of indebtedness issued by public and private corporations, governments, and municipalities, as security for the repayment of money loaned to them. Thus, "railway aid bonds" are bonds issued by municipal corporations to aid in the construction of railroads likely to benefit them, and exchanged for the company's stock.

In old Scotch law. A bond-man; a slave. Skene.

---Bond and disposition in security. In Scotch law. A bond and mortgage on land.

**BOND** and mortgage. A species of security, consisting of a bond conditioned for the repayment of a loan of money, and a mortgage of realty to secure the performance of the stipulations of the bond. Meigs v. Bunting, 141 Pa. 233, 21 Atl. 588, 25 Am. St. Rep. 278.---**Bond creditor.** A creditor whose debt is secured by a bond. For title. An obligation accompanying an executory contract for the sale of land, binding the vendor to make good title upon the performance of the conditions which entitle the vendee to demand a conveyance.

White v. Stokes, 67 Ark. 184, 53 S. W. 1060.---**Bond tenants.** In English law. Copyholders and customary tenants are sometimes so called. 2 Bl. Comm. 143.---**Official bond.** A bond given by a public officer, conditioned that he shall well and faithfully perform all the duties of the office. The term is sometimes made to include the bonds of executors, guardians, trustees, etc.

**Simple bond.** At common law, a bond without penalty; a bond for the performance of a definite sum of money to a named obligee on demand or on a day certain. Burnside v. Wand, 170 Mo. 651, 71 S. W. 537, 62 L. R. A. 427.---**Single bond.** A deed whereby the obligor obliges himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators, to pay a certain sum of money to the obligee at a day named, without terms of defeasance.

---**Bond, n.** To give bond for, as for duties on goods; to secure payment of duties, by giving bond. **Bonded,** secured by bond. Bonded goods are those for the duties on which bonds are given.

**BONDAGE.** Slavery; involuntary personal servitude; captivity. In old English law, villegage, villein tenure. 2 Bl. Comm. 92.

**BONDED WAREHOUSE.** See Warehouse System.

**BONDSMAN.** A surety; one who has entered into a bond as surety. The word seems to apply especially to the sureties upon the bonds of officers, trustees, etc., while bail should be reserved for the sureties on recognizances and bail-bonds. Haberstich v. Elliott, 189 Ill. 70, 59 N. E. 357.

**BONES GENTS.** L. Fr. In old English law. Good men, (of the jury.)

**BONI HOMINES.** In old European law. Good men; a name given in early European jurisprudence to the tenants of the lord, who judged each other in the lord's courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 349.

**Boni judicis est ampliare jurisdictionem.** It is the part of a good judge to enlarge (or use liberally) his remedial authority or jurisdiction. Ch. Prec. 329; 1 Wills. 284.

**Boni judicis est ampliare justitiam.** It is the duty of a good judge to enlarge or extend justice. 1 Burr. 304.

**Boni judicis est judicium sine dila­tione mandare executioni.** It is the duty of a good judge to cause judgment to be executed without delay. Co. Litt. 288.

**Boni judicis est lites dirimere, ne ex lite oritur, et interest reipublicae ut sint fines litium.** It is the duty of a good judge to prevent litigations, that suit may not grow out of suit, and it concerns the welfare of a state that an end be put to litigation. 4 Coke, 159; 5 Coke, 31a.

**BONIS CEDERE.** In the civil law. To make a transfer or surrender of property, as a debtor did to his creditors. Cod. 7, 71.

**BONIS NON AMOVENDIS.** A writ addressed to the sheriff, when a writ of error has been brought, commanding that the person against whom judgment has been obtained be not suffered to remove his goods till the error be tried and determined. Reg. Orig. 131.

**BONIFICATION.** The remission of a tax, particularly on goods intended for export, being a special advantage extended by government in aid of trade and manufactures, and having the same effect as a bonus or drawback. It is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to

BONITARIAN OWNERSHIP. In Roman law. A species of equitable title to things, as distinguished from a title acquired according to the strict forms of the municipal law; the property of a Roman citizen in a subject capable of quiritary property, acquired by a title not known to the civil law, but introduced by the pretor, and protected by his imperium or supreme executive power, e. g., where res mancipi had been transferred by mere tradition. Poste's Gaius Inst. 157. See QUiritarian Ownership.

BONO ET MALO. A special writ of jail delivery, which formerly issued in course of duty for each particular prisoner. 4 Bl. Comm. 270.

Bonum defendentis ex integra causa; malum ex quolibet defectu. The success of a defendant depends on a perfect case; his loss arises from some defect. 11 Coke, 68a.

Bonum necessarium extra terminos necessitatis non est bonum. A good thing required by necessity is not good beyond the limits of such necessity. Hob. 144.

BONUS. A gratuity. A premium paid to a grantor or vendor. An extra consideration given for what is received. Any premium or advantage; an occasional extra dividend.

A premium paid by a company for a charter or other franchises.

"A definite sum to be paid at one time, for a loan of money for a specified period, distinct from and independently of the interest." Association v. Wilcox, 24 Conn. 147.

A bonus is not a gift or gratuity, but a sum paid for services, or upon some other consideration, but in addition to or in excess of that which would ordinarily be given. Kenicott v. Wayne County, 16 Wall. 462, 21 L. Ed. 819.

Bonus judex secundum quænum et bonum judicat, et equitatem stricto juri praefert. A good judge decides according to what is just and good, and prefers equity to strict law. Co. Litt. 34.

BOOK. 1. A general designation applied to any literary composition which is printed, but appropriately to a printed composition bound in a volume. Scoville v. Toland, 21 Fed. Cas. 564.

2. A bound volume consisting of sheets of paper, not printed, but containing manuscript entries; such as a merchant's account-books, dockets of courts, etc.

3. A name often given to the largest subdivisions of a treatise or other literary composition.

In practice, the name of "book" is given to several of the more important papers prepared in the progress of a cause, though entirely written, and not at all in the book form; such as demurrer-books, error-books, paper-books, etc.

In copyright law, the meaning of the term is more extensive than in popular usage, for it may include a pamphlet, a magazine, a collection of blank forms, or a single sheet of music or of ordinary printing. U. S. v. Bennett, 24 Fed. Cas. 1093; Stowe v. Thomas, 23 Fed. Cas. 207; White v. Geroch, 2 Barn. & Ald. 301; Brightley v. Littleton (C. C.) 37 Fed. 104; Holmes v. Hurst, 174 U. S. 82, 19 Sup. Ct. 606, 43 L. Ed. 904; Clementi v. Goulding, 11 East, 244; Clayton v. Stone, 5 Fed. Cas. 599.

—Book account. A detailed statement, kept in writing in a book, in the nature of a ledger and containing persons, property, causes of contract or some fiduciary relation; an account or record of debt and credit kept in a book. Taylor v. Horst, 55 Minn. 390, 54 N. W. 724; Stiegitz v. Mercantile Co., 76 Mo. App. 280; Kennedy v. Ankrum, Tapp. (Ohio) 40—Book debt. In Pennsylvania practice. The act of 28th March, 1855, § 2, in using the words, "book debt" and "book entries," refers to their usual significance, which includes goods sold and delivered, and work, labor and services performed, the evidence of which, on the part of the plaintiff, consists of entries in an original book, such as is competent to go to jury, were the issue therebefore them. Hamill v. O'Donnell, 2 Miles (Pa.) 102—Book of acts. A term applied to the records of a surrogate's court. 5 East, 189—Book of ad-journal. In Scotch law. The original records of criminal trials in the court of justiciary.

—Book of original entries. A book in which the account keeper keeps his accounts generally and enters therein from day to day a record of his transactions. McKnight v. Newell, 207 Pa. 606, 56 L. Ed. 985; A book kept for the purpose of charging goods sold and delivered, in which the entries are made contemporaneously with the delivery of the goods, and by the person whose duty it was for the time being to make them. Laird v. Campbell, 100 Pa. 165; Ingraham v. Bockius, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 235, 11 Am. Dec. 730; Smith v. Sanford, 12 Pick. (Mass.) 140, 22 Am. Dec. 415; Breinig v. Meitzler, 23 Pa. 156. Distinguished from such books as a ledger, into which entries are posted from the book of original entries—Book of rates. An account or enumeration of the duties or tariffs authorized by parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 315—Book of responses. In Scotch law. An account which the director of the chancery kept to enter all non-entry and relief duties payable by heirs who take precepts from chancery. Bookland. In English law. Land, also called "charter-land," which was held by deed under certain rents and free services, and differed from free estates in land. 3 Bl. Comm. 90—Books. All the volumes which contain authentic reports of decisions in English courts, from the earliest times to the present, are called "The Books." Wharton—Books of account. The books in which merchants, traders, and business men generally keep their accounts. Farris v.ellowes, 52 Vt. 351; Com. v. Williams, 9 Metc. (Mass.)
BOOM. An inclosure formed upon the surface of a stream or other body of water, by means of piers and a chain of spars, for the purpose of collecting or storing logs or timber. Powers' Appeal, 125 Pa. 175, 17 Atl. 254, 11 Am. St. Rep. 882; Lumber Co. v. Green, 76 Mich. 320, 43 N. W. 576; Gasper v. Helmbach, 59 Minn. 102, 60 N. W. 1080; Boom Corp. v. Whiting, 29 Me. 123.

BOOM COMPANY. A company formed for the purpose of improving streams for the floating of logs, by means of booms and other contrivances, and for the purpose of running, driving, booming, and rafting logs.

BOOMAGE. A charge on logs for the use of a boom in collecting, storing, or rafting them. Lumber Co. v. Thompson, 83 Miss. 499, 35 South. 828. A right of entry on riparian lands for the purpose of fastening booms and boom sticks. Farrand v. Clarke, 63 Minn. 181, 65 N. W. 361.

BOON DAYS. In English law. Certain days in the year (sometimes called "due days") on which tenants in copyhold were obliged to perform corporal services for the lord. Whishaw.

BOOT, or BOTE. An old Saxon word, equivalent to "estovers."

BOOTING, or BOTING, CORN. Certain rent corn, anciently so called. Cowell.

BOOTY. Property captured from the enemy in war, on land, as distinguished from "prize," which is a capture of such property on the sea. U. S. v. Bailes of Cotton, 28 Fed. Cas. 302; Coolidge v. Guthrie, 6 Fed. Cas. 461.

BORD. An old Saxon word, signifying a cottage; a house; a table.

BORDAGE. In old English law. A species of base tenure, by which certain lands (termed "bord lands,") were anciently held in England, the tenants being termed "bordarii;" the service was that of keeping the lord in small provisions.

BORDARIA. A cottage.

BORDARII, or BORDIMANNI. In old English law. Tenants of a less servile condition than the villani, who had a bord or cottage, with a small parcel of land, allowed to them, on condition they should supply the lord with poultry and eggs, and other small provisions for his board or entertainment. Spelman.

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BORD-BRIGCH. In Saxon law. A breach or violation of suretyship; pledge-breach, or breach of mutual fidelity.

BORDER WARRANT. A process granted by a judge ordinary, on either side of the border between England and Scotland, for arresting the person or effects of a person living on the opposite side, until he find security, judicio sisti. Bell.

BORDEREAU. In French law. A note enumerating the purchases and sales which may have been made by a broker or stockbroker. This name is also given to the statement given to a banker with bills for discount or coupons to receive. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547.

BORD-HALFPENNY. A customary small toll paid to the lord of a town for setting up boards, tables, booths, etc., in fairs or markets.

BORDLANDS. The demesnes which the lords keep in their hands for the maintenance of their board or table. Cowell.

Also lands held in bordage. Lands which the lord gave to tenants on condition of their supplying his table with small provisions, poultry, eggs, etc.

BORDLODE. A service anciently required of tenants to carry timber out of the woods of the lord to his house; or it is said to be the quantity of food or provision which the bordarii or bordmen paid for their bordlands. Jacob.

BORDSERVICE. A tenure of bordlands.

BOREL-FOLK. Country people; derived from the French bourre, (Lat. flocus,) a lock of wool, because they covered their heads with such stuff. Blount.

BORG. In Saxon law. A pledge, pledge giver, or surety. The name given among the Saxons to the head of each family composing a tithing or decennary, each being the pledge for the good conduct of the others. Also the contract or engagement of suretyship; and the pledge giver.

BORGBRICHE. A breach or violation of suretyship, or of mutual fidelity. Jacob.

BORGESMON. In Saxon law. The name given to the head of each family composing a tithing.

BORGH OF HAMHALD. In old Scotch law. A pledge or surety given by the seller of goods to the buyer, to make the goods forthcoming as his own proper goods, and to warrant the same to him. Skene.

In parliamentary law. A borough is a town which returns one or more members to parliament.

In Scotch law. A corporate body erected by the charter of the sovereign, consisting of the inhabitants of the territory erected into the borough. Bell.

In American law. In Pennsylvania, the term denotes a part of a township having a charter for municipal purposes; and the same is true of Connecticut. Southport v. Ogden, 23 Conn. 128. See, also, 1 Dill. Mun. Corp. § 41, n.

“Borough” and “village” are duplicate or cumulative names of the same thing; proof of either will sustain a charge in an indictment employing the other term. Brown v. State, 15 Ohio St. 496.

Borough courts. In English law. Private and limited tribunals, held by prescription, charter, or act of parliament, in particular districts for the convenience of the inhabitants, that they may prosecute small suits and receive justice at home.—Borough English. A custom prevalent in some parts of England, by which the youngest son inherits the estate in preference to his older brothers. 1 Bl. Comm. 75.

Borough fund. In English law. The revenues of a municipal borough derived from the rents and produce of the land, houses, and stocks belonging to the borough in its corporate capacity, and supplemented where necessary by a borough rate.—Borough-heads. Boroughholders, borsholders, or bursholders.—Borough officer. The chief municipal officer in towns unincorporated before the municipal corporations act, (S & G Wm. IV. c. 76.)—Borough sessions. Courts of limited criminal jurisdiction established in English boroughs under the municipal corporations act.—Pocket borough. A term formerly used in English parts to describe a borough entitled to send a representative to parliament, in which a single individual, either as the principal landlord or by reason of other predominating influence, could entirely control the election and insure the return of the candidate whom he should nominate.

Borrow. To solicit and receive from another any article of property or thing of value with the intention and promise to repay or return it or its equivalent. Strictly speaking, borrowing implies a gratuitous loan; if any price or consideration is to be paid for the use of the property, it is “hiring.” But money may be “borrowed” on an agreement to pay interest for its use. Neel v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 408, 26 S. W. 726; Kent v. Mining Co., 78 N. Y. 177; Legal Tender Cases, 110 U. S. 421, 4 Sup. Ct. 122, 28 L. Ed. 204.

This word is often used in the sense of returning the thing borrowed in specie, as to borrow a book or any other thing to be returned again. But it is evident that where money is borrowed, the identical money loaned is not to be returned, because, if this were so, the borrower would derive no benefit from the loan. In the broad sense of the term, it means a contract for the use of money. State v. School Dist., 13 Neb. 88, 12 N. W. 812; Railroad Co. v. Stichter, 11 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 332.


Borsholder. In Saxon law. The borough’s elder, or headborough, supposed to be in the discreetest man in the borough, town, or titheing.

Boscage. In English law. The food which wood and trees yield to cattle; browse-wood, mast, etc. Spelman.

An ancient duty of wind-fallen wood in the forest. Manwood.

Boscaria. Wood-houses, or ox-houses.

Boscus. Wood; growing wood of any kind, large or small, timber or copplece. Cowell; Jacob.

Bote. In old English law. A recompense or compensation, or profit or advantage. Also reparation or amends for any damage done. Necessaries for the maintenance and carrying on of husbandry. An allowance; the ancient name for estovers.

House-bote is a sufficient allowance of wood from off the estate to repair or burn in the house, and sometimes termed “fire-bote”; plow-bote and cart-bote are wood to be employed in making and repairing all instruments of husbandry; and hay-bote or hedge-bote is wood for repairing of hays, hedges, or fences. The word also signifies reparation for any damage or injury done, as man-bote, which was a compensation or amends for a man slain, etc.

Boteless. In old English law. Without amends; without the privilege of making satisfaction for a crime by a pecuniary payment; without relief or remedy. Cowell.

Botha. In old English law. A booth, stall, or tent to stand in, in fairs or markets. Cowell.

Bothagium, or Boothage. Customary dues paid to the lord of a manor or soil, for the pitching or standing of booths in fairs or markets.

Bothna, or Buthna. In old Scotch law. A park where cattle are inclosed and fed. Bothna also signifies a barony, lordship, etc. Skene.

Botomage. L. Fr. Bottomry.

Bottomry. In maritime law. A contract in the nature of a mortgage, by which the owner of a ship borrows money for the use, equipment, or repair of the vessel, and
for a definite term, and pledges the ship (or the keel or bottom of the ship, pars pro toto) as a security for its repayment, with maritime or extraordinary interest on account of the marine risks to be borne by the lender; it being stipulated that if the ship be lost in the course of the specified voyage, or during the limited time, by any of the perils enumerated in the contract, the lender shall also lose his money. The Draeco, 2 Summ. 157, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; White v. Cole, 24 Wend. (N. Y.) 128; Carrington v. The Pratt, 18 How. 63, 15 L. Ed. 207; The Dora (D. C.) 34 Fed. 254; Jennings v. Insurance Co., 4 Bin. (Pa.) 244, 5 Am. Dec. 404; Braynard v. Hoppock, 7 Bosw. (N. Y.) 157.

Bottomy is a contract by which a ship or its freightage is hypothecated as security for a loan, which is to be repaid only in case the ship survives a particular risk, voyage, or period. Civ. Code Cal. § 3017; Civ. Code Dak. § 1783.

When the loan is not made upon the ship, but on the goods laden on board, and which are to be sold or exchanged in the course of the voyage, the borrower's personal responsibility is deemed the principal security for the performance of the contract, which is therefore called "respondentia," which see. And in a loan upon respondentia the lender must be paid his principal and interest though the ship perish, provided the goods are saved. In most other respects the contracts of bottomy and of respondentia stand substantially upon the same footing. Bouvier.

**BOTTOMY BOND.** The instrument embodying the contract or agreement of bottomy.

The true definition of a bottomy bond, in the sense of the general maritime law, and independent of the peculiar regulations of the positive codes of different commercial nations, is that it is a contract for a loan of money on the bottom of the ship, at an extraordinary interest, upon maritime risks, to be borne by the lender for a voyage, or for a definite period. The Draeco, 2 Summ. 157, Fed. Cas. No. 4,057; Cole v. White, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 515; Groeley v. Smith, 10 Fed. Cas. 1077; The Grapeashot, 9 Wall. 135, 19 L. Ed. 651.

**BOUCHE.** Fr. The mouth. An allowance of provision. Avoir bouche à court; to have an allowance at court; to be in ordinary at court; to have meat and drink scot-free there. Blount; Cowell.

**BOUCHE OF COURT,** or **BUDGE OF COURT.** A certain allowance of provision from the king to his knights and servants, who attended him on any military expedition.

**BOUGH OF A TREE.** In feudal law. A symbol which gave seisin of land, to hold of the donor in capite.

**BOUGHT AND SOLD NOTES.** When a broker is employed to buy and sell goods, he is accustomed to give to the buyer a note of the sale, commonly called a "sold note," and to the seller a like note, commonly called a "bought note," in his own name, as agent of each, and thereby they are respectively bound, if he has not exceeded his authority. Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 Ill. 83; Kelm v. Lindley (N. J. Ch.) 30 Atl. 1070.

**BOULEVARD.** The word "boulevard," which originally indicated a bulwark or rampart, and was afterwards applied to a public walk or road on the site of a demolished fortification, is now employed in the same sense as public drive. A park is a piece of ground adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not a street or road, though carriages may pass through it.

So a boulevard or public drive is adapted and set apart for purposes of ornament, exercise, and amusement. It is not technically a street, avenue, or highway, though a carriage-way over it is a chief feature. People v. Green, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 443; Howe v. Lowell, 171 Mass. 675, 51 N. E. 536: Park Com'r v. Farber, 171 Ill. 146, 40 N. E. 427.

**BOUND.** As an adjective, denotes the condition of being constrained by the obligations of a bond or a covenant. In the law of shipping, "bound to" or "bound for" denotes that the vessel spoken of is intended or designed to make a voyage to the place named.

As a noun, the term denotes a limit or boundary, or a line inclosing or marking off a tract of land. In the familiar phrase "metes and bounds," the former term properly denotes the measured distances, and the latter the natural or artificial marks which indicate their beginning and ending. A distinction is sometimes taken between "bound" and "boundary," to the effect that, while the former signifies the limit itself, (and may be an imaginary line,) the latter designates a visible mark which indicates the limit. But no such distinction is commonly observed.

**BOUND BAILIFFS.** In English law. Sheriffs' officers are so called, from their being usually bound to the sheriff in an obligation with sureties, for the due execution of their office. 1 Bl. Comm. 345, 346.

**BOUNDARY.** By boundary is understood, in general, every separation, natural or artificial, which marks the confines or line of division of two contiguous estates. Trees which are hedged may be planted, a hedge may be dug, walls or inclosures may be erected, to serve as boundaries. But we most usually understand by boundaries stones or pieces of wood inserted in the earth on the confines of the two estates. Civ. Code La. art. 826.

Boundaries are either natural or artificial. Of the former kind are water-courses, growing trees, beds of rock, and the like. Artificial boundaries are landmarks or signs erected by the hand of man, as a pole, stake, pile of stones, etc.

---Natural boundary. Any formation or product of nature (as opposed to structures or erec-
tions made by man) which may serve to define and fix one or more of the lines inclosing an estate or piece of property, such as a water-course, a line of growing trees, a bluff or mountain-peak, or the like. See Pedestal v. Center, 62 Kan. 363, 63 Pac. 617; Stapleford v. Brin­son, 28 N. C. 311; Eureka Mining, etc., Co. v. Way, 11 Nev. 171.—Private boundary. An artificial boundary, consisting of some monu­ment or landmark set up by the hand of man to mark the beginning or direction of a bound­ary line. Law.—Public boundary. A natural boundary; a natural object or landmark used as a boundary of a tract of land, or as a beginning point for a boundary line.

BOUNDARY. A tree marking or standing at the corner of a field or estate.

BOUNDEES. In American law. Visible marks or objects at the ends of the lines drawn in surveys of land, showing the cours­es and distances. Burrill.

BOUNDS. In the English law of mines, the trespass committed by a person who ex­cavates minerals under-ground beyond the boundary of his land is called "working out of bounds."

BOUNTY. A gratuity, or an unusual or additional benefit conferred upon, or compensation paid to, a class of persons. Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 28 L. Ed. 198.

A premium given or offered to induce men to enlist into the public service. The term is applicable only to the payment made to the enlisted man, as the inducement for his serv­ice, and not to a premium paid to the man through whose intervention, and by whose procurement, the recruit is obtained and mustered. Abbe v. Allen, 39 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 488.

It is not easy to discriminate between bounty, reward, and bonus. The former is the appro­priate term, however, where the services or action of many persons are desired, and each who accepts the offer may entitle himself to the promised gratuity, without prejudice from or to the claims of others; while reward is more proper in the case of a single service, which can be only once performed, and therefore will be earned only by the person or co-operative persons who succeed while others fall. Thus, bounties are offered to all who will enlist in the army or navy: to all who will engage in certain fisheries which government desire to encourage: to all who kill dangerous beasts or noxious creatures. A reward is of­fered for rescuing a person from a wreck or fire; for detecting and arresting an offender; for finding a lost chattel. Kircher v. Murray, (C. C.) 54 Fed. 624; Ingram v. Colgan, 106 Cal. 113, 38 Pac. 315, 28 L. R. A. 187, 46 Am. St. Rep. 231.

Bonus, as compared with bounty, suggests the idea of a gratuity to induce a money trans­action between individuals; a percentage or gift, upon a loan, or transfer of property, or a surrender of a right. Abbott.

—Bounty lands. Portions of the public do­main given to soldiers for military services, by way of bounty.—Bounty of Queen Anne. A name given to a royal charter, which was con­firmed by 2 Anne, c. 11, whereby all the revenue of first-fruits and tenth was vested in trustees, to form a perpetual fund for the augmentation of poor ecclesiastical livings. Wharton.—Mili­tary bounty land. Land granted by various laws of the United States, by way of bounty, to soldiers for services rendered in the army; being given in lieu of a money payment.

BOURG. In old French law. An as­semblage of houses surrounded with walls; a fortified town or village.

BOURGEOIS. In old French law. The inhabitant of a bourg, (q. v.) A person entitled to the privileges of a mu­nicipal corporation; a burgess.

BOURSE. Fr. An exchange; a stock­exchange.

BOURSE DE COMMERCE. In the French law. An aggregation, sanctioned by government, of merchants, captains of ves­sels, exchange agents, and courtiers, the two latter being nominated by the govern­ment, in each city which has a bourse. Brown.

BOUSSOLE. In French marine law. A compass; the mariner's compass.

BOUWERTE. Dutch. In old New York law. A farm; a farm on which the farmer's family resided.


BOVATA TERRÆ. As much land as one ox can cultivate. Said by some to be thirteen, by others eighteen, acres in extent. Skene; Spellman; Co. Litt 5a.

BOW-BEARER. An under-officer of the forest, whose duty it was to oversee and true inquisition make, as well of sworn men as unsworn, in every bailiwick of the forest; and of all manner of trespasses done, either to vert or venison, and cause them to be pre­sented, without any concealment, in the next court of attachment, etc. Croup. Jur. 201.

BOWYERS. Manufacturers of bows and shafts. An ancient company of the city of London.

BOYCOTT. A conspiracy formed and in­tended directly or indirectly to prevent the carrying on of any lawful business, or to injure the business of any one by wrongfully preventing those who would be customers from buying anything from or employing the representatives of said business, by threats, intimidation, or other forcible means. Gray v. Building Trades Council, 91 Minn. 171, 37 N. W. 663, 63 L. R. A. 753, 103 Am. St. Rep. 477; State v. Glidden, 55 Conn. 46, 8 Atl. 890, 3 Am. St. Rep. 23; In re Crump, 84 Ya.

BOZERO. In Spanish law. An advocate; one who pleads the causes of others, or his own, before courts of justice, either as plaintiff or defendant.

BRACHIIUM MARIS. An arm of the sea.

BRACINUM. A brewing; the whole quantity of ale brewed at one time, for which tolescotor was paid in some manors. Brecina, a brew-house.

BRAHMIN, BRAHMAN, or BRAMIN. In Hindu law. A divine; a priest; the first Hindu caste.

BRANCH. An offshoot, lateral extension, or subdivision.

A branch of a family stock is a group of persons, related among themselves by descent from a common ancestor, and related to the main stock by the fact that that common ancestor descends from the original founder or progenitor.

—Branch of the sea. This term, as used at common law, included rivers in which the tide ebbed and flowed. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 57; 10 Am. Dec. 356.—Branch pilot. One possessing a license, commission, or certificate of competency issued by the proper authority and usually after an examination. U. S. v. Forbes, 25 Fed. Cas. 1141; Petterson v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 85 S. W. 109; Dean v. Healy, 66 Ga. 593; State v. Follett, 33 La. Ann. 228.—Branch railroad. A lateral extension of a main line; a road connected with or issuing from a main line, but not a mere incident of it and not a mere spur or side-track, or one constructed simply to facilitate the business of the chief railway, but designed to have the tension of a main line; a road connected with or issuing from a main line, but not a mere spur or side-track, but not one constructed simply to facilitate the business of its own in the transportation of persons and property to and from places not reached by the principal line. Akers v. Canal Co., 43 N. J. Law, 110; Bills v. Railroad Co., 5 Wash. 509, 32 Pac. 211; Grennan v. McGregor, 78 Cal. 258, 20 Pac. 559; Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 274; Blanton v. Railroad Co., 56 Va. 618, 10 S. E. 925.

BRAND. To stamp; to mark, either with a hot iron or with a stencel plate. Dibble v. Hathaway, 11 Hun (N. Y.) 575.

BRANDING. An ancient mode of punishment by inflicting a mark on an offender with a hot iron. It is generally disused in civil law, but is a recognized punishment for some military offenses.

BRANKS. An instrument formerly used in some parts of England for the correction of scolds; a scolding bridle. It inclosed the head and a sharp piece of iron entered the mouth and restrained the tongue.

BRASIATOR. A maltster, a brewer.

BRASIX. Malt.

BRAWL. A clamorous or tumultuous quarrel in a public place, to the disturbance of the public peace.

In English law, specifically, a noisy quarrel or other uproarious conduct creating a disturbance in a church or churchyard. 4 Bl. Comm 146; 4 Steph. Comm. 233.

The popular meanings of the words "brawls" and "tumults" are substantially the same and identical. They are correlative terms, the one employed to express the meaning of the other, and are so defined by approved lexicographers. Legally, they mean the same kind of disturbance to the public peace, produced by the same class of agents, and can be well comprehended to define one and the same offense. State v. Perkins, 42 N. H. 464.

BREACH. The breaking or violating of a law, right, or duty, either by commission or omission.

In contracts. The violation or non-fulfillment of an obligation, contract, or duty.

A continuing breach occurs where the state of affairs, or the specific act, constituting the breach, endures for a considerable period of time, or is incapable of instantaneous correction. In any event, the breach of contract takes place when the party bound to perform fails to perform, before the time comes, that he will not perform.

In pleading. This name is sometimes given to that part of the declaration which alleges the violation of the defendant's promise or duty, immediately preceding the ad damnum clause.

—Breach of close. The unlawful or unwarrantable entry on another person's land, or close. 3 Bl. Comm. 209.—Breach of covenant. The nonperformance of any covenant agreed to be performed, or the doing of any act covenantated not to be done. Holthouse.—Breach of duty. In a general sense, any violation or omission of a legal or moral duty. More particularly, the neglect or failure to fulfill in a just and proper manner the duties of an office or fiduciary employment.—Breach of pound. The breaking any pound or place where cattle or goods distrained are deposited, in order to take them back. 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

—Breach of promise. The offense of actually and forcibly breaking a promise or covenant, with intent to escape. 4 Chit. Bl. 130; notes; 4 Steph. Comm. 255. The escape from custody of a person lawfully arrested on criminal process is a breach of promise. Laws of Illinois and of the state in which the offense was committed; also the offense of breaking or disturbing the public peace by any riotous, forcible, or unlawful proceeding. 3 Bl. Comm. 145; 4 Bl. Comm. 296; People v. Bartz, 53 Mich. 497; State v. White, 38 R. I. 473, 28 Atl. 968; People v. Wallace, 85 App. Div. 170, 83 N. Y. Supp. 130; Scougale v. Sweet, 124 Mich. 311, 82 N. W. 1061. A
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constructive breach of the peace is an unlawful act which, though wanting the elements of actual violence or injury to any person, is yet inconsistent with the peaceable and orderly conduct of society. Various kinds of misdemeanors are included in this general designation, such as sending challenges to fight, going armed in public without lawful reason and in a threatening manner, etc. An apprehended breach of the peace is caused by the conduct of a man who threatens another with violence or unlawful violence, or who threatens an assault, with the intent to commit a felony; or who publishes an aggravated libel upon another, etc.—Breaching of trust. Any act done by a trustee contrary to the terms of his trust, or in excess of his authority and to the detriment of the trust; or the wrongful omission by a trustee of any act required of him by the terms of the trust. Also the wrongful misappropriation by a trustee of any fund or property which had been lawfully committed to him in a fiduciary character.—Breaching of warranty. In real property law and the law of insurance. The failure or falsehood of an affirmative promise or statement, or the non-performance of an executory stipulation. Henderson v. S. J. & C. Co., 15 Fitzgeral v. Ben. Ass'n, 39 App. Div. 251, 58 N. Y. Supp. 1005; Stewart v. Drake, 9 N. J. Law, 139.

BREAD ACTS. Laws providing for the sustenance of persons kept in prison for debt.

BREAKING. Forcibly separating, parting, disintegrating, or placing any solid substance. In the law as to housebreaking and burglary, it means the tearing away or removal of any part of a house or of the locks, latches, or other fastenings intended to secure it, or otherwise exerting force to gain an entrance, with the intent to commit a felony; or violently or forcibly breaking out of a house, after having unlawfully entered it, in the attempt to escape. Gaddie v. Com., 117 Ky. 468, 78 S. W. 163, 111 Am. St. Rep. 230; Stubs v. State, 136 Ind. 365, 38 N. E. 275; McGarity v. State, 85 Pa. 64, 27 Am. Rep. 62; Pence v. Com., 24 Tex. 228; Mathews v. State, 30 Tex. 675; Carter v. State, 68 Ala. 98; State v. Newbegin, 25 Me. 508; McCourt v. People, 64 N. Y. 555.

In the law of burglary, "constructive" breaking, as distinguished from actual, forcible breaking, may be classed under the following heads: (1) Entries obtained by threats; (2) when, in consequence of violence done or threatened in order to obtain entry, the owner, with a view more effectually to repel it, opens the door and sallies out and the felon enters; (3) when entrance is obtained by procuring the service of some intermediate person, such as a servant, to remove the fastening; (4) when some process of law is fraudulently resorted to for the purpose of obtaining an entrance; (5) when some trick is resorted to to induce the owner to remove the fastenings and open the door. State v. Henry, 31 N. O. 408; Clarke v. Com., 25 Grati. (Va.) 912; Ducher v. State, 18 Ohio, 317; Johnston v. Com., 54, 17 Am. Rep. 622; Nicholls v. State, 68 Wis. 416, 32 N. W. 548, 60 Am. Rep. 870.

—Breaking a case. The expression by the judges of a court, to one another, of their views of the case, in order to ascertain how far they are agreed, and as preliminary to the formal delivery of their opinions. "We are breaking the case, and may speak with any of us." Holt, C. J., addressing Dolbin, J., 1 Show. 423.—Breaking bulk. The offense committed by a bailee (particularly a carrier) in opening or unpacking the chest, parcel, or case containing goods intrusted to his care, and removing the goods and converting them to his own use.—Breaking doors. Forcibly removing the fastenings of a house, so that a person may enter.—Breaking jail. The act of a prisoner in effecting his escape from a place of lawful confinement. Escape, while denoting the offense of the prisoner in unlawfully leaving the jail, may also connote the fault or negligence of the sheriff or keeper, and hence is of wider significance than "breaking jail" or "prison-breach."—Breaking of arrest. In Scotch law. The contempt of the law committed by an arrested person who disregards the arrestment used in his hands, and pays the sum or delivers the goods arrested to the debtor. The breaker is liable to the arrestor in damages. See Arrestment.

BREAST OF THE COURT. A metaphorical expression, signifying the conscience, discretion, or recollection of the judge. During the term of a court, the record is said to remain "in the breast of the judges of the court and in their remembrance." Co. Litt. 290 a; 3 Bl. Comm. 407.

BREATHE. In medical jurisprudence. The air expelled from the lungs at each expiration.

BREDWITE. In Saxon and old English law. A fine, penalty, or amercement imposed for defaults in the assise of bread. Cowell.

BREHON. In old Irish law. A judge. 1 BL. Comm. 100. Brehons, (breithcumhui,) judges.

BREHON LAW. The name given to the ancient system of law of Ireland as it existed at the time of its conquest by Henry II.; and derived from the title of the judges, who were denominated "Brehons."

BRENAGIUM. A payment in bran, which tenants anciently made to feed their lords' hounds.

BREPHOTROPHI. In the civil law. Persons appointed to take care of houses destined to receive foundlings.

BRETHREN. This word, in a will, may include sisters, as well as brothers, of the person indicated; it is not necessarily limited to the masculine gender. Terry v. Brunson, 1 Rich. Eq. (S. C.) 78.

BRETTWALDA. In Saxon law. The ruler of the Saxon heptarchy.

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A code or system of laws in use among the Celtic tribes of Scotland down to the beginning of the fourteenth century, and then abolished by Edward I. of England.
**BREVE.** L. Lat. A writ. An original writ. A writ or precept of the king issuing out of his courts.

A writ by which a person is summoned or attached to answer an action, complaint, etc., or whereby anything is commanded to be done in the courts, in order to justice, etc. It is called "breve," from the brevity of it, and is addressed either to the defendant himself, or to the chancellors, judges, sheriffs, or other officers. Skene.

---Breve de recto. A writ of right, or license for a person ejected out of an estate, to sue for the possession of it.—Breve innominatum. A writ making only a general complaint, without the details or particulars of the cause of action.—Breve nominatum. A named writ. A writ stating the circumstances or details of the cause of action, with the time, place, and demand, very particularly.—Breve originale. An original writ: a writ which gave origin and commencement to a suit.—Breve perquirere. To purchase a writ or license of trial in the king's courts by the plaintiff.—Breve testatum. A written memorandum introduced to perpetuate the tenor of the conveyance and inventory of lands. 2 Bl. Comm. 307. In Scotch law. A similar memorandum made out at the time of the transfer, attested by the pares curie and by the seal of the superior. Bell.

**Brevia, tam originallia quam judicidalia, patiuntur Anglica nomina.** 10 Coke, 132. Writs, as well original as judicial, bear English names.

**BREVARIUM ALARICIANUM.** A compilation of Roman law made by order of Alaric II., king of the Visigoths, in Spain, and published for the use of his Roman subjects in the year 500.

**BREVARIUM ANIANI.** Another name for the Brevarium Alaricianum, (p. v.) Anian was the referendary or chancellor of Alaric, and was commanded by the latter to authenticate, by his signature, the copies of the breviary sent to the comites. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 63.

**BREVIA.** Lat. Writs. The plural of breve, which see.

---Brevis adversaria. Adversary writs; or friendly writs; writs brought by agreement and which could not be changed but by consent of the great council of the realm. Bract. fol. 413b.—Brevis judicialia. Judicial writs. Auxiliary writs issued from the court during the progress of an action, or in aid of the judgment.—Brevis magistralia. Writs occasionally issued by the masters or clerks of chancery, the form of which was varied to suit the cases of each case. Bract. fol. 413b.—Brevis selecta. Choice or selected writs or processes. Often abbreviated to Brev. Sel.—Brevis testata. The name of the short memoranda early used to show grants of lands out of which the deeds now in use have grown. Jacob.

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**BREVIBUS ET ROTULIS LIBERANDIS.** A writ or mandate to deliver to his successor the county, and appurtenances, with the rolls, briefs, remembrance, and all other things belonging to his office. Reg. Orig. 295.

**BREWER.** One who manufactures fermented liquors of any name or description, for sale, from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor. Act July 13, 1866, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 117) U. S. v. Dooley, 25 Fed. Cas. 800; U. S. v. Wittig, 28 Fed. Cas. 745.

**BRIBE.** Any valuable thing given or promised, or any preferment, advantage, privilege, or emolument, given or promised corruptly and against the law, as an inducement to any person acting in an official or public capacity to violate or forbear from his duty, or to improperly influence his behavior in the performance of such duty.

The term "bribe" signifies any money, goods, right in action, property, thing of value, or advantage, present or prospective, or any promise or undertaking to give any, asked, given, or accepted, with a corrupt intent to influence unlawfully the person to

BRIBERY. In criminal law. The receiving or offering any undue reward by or to any person whomsoever, whose ordinary profession or business relates to the administration of public justice, in order to influence his behavior in office, and to incline him to act contrary to his duty and the known rules of honesty and integrity. Hall v. Marshall, 80 Ky. 552; Walsh v. People, 65 Ill. 65, 16 Am. Rep. 509; Com. v. Murray, 135 Mass. 533; Hutchinson v. State, 38 Tex. 294.

The term "bribery" now extends further, and includes the offense of giving a bribe to any other class of officers; it applies both to the actor and receiver, and extends to voters, cabinet ministers, legislators, sheriffs, and other classes. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1585.

The offense of taking any undue reward by a judge, juror, or other person concerned in the administration of justice, or by a public officer, to influence his behavior in his office. 4 Bl. Comm. 159, and note.

Bribery is the giving or receiving any undue reward to influence the behavior of the person receiving such reward in the discharge of his duty, in any office of government or of justice. Code Ga. 1882, § 4469.

The crime of offering any undue reward or remuneration to any public officer of the crown, or other person intrusted with a public duty, with a view to influence his behavior in the discharge of his duty. The taking such reward is as much bribery as the offering it. It also sometimes signifies the taking or giving a reward for public office. The offense is not confined, as some have supposed, to judicial officers. Brown.

BRIBERY AT ELECTIONS. The offense committed by one who gives or promises or offers money or any valuable inducement to an elector, in order to corruptly induce the latter to vote in a particular way or to abstain from voting, or as a reward to the voter for having voted in a particular way or abstained from voting.

BRIBOUR. One that pilfers other men's goods; a thief.

BRICOLIS. An engine by which walls were beaten down. Blount.

BRIDEWELL. In England. A house of correction.

BRIDGE. A structure erected over a river, creek, stream, ditch, ravine, or other place, to facilitate the passage thereof; including by the term both arches and abutments. Bridge Co. v. Railroad Co., 17 Conn. 56, 42 Am. Dec. 716; Proprietors of Bridges v. Land Imp. Co., 13 N. J. Eq. 511; Rusch v. Davenport, 6 Iowa, 455; Whitall v. Gloucester County, 40 N. J. Law, 305.

A building of stone or wood erected across a river, for the common use and benefit of travelers. Jacob.

Bridges are either public or private. Public bridges are such as form a part of the highway, common, according to their character as foot, horse, or carriage bridges, to the public generally, with or without toll. State v. Street, 117 Ala. 205, 23 South. 507; Everett v. Bailey, 150 Pa. 132, 24 Atl. 700; Rex v. Bucks County, 12 East, 204.

A private bridge is one which is not open to the use of the public generally, and does not form part of the highway, but is reserved for the use of those who erected it, or their successors, and their licensees. Rex v. Bucks County, 12 East, 192.

BRIDGE-MASTERS. Persons chosen by the citizens, to have the care and supervision of bridges, and having certain fees and profits belonging to their office, as in the case of London Bridge.

BRIDLE ROAD. In the location of a private way laid out by the selectmen, and accepted by the town, a description of it as a "bridle road" does not confine the right of way to a particular class of animals or special mode of use. Flagg v. Flagg, 16 Gray (Mass.) 175.

BRIEF. In general. A written document; a letter; a writing in the form of a letter. A summary, abstract, or epitome. A condensed statement of some larger document, or of a series of papers, facts, or propositions.

An epitome or condensed summary of the facts and circumstances, or propositions of law, constituting the case proposed to be set up by either party to an action about to be tried or argued.

In English practice. A document prepared by the attorney, and given to the barrister, before the trial of a cause, for the instruction and guidance of the latter. It contains, in general, all the information necessary to enable the barrister to successfully conduct their client's case in court, such as a statement of the facts, a summary of the pleadings, the names of the witnesses, and an outline of the evidence expected from them, and any suggestions arising out of the peculiarities of the case.

In American practice. A written or printed document, prepared by counsel to serve as the basis for an argument upon a cause in an appellate court, and usually filed for the information of the court. It embodies the points of law which the counsel desires to establish, together with the argu-
ments and authorities upon which he rests his contention.

A brief, within a rule of court requiring counsel to furnish briefs, before argument, implies some kind of statement of the case for the information of the court. Gardner v. Stover, 43 Ind. 356.

In Scotch law. Brief is used in the sense of "writ," and this seems to be the sense in which the word is used in very many of the ancient writers.

In ecclesiastical law. A papal rescript sealed with wax. See Bull.

—Brief a l'évesque. A writ to the bishop which, in quare impestis, shall go to remove an incumbent, unless he recover or be presented pendente lite. 1 Keb. 356.—Brief of title. In practice. A methodical epitome of all the patents, conveyances, incumbrances, liens, court proceedings, and other matters affecting the title to a certain portion of real estate.—Brief out of the chancery. In Scotch law. A writ issued in the name of the sovereign in the election of tutors to minors, the cognoscings of lunatics or of idiots, and the ascertaining the widow's terce; and sometimes in dividing the property belonging to heirs-portioners. In these cases only briefs are now in use. Bell.—Brief papal. In ecclesiastical law. The pope's letter upon matters of discipline.

BRIEVE. In Scotch law. A writ. 1 Kames, Eq. 146.

BRIGA. In old European law. Strife, contention, litigation, controversy.

BRIGANDINE. A coat of mail or ancient armour, consisting of numerous jointed scale-like plates, very pliant and easy for the body, mentioned in 4 & 5 P. & M. c. 2.

BRIGHOT. In Saxon and old English law. A tribute or contribution towards the repairing of bridges.

BRING SUIT. To "bring" an action or suit has a settled customary meaning at law, and refers to the initiation of legal proceedings in a suit. A suit is "brought" at the time it is commenced. Hames v. Judd (Com. Pl.) 9 N. Y. Supp. 743; Rawle v. Phelps, 20 Fed. Cas. 321; Goldberg v. Murphy, 108 U. S. 162, 2 Sup. Ct. 686; Buecker v. Carr, 60 N. J. Eq. 300, 47 Atl. 34.

BRINGING MONEY INTO COURT. The act of depositing money in the custody of a court or of its clerks or marshal, for the purpose of satisfying a debt or duty, or to await the result of an interpleader. Dirks v. Juel, 69 Neb. 353, 90 N. W. 1045.

BRIS. In French maritime law. Literally, breaking; wreck. Distinguished from naufrage, (q. v.)

BRISTOL BARGAIN. In English law. A contract by which A. lends B. £1,000 on good security, and it is agreed that £500, together with interest, shall be paid at a time stated; and, as to the other £500, that B., in consideration thereof, shall pay to A. £100 per annum for seven years. Wharton.

BRITISH COLUMBIA. The territory on the north-west coast of North America, once known by the designation of "New Caledonia." Its government is provided for by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 56. Vancouver Island is united to it by the 29 & 30 Vict. c. 67. See 33 & 34 Vict. c. 66.

BROCADE. The wages, commission, or pay of a broker, (also called "brokerage"). Also the avocation or business of a broker.


BROCARIUS, BROCTOR. In old English and Scotch law. A broker; a middleman between buyer and seller; the agent of both transacting parties. Bell; Cowell.

BROCELLA. In old English law. A wood, a thicket or covert of bushes and brushwood. Bell; Blount.

BROKEN STOWAGE. In maritime law. That space in a ship which is not filled by her cargo.

BROKER. An agent employed to make bargains and contracts between other persons, in matters of trade, commerce, or navigation, for a compensation commonly called "brokerage." Story, Ag. § 28.

Those who are engaged for others in the negotiation of contracts relative to property, with the custody of which they have no concern. Paley, Prin. & Ag. 13.

The broker or intermediary is he who is employed to negotiate a matter between two parties, and who, for that reason, is considered as the mandatory of both. Civil Code La. art. 3036.

One whose business is to negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, exchange, bullion, coined money, bank-notes, promissory notes, or other securities, for himself or for others. Ordinarily, the term "broker" is applied to one acting for others; but the part of the definition which speaks of purchases and sales for himself is equally important as that which speaks of sales and purchases for others. Warren v. Shook, 91 U. S. 710, 23 L. Ed. 421.

A broker is a mere negotiator between other parties, and does not act in his own name, but in the name of those who employ him. Henderson v. State, 50 Ind. 234.

Brokers are persons whose business it is to bring buyer and seller together; they need have nothing to do with negotiating the bargain. Keys v. Johnson, 68 Pa. 42.

The difference between a factor or commissary merchant and a broker is this: A factor
Brokers may buy and sell in his own name, and he has the goods in his possession; while a broker, as such, cannot ordinarily buy or sell in his own name, and has no possession of the goods sold. Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 321, 330, 23 L. Ed. 143.

The legal distinction between a broker and a factor is that the factor is entrusted with the property the subject of the agency; the broker is only employed to make a bargain in relation to it. Perkins v. State, 50 Ala. 154, 156.

Brokers are of many kinds, the most important being enumerated and defined as follows:

**Exchange brokers**, who negotiate foreign bills of exchange.

**Insurance brokers**, who procure insurances for those who employ them and negotiate between the party seeking insurance and the companies or their agents.

**Merchandise brokers**, who buy and sell goods and negotiate between buyer and seller, but without having the custody of the property.

**Note brokers**, who negotiate the discount or sale of commercial paper.

**Pawnbrokers**, who lend money on goods deposited with them in pledge, taking high rates of interest.

**Real-estate brokers**, who procure the purchase or sale of land, acting as intermediary between vendor and purchaser to bring them together and arrange terms; and who negotiate loans on real-estate security, manage and lease estates, etc. Latta v. Kilbourn, 150 U. S. 524, 14 Sup. Ct. 201, 37 L. Ed. 109; Chadwick v. Collins, 26 Pa. 139; Brauckman v. Leighton, 60 Mo. App. 42.

**Ship-brokers**, who transact business between the owners of ships and freighters or charterers, and negotiate the sale of vessels.

**Stock-brokers**, who are employed to buy and sell for their principals all kinds of stocks, corporation bonds, debentures, shares in companies, government securities, municipal bonds, etc.

**Money-broker**. A money-changer; a scrivener or jobber; one who lends or raises money to or for others.

**Brokerage**. The wages or commissions of a broker; also, his business or occupation.

**Brossus**. Bruised, or injured with blows, wounds, or other casualty. Cowell.

**Brothel**. A bawdy-house; a house of ill fame; a common habitation of prostitutes.

**Brother**. One person is a brother "of the whole blood" to another, the former being a male, when both are born from the same father and mother. He is a brother "of the half blood" to that other (or half-brother) when the two are born to the same father by different mothers or by the same mother to different fathers.

In the civil law, the following distinctions are observed: Two brothers who descend from the same father, but by different mothers, are called "consanguine" brothers. If they have the same mother, but are begotten by different fathers, they are called "uterine" brothers. If they have both the same father and mother, they are denominated brothers "germane."


**Brualium**. In old English law. A heath ground; ground where heath grows. Spelman.

**Bruggbote**. See Braggbote.

**Bruullus**. In old English law. A wood or grove; a thicket or clump of trees in a park or forest. Cowell.

**Bruise**. In medical jurisprudence. A contusion; an injury upon the flesh of a person with a blunt or heavy instrument, without solution of continuity, or without breaking the skin. Shadock v. Road Co., 79 Mich. 7, 44 N. W. 168; State v. Owen, 5 N. C. 452, 4 Am. Dec. 571.

**Bruxbarn**. In old Swedish law. The child of a woman conceiving after a rape, which was made legitimate. Literally, the child of a struggle. Burrill.

**Brutum fulmen**. An empty noise; an empty threat.

**Bubble**. An extravagant or unsubstantial project for extensive operations in business or commerce, generally founded on a fictitious or exaggerated prospectus, to ensnare unwary investors. Companies formed on such a basis or for such purposes are called "bubble companies." The term is chiefly used in England.

**Bubble act**. The statute 6 Geo. I. c. 18, "for restraining several extravagant and unwarrantable practices herein mentioned," was so called. It prescribed penalties for the formation of companies with little or no capital, with the intention, by means of alluring advertisements, of obtaining money from the public by the sale of shares. Such undertakings were then commonly called "bubbles." This legislation was prompted by the collapse of the "South Sea Project," which, as Blackstone says, "had cegarded half the nation." It was mostly repealed by the statute 6 Geo. IV. c. 91.

**Bucket shop**. An office or place (other than a regularly incorporated or licensed
Buckstall (exchange) where information is posted as to the fluctuating prices of stocks, grain, cotton, or other commodities, and where persons lay wagers on the rise and fall of such prices under the pretence of buying and selling such commodities. Bryant v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 17 Fed. 828; Fortenbury v. State, 47 Ark. 188, 1 S. W. 58; Connor v. Black, 119 Mo. 126, 24 S. W. 184; Smith v. W. U. Tel. Co., 54 Ky. 664, 2 S. W. 488; Bates' Ann. St. Ohio, 1804, § 6034a.

Buckstall. A toil, net, or snare, to take deer. 4 Inst. 306.

Budget. A name given in England to the statement annually presented to parliament by the chancellor of the exchequer, containing the estimates of the national revenue and expenditure.

Buggery. A carnal copulation against nature; and this is either by the confusion of species—that is to say, a man or a woman with a brute beast,—or of sexes, as a man with a man, or man unnaturally with a woman. 3 Inst. 58; 12 Coke, 36. Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 356, 71 Am. Dec. 331; Com. v. J., 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 732.

Building. A structure or edifice erected by the hand of man, composed of natural materials, as stone or wood, and intended for use or convenience. Truesdell v. Gray, 13 Gray (Mass.) 311; State v. Moore, 61 Mo. 276; Clark v. State, 69 Wis. 203, 33 N. W. 436, 2 Am. St. Rep. 732.

Building Line. See Line.

Building and Loan Association. An organization created for the purpose of accumulating a fund by the monthly subscriptions and savings of its members to assist them in building or purchasing for themselves dwellings or real estate by the loan to them of the requisite money from the funds of the association. McCauley v. Association, 97 Tenn. 421, 37 S. W. 212, 35 L. R. A. 244, 56 Am. St. Rep. 813; Cook v. Association, 104 Ga. 814, 30 S. E. 911; Pfister v. Association, 19 W. Va. 693.

Building Lease. A lease of land for a long term of years, usually 99, at a rent called a "ground rent," the lessee covenanting to erect certain edifices thereon according to specification, and to maintain the same, etc., during the term.


Building Society. An association in which the subscriptions of the members form a capital stock or fund out of which advances may be made to members desiring them, on mortgage security.

Bull. In the ancient Hebrew chronology, the eighth month of the ecclesiastical, and the second of the civil year. It has since been called "Marshevan," and answers to our October.

Bulk. Unbroken packages. Merchandise which is neither counted, weighed, nor measured. Bulk is said of that which is neither counted, weighed, nor measured. A sale by the bulk is the sale of a quantity such as it is, without measuring, counting, or weighing. Civil Code La. art. 3506, par. 6.

Bull. In ecclesiastical law. An instrument granted by the pope of Rome, and sealed with a seal of lead, containing some decree, commandment, or other public act, emanating from the pontiff. Bull, in this sense, corresponds with edict or letters patent from other governments. Cowell; 4 Bl. Comm. 110; 4 Steph. Comm. 177, 179.

This is also a cant term of the Stock Exchange, meaning one who speculates for a rise in the market.

Bulla. A seal used by the Roman emperors, during the lower empire; and which was of four kinds,—gold, silver, wax, and lead.

Bulletin. An officially published notice or announcement concerning the progress of matters of public importance. In France, the registry of the laws.

Bulletin des lois. In France, the official sheet which publishes the laws and decrees; this publication constitutes the promulgation of the law or decree.

Bullion. Gold and silver intended to be coined. The term is usually applied to a quantity of these metals ready for the mint, but as yet lying in bars, plates, lumps, or other masses; but it may also include ornaments or dishes of gold and silver, or foreign coins not current as money, when intended to be descriptive of its adaptability to be coined, and not of the other purposes to which it may be put. Hope Min. Co. v. Kennon, 3 Mont. 44; Thalheim v. State, 38 Fla. 169, 20 South. 938; Counsel v. Min. Co., 5 Daly (N. Y.) 77.

Bullion Fund. A fund of public money maintained in connection with the mints, for the purpose of purchasing precious metals for coinage.

Bum-Bailiff. A person employed to dun one for a debt; a bailiff employed to arrest a debtor. Probably a vulgar corruption of "bound-bailiff," (q. v.)
BUNDA. In old English law. A bound, boundary, border, or limit, (terminus, limes.)

BUOY. In maritime law. A piece of wood or cork, or a barrel, raft, or other thing, made secure and floating upon a stream or bay, intended as a guide and warning to mariners, by marking a spot where the water is shallow, or where there is a reef or other danger to navigation, or to mark the course of a devious channel.


The term "burden of proof" is not to be confused with "prima facie case." When the party upon whom the burden of proof rests has made out a prima facie case, this will, in general, suffice to shift the burden. In other words, the former expression denotes the necessity of establishing the latter. Kendall v. Brownson, 47 N. H. 200; Carver v. Carver, 97 Ind. 511; Heinemann v. Heard, 62 N. Y. 455; Feurt v. Ambrose, 34 Mo. App. 366; Gibbs v. Bank, 123 Iowa, 736, 99 N. W. 703.

BUREAU. An office for the transaction of business. A name given to the several departments of the executive or administrative branch of government, or to their larger subdivisions. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 375.

BUREAUCRACY. A system in which the business of government is carried on in departments, each under the control of a chief, in contradistinction from a system in which the officers of government have a co-ordinate authority.

BURG, BURGH. A term anciently applied to a castle or fortified place; a borough, (q. v.) Spelman.

BURGAGE. A name anciently given to a dwelling-house in a borough town. Blount.

BURGAGE-HOLDING. A tenure by which lands in royal boroughs in Scotland were held of the sovereign. The service was watching and warding, and was done by the burgesses within the territory of the borough, whether expressed in the charter or not.

BURGAGE-TENURE. In English law. One of the three species of free socage holdings; a tenure whereby houses and lands which were formerly the site of houses, in an ancient borough, are held of some lord by a certain rent. There are a great many customs affecting these tenures, the most remarkable of which is the custom of Borough English. See Litt. § 162; 2 Bl. Comm. 82.

BURGATOR. One who breaks into houses or inclosed places, as distinguished from one who committed robbery in the open country. Spelman.

BURGBOTE. In old English law. A term applied to a contribution towards the repair of castles or walls of defense, or of a borough.

BURGENSES. In old English law. Inhabitants of a burgus or borough; burgesses. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 6, § 10.

BURGERISTH. A word used in Domesday, signifying a breach of the peace in a town. Jacob.

BURGESS. In English law. An inhabitant or freeman of a borough or town; a person duly and legally admitted a member of a municipal corporation. Spelman; 3 Steph. Comm. 188, 189.

A magistrate of a borough. Blount.

An elector or voter; a person legally qualified to vote at elections. The word in this sense is particularly defined by the statute 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76, §§ 9, 13. 3 Steph. Comm. 192.


In American law. The chief executive officer of a borough, bearing the same relation to its government and affairs that the mayor does to those of a city. So used in Pennsylvania.

BURGESS ROLL. A roll, required by the St. 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76, to be kept in corporate towns or boroughs, of the names of burgesses entitled to certain new rights conferred by that act.

BURGH-BRECHE. A fine imposed on the community of a town, for a breach of the peace, etc.

BURGH ENGLISH. See Borough English.

BURGH ENGLOYS. Borough English, (q. v.)

BURGHMAILS. Yearly payments to the crown of Scotland, introduced by Malcolm III., and resembling the English fee-farm rents.

BURGHMOTE. In Saxon law. A court of justice held semi-annually by the bishop or lord in a burg, which the thanes were bound to attend without summons.

BURGLAR. One who commits burglary. One who breaks into a dwelling-house in the

BURGLARITY. In old criminal pleading. A necessary word in indictments for burglary.


The common-law definition has been much modified by statute in several of the states. For example: “Every person who enters any house, room, apartment, tenement, shop, warehouse, store, mill, barn, stable, outhouse, or other building, tent, vessel, or railroad car, with intent to commit grand or petit larceny, or any felony, is guilty of burglary.” Pen. Code Cal. § 459.

BURGOMASTER. The title given in Germany to the chief executive officer of a borough, town, or city; corresponding to our “mayor.”

BURGUNDIAN LAW. See Lex Burgundionum.

BURGWHAR. A burgess, (q. v.)


BURKING-BURKISM. Murder committed with the object of selling the cadaver for purposes of dissecting, particularly and originally, by suffocating or strangling the victim.

So named from William Burke, a notorious practitioner of this crime, who was hanged at Edinburgh in 1829. It is said that the first instance of his name being thus used as a synonym for the form of death he had inflicted on others occurred when he himself was led to the gibbet, the crowd around the scaffold shouting “Burke him!”

BURLEWS. In Scotch law. Laws made by neighbors elected by common consent in the burlew courts. Skene.

BURLEW courts. Courts consisting of neighbors selected by common consent to act as judges in determining disputes between neighbor and neighbor.

BURN. To consume with fire. The verb “to burn,” in an indictment for arson, is to be taken in its common meaning of “to consume with fire.” Hester v. State, 17 Ga. 130.

BURNING FLUID. As used in policies of insurance, this term does not mean any fluid which will burn, but it means a recognized article of commerce, called by that name, and which is a different article from naphtha or kerosene. Putnam v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 4 Fed. 764; Wheeler v. Insurance Co., 6 Mo. App. 235; Mark v. Insurance Co., 24 Hsu (N. Y.) 569.

BURNING IN THE HAND. In old English criminal law, laymen, upon being accorded the benefit of clergy, were burned with a hot iron in the brawn of the left thumb, in order that, being thus marked, they could not again claim their clergy. 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

BURROCHIUM. A burroch, dam, or small weir over a river, where traps are laid for the taking of fish. Cowell.

BURROWMEALS. In Scotch law. A term used to designate the rents paid into the king's private treasury by the burgesses or inhabitants of a borough.

BURSA. Lat. A purse.

BURSAR. A treasurer of a college.

BURSARIA. The exchequer of collegiate or conventual bodies; or the place of receiving, paying, and accounting by the bursars. Also stipendiary scholars, who live upon the burse, fund, or joint-stock of the college.

BURYING ALIVE. In English law. The ancient punishment of sodomites, and those who contracted with Jews. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 27, § 3.

BURYING-GROUND. A place set apart for the interment of the dead; a cemetery. Appeal Tax Court v. Academy, 50 Md. 353.

BUSCARL. In Saxon and old English law. Seamen or marines. Spelman.

BUSHEL. A dry measure, containing four pecks, eight gallons, or thirty-two quarts. But the dimensions of a bushel, and the weight of a bushel of grain, etc., vary in the different states in consequence of statutory enactments. Richardson v. Spafford, 13 Vt.
BUSINESS. This word embraces everything about which a person can be employed. People v. Com'r's of Taxes, 23 N. Y. 242, 244.

That which occupies the time, attention, and labor of men for the purpose of a livelihood or profit. The doing of a single act pertaining to a particular business will not be considered engaging in or carrying on the business; yet a series of such acts would be so considered. Goddard v. Chaffee, 2 Allen (Mass.) 395, 79 Am. Dec. 796; Sterne v. State, 20 Ala. 46.

Labor, business, and work are not synonyms. Labor may be business, but it is not necessarily so; and business is not always labor. Making an agreement for the sale of a chattel is not within a prohibition of labor upon Sunday, though it is (if by a merchant in his calling) within a prohibition upon business. Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 387.

BUSINESS HOURS. Those hours of the day during which, in a given community, commercial, banking, professional, public, or other kinds of business are ordinarily carried on.

This phrase is declared to mean not the time during which a principal requires an employee's services, but the business hours of the community generally. Derosia v. Railroad Co., 18 Minn. 133, (Gil. 119.)

BUSONES COMITATUS. In old English law. The barons of a county.

BUSSA. A term used in the old English law, to designate a large and clumsily constructed ship.

BUTLERA GE. A privilege formerly allowed to the king's butler, to take a certain part of every cask of wine imported by an alien.

BUTLER'S ORDINANCE. In English law. A law for the heil to punish waste in the life of the ancestor. "Though it be on record in the parliament book of Edward I., yet it never was a statute, nor ever so received; but only some constitution of the king's council, or lords in parliament, which never obtained the strength or force of an act of parliament." Hale, Hist. Eng. Law, p. 18.

BUTT. A measure of liquid capacity, equal to one hundred and eight gallons; also a measure of land.

BUTTALS. The bounding lines of land at the end; abuttals, which see.

BUTTED AND BOUNDED. A phrase sometimes used in conveyancing, to introduce the boundaries of lands. See BUTTS AND BOUNDS.

BUTTS. In old English law. Short pieces of land left unplowed at the ends of fields, where the plow was turned about, (otherwise called "headlands," as sidelong were similar unplowed pieces on the sides. Burrill.

Also a place where bowmen meet to shoot at a mark.

BUTTS AND BOUNDS. A phrase used in conveyancing, to describe the end lines or circumscribing lines of a certain piece of land. The phrase "metes and bounds" has the same meaning.

BUTTY. A local term in the north of England, for the associate or deputy of another; also of things used in common.

BUY. To acquire the ownership of property by giving an accepted price or consideration therefor; or by agreeing to do so; to acquire by the payment of a price or value; to purchase. Webster.

—Buy in. To purchase, at public sale, property which is one's own or which one has caused or procured to be sold.—Buyer. One who buys; a purchaser, particularly of chattels.—Buying titles. The purchase of the rights or claims to real estate of a person who is not in possession of the land or is diseised. Void, and an offense, at common law. Whitaker v. Cone, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 59; Brinley v. Whiting, 5 Pick. (Mass.) 355.

BY. This word, when descriptively used in a grant, does not mean "in immediate contact with," but "near" to, the object to which it relates; and "near" is a relative term, meaning, when used in land patents, very unequal and different distances. Wells v. Mfg. Co., 48 N. H. 491.

A contract to complete work by a certain time, means that it shall be done before that time. Rankin v. Woodworth, 3 Pen. & W. (Pa.) 45.

By an acquittance for the last payment all other arrearages are discharged. Noy, 40.

BY-BIDDING. See Bid.

BY BILL, BY BILL WITHOUT WRIT. In practice. Terms anciently used to designate actions commenced by original bill, as distinguished from those commenced by original writ, and applied in modern practice to suits commenced by capias ad respondendum. 1 Arch. Pr. pp. 2, 537; Harkness v. Harkness, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 213.

BY ESTIMATION. In conveyancing. A term used to indicate that the quantity of land as stated is estimated only, not exactly measured; has the same meaning and effect as the phrase "more or less." Tarbell v. Bowman, 106 Mass. 341; Mendenhall v. Steckel, 47 Md. 453, 28 Am. Rep. 451; Hays v. Hays, 126 Ind. 92, 25 N. E. 600, 11 L. R. A. 370.

BY GOD AND MY COUNTRY. In old English criminal practice. The established
formula of reply by a prisoner, when ar-
raigned at the bar, to the question, “Culprit, how wilt thou be tried?”

**BY-LAWS.** Regulations, ordinances, or rules enacted by a private corporation for its own government.

A by-law is a rule or law of a corporation, for its government, and is a legislative act, and the solemnities and sanction required by the charter must be observed. A resolution is not necessarily a by-law though a by-law may be in the form of a resolution. Peck v. Elliott, 79 Fed. 10, 24 C. C. A. 425, 38 L. R. A. 618; Mining Co. v. King, 94 Wis. 439, 69 N. W. 181, 36 L. R. A. 61; Bagley v. Oil Co., 203 Pa. 78, 50 Atl. 760, 56 L. R. A. 184; Dairy Ass'n v. Webb, 40 App. Div. 49, 57 N. Y. Supp. 572.

"That the reasonableness of a by-law of a corporation is a question of law, and not of fact, has always been the established rule; but in the case of State v. Overton, 24 N. J. Law, 435, 61 Am. Dec. 671, a distinction was taken in this respect between a by-law and a regulation, the validity of the former being a judicial question, while the latter was regarded as a matter as past. But although, in one of the opinions read in the case referred to, the view was clearly expressed that the reasonableness of a corporate regulation was properly for the consideration of the jury, and not of the court, yet it was nevertheless stated that the point was not involved in the controversy then to be decided. There is no doubt that the rule thus intimated is in opposition to recent American authorities. Nor have I been able to find in the English books any such distinction as that above stated between a by-law and a regulation of a corporation." Compton v. Van Volkenburgh, 34 N. J. Law, 135.

The word has also been used to designate the local laws or municipal statutes of a city or town. But of late the tendency is to employ the word "ordinance" exclusively for this class of enactments, reserving "by-law" for the rules adopted by private corporations.

**BY LAW MEN.** In English law. The chief men of a town, representing the inhabitants.

**BY-ROAD.** The statute law of New Jersey recognizes three different kinds of roads: A public road, a private road, and a by-road. A by-road is a road used by the inhabitants, and recognized by statute, but not laid out. Such roads are often called "drift-ways." They are roads of necessity in newly-settled countries. Van Blarcom v. Frike, 29 N. J. Law, 316. See, also, Stevens v. Allen, 29 N. J. Law, 68.

An obscure or neighborhood road in its earlier existence, not used to any great extent by the public, yet so far a public road that the public have of right free access to it at all times. Wood v. Hurd, 34 N. J. Law, 89.

**BY THE BY.** Incidentally; without new process. A term used in former English practice to denote the method of filing a declaration against a defendant who was already in the custody of the court at the suit of a different plaintiff or of the same plaintiff in another cause.

**BYE-BIL-WUFFA.** In Hindu law. A deed of mortgage or conditional sale.

It was also the letter inscribed on the ballots by which, among the Romans, jurors voted to condemn an accused party. It was the initial letter of *condemno*, I condemn. Tayl. Civil Law, 192.

C, as the third letter of the alphabet, is used as a numeral, in like manner with that use of A and B. (q. v.)

The letter is also used to designate the third of a series of propositions, sections, etc., as A, B, and the others are used as numerals.

It is used as an abbreviation of many words of which it is the initial letter; such as cases, civil, circuit, code, common, court, criminal, chancellor, crown.

C—CT.—CTS. These abbreviations stand for "cent" or "cents," and any of them, placed at the top or head of a column of figures, sufficiently indicates the denomination of the figures below. Jackson v. Cummings, 15 Ill. 453; Hunt v. Smith, 9 Kan. 137; Linck v. Litchfield, 141 Ill. 469, 31 N. E. 123.

C. A. V. An abbreviation for *curia advisari vult*, the court will be advised, will consider, will deliberate.

C. B. In reports and legal documents, an abbreviation for common bench. Also an abbreviation for chief baron.

C. G. Various terms or phrases may be denoted by this abbreviation; such as circuit court, (or city or county court;) criminal cases, (or crown or civil or chancery cases;) civil code; chief commissioner: and the return of *cept corpus*.

C. C. P. An abbreviation for Code of Civil Procedure; also for court of common pleas.

C. J. An abbreviation for chief justice; also for circuit judge.

C. L. An abbreviation for civil law.

C. L. P. Common law procedure, in reference to the English acts so entitled.

C. O. D. "Collect on delivery." These letters are not caballistic, but have a determinate meaning. They import the carrier's liability to return to the consignor either the goods or the charges. U. S. Exp. Co. v. Keef er, 59 Ind. 267; Fleming v. Com., 130 Pa. 138, 18 Atl. 622; Express Co. v. Wolf, 79 Ill. 454.

C. P. An abbreviation for common pleas.

C. R. An abbreviation for *curia regia*; also for chancery reports.

C. T. A. An abbreviation for *cum testamento accesso*, in describing a species of administration.

CABAL. A small association for the purpose of intrigue; an intrigue. This name was given to that ministry in the reign of Charles II. formed by Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington, and Lauderdale, who concerted a scheme for the restoration of popery. The initials of these five names form the word "cabal;" hence the appellation. Hume, Hist. Eng. ix. 69.

CABALIST. In French commercial law. A factor or broker.

CABALLARIA. Pertaining to a horse. It was a feudal tenure of lands, the tenant furnishing a horseman suitably equipped in time of war, or when the lord had occasion for his service.

CABALLERIA. In Spanish law. An allotment of land acquired by conquest, to a horse soldier. It was a strip one hundred feet wide by two hundred feet deep. The term has been sometimes used in those parts of the United States which were derived from Spain. See 12 Pet. 444, note.

CABALLERO. In Spanish law. A knight. So called on account of its being more honorable to go on horseback (a caballo) than on any other beast.

CABINET. The advisory board or council of a king or other chief executive. In the government of the United States the cabinet is composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and labor, the attorney general, and the postmaster general.

The select or secret council of a prince or executive government; so called from the apartment in which it was originally held. Webster.

CABINET COUNCIL. In English law. The advisory board or council of a king or other chief executive. In the government of the United States the cabinet is composed of the secretary of state, the secretary of the treasury, the secretary of the interior, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and labor, the attorney general, and the postmaster general.

CABLE. A large and strong rope or chain, such as is attached to a vessel's anchors, or the traction-rope of a street railway operated by the cable system. (Hooper v. Railway Co., 86 Md. 500, 97 Atl. 369, 28 L. R. A. 500.)
or used in submarine telegraphy, (see 25 Stat. 41 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3586].)

CABLISH. Brush-wood, or more properly wind-fall-wood.

CACHEPOLUS, or CACHERELLASS. An inferior bailiff, or catchpoll. Jacob.

CACHET, LETTRES DE. Letters issued and signed by the kings of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. Abolished during the revolution of 1789.

CACICAZGOS. In Spanish-American law. Property entailed on the caciques, or heads of Indian villages, and their descendants. Schm. Civil Law, 309.

CADASTRE. In Spanish law. An official statement of the quantity and value of real property in any district, made for the purpose of justly apportioning the taxes payable on such property. 12 Pet. 428, note.

CADASTU. In French law. An official statement of the quantity and value of realty made for purposes of taxation; same as cadastre, (q. v.)


CADERE. Lat. To end; cease; fail. As in the phrases cadit actio, (or breve,) the action (or writ) fails; cadit assisa, the assise abates; cadit questio, the discussion ends, there is no room for further argument. To be changed; to be turned into. Cadit assisa in juratum, the assise is changed into a jury.

CADET. In the United States laws, students in the military academy at West Point are styled "cadets;" students in the naval academy at Annapolis, "cadet midshipmen." Rev. St. §§ 1309, 1512 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 927, 1042).

In England. The younger son of a gentleman; particularly applied to a volunteer in the army, waiting for some post. Jacob.

CADI. The name of a Turkish civil magistrate.

CADIT. Lat. It falls, abates, falls, ceases. See CADERE.

CADUCA. In the civil law. Property of an inheritable quality; property such as descends to an heir. Also the lapse of a testamentary disposition or legacy. Also an escheat; escheated property.

CALABOOSE. A term used vulgarly, and occasionally in judicial proceedings and law reports, to designate a jail or prison, particularly a town or city jail or lock-up. Supposed to be a corruption of the Spanish calabozo, a dungeon. See Gilham v. Wells, 64 Ga. 194.

CALCETUM, CALCEA. A causeway, or common hard-way, maintained and repaired with stones and rubbish.

CALCEFAGIUM. In old law. A right to take fuel yearly. Cowell.

CADECARY. Relating to or of the nature of escheat, forfeiture, or confiscation. 2 Bl. Comm. 245.

CADEVA. In the civil and old common law. Kept for cutting; intended or used to be cut. A term applied to wood.

CESAR. In the Roman law. A cognomen in the Gens Julia, which was assumed by the successors of Julius. Tayl. Civil Law, 51.

CESAREAN OPERATION. A surgical operation whereby the fetus, which can neither make its way into the world by the ordinary and natural passage, nor be extracted by the attempts of art, whether the mother and fetus be yet alive, or whether either of them be dead, is, by a cautious and well-timed operation, taken from the mother, with a view to save the lives of both, or either of them. This consists in making an incision into the abdomen and uterus of the mother and withdrawing the fetus thereby. If this operation be performed after the mother's death, the husband cannot be tenant by the curtesy; since his right begins from the birth of the issue, and is consummated by the death of the wife; but, if mother and child are saved, then the husband would be entitled after her death. Wharton.

CÆTERERUS. Lat. Other; another; the rest.

—Cæteris paribus. Other things being equal.

—Cæteris tacentibus. The others being silent: the other judges expressing no opinion. Comb 186.—Cæterorum. When a limited administration has been granted, and all the property cannot be administered under it, administration cæterorum (as to the residue) may be granted.

CAHIER. In old French law. A list of grievances prepared for deputies in the states-general. A petition for the redress of grievances enumerated.

CAIRNS' ACT. An English statute for enabling the court of chancery to award damages. 21 & 22 Vict. c. 27.

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CALE. In old French law. A punishment of sailors, resembling the modern "keel-hauling."

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CALAER. 1. The established order of the division of time into years, months, weeks, and days; or a systematic enumeration of such arrangement; an almanac. Rives v. Guthrie, 46 N. C. 86.

—Calendar days. So many days reckoned according to the course of the calendar. For example, a note dated January 1st and payable "thirty calendar days after date," without grace, is payable on the 31st day of January, though if expressed to be payable simply "thirty days after date," it would be payable February 1st—Calendar month. One of the months of the year as enumerated in the calendar,—January, February, March, etc.—without reference to the number of days it may contain; as distinguished from a lunar month, of twenty-eight days, or a month for business purposes, which may contain thirty, at whatever part of the year it occurs. Daley v. Anderson, 7 Wyo. 1, 48 Pac. 940, 75 Am. St. Rep. 870; Migotti v. Covil, 4 C. P. Div. 233; In re Parker's Estate, 14 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 566.

2. A list or systematic enumeration of causes or motions arranged for trial or hearing in a court.

—Calendar of causes. In practice. A list of the causes constituted in the particular court, and now ready for trial, drawn up by the clerk shortly before the beginning of the term, exhibiting the titles of the suits, arranged in their order for trial, with the nature of each, the date of issue, and the names of the counsel engaged; designed for the information of students to the degree of barrister at law, hence the ceremony or epoch of election, and the number of persons elected.

2. In conveyancing. A visible natural object or landmark designated in a patent, entry, grant, or other conveyance of lands, as a limit or boundary to the land described, with which the points of surveying must correspond. Also the causes or diseases designated. King v. Watkins (C. C.) 98 Fed. 920; Stockton v. Morris, 39 W. Va. 452, 19 S. E. 531.

3. In corporation law. A demand made by the directors of a stock company upon the persons who have subscribed for shares, requiring a certain portion or installment of the amount subscribed to be paid in. The word, in this sense, is synonymous with "assessment." (q. v.)

A call is an assessment on shares of stock, usually for unpaid installments of the subscription thereto. The word is said to be capable of three meanings: (1) The resolution of the directors to levy the assessment; (2) its notification to the persons liable to pay; (3) the time when it becomes payable. Railway Co. v. Mitchell, 4 Exch. 543; Hatch v. Dana, 101 U. S. 265, 25 L. Ed. 888; Railroad Co. v. Speer, 65 Cal. 193, 3 Pac. 661, 622; Stewart v. Pub. Co., 1 Wash. St. 521, 20 Pac. 606.

4. In the language of the stock exchange, a "call" is an option to claim stock at a fixed price on a certain day. White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed. 290; Lumber Co. v. Whitebreast Coal Co., 160 Ill. 85, 43 N. E. 774, 31 L. R. A. 529.

CALL, v. To summon or demand by name; to demand the presence and participation of a number of persons by calling aloud their names, either in a pre-arranged and systematic order or in a succession determined by chance.

—Call of the house. A call of the names of all the members of a legislative body, made by the clerk in pursuance of a resolution requiring the attendance of members. The names of absentees being thus ascertained, they are imperatively summoned (and, if necessary, compelled) to attend the session. —Calling a summons. In Scotch practice. See this described in Bell, Diet. —Calling the docket. The public calling of the docket or list of causes at the commencement of a term of court, for the purpose of disposing of the same with regard to setting a time for trial or entering orders of continuance, non-suit, consents, etc. Kechach v. Ferdinand, 132 Mass. 391. —Calling the jury. Successively drawing out of a box into which they have been previously put the names of the jurors on the panels annexed to the nisi prius record, and calling them over in the order in which they are so drawn. The twelve persons whose names first come, are sworn as the jury, unless some just cause of challenge or excuse, with respect to any of them, shall be brought forward. —Calling the plaintiff. In practice. A formal method of causing a nonsuit to be entered. When a plaintiff or his counsel, seeing that sufficient evidence has not been given to maintain the issue, withdraws, the crier is ordered to call or demand the plaintiff, and if neither he, nor any person

CALL, n. 1. In English law. The election of students to the degree of barrister at
for him appear, he is nonsuited, the jurors are discharged without giving a verdict, the action is at an end, and the defendant recovers his costs.

—Calling to the bar. In English practice. Conferring the dignity or degree of barrister at law upon a member of one of the inns of court. Holtthouse—Calling upon a prisoner. When a prisoner has been found guilty on an indictment, the clerk of the court addresses him and calls upon him to say why judgment should not be passed upon him.

CALPES. In Scotch law. A gift to the head of a clan, as an acknowledgment for protection and maintenance.

CALUMNIA. In the civil law. Calumny, malice, or ill design; a false accusation; a malicious prosecution. Lanning v. Christy, 30 Ohio St. 115, 27 Am. Rep. 431.

In the old common law. A claim, demand, challenge to jurors.

CALUMNIE JURAMENTUM. In the old canon law. An oath similar to the calumniæ jusjurandum, (q. v.)

CALUMNIE JUSJURANDUM. The oath of calumny. An oath imposed upon the parties to a suit that they did not sue or defend with the intention of calumniating, (calumniandi animo,) i.e., with a malicious design, but from a firm belief that they had a good cause. Inst. 4, 16.

CALUMNIATOR. In the civil law. One who accused another of a crime without cause; one who brought a false accusation. Cod. 9, 46.

CALUMNY. Defamation; slander; false accusation of a crime or offense. See CALUMNIA.

CAMARA. In Spanish law. A chamberlain. Spelman.

In old English law. A chamber, room, or apartment; a judge's chamber; a treasury; a chest or coffer. Also, a stipend payable from vassal to lord; an annuity.

—Camera regia. In old English law. A chamber of the king; a place of peculiar privileges especially in a commercial point of view.

—Camera scaccarii. The old name of the exchequer chamber, (q. v.)—Camera stellata. The star chamber, (q. v.)

CAMERALISTICS. The science of finance or public revenue, comprehending the means of raising and disposing of it.

CAMELIUS. A chamberlain; a keeper of the public money; a treasurer. Also a bailiff or receiver.

CAMPANO. In Spanish law. A road or highway. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 2, 1. 6.

CAMPANA. In old English law. A bell. Spelman.

—Campana bajula. A small handbell used in the ceremonies of the Romish church; and, among Protestants, by sextons, parish clerks, and criers. Cowell.

CAMPANARIUM, CAMPANILE. A belfry, bell tower, or steeple; a place where bells are hung. Spelman; Townsh. PI. 191, 213.

CAMPARTUM. A part of a larger field or ground, which would otherwise be in gross or in common.

CAMPELL'S (LORD) ACTS. English statutes, for amending the practice in prosecutions for libel, 9 & 10 Vict. c. 93; also 6 & 7 Vict. c. 96, providing for compensation to relatives in the case of a person having been killed through negligence; also 20 & 21 Vict. c. 83, in regard to the sale of obscene books, etc.

CAMPERS. A share; a champertor's share; a champertous division or sharing of land.

CAMPIONI. A corn-field; a field of grain. Blount; Cowell; Jacob.

CAMPFIGHT. In old English law. The fighting of two champions or combatants in the field; the judicial combat, or duellum. 3 Inst. 221.
CAMPUS. In old European law. An assembly of the people; so called from being anciently held in the open air, in some plain capable of containing a large number of persons.

In feudal and old English law. A field, or plain. The field, ground, or lists marked out for the combatants in the 
duellum, or trial by battle.

—Campus Mall. The field of May. An anniversary assembly of the Saxons, held on May-day, when they conferredated for the defense of the kingdom against all its enemies.

—Campus Martii. The field of March. See CHAMP DE MAR.

CAN.A. A Spanish measure of length varying (in different localities) from about five to seven feet.

CANAL. An artificial ditch or trench in the earth, for confining water to a defined channel, to be used for purposes of transportation.

The meaning of this word, when applied to artificial passages for water, is a trench or excavation in the earth, for conducting water and confining it to narrow limits. It is unlike the words "river," "pond," "lake," and other words used to designate natural bodies of water, the ordinary meaning of which is confined to the water itself; but it includes also the banks, and reference rather to the excavation or channel as a receptacle for the water; it is an artificial thing. Navigation Co. v. Berks County, 11 Pa. 202; Bishop v. Seeley, 18 Conn. 393; Kennedy v. Indianapolis, 103 U. S. 904, 26 L. Ed. 550.

CANCEL. To obliterate, strike, or cross out; to destroy the effect of an instrument by defacing, obliterating, expunging, or erasing it.

In equity. Courts of equity frequently cancel instruments which have answered the end for which they were created, or instruments which are void or voidable, in order to prevent them from being vexatiously used against the person apparently bound by them. Snell, Eq. 498.

The original and proper meaning of the word "cancellation" is the defacement of a writing by drawing lines across it in the form of crossbars or lattice work; but the same legal result may be accomplished by drawing lines through any essential part, erasing the signature, writing the word "canceled" on the face of the instrument, tearing off seals, or by defacing, obliterating, expunging, or erasing it.

There is also a secondary or derivative meaning of the word, in which it signifies annulment or abrogation by the act or agreement of parties concerned, though without physical defacement. Golden v. Fowler, 26 Ga. 464; Winton v. Spring, 18 Cal. 455. And "cancel" may sometimes be taken as equivalent to "discharge" or "pay," as in an agreement by one person to cancel the indebtedness of another to a third person. Auburn City Bank v. Leonard, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 119.

Synonyms. Cancellation is properly distinguished from obliteration in this, that the former is a crossing out, while the latter is a blotting out; the former leaves the words still legible, while the latter renders them illegible. Townshend v. Howard, 86 Me. 285, 29 Atl. 1077. "Spoliation" is the erasure or alteration of a writing by a stranger, and may amount to a cancellation if of such a nature as to invalidate it on its face; but defacement of an instrument is not properly called "spoliation" if performed by one having control of the instrument as its maker or one duly authorized to destroy it. "Revocation" is an act of the mind, of which cancellation may be a physical manifestation; but cancellation does not revoke unless done with that intention. Dan v. Brown, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 490, 15 Am. Dec. 395; In re Woods' Will (Sur.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 157.

CANCELLARIA. Chancery; the court of chancery. Curia cancellaria is also used in the same sense. See 4 Bl. Comm. 46; Cowell.

Cancellarii Angliae dignitas est, ut secundus a rege in regno habetur. The dignity of the chancellor of England is that which he is deemed the second from the sovereign in the kingdom. 4 Inst. 78.

CANCELLARIUS. A chancellor; a scrivener, or notary. A janitor, or one who stood at the door of the court and was accustomed to carry out the commands of the judges.


CANCELLI. The rails or lattice work or balusters inclosing the bar of a court of justice or the communion table. Also the lines drawn on the face of a will or other writing, with the intention of revoking or annulling it. See CANCEL.

CANDIDATE. A person who offers himself, or is presented by others, to be elected to an office. Derived from the Latin candidus, (white,) because in Rome it was the custom for those who sought office to clothe themselves in white garments.

One who seeks or aspires to some office or privilege, or who offers himself for the same. A man is a candidate for an office when he is seeking such office. It is not necessary that he should have been nominated for the office. Leonard v. Com., 112 Pa. 624, 4 Atl. 224. See State v. Hirsch, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1062, 9 LEA. 170.

CANDLES-MAY-DAY. In English law. A festival appointed by the church to be observed on the second day of February in every year, in honor of the purification of the Virgin Mary, being forty days after her miraculous delivery. At this festival, form-
erly, the Protestants went, and the Papists—now go, in procession with lighted candles; they also consecrate candles on this day for the service of the ensuing year. It is the fourth of the four cross-quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

CANFARA. In old records. A trial by hot iron, formerly used in England. Whishaw.

CANON. 1. A law, rule, or ordinance in general, and of the church in particular. An ecclesiastical law or statute.

—Canon law. A body of ecclesiastical jurisprudence which, in countries where the Roman Catholic church is established, is composed of maxims and rules drawn from patrician sources, ordinances and decrees of general councils, and the decreets and bulls of the popes. In England, according to Blackstone, there is a kind of national canon law, composed of legatine and provincial constitutions enacted in England prior to the reformation, and adapted to the exigencies of the English church and kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 82. The canon law consists partly of certain rules taken out of the Scripture, partly of the ordinances of general and provincial councils, and partly of the decreets of the popes in former ages; and it is also consecrated candles on this day for the service of the ensuing year. It is the origin of the canon law, and the law to which ecclesiastical courts relate, and by which the law is governed. As the decreets set out the origins of the canon law, and the rights, dignities, and decrees of ecclesiastical persons, with their manner of election, ordination, etc., so the decreets contain the law to be used in the ecclesiastical courts. Jacob—Canon religiosorum. In ecclesiastical records. A book wherein the religious of every greater convent had a fair transcript of the rules of their order, frequently read among them as their local statutes. Kennett, Gloss.; Cowell.

2. A system or aggregation of correlated rules, whether of statutory origin or otherwise, relating to and governing a particular department of legal science or a particular branch of the substantive law.

—Canons of construction. The system of fundamental rules and maxims which are recognized as governing the construction or interpretation of written instruments. —Canons of descent. The legal rules by which inheritances are regulated, and according to which estates are transmitted by descent from the ancestor to the heir. —Canons of inheritance. The legal rules by which inheritances are regulated, and according to which estates are transmitted by descent from the ancestor to the heir. Bl. Comm. 208.

3. A dignitary of the English church, being a prebendary or member of a cathedral chapter.

4. In the civil, Spanish, and Mexican law, an annual charge or rent; an emphyteutic rent.

5. In old English records, a prestation, amsion, or customary payment.

CAP OF MAINTENANCE.

—Canonical. Pertaining to, or in conformity to, the canons of the church.

—Canonical obedience. That duty which a clergyman owes to the bishop who ordained him, to the bishop in whose diocese he is beneficed, and also to the metropolitan of such bishop. Wharton.

CANONICUS. In old English law. A canon. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 69, § 2.

CANONIST. One versed and skilled in the canon law; a professor of ecclesiastical law.

CANONY. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical benefice, attaching to the office of canon. Holthouse.

CANT. In the civil law. A method of dividing property held in common by two or more joint owners. See Hayes v. Cuny, 9 Mart. O. S. (La.) 87.

CANTEL, or CANTLE. A lump, or that which is added above measure; also a piece of anything, as “cantel of bread,” or the like. Blount.

CANTERBURY, ARCHBISHOP OF. In English ecclesiastical law. The primate of all England; the chief ecclesiastical dignitary in the church. His customary privilege is to crown the kings and queens of England; while the Archbishop of York has the privilege to crown the queen consort, and be her perpetual chaplain. The Archbishop of Canterbury has also, by 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, the power of granting dispensations in any case not contrary to the holy scriptures and the law of God, where the pope used formerly to grant them, which is the foundation of his granting special licenses to marry at any place or time; to hold two livings, (which must be confirmed under the great seal,) and the like; and on this also is founded the right he exercises of conferring degrees in prejudice of the two universities. Wharton.

CANTRED. A district comprising a hundred villages; a hundred. A term used in Wales in the same sense as “hundred” is in England. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.

CANUM. In feudal law. A species of duty or tribute payable from tenant to lord, usually consisting of produce of the land.


CAP OF MAINTENANCE. One of the regalia or ornaments of state belonging to
the sovereigns of England, before whom it is carried at the coronation and other great solemnities. Caps of maintenance are also carried before the mayors of several cities in England. Enc. Lond.

CAPACITY. Legal capacity is the attribute of a person who can acquire new rights, or transfer rights, or assume duties, according to the mere dictates of his own will, as manifested in juristic acts, without any restraint or hindrance arising from his status or legal condition.

Ability; qualification; legal power or right. Applied in this sense to the attribute of persons (natural or artificial) growing out of their status or juristic condition, which enables them to perform civil acts; as capacity to hold lands, capacity to devise, etc. Burgett v. Barrick, 25 Kan. 550; Sargent v. Burdett, 96 Ga. 111, 22 S. E. 697.

CAPAX DOLL. Lat. Capable of committing crime, or capable of criminal intent. The phrase describes the condition of one who has sufficient intelligence and comprehension to be held criminally responsible for his deeds.

CAPAX NEGOTTI. Competent to transact affairs; having business capacity.

CAPE. In English practice. A judicial writ touching a plea of lands or tenements, divided into caper magnum, or the grand cape, which lay before appearance to summon the tenant to answer the default, and also over to the demandant; the petit cape, which lay after appearance. Cape parvum, or petit cape, after appearance or view granted, summoning the tenant to answer the default only. Termes de la Ley; 3 Steph. Comm. 606, note.

—Cape ad voluntatem. A species of grand cape, and cape parvum, or petit cape, after appearance or view granted, commanding the tenant to answer the default only. Termes de la Ley; 3 Steph. Comm. 606, note.

—Cape ad voluntatem. A judicial writ in the old real actions, which issued for the demandant where the tenant, after being duly summoned, neglected to appear on the return of the writ, or to cast an essoin, or, in case of an essoin being cast, neglected to appear on the adjournment day of the essoin; its object being to compel an appearance. Rose, Real Act. 165, et seq. It was called a "cape," from the word with which it commenced, and a "grand cape" (or cape magnum) to distinguish it from the petit cape, which lay after appearance.

CAPELLA. In old records. A box, cabinet, or repository in which were preserved the relics of martyrs. Speelman. A small building in which relics were preserved the relics of martyrs. Speelman. A cabinet, or repository in which were preserved the relics of martyrs. Speelman. An oratory or chapel. Id.

—auntem. In old records. A chapel. Fleita, lib. 5, c. 12, § 1; Speelman; Cowell.

CAPERS. Vessels of war owned by private persons, and different from ordinary privateers, only in size, being smaller. Beawes, Lex Merc. 290.

CAPTUS. The general name for several species of writs, the common characteristic of which is that they require the officer to take the body of the defendant into custody; they are writs of attachment or arrest.

In English practice. A capias is the process on an indictment when the person charged is not in custody, and in cases not otherwise provided for by statute. 4 Steph. Comm. 383.

—Capias ad amandendum judicium. A writ issued, in a case of misdemeanor, after the defendant has appeared and is found guilty, to bring him to hear judgment if he is not present when called. 4 Bl. Comm. 988—Capias ad computandum. In the action of account render, after judgment of quod competat, if the defendant refuses to appear personally before the auditors and make his account, a writ by this name may issue to compel him.—Capias ad respondendum. A judicial writ, (usually simply termed a capias) by which actions at law were frequently commenced; and which commands the sheriff to take the defendant, and him safely keep, so that he may have his body before the court on a certain day, to testify the party by whom it is issued, the damages or debt and damages recovered by the judgment. Its effect is to deprive the party taken of his liberty until he makes the satisfaction awarded. 3 Bl. Comm. 414, 415; 2 Tidd, Pr. 128. The name of this writ is commonly abbreviated to capias ad satisfaciendum. A writ of execution, (usually termed, for brevity, a "ca. sa.") which a party may issue after having recovered judgment against another in certain actions at law. It commands the sheriff to take the party named, and keep him safely, so that he may have his body before the court on a certain day, to testify the party by whom it is issued, the damages or debt and damages recovered by the judgment. Its effect is to deprive the party taken of his liberty until he makes the satisfaction awarded. 3 Bl. Comm. 414, 415; 2 Tidd, Pr. 963, 1025; Litt. § 894; Co. Litt. 285s; Strong v. Lim, 3 N. J. Law, 803.—Capias extendi facias. A writ of execution issuable in England against a debtor to the crown, which commands the sheriff to "take" or arrest the body, and "cause to be extended" the lands and goods of the debtor. Man. Exch. Pr. 5—Capias in withernam. A writ, in the nature of a reprimis, which lies for one whose goods or cattle, taken under a distress, are removed from the county, so that they cannot be replevied, commanding the sheriff to seize other goods or cattle of equal value.—Capias pro fine. (That you take for the fine or in mercy.) Formerly, if the verdict was for the defendant, the plaintiff was adjudged to be amerced for his false claim; but, if the verdict was for the plaintiff, then in all actions si et armis, or where the defendant, in his pleading, had falsely denied his own deed, the judgment contained an award of a capias pro fine; and in all other cases the defendant was adjudged to be amerced. The insertion of the meaerias of or in the capias, in the judgment is now unnecessary. Wharton.—Capias utlagatum. (You take the outlaw.) In English practice. A writ which lies against a person who has been outlawed or levied on, by whom a writ of arrest is commanded to take him, and keep him in custody until the day of the return, and then present him to the court, there to be dealt with for his contempt. Reg. Orig. 1385; 3 Bl. Comm. 284.

CAPITATUR PRO FINE. Let him be taken for the fine. In English practice. A clause inserted at the end of old Judgment records in actions of debt, where the defendant denied his deed, and it was found against
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him upon his false plea, and the jury were troubled with the trial of it. Cro. Jac. 94.

CAPITA. Heads, and, figuratively, entire bodies, whether of persons or animals. Spelman.

Persons individually considered, without relation to others, (polis;) as distinguished from stirpes or stocks of descent. The term in this sense, making part of the common phrases, in capita, per capita, is derived from the civil law. Inst. 3, 1, 6.

—Capita, per. By heads; by the poll; as individuals. In the distribution of an intestate’s property, the persons legally entitled to take are said to take per capita when they claim, each in his own right, as in equal degree of kinred; in contradistinction to claiming by right of representation, or per stirpes.

CAPITAL, n. In political economy, that portion of the produce of industry existing in a country, which may be made directly available, either for the support of human existence, or the facilitating of production; but, in commerce, and as applied to individuals, it is understood to mean the sum of money which a merchant, banker, or trader employed in his business, or under­taking, or which he contributes to the common stock of a partnership. Also the fund of a trading company or corporation, in which sense the word “stock” is generally added to it. Pearce v. Augusta, 37 Ga. 599; People v. Pelton, 58 App. Div. 280, 67 N. Y. Supp. 893; Webb v. Armistead (C. C.) 26 Fed. 70.

The actual estate, whether in money or property, which is owned by an individual or a corporation. In reference to a corporation, it is the aggregate of the sum subscribed and paid in, or secured to be paid in, by the shareholders, with the addition of all gains or profits realized in the use and investment of those sums, or, if losses have been incurred, then it is the residue after deducting such losses. See CAPITAL STOCK.

When used with respect to the property of a corporation or association, the term has a settled meaning. It applies only to the property or money contributed by the stockholders as the fund or basis for the business or enterprise for which the corporation or association was formed. As to them the term does not embrace temporary loans, though the moneys borrowed be used to designate the amount of capital prescribed to be contributed at the outset by the stockholders, and dividends are to be paid. Christensen v. Eno, 106 N. Y. 97, 12 N. E. 648, 60 Am. Rep. 429; People v. Com’rs, 23 N. Y. 219; State v. Jones, 51 Ohio St. 492, 37 N. E. 945; Burrall v. Railroad Co., 75 N. Y. 216.

Originally “the capital stock of the bank” was all the property of every kind, everything, which the bank possessed. And this “capital stock” all of it, in reality belonged to the contributors, it being intrusted to the bank to be used and traded with for their exclusive benefit; and thus the bank became the agent of the contributors, so that the transmutation of the money originally advanced by the subscribers into property of other kinds, though it altered the form of the investment, left its beneficial ownership unaffected; and every new acquisition of property, by exchange or otherwise, was an acquisition for the original subscribers or their representatives, their respective interests in it all always continuing in the same proportion as in the aggregate capital originally advanced. So that, whether in the form of money, bills of exchange, or any other property in possession or in action into which the money originally contributed has been transmuted, or united, as it is termed, as the original contribution was, the capital stock of the bank, held, as the original contribution was, for the exclusive benefit of the original contributors and those who represent them. The original contributors and those who represent them are the stockholders. New Haven v. City Bank, 31 Conn. 100. Capital stock, as employed in acts of incorporation, is never used to indicate the value of the property of the company. It is very generally, if not universally, used to designate the amount of capital prescribed to be contributed at the outset by the stockholders, for the purposes of the corporation. The value of the corporate assets may be greatly increased by the form of issue, or be diminished by losses, but the amount of the capital stock remains the same. The funds of the company may fluctuate; its capital stock remains invariable, unless changed by legislative authority. Canfield v. Fire Ass’n, 23 N. J. Law, 193.

CAPITALE. A thing which is stolen, or the value of it. Blount.

CAPITALE VIVENS. Live cattle. Blount.

CAPITALIS. In old English law. Chief, principal; at the head. A term applied to government; the place where the legislative department holds its sessions, and where the chief officers of the executive are located.
persons, places, judicial proceedings, and some kinds of property.


Capitaneus. A tenant in capite. He who held his land or title directly from the king himself. A captain; a naval commander.

Capitare. In old law and surveys. To head, front, or abut; to touch at the head, or end.

Capitatum. Lat. By the head; by the poll; severally to each individual.

Capitation Tax. One which is levied upon the person simply, without any reference to his property, real or personal, or to any business in which he may be engaged, or to any employment which he may follow. Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 22; Leedy v. Bourbon, 12 Ind. App. 486, 40 N. E. 640; Head-Money Cases (C. C.) 18 Fed. 139.
A tax or imposition raised on each person in consideration of his labor, industry, office, rank, etc. It is a very ancient kind of tribute, and answers to what the Latins called "tributum," by which taxes on persons are distinguished from taxes on merchandize, called "vectigalia." Wharton.

Capite. Lat. By the head. Tenure in capite was an ancient feudal tenure, whereby the members of the king immediately. It was of two sorts—the one, principium and general, or of the king as the source of all tenure; the other, special and subaltern, or of a particular subject. It is now abolished. Jacob. As to distribution per capita, see Capita.

Capite Minutus. In the civil law. One who had suffered capitatis diminutio, one who lost status or legal attributes. See Dig. 4, 5.

Capitis Diminutio. In Roman law. A diminishing or abridgment of personality. This was a loss or curtailment of a man's status or aggregate of legal attributes and qualifications, following upon certain changes in his civil condition. It was of three kinds, enumerated as follows:

Capitis diminutio maxima. The highest or most comprehensive loss of status. This occurred when a man's condition was changed from one of freedom to one of bondage, when he became a slave. It swept away with it all rights of citizenship and all family rights.

Capitis diminutio media. A lesser or medium loss of status. This occurred where a man lost his rights of citizenship, but without losing his liberty. It carried away also the family rights.

Capitis diminutio minima. The lowest or least comprehensive degree of loss of status. This occurred where a man's family relations alone were changed. It happened upon the arrogation of a person who had been his own master, (sui juris,) or upon the emancipation of one who had been under the patria potestas. It left the rights of liberty and citizenship unaltered. See Inst. 1, 16, pr.; 1, 2, 3; Dig. 4, 5, 11; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 144.

Capitium. A covering for the head, mentioned in St. 1 Hen. IV. and other old statutes, which prescribe what dresses shall be worn by all degrees of persons. Jacob.

Capitula. Collections of laws and ordinances drawn up under heads of divisions. Spelman.
The term is used in the civil and old English law, and applies to the ecclesiastical law also, meaning chapters or assemblies of ecclesiastical persons. Du Cange.

Capitula corona. Chapters or heads of inquiry, resembling the capitula itineris, (infra) but of a more minute character.—Capitula de Judaeis. A register of mortgages made to the Jews. 2 Bl. Comm. 343; Crabb, Eng. Law, 130, et seq.—Capitula itineris. Articles of inquiry which were annually delivered to the justices in eyre when they set out on their circuits. These schedules were designed to include all possible varieties of crime. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, p. 4, c. 8.—Capitula ruralia. Assemblies or chapters, held by rural deans and parochial clergy, within the precinct of every deanery; which at first were every three weeks, afterwards once a month, and subsequently once a quarter. Cowell.

Capitulary. In French law. A collection and code of the laws and ordinances promulgated by the kings of the Merovingian and Carolingian dynasties.
Any orderly and systematic collection or code of laws.

In ecclesiastical law. A collection of laws and ordinances orderly arranged by divisions. A book containing the beginning and end of each Gospel which is to be read every day in the ceremony of saying mass. Du Cange.

CAPITULATION. In military law. The surrender of a fort or fortified town to a besieging army; the treaty or agreement between the commanding officers which embodies the terms and conditions on which the surrender is made.

In the civil law. An agreement by which the prince and the people, or those who have the right of the people, regulate the manner in which the government is to be administered. Wolfius, § 980.

CAPITULI AGRI. Head-fields; lands lying at the head or upper end of furrows etc.

 Capitolium est clericorum congregatio sub uno decano in ecclesia cathedral. A chapter is a congregation of clergy under one dean in a cathedral church. Co. Litt. 98.

CAPPA. In old records. A cap. Cappa honoris, the cap of honor. One of the solemnities or ceremonies of creating an earl or marquis.

CAPTAIN. A head-man; commander; commanding officer. The captain of a war-vessel is the officer first in command. In the United States navy, the rank of "captain" is intermediate between that of "commander" and " commodore." The governor or controlling officer of a vessel in the merchant service is usually styled "captain" by the inferior officers and seamen, but in maritime business and admiralty law is more commonly designated as "master." In foreign jurisprudence his title is often that of "patron." In the United States army (and the militia) the captain is the commander of a company of soldiers, one of the divisions of a regiment. The term is also used to designate the commander of a squad of municipal police.

The "captain of the watch" on a vessel is a kind of foreman or overseer, who, under the supervision of the mate, has charge of one of the two watches into which the crew is divided for the convenience of work. He calls them out and directs them where to store freight, which packages to move, when to go or come ashore, and generally directs their work, and is an "officer" of the vessel within the meaning of statutes regulating the conduct of officers to the seamen. U. S. v. Trice (D. C.) 30 Fed. 491.

CAPTATION. In French law. The act of one who succeeds in controlling the will of another, so as to become master of it; used in an invidious sense. Zerega v. Perd­val, 46 La. Ann. 590, 15 South. 476.

CAPTATOR. A person who obtains a gift or legacy through artifice.

CAPTIO. In old English law and practice. A taking or seizure; arrest; receiving; holding of court.

CAPTION. In practice. That part of a legal instrument, as a commission, indictment, etc., which shows where, when, and by what authority it is taken, found, or executed. State v. Sutton, 5 N. C. 251; U. S. v. Beebe, 2 Dak. 292, 11 N. W. 605; State v. Jones, 9 N. J. Law, 363, 17 Am. Dec. 483.

When used with reference to an indictment, caption signifies the style or preamble or commencement of the indictment; when used with reference to a commission, it signifies the certificate to which the commissioners' names are subscribed, declaring when and where it was executed. Brown.

The caption of a pleading, deposition, or other paper connected with a case in court, is the heading or introductory clause which shows the names of the parties, names of the court, number of the case on the docket or calendar, etc.

Also signifies a taking, seizure, or arrest of a person. 2 Salk. 498. The word in this sense is now obsolete in English law.

In Scotch law. Caption is an order to incarcerate a debtor who has disobeyed an order, given to him by what are called "letters of horning," to pay a debt or to perform some act enjoined thereby. Bell.

CAPTIVES. Prisoners of war. As in the goods of an enemy, so also in his person, a sort of qualified property may be acquired, by taking him a prisoner of war, at least till his ransom be paid. 2 Bl. Comm. 402.

CAPTOR. In International law. One who takes or seizes property in time of war; one who takes the property of an enemy. In a stricter sense, one who takes a prize at sea. 2 Bl. Comm. 401; 1 Kent, Comm. 86, 96, 103.

CAPTURE. In international law. The taking or wresting of property from one of two belligerents by the other. It occurs either on land or at sea. In the former case, the property captured is called "booty;" in the latter case, "prize."

Capture, in technical language, is a taking by military power; a seizure is a taking by civil authority. U. S. v. Athens Armory, 36 Ga. 344, Fed. Cas. No. 14,473.

In some cases, this is a mode of acquiring property. Thus, every one may, as a general rule, on his own land, or on the sea, capture any wild animal, and acquire a qualified ownership in it by confining it, or absolute ownership by killing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 79.
CAPUT

CAPUT. A head; the head of a person; the whole person; the life of a person; one's personality; status; civil condition.


In the civil law. It signified a person's civil condition or status, and among the Romans consisted of three component parts or elements—libertas, liberty; civitas, citizenship; and familia, family.

—Capitis estimatio. In Saxon law. The estimation or value of the head, that is, the price or value of a man's life.—Caput annui. The first day of the year.—Caput baronis. The castle or chief seat of a baron.—Caput demum. The beginning of the Lent fast, e. g. Ash Wednesday.—Caput loci. The head or upper part of a place.—Caput lipi-num. In old English law. A wolf's head. An outlawed felon was said to be caput lipunum, and might be knocked on the head, like a wolf.—Caput mortuum. A dead head; dead; obsolete.—Caput portus. In old English law. The head of a port. The town to which a port belongs, and which gives the denomination to the port, and is the head of it. Hale de Jure Mar. pt. 2, (de Portibus marit.) c. 2.—Caput principalium et finium. The head, beginning, and end. A term applied in English law to the king, as head of parliament. 4 Inst. 3; 1 Bl. Comm. 188.

CAPUTAGIUM. In old English law. Head or poll money, or the payment of it. Cowell; Blount.

CAPUTIUM. In old English law. A head of land; a headland. Cowell.

CARABUS. In old English law. A kind of raft or boat. Spelman.

CARAT. A measure of weight for diamonds and other precious stones, equivalent to three and one-sixth grains Troy, though divided by jewelers into four parts called "diamond grains." Also a standard of fineness of gold, twenty-four carats being conventionally taken as expressing absolute purity, and the proportion of gold to alloy in a mixture being represented as so many carats.

CARCER. A prison or gaol. Strictly, a place of detention and safe-keeping, and not of punishment. Co. Litt. 620.

Cæsarc ad hominum custodiendos, non ad puniendos, dari debet. A prison should be used for keeping persons, not for punishing them. Co. Litt. 260a.

Cæsarc non supplii carari sed custodiae constitutus. A prison is ordained not for the sake of punishment, but of detention and guarding. Lofti, 119.

CARDINAL. In ecclesiastical law. A dignitary of the court of Rome, next in rank to the pope.

CARDS. In criminal law. Small papers or pasteboards of an oblong or rectangular shape, on which are printed figures or points, used in playing certain games. See Estes v. State, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 498; Common-wealth v. Arnold, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 221; State v. Herryford, 10 Mo. 377; State v. Lewis, 12 Wis. 434.

CARE. As a legal term, this word means diligence, prudence, discretion, attentiveness, watchfulness, vigilance. It is the opposite of negligence or carelessness.

There are three degrees of care in the law, corresponding (inversely) to the three degrees of negligence, viz.: slight care, ordinary care, and great care.

The exact boundaries between the several degrees of care, and their correlative degrees of carelessness, or negligence, are not always clearly defined or easily pointed out. We think, however, that by "ordinary care" is meant that degree of care which may reasonably be expected from a person in the party's situation.—that is, "reasonable care;" and that "gross negligence" means not a malicious intention or design to produce a particular injury, but a thoughtless disregard of consequences, the absence, rather than the actual exercise, of volition with reference to results. Neal v. Gillett, 23 Conn. 443.

Slight care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about their own affairs of slight importance. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 5109; Rev. St. Okt. 1903, § 2782. Or it is that degree of care which a person exercises about his own concerns, though he may be a person of less than common prudence or of careless and inattentive disposition. Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 57 Am. Dec. 534; Bank v. Guilmartin, 93 Ga. 503, 21 S. E. 55, 44 Am. St. Rep. 182.

Ordinary care is that degree of care which persons of ordinary care and prudence are accustomed to use and employ, under the same or similar circumstances, in order to conduct the enterprise in which they are engaged to a safe and successful termination having due regard to the rights of others and the objects to be accomplished. Guns v. Railroad Co., 36 W. Va. 422, 14 S. E. 463, 22 Am. St. Rep. 842; Sullivan v. Scripture, 3 Allen (Mass.) 596; Osborn v. Woodford, 31 Kan. 290, 1 Pac. 548; Railroad Co. v. Terry, 81 Ohio St. 570; Railroad Co. v. McCoy, 81 Ky. 403; Railroad Co. v. Howard, 79 Ga. 44, 3 S. E. 420; Taden v. Van Blarcom, 100 Mo. App. 185, 74 S. W. 124.

Great care is such as persons of ordinary prudence usually exercise about affairs of their
own which are of great importance; or it is that degree of care usually bestowed upon the matter in hand by the most competent, prudent, and careful persons having to do with the particular subject. Railway Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 150; Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 57 Am. Dec. 524; Railway Co. v. Smith, 97 Tex. 243, 28 S. W. 529; Telegraph Co. v. Cook, 61 Fed. 628, 9 C. C. A. 689.

Reasonable care is such a degree of care, precaution, or diligence as may fairly and properly be expected or required, having regard to the nature of the action, or of the subject-matter, and the circumstances surrounding the transaction. "Reasonable care and skill" is a relative phrase, and, in its application as a rule or measure of duty, will vary in its requirements, according to the circumstances under which the care and skill are to be exerted. See Johnson v. Hudson River R. Co. 6 Duer (N. Y.) 646; Cunningham v. Hall, 4 Allen (Mass.) 270; Dexter v. McCreary, 54 Conn. 171, 5 Atl. 835; Appel v. Eaton & Price Co., 97 Mo. App. 428, 71 S. W. 741; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Noble, 142 Ill. 575, 32 N. E. 684.

CARENA. A term used in the old ecclesiastical law to denote a period of forty days.

CARENCE. In French law. Lack of assets; insolvency. A procès-verbal de carence is a document setting out that the huissier attended to issue execution upon a judgment, but found nothing upon which to levy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 547.

CARETA, (spelled, also, Carreta and Carrecta.) A cart; a cart-load.

CARETORIUS, or CARECTARIUS. A carter. Blount.


CARGAISON. In French commercial law. Cargo; lading.

CARGARE. In old English law. To charge. Spelman.

CARGO. In mercantile law. The load or lading of a vessel; goods and merchandise put on board a ship to be carried to a certain port. The lading or freight of a ship; the goods, merchandise, or whatever is conveyed in a ship or other merchant vessel. Seamans v. Loring, 21 Fed. Cas. 920; Wolcott v. Insurance Co., 4 Pick. (Mass) 429, Macy v. Insurance Co., 9 Metc. (Mass.) 938; Thwing v. Insurance Co., 103 Mass. 401, 4 Am. Rep. 567.

A cargo is the loading of a ship or other vessel, the bulk of which is to be ascertained from the capacity of the ship or vessel. The word embraces all that the vessel is capable of carrying. Planagan v. Demarest, 3 Rob. (N. Y.) 175.

The term may be applied in such a sense as to include passengers, as well as freight, but in a technical sense it designates goods only.

CARIAGIUM. In old English law. Carriage; the carrying of goods or other things for the king.

CARISTIA. Dearth, scarcity, dearness. Cowell.

CARK. In old English law. A quantity of wool, whereof thirty make a sarplar. (The latter is equal to 2,240 pounds in weight.) St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 2. Jacob.

CARISLE TABLES. Life and annuity tables, compiled at Carlisle, England, about 1780. Used by actuaries, etc.

CARMEN. In the Roman law. Literally, a verse or song. A formula or form of words used on various occasions, as of divorce. Tayl. Civil Law, 349.

CARNAL. Of the body; relating to the body; fleshly; sexual.

—Carnal knowledge. The act of a man in having sexual bodily connection with a woman. Carnal knowledge and sexual intercourse held equivalent expressions. Noble v. State, 22 Ohio St. 541. From very early times, in the law, as in common speech, the meaning of the words "carnal knowledge" of a woman by a man has been sexual bodily connection; and these words, without more, have been used in that sense by writers of the highest authority on criminal law, when undertaking to give a full and precise definition of the crime of rape, the highest crime of this character. Com. v. Squires, 97 Mass. 61.


CARNALLY KNEW. In pleading. A technical phrase essential in an indictment to charge the defendant with the crime of rape.

CARNO. In old English law. An immortality or privilege. Cowell.

CAROOME. In English law. A license by the lord mayor of London to keep a cart.

CARPEMEALS. Cloth made in the northern parts of England, of a coarse kind, mentioned in 7 Jac. I. c. 18. Jacob.

CARRERA. In Spanish law. A carriage-way; the right of a carriage-way. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 31, l. 3.

CARRIAGE. A vehicle used for the transportation of persons either for pleasure or business, and drawn by horses or other draught animals over the ordinary streets and highways of the country; not including cars used exclusively upon railroads or street railroads expressly constructed for the use of such cars. Snyder v. North Lawrence, 8

The act of carrying, or a contract for transportation of persons or goods.

The contract of carriage is a contract for the conveyance of property, persons, or messages from one place to another. Civ. Code Cal. § 2083; Civ. Code Dak. § 1208.

CARRILLES, or CARRACLES. A ship of great burden.

CARRIER. One who undertakes to transport persons or property from place to place, by any means of conveyance, and with or without compensation.

—Common and private carriers. Carriers are either common or private. Private carriers are persons who undertake for the transportation in a particular instance only, not making it their vocation, nor holding themselves out as ready to act for all who desire their services. Allen v. Sackrider, 37 N. Y. 341. To bring a person within the description of a common carrier, he must undertake to carry goods for persons generally; and he must hold himself out as ready to transport goods for hire, as a business not as a casual occupation, pro h&c vice. Alexander v. Greene, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 504; Bell v. Pidgeon, (D. C.) 5 Fed. 634; Wyatt v. Irr. Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 28 Pac. 906. A carrier therefore may be defined as one who, by virtue of his calling and as a regular business, undertakes for hire to transport persons or commodities from place to place, offering his services to all such as may choose to employ him and pay his charges. Iron Works v. Hurlbut, 1 58 N. Y. 34, 52 N. E. 665, 70 Am. St. Rep. 432; Dwight v. Brown, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 53, 11 Am. Dec. 133; Railroad Co. v. Waterbury Button Co., 24 Conn. 479; fuller v. Bradley's Appeal, 159 Mass. 535, 56 Am. St. Rep. 295; Demerritt, 100 Mass. 421.

Carry, to bear, bear about, sustain, transport, remove, or convey.

—Carry away. In criminal law. The act of removal or asportation, by which the crime of larceny is completed, and which is essential to constitute it. Com. v. Adams, 7 Gray (Mass.) 45; Com. v. Pratt, 332 Mass. 240; Gettinger v. State, 13 Neb. 308, 14 N. W. 403.—Carry arms or weapons. To wear, bear, or carry them upon the person or in the clothing or in a pocket, for the purpose of use, or for the purpose of being armed and ready for offensive or defensive action in case of a conflict with another person. State v. Carter, 36 Tex. 768; State v. Cooper, 36 Mo. App. 47; State v. Murray, 39 Mo. App. 128; Moorefield v. State, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 348; Owen v. State, 31 Ala. 389.

—Carry costs. A verdict is said to carry costs when the party for whom the verdict is given becomes entitled to the payment of his costs as incident to such verdict.—Carry on business. To prosecute or pursue a particular avocation or form of business as a continuous and permanent occupation and substantial employment. A single act or business transaction is not sufficient, but the systematic and habitual repetition of the same act may be. Dry Goods Co. v. Lester, 60 Ark. 120, 29 S. W. 34, 57 L. R. A. 505, 46 Am. St. Rep. 162; State v. Tolman, 106 La. 662, 31 South. 320; Holmes v. Holmes, 40 Conn. 220; Railroad Co. v. Attalla, 118 Ala. 532, 24 South. 450; Terry v. Harris, 8 Mo. 210, 15 S. W. 298; Sangster v. Kay, 5 Exch. 356; Lawson v. State, 55 Ala. 118; Abel v. State, 90 Ala. 623, 8 South. 760; State v. Shirley, 93 Md. 657, 57 Atl. 12.—Carry stock. To provide funds or credit for its payment for the period agreed upon from the date of purchase. Saltus v. Genin, 16 N. Y. Supp. 260, and see Pickering v. Demerritt, 100 Mass. 421.

CART. A carriage for luggage or burden, with two wheels, as distinguished from a wagon, which has four wheels. The vehicle in which criminals are taken to execution.

This word, in its ordinary and primary acceptance, signifies a carriage with two wheels; yet it has also a more extended signification, and may mean a carriage in general. Favers v. Glass, 22 Ala. 625, S3 Am. Dec. 272.

CART BOTE. Wood or timber which a tenant is allowed by law to take from an estate, for the purpose of repairing instruments, (including necessary vehicles,) of husbandry. 2 Bl. Comm. 33.

CARTA. In old English law. A charter, or deed. Any written instrument.

In Spanish law. A letter; a deed; a power of attorney. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 30.

CARTA DE FORESTA. In old English law. The charter of the forest. More commonly called "Charta de Foresta," (q. v.)

CARTE. In French marine law. A chart.

CARTE BLANCHE. A white sheet of paper; an instrument signed, but otherwise left blank. A sheet given to an agent, with the principal's signature appended, to be filled up with any contract or engagement as the agent may see fit. Hence, metaphorically, unlimited authority.

CARTEL. An agreement between two hostile powers for the delivery of prisoners
or deserters. Also a written challenge to fight a duel.

—Cartel-ship. A vessel commissioned in time of war to exchange the prisoners of any two hostile powers; also to carry any particular proposal from one to another. For this reason, the officer who commands her is particularly ordered to carry no cargo, ammunition, or implements of war, except a single gun for the purpose of signals. Crawford v. The William Penn, 6 Fed. Cas. 778.

CARTENTIAL. A place where papers or records are kept.

CARUCA, or CARUA. A plow.

CARUCAGE. In old English law. A kind of tax or tribute anciently imposed upon every plow, (carue or plow-land,) for the public service. Spelman.

CARUCATA. A certain quantity of land used as the basis for taxation. As much land as may be tilled by a single plow in a year and a day. Also, a team of cattle, or a cart-load.

CARUCATARIUS. One who held lands in caruge, or plow-tenure. Cowell.

CARUCA. A plow. (q. v.) Cowell.

CARVE. In old English law. A caru­cate or plow-land.

CARVAGE. The name as caruage, (g. v.) Cowell.

CASE. 1. A general term for an action, cause, suit, or controversy, at law or in equity; a question contested before a court of justice; an aggregate of facts which furnishes occasion for the exercise of the juris­diction of a court of justice. Smith v. Waterbury, 54 Conn. 174, 7 Atl. 17; Kundolf v. Thalheimer, 12 N. Y. 506; Gebhard v. Sat­tler, 40 Iowa, 156.

—Cases and controversies. This term, as used in the constitution of the United States, embraces claims or contentions of litigants brought before the court for adjudication by regular proceedings established for the protec­tion or enforcement of rights, or the prevention, redress or punishment of wrongs; and whenever the claim or contention of a party takes such a form that the judicial power is capable of acting upon it, it has become a case or contro­versy. In re Ballew, 154 U. S. 447, 14 Sup. Ct. 1125, 38 L. Ed. 1047; Smith v. Adams, 130 U. S. 167, 9 Sup. Ct. 176, 32 L. Ed. 595. In re Rallew, Com'n (C. C.) 32 Fed. 255. But these two terms are to be distinguished; for there may be a "separable controversy" within a "case," which may be removed from a state court to a federal court, though the case as a whole is not removable. Snow v. Smith (C. C.) 88 Fed. 658.

2. A statement of the facts involved in a transaction or series of transactions, drawn up in writing in a technical form, for sub­mission to a court or judge for decision or opinion. Under this meaning of the term are included a "case made" for a motion for new trial, a "case reserved" on the trial of a cause, an "agreed case" for decision without trial, etc.

—Case agreed on. A formal written enum­eration of the facts in a case, assented to by both parties as correct and complete, and sub­mitted to the court by their agreement, in order that a decision may be rendered upon them, and upon the court's conclusions of law upon the facts as stated.—Case for motion. In Eng­lish divorce and probate practice, when a party desires to make a motion, he must file, among other papers, a case for motion, containing an abstract of the proceedings in the suit or action, a statement of the circumstances on which the motion is founded, and the prayer, or nature of the decree or order desired. Browne, Div. 251; Browne, Prob. Fr. 265.—Case on appeal. In American practice, before the argument in the appellate court of a case brought there for re­view, the appellant's counsel prepares a docu­ment or brief, bearing this name, for the infor­mation of the court, detailing the testimony and the proceedings below. In English practice. The "case on appeal" is a printed statement pre­pared by each of the parties to an appeal to the house of lords or the privy council, set­ting out methodically the facts which make up his case with appropriate references to the evidence printed in the "appendix." The term also denotes a written statement, prepared and transmitted by an inferior court or judge rais­ing a question of law for the opinion of a su­perior court.—Case reserved. A statement in writing of the facts proved on the trial of a cause, drawn up and settled by the attorneys and counsel for the respective parties under the supervision of the judge, for the purpose of having certain points of law, which arose at the trial and could not then be satisfactorily decided, determined upon full argument before the court in banc. This is otherwise called a "special case;" and it is usual for the parties, where the law of the case is doubtful, to agree that the judge shall find a general verdict for the plaintiff, subject to the opinion of the court upon such a case to be made, instead of obtaining from the jury a special verdict. 3 Bl. Comm. 378; 3 Steph. Comm. 621; Steph. Pl. 52, 53; 1 Burrill, Pr. 242, 463.—Case stated. In practice. An agreement in writing, between a plaintiff and defendant, that the facts in dis­pute between them are as therein agreed upon and set forth. Diehl v. Ihne, 3 Whart. (Pa.) 92, 93; 1 Burrill, Pr. 242, 463.—Case stated. In practice. An agreement in writing, between a plaintiff and defendant, that the facts in dispute between them are as therein agreed upon and set forth. Diehl v. Ihne, 3 Whart. (Pa.) 92, 93; 1 Burrill, Pr. 242, 463. A case agreed upon.—Case to move for new trial. In practice. A case prepared by the party against whom a verdict has been given, upon which to move the court to set aside the verdict and grant a new trial.

3. A form of action which lies to recover damages for injuries for which the more an-
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CASE LAW. A professional name for the aggregate of reported cases as forming a body of jurisprudence; or for the law of a particular subject as evidenced or formed by the adjudged cases; in distinction to statutes and other sources of law.

CASH. Ready money; whatever can be used as money without being converted into another form; that which circulates as money, including bank-bills. Hooper v. Flood, 54 Cal. 221; Dazet v. Landry, 21 Nev. 291, 30 Pac. 1064; Blair v. Wilson, 28 Grat. (Va.) 105; Haviland v. Chace, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 254.


—Cash-price. A price payable in cash at the time of sale of property, in opposition to a barter or a sale on credit.—Cash value. The cash value of an article or piece of property is the price which it would bring at private sale (as distinguished from a forced or auction sale) the terms of sale requiring the payment of the whole price in ready money, with no deferred payments. Ankeny v. Blakley, 44 Or. 78, 74 Pac. 485; State v. Railway Co., 10 Nev. 68; Tax Comrs v. Holliday, 100 Ind. 216, 49 N. E. 14, 42 L. R. A. 826; Cummings v. Bank, 101 U. S. 162, 25 L. Ed. 903.

CASHIER, n. An officer of a moneied institution, or commercial house, or bank, who is intrusted with, and whose duty it is to take care of, the cash or money of such institution or bank.

The cashier of a bank is the executive officer, through whom the whole financial operations of the bank are conducted. He receives and pays out its moneys, collects and pays its debts, and receives and transfers its commercial securities. Tellers and other subordinate officers may be appointed, but they are under his direction, and are, as it were, the arms by which designated portions of his various functions are discharged. The directors may limit his authority as they deem proper, but this would not affect those to whom the limitation was unknown. Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 660, 19 L. Ed. 1005.

CASHIER, v. In military law. To deprive a military officer of his rank and office.

CASHTITE. An amercement or fine; a mulct.

CASSARE. To quash; to render void; to break.

CASSATION. In French law. Annulling; reversal; breaking the force and validity of a judgment. A decision emanating from the sovereign authority, by which a decree or judgment in the court of last resort is broken or annulled. Merl. Repert.

CASSATION, COURT OF. (Fr. cour de cassation.) The highest court in France; so termed from possessing the power to quash (casser) the decrees of inferior courts. It is a court of appeal in criminal as well as civil cases.

CASSETUR BILIA. (Lat. That the bill be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by bill, (billa.) 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 128, 131. The form of an entry made by a plaintiff on the record, after a plea in abatement, where he found that the plea could not be confessed and avoided, nor traversed, nor demurred to; amounting in fact to a discontinuance of the action. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 3, 236; 1 Tidd, Pr. 683.

CASSETUR BREVIE. (Lat. That the writ be quashed.) In practice. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by original writ, (breve.) 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Steph. Pl. 107, 109.

CASSOCK, or CASSULA. A garment worn by a priest.

CAST, v. In old English practice. To allege, offer, or present; to proffer by way of excuse, (as to "cast an essoin.")

This word is now used as a popular, rather than a technical, term, in the sense of to overcome, overthrow, or defeat in a civil action at law.

—Cast away. To cast away a ship is to do such an act upon or in regard to it as causes it to perish or be lost, so as to be irrecoverable by ordinary means. The term is synonymous with "destroy," which means to unfit a vessel for service beyond the hope of recovery by ordinary means. U. S. v. Johns, 26 Fed. Cas. 615; U. S. v. Vanrant, 26 Fed. Cas. 399.

CAST, p. p. Overthrown, worsted, or defeated in an action.

CASTEL, or CASTLE. A fortress in a town; the principal mansion of a nobleman. 3 Inst. 31.

CASTELLAIN. In old English law. The lord, owner, or captain of a castle; the constable of a fortified house; a person having the custody of one of the crown mansions; an officer of the forest.

CASTELLANUS. A castellain; the keeper or constable of a castle. Spelman.

CASTELLARIUM, CASTELLATUS. In old English law. The precinct or jurisdiction of a castle. Blount.
CASTELLORUM OPERATIO

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on and old English law. Castle work. Serv- 
ice and labor done by inferior tenants for 
the building and upholding castles and pub- 
lic places of defense. One of the three nec- 
essary charges, (trimoda necessitas,) to which 
all lands among the Saxons were expressly 
subject. Cowell.

CASTIGATORY. An engine used to 
punish women who have been convicted of 
being common scolds. It is sometimes called 
the "trebucket," "tumbril," "duckling-stool," 
Cas. 907.

CASTING. Offering; alleging by way of 
excuse. Casting an essoin was alleging an 
excuse for not appearing in court to answer 
an action. Holthouse.

CASTING VOTE. Where the votes of a 
deliberative assembly or legislative body are 
equally divided on any question or motion, 
it is the privilege of the presiding offi- 
cer to cast one vote (if otherwise he would 
not be entitled to any vote) on either side, 
or to cast one additional vote, if he has al- 
ready voted as a member of the body. This 
is called the "casting vote."

By the common law, a casting vote sometimes 
signifies the single vote of a person who never 
votes; but, in the case of an equality, some- 
times the double vote of a person who first votes 
with the rest, and then, upon an equality, cre- 
ates a majority by giving a second vote. People 
v. Church of Atonement, 48 Barb. (N. Y.) 606; 
Brown v. Foster, 88 Me. 49, 33 Atl. 662, 31 L. 
R. A. 116; Wooster v. Mullins, 64 Conn. 340, 
30 Atl. 144, 25 L. R. A. 694.

CASTLEGUARD. In feudal law. An 
imposition anciently laid upon persons as 
lived within a certain distance of any 
castle, towards the maintenance of such as 
watched and warded the castle.

—Castleguard rents. In old English law. 
Rents paid by those that dwelt within the pre- 
cincts of a castle, towards the maintenance 
of such as watched and warded it.

CASTRENSIS. In the Roman law. Re- 
lating to the camp or military service.

Castrense peculum, a portion of property 
which a son acquired in war, or from his 
connection with the camp. Dig. 49, 17.

CASTRUM. Lat. In Roman law. A 
camp.

fol. 69b. A castle, including a manor. 4 
Coke, 88.

CASU CONSIMILII. In old English 
law. A writ of entry, granted where tenant 
by the curtesy, or tenant for life, alienated 
in fee, or in tail, or for another's life, which 
was brought by him in reversion against the 
party to whom such tenant so alienated to 

his prejudice, and in the tenant's life-time. 
Termes de la Ley.

CASU PROVISO. A writ of entry 
framed under the provisions of the statute 
of Gloucester, (6 Edw. I.,) c. 7, (then lay for 
the benefit of the reversioner when a ten- 
ant in dower aliened in fee or for life.

CASUAL. That which happens acciden- 
tally, and is brought about by causes un- 
known; fortuitous; the result of chance. 
Lewis v. Lofley, 92 Ga. 504, 19 S. E. 57.

—Casual ejector. In practice. The nominal 
defendant in an action of ejectment; so called 
because, by a fiction of law peculiar to that 
action, he is supposed to come casually or by 
accident upon the premises, and to turn out 
or eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 209; 
3 Steph. Comm. 670; French v. Robb, 67 N. J. 
Law. 290, 51 Atl. 509, 57 L. R. A. 956, 91 Am. 
St. Rep. 453.—Casual evidence. A phrase 
used to denote (in contradistinction to "preap- 
pointed evidence") all such evidence as happens 
to be admissible of a fact or event, but which 
was not foreseen by statute or otherwise ar- 
 ranged beforehand to be the evidence of the 
fact or event. Brown.—Casual pauper. 
A poor person who, in England, applies for relief 
in a parish, not only to a test, but in that of 
another. The ward in the work-house to which they are 
admitted is called the "casual ward."

—Casual poor. In English law. Those who are not 
settled in a parish. Such poor persons as are 
suddenly taken sick, or meet with some acci- 
dent, when away from home, and who are thus 
provocatively thrown upon the charities of 
those among whom they happen to be. Force 

CASUALTY. Inevitable accident; an 
event not to be foreseen or guarded against. 
A loss from such an event or cause; as by 
fire, shipwreck, lightning, etc. Story, Bailm. 
§ 240; Gill v. Fugate, 117 Ky. 267, 78 S. W. 
191; McCarty v. Railroad Co., 30 Pa. 251; 
Ct. 490, 35 L. Ed. 97; Ennis v. Bldg. Ass'n, 
102 Iowa, 520, 71 N. W. 426; Anthony v. 
Karbach, 64 Neb. 506, 90 N. W. 243, 97 Am. 
St. Rep. 662.

—Casualties of superiority. In Scotch 
law. Payments from an inferior to a superior, 
that is, from a tenant to his lord, which arise 
upon uncertain events, as opposed to the pay- 
ment of rent at fixed and stated times. Bell.

—Casualties of wards. In Scotch law. The 
mails and duties due to the superior in ward- 
holdings.

CASUS. Lat. Chance; accident; an 
event; a case; a case contemplated.

—Casus belli. An occurrence giving rise to 
or justifying war.—Casus foederis. In inter- 
national law. The case of the treaty. The par- 
ticular event or situation contemplated by the 
treaty, or stipulated for, or which comes within 
its terms, is called a "casus foederis." The case 
entitled to be considered by the parties to an 
individual contract or stipulated for by it, or 
coming within its terms.—Casus fortuitus. An 
inevitable accident or chance occurrence or for- 
tuitous event. A loss happening in spite of all 
human effort and sagacity. 3 Kent. Comm. 217, 
300; Wallis, Neg. §§ 553, 556; The Majestic 
166 U. S. 375, 17 Sup. Ct. 597, 41 L. Ed. 1039.

—Casus major. In the civil law. A casual- 
ty; an extraordinary casualty, as fire, ship-
CATALS. Goods and chattels. See CATALLA.

CATANEUS. A tenant in copite. A tenant holding immediately of the crown. Spelman.

CATASCOPUS. An old name for an archdeacon.

CATCHING BARGAIN. See BARGAIN.

CATCHINGS. Things caught, and in the possession, custody, power, and dominion of the party, with a present capacity to use them for his own purposes. The term includes blubber, or pieces of whale flesh cut from the whale, and stowed on or under the deck of a ship. A policy of insurance upon outfits, and catchings substituted for the outfits, in a whaling voyage, protects the blubber. Rogers v. Insurance Co., 1 Story, 603; Fed. Cas. No. 12,016; 4 Law Rep. 297.

CATCHLAND. Land in Norfolk, so called because it is not known to what parish it belongs, and the minister who first seizes the tithes of it, by right of preoccupation, enjoys them for that year. Cowell.

CATCHPOLL. A name formerly given to a sheriff’s deputy, or to a constable, or other officer whose duty it is to arrest persons. He was a sort of serjeant. The word is not now in use as an official designation. Minshew.

CATER COUSIN. (From Fr. Quatre-cousin.) A cousin in the fourth degree; hence any distant or remote relative.

CATHEDRAL. In English ecclesiastical law. The church of the bishop of the diocese, in which is his cathedra, or throne, and his special jurisdiction; in that respect the principal church of the diocese.

—Cathedral preferments. In English ecclesiastical law. All deaneries, archdeaconries, and canonyries, and generally all dignities and offices in any cathedral or collegiate church, below the rank of a bishop.

CATHEDRATIC. In English ecclesiastical law. A sum of 2s. paid to the bishop by the inferior clergy; but from its being usually paid at the bishop’s synod, or visitation, it is commonly named synodala. Wharton.

CATHOLIC CREDITOR. In Scotch law. A creditor whose debt is secured on all or several distinct parts of the debtor’s property. Bell.

CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION ACT. The statute of 10 Geo. IV. c. 7, by which Roman Catholics were restored, in general, to the full enjoyment of all civil rights, except that of holding ecclesiastical offices, and certain high appointments in the state. 3 Steph. Comm. 109.
CATONIANA REGULA. In Roman law. The rule which is commonly expressed in the maxim, *Quod ab initio non valet tractus temporis non convulset*, meaning that what is at the beginning void by reason of some technical (or other) legal defect will not be converted merely by length of time. The rule applied to the institution of *haredes*, the bequest of legacies, and such like. The rule is not without its application also in English law; e.g., a married woman's will (being void when made) is not made valid merely because she lives to become a widow. Brown.

CATTLE. A term which includes the domestic animals generally; all the animals used by man for labor or food. Animals of the bovine genus. In a wider sense, all domestic animals used by man for labor or food, including sheep and hogs. Matthews v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. R. 553, 47 S. W. 647; State v. Brookhouse, 10 Wash. 87, 38 Pac. 862; State v. Credle, 91 N. C. 640; First Nat. Bank v. Home Sav. Bank, 21 Wall. 226, 22 L. Ed. 560; U. S. v. Mattock, 26 Fed. Cas. 1208.

—Cattle-gate. In English law. A right to pasture cattle in the land of another. It is a distinct and several interest in the land, passing with flint or other stones. Inst. 4, 5, 3.

—Cattle-guard. A device to prevent cattle from straying along a railroad-track at a highway-crossing. Heskett v. Railway Co., 61 Iowa, 467, 16 N. W. 525; Railway Co. v. Manson, 31 Kan. 357, 2 Pac. 800.

CAUDA TERRE. A land's end, or the bottom of a ridge in arable land. Cowell.

CAULCEIS. Highroads or ways pitched with flint or other stones.

CAUPO. In the civil law. An Innkeeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 5.

CAUPONA. In the civil law. An inn or tavern. Inst. 4, 5, 3.

CAUPONES. In the civil law. Innkeepers. Dig. 4, 9; Id. 47, 5; Story, Ag. § 458.

CAUSINES. Italian merchants who came into England in the reign of Henry II., where they established themselves as money lenders, but were soon expelled for their usury and extortion. Cowell; Blount.

CAUCUS. A meeting of the legal voters of any political party assembled for the purpose of choosing delegates or for the nomination of candidates for office. Pub. St. N. H. 1901, p. 140, c. 78, § 1; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 104, c. 11, § 1.

CAUSA. Lat. 1. A cause, reason, occasion, motive, or inducement.

2. In the civil law and in old English law. The word signified a source, ground, *bl.law-dict.(2d ed.)—12* or mode of acquiring property; hence a title; one's title to property. Thus, "Titulus est justa causa possidendi id quod nostrum est;" the title is the lawful ground of possessing that which is ours. S. Coke, 153. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 242, 283.

3. A condition; a consideration; motive for performing a juristic act. Used of contracts, and here in this sense in the Scotch law also. Bell.


5. In old-European law. Any movable thing or article of property.

6. Used with the force of a preposition, it means by virtue of, on account of. Also with reference to, in contemplation of. *Causa mortis*, in anticipation of death.

—*Causa causans*. The immediate cause; the last link in the chain of causation. *Causa data et non secuta*. In the civil law. Consideration given and not followed, that is, by the event upon which it was given. The name of an event or thing given in the view of a certain event was reclaimed if that event did not take place. Dig. 12, 4; Cod. 4, 6.

—*Causa est*. For the purpose of being entertained as a guest. 4 Maple & S. 310.

—*Causa factitationis maritagli*. A form of action which anciently lay against a party who boasted or gave out that he or she was married to the plaintiff, whereby a common reputation of their marriage might ensue. 3 Bl. Comm. 15; *causa matrimonii proleotui*. A writ lying where a woman has given lands to a man in fee-simple with the intention that he shall marry her, and he refuses so to do within a reasonable time, upon suitable request. Cowell. Now obsolete. 3 Bl. Comm. 183, note.

—*Causa mortis*. In contemplation of approaching death. In view of death. Commonly occurring in the phrase *donatio causa mortis*, (q. v.)—*Causa patet*. The reason is open, obvious, plain, clear, or manifest. A common expression in old writers. Perc. c. 1, §§ 11, 14, 97.—*Causa proxima*. The immediate, nearest, or latest cause.—*Causa rei*. In the civil law. The accessions, appurtenances, or fruits of a thing; comprehending all that the claimant of a principal thing can demand from a defendant in addition thereto, and especially what he would have had, if the thing had not been withheld from him. Inst. 4, 17, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 166.—*Causa remota*. A remote or mediate cause; a cause operating indirectly by the intervention of other causes.—*Causa scientiae patet*. The reason of the knowledge is evident. A technical phrase in Scotch practice, used in depositions of witnesses.—*Causa sine qua non*. A necessary or inevitable cause; a cause without which the effect in question could not have happened. Hayes v. Railroad Co., 111 U. S. 223, 4 Sup. Ct. 305, 28 L. Ed. 410.—*Causa turplicitatis*. A cause (immoral or illegal) cause or consideration.

Causa causa est causa causantis. The cause of a cause is the cause of the thing caused. 12 Mod. 693. The cause of the cause is to be considered as the cause of the effect also.

Causa causantis, causa est causati. The cause of the thing causing is the cause
of the effect. 4 Camp. 284; Marble v. City of Worcester, 4 Gray (Mass.) 398.

Causa ecclesiae publicis equiparatur; et summa est ratio quae pro religione facit. The cause of the church is equal to public cause; and paramount is the reason which makes for religion. Co. Litt. 341.

Causa et origo est materia negotii. The cause and origin is the substance of the thing; the cause and origin of a thing are a material part of it. The law regards the original act. 1 Coke, 99.

Causa proxima, non remota, spectatur. The immediate, not the remote, cause, is looked at, or considered. 12 East, 648; 3 Kent, Comm. 302; Story, Bailm. § 515; Bac. Max. reg. 1.

Causa vaga et incerta non est causa rationabilis. 5 Coke, 57. A vague and uncertain cause is not a reasonable cause. Causa dotis, vitae, libertatis, scil. sunt inter favorabilia in lege. Causes of dowry, life, liberty, revenue, are among the things favored in law. Co. Litt. 341.

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CAUSAM NOBIS SIGNIFICES QUARE. A writ addressed to a mayor of a town, etc., who was by the king's writ commanded to give seisin of lands to the king's grantee, on his delaying to do it, requiring him to show cause why he so delayed the performance of his duty. Blount; Cowell.

CAUSARE. In the civil and old English law. To be engaged in a suit; to litigate; to conduct a cause.

CAUSATOR. In old European law. One who manages or litigates another's cause Spelman.

CAUSE. That which produces an effect; whatever moves, impels, or leads. The origin or foundation of a thing, as of a suit or action; a ground of action. Corning v. McCullough, 1 N. Y. 47, 49 Am. Dec. 257; State v. Dougherty, 4 Or. 263.

The consideration of a contract, that is, the inducement to it, or motive of the contracting party for entering into it, is, in the civil and Scoto law, called the "cause." The civilians use the term "causa," in relation to obligations, in the same sense as the word "consideration" is used in the jurisprudence of England and the United States. It means the motive, the inducement to the agreement.—Quod inducit ad contrahendum. In contracts of mutual interest, the cause of the engagement is the thing given or done, or engaged to be given or done, or the risk incurred by one of the parties. Mouton v. Noble, 1 La. Ann. 192.

In pleading. Reason; motive; matter of excuse or justification.

In practice. A suit, litigation, or action. Any question, civil or criminal, contested before a court of justice.

Cause imports a judicial proceeding entire, and is nearly synonymous with its in Latin, or suit in English. Although alluded to the word "case," it differs from it in the application of its meaning. A cause is pending, postponed, appealed, gained, lost, etc.; whereas a case is made, rested, argued, decided, etc. Case is of a more limited significance, importing a collection of facts, or the conclusion of law thereon. Both terms may be used with propriety in the same sentence; e. g., on the trial of the cause, the plaintiff introduced certain evidence, and there rested his case. See Shirts v. Irons, 47 Ind. 445; Blyew v. U. S., 13 Wall. 581, 20 L. Ed. 688; Erwin v. U. S., 37 Fed. 470, 2 L. R. A. 225.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "cause" and "action." Burwell observes that a cause is not, like an action or suit, said to be commenced, nor is an action, like a cause, said to be tried. But, if there is any substantial difference between these terms, it must lie in the fact that "action" refers more particularly to the legal procedure of a controversy; "cause" to its merits or the state of facts involved. Thus, we cannot say "the cause should have been reprieved," but we may say it is correct to say "the plaintiff pleaded his own action."

As to "Probable Cause" and "Proximate Cause," see those titles. As to challenge "for cause," see "Challenge."

CAUSE-BOOKS. Books kept in the central office of the English supreme court, in which are entered all writs of summons issued in the office. Rules of Court, v 8.

CAUSE LIST. In English practice. A printed roll of actions, to be tried in the order of their entry, with the names of the solicitors for each litigant. Similar to the calendar of causes, or docket, used in American courts.

CAUSE OF ACTION. Matter for which an action may be brought. The ground on which an action may be sustained. The right to bring a suit.

Cause of action is properly the ground on which an action can be maintained; as when we say that such a person has no cause of action. But the phrase is often used to signify the matter of the complaint or claim on which a given action is in fact grounded, whether or not legally maintainable. Mozley & Whitney.

It sometimes means a person having a right of action. Thus, where a legacy is left to a married woman and she and her husband bring an action to recover it, she is called in the old books the "meritorious cause of action." 1 H. Bl. 108.

The term is synonymous with right of action, right of recovery. Graham v. Scripture, 26 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 601.

CAUSES CELEBRES. Celebrated cases. A work containing reports of the decisions of interest and importance in French courts in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

Secondarily a single trial or decision is
often called a “cause célèbre,” when it is remarkable on account of the parties involved or the unusual, interesting, or sensational character of the facts.

CAUSIDICUS. In the civil law. A pleader; one who argued a cause ore tenus.

CAUSETA. Lat. Care; caution; vigilance; prevision.

CAUTO. In the civil and French law. Security given for the performance of any thing; bail; a bond or undertaking by way of surety. Also the person who becomes a surety.

In Scotch law. A pledge, bond, or other security for the performance of an obligation, or completion of the satisfaction to be obtained by a judicial process. Bell.

—Caution adjussoria. Security by means of bonds or pledges entered into by third parties. Du Cange.—Caution Muciana. Security given by an heir or legatee, in order to obtain immediate possession of the inheritance or legacy, binding him and his surety for his observance of a condition annexed to the bequest, where the act which is the object of the condition is one which he must avoid committing during his whole life, e., that he will never marry, never leave the country, never engage in a particular trade, etc. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 705.—Caution pignoratitia. Security given by pledge, or deposit, as plate, money, or other goods.—Caution pro expensis. Security for costs, charges, or expenses.—Caution usufructuaria. Security, which tenants for life give, to preserve the property rented free from waste and injury. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 59.

CAUTION. In Scotch law, and in admiralty law. Surety; security; bail: an undertaking by way of surety. 6 Mod. 162. See Caution.

—Caution juratoria. In Scotch law.Security given by oath. That which a suspender swears is the best he can afford in order to obtain a suspension. Ersk. Pract. 4, 3, 6.

CAUTIONARY. In Scotch law. A pledge, bond, or other security for the performance of an obligation, or completion of the satisfaction to be obtained by a judicial process. Bell.

CAUTIONE ADMITTENDA. In English ecclesiastical law. A writ that lies against a bishop who holds an excommunicated person in prison for contempt, notwithstanding he offers sufficient caution or security to obey the orders and commandment of the church for the future. Reg. Orig. 66; Cowell.

CAUTIONER. In Scotch law. A surety; a bondsman. One who binds himself in a bond with the principal for greater security. He is still a cautioner whether the bond be to pay a debt, or whether he undertake to produce the person of the party for whom he is bound. Bell.

CAUTIONEMENT. In French law. The same as becoming surety in English law.

CAUTIONRY. In Scotch law. Suretyship.

CAVEAT. Lat. Let him beware. A formal notice or warning given by a party interested to a court, judge, or ministerial officer against the performance of certain acts within his power and jurisdiction. This process may be used in the proper courts to prevent (temporarily or provisionally) the proving of a will or the grant of administration, or to arrest the enrollment of a decree in chancery when the party intends to take an appeal, to prevent the grant of letters patent, etc. It is also used, in the American practice, as a kind of equitable process, to stay the granting of a patent for lands. Wilson v. Gaston, 92 Pa. 207; Slocum v. Grandin, 38 N. J. Eq. 485; Ex parte Crafts, 28 S. C. 281, 5 S. E. 713; In re Miller's Estate, 163 Pa. 97, 31 Atl. 58.

In patent law. A caveat is a formal written notice given to the officers of the patent-office, requiring them to refuse letters patent on a particular invention or device to any other person, until the party filing the caveat (called the “caveator”) shall have an opportunity to establish his claim to priority of invention.

CAVEAT ACTOR. Let the doer, or actor, beware.

CAVEAT EMPTOR. Let the buyer take care. This maxim summarizes the rule that the purchaser of an article must examine, judge, and test it for himself, being bound to discover any obvious defects or imperfections. Miller v. Tiffany, 1 Wall. 300, 17 L. Ed. 540; Barnard v. Kellogg, 10 Wall. 383, 19 L. Ed. 987; Slaughter v. Gerson, 13 Wall. 383, 20 L. Ed. 627; Hargous v. Stone, 5 N. Y. 82; Wissler v. Craig, 80 Va. 32; Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 453.

Caveat emptor, qui ignorant non debuit quod jus alienum emit. Hob. 99. Let a purchaser beware, who ought not to be ignorant that he is purchasing the rights of another.

CAVEAT VENDITOR. In Roman law. A maxim, or rule, casting the responsibility for defects or deficiencies upon the seller of goods, and expressing the exact opposite of the common law rule of caveat emptor. See Wright v. Hart, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 449.

In English and American jurisprudence. Caveat venditor is sometimes used as expressing, in a rough way, the rule which governs all those cases of sales to which caveat emptor does not apply.

CAVEAT VIATOR. Let the traveler beware. This phrase has been used as a concise expression of the duty of a traveler on the highway to use due care to detect and avoid
defects in the way. Cornwell v. Com'r's, 10 Exch. 771, 774.

CAVEATOR. One who files a caveat.


CAVERE. Lat. In the civil and common law. To take care; to exercise caution; to take care or provide for; to provide by law; to provide against; to forbid by law; to give security; to give caution or security on arrest.

CAVERS. Persons stealing ore from mines in Derbyshire, punishable in the bergh-mote or miners' court; also officers belonging to the same mines. Wharton.

CAYA. In old English law. A quay, kay, or wharf. Cowell.

CAYAGIUM. In old English law. Cayage or kayage; a toll or duty anciently paid for landing goods at a quay or wharf. Cowell.

CEAP. A bargain; anything for sale; a chattel; also cattle, as being the usual medium of barter. Sometimes used instead of ceapgild, (q. v.)

CEAPGILD. Payment or forfeiture of an animal. An ancient species of forfeiture.

CEDE. To yield up; to assign; to grant. Generally used to designate the transfer of territory from one government to another. Goetz v. United States (C. C.) 103 Fed. 72; Baltimore v. Turnpike Road, 80 Md. 535, 31 Atl. 420; Somers v. Pierson, 16 N. J. Law, 181.

CEDENT. In Scotch law. An assignor. One who transfers a chose in action.

CEDO. I grant. The word ordinarily used in Mexican conveyances to pass title to lands. Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 88, 103.

CEDULA. In old English law. A schedule.

In Spanish law. An act under private signature, by which a debtor admits the amount of the debt, and binds himself to discharge the same on a specified day or on demand.

Also the notice or citation affixed to the door of a fugitive criminal requiring him to appear before the court where the accusation is pending.


CELATION. In medical jurisprudence. Concealment of pregnancy or delivery.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. The formal act by which a man and woman take each other for husband and wife, according to law; the solemnization of a marriage. The term is usually applied to a marriage ceremony attended with ecclesiastical functions. See Pearson v. Howey, 11 N. J. Law, 13.

CELIBACY. The condition or state of life of an unmarried person.

CELLERARIUS. A butler in a monastery; sometimes in universities called "maniple" or "caterer."

CEMETERY. A place of burial, differing from a churchyard by its locality and incidents,—by its locality, as it is separate and apart from any sacred building used for the performance of divine service; by its incidents that, inasmuch as no vault or burying-place in an ordinary churchyard can be purchased for a perpetuity, in a cemetery a permanent burial place can be obtained. Wharton. See Winters v. State, 9 Ind. 174; Cemetery Ass'n v. Board of Assessors, 37 La. Ann. 35; Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 104; Cemetery Ass'n v. New Haven, 43 Conn. 243, 21 Am. Rep. 643.

Six or more human bodies being buried at one place constitutes the place a cemetery. Pol. Code Cal. § 3106.

CENDULAE. Small pieces of wood laid in the form of tiles to cover the roof of a house; shingles. Cowell.

CENEGILD. In Saxon law. An expiatory mulct or fine paid to the relations of a murdered person by the murderer or his relations. Spelman.

CENNINGA. A notice given by a buyer to a seller that the things which had been sold were claimed by another, in order that he might appear and justify the sale. Blount; Whishaw.

CENS. In French Canadian law. An annual tribute or due reserved to a seignior or lord, and imposed merely in recognition of his superiority. Guyot, Inst. c. 9.

CENSARIA. In old English law. A farm, or house and land let at a standing rent. Cowell.

CENSARI. In old English law. Farmers, or such persons as were liable to pay a census, (tax.) Blount; Cowell.
CENSERE. In the Roman law. To ordain; to decree. Dig. 50, 18, 111.

CENSITAIRE. In Canadian law. A tenant by cens, (q. v.)

CENSIVE. In Canadian law. Tenure by cens, (q. v.)

CENSUO. In Spanish and Mexican law. An annuity. A ground rent. The right which a person acquires to receive a certain annual pension, for the delivery which he makes to another of a determined sum of money or of an immovable thing. Civ. Code Mex. art. 3206. See Schm. Civil Law, 149, 309; White, New Recop. bk. 2, c. 7, § 4.

—Censo al quitar. A redeemable annuity; otherwise called "censo redimible." Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 630.—Censo enfitetico. In Spanish and Mexican law. An emphyteutic annuity. That species of censo (annuity) which exists where there is a right to require of another a certain canon or pension annually, on account of having transferred to that person forever certain real estate, but reserving the fee in the land. The owner who thus transfers the land is called the "censoario," and the person who pays the annuity is called the "censoario". Hall, Mex. Law, § 756; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 557.

CENSUALES. In old European law. A species of oblati or voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries; those who, to procure the protection of the church, bound themselves to pay an annual tax or quit-rent only of their estates to a church or monastery.

CENSUERE. In Roman law. They have decreed. The term of art, or technical term for the judgment, resolution, or decree of the senate. Tayl. Civil Law, 566.

CENSUMETHIDUS, or CENSU-MORTHIDUS. A dead rent, like that which is called "mortmain." Blount; Cowell.

CENSURE. In ecclesiastical law. A spiritual punishment, consisting in withdrawing from a baptized person (whether belonging to the clergy or the laity) a privilege which the church gives him, or in wholly expelling him from the Christian communion. The principal varieties of censures are admonition, degradation, deprivation, excommunication, penance, sequestration, suspension. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1367.

A custom observed in certain manors in Devon and Cornwall, where all persons above the age of sixteen years are cited to swear fealty to the lord, and to pay 11d. per poll, and 1d. per annum.

CENSUS. The official counting or enumeration of the people of a state or nation, with statistics of wealth, commerce, education, etc. Huntington v. Cast, 149 Ind. 255, 48 N. E. 1025; Republic v. Paris, 10 Hawaii, 561.

In Roman law. A numbering or enrollment of the people, with a valuation of their fortunes.


CENSUS REGALIS. In English law. The annual revenue or income of the crown.

CENT. A coin of the United States, the least in value of those now minted. It is the one-hundredth part of a dollar. Its weight is 72 gr., and it is composed of copper and nickel in the ratio of 88 to 12.

CENTENA. A hundred. A district or division consisting originally of a hundred free men, established among the Goths, Germans, Franks, and Lombards, for military and civil purposes, and answering to the Saxon "hundred." Spelman; 1 Bl. Comm. 115.

Also, in old records and pleadings, a hundred weight.

CENTENARI. Petty judges, under-sheriffs of counties, that had rule of a hundred, (centena,) and judged smaller matters among them. 1 Vent 211.

CENTENI. The principal inhabitants of a centena, or district composed of different villages, originally in number a hundred, but afterwards only called by that name.

CENTESIMA. In Roman law. The hundredth part. Usura centesima. Twelve per cent. per annum; that is, a hundredth part of the principal was due each month,—the month being the unit of time from which the Romans reckoned interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

CENTIME. The name of a denomination of French money, being the one-hundredth part of a franc.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT. An English court, having jurisdiction for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors committed in London and certain adjoining parts of Kent, Essex, and Sussex, and of such other criminal cases as may be sent to it out of the king's bench, though arising beyond its proper jurisdiction. It was constituted by the acts 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 36, and 19 & 20 Vict. c. 15, and superseded the "Old Bailey."

CENTRAL OFFICE. The central office of the supreme court of judicature in England is the office established in pursuance of the recommendation of the legal depart-
ments commission in order to consolidate the offices of the masters and associates of the common-law divisions, the crown office of the king's bench division, the record and writ clerk's report, and enrollment offices of the chancery division, and a few others. The central office is divided into the following departments, and the business and staff of the office are distributed accordingly: (1) Writ, appearance, and judgment; (2) summons and order, for the common-law divisions only; (3) filing and record, including the old chancery report office; (4) taxing, for the common-law divisions only; (5) enrollment; (6) judgments, for the registry of judgments, executions, etc.; (7) bills of sale; (8) married women's acknowledgments; (9) king's remembrancer; (10) crown office; and (11) associates. Sweet.

CENTRALIZATION. This word is used to express the system of government prevailing in a country where the management of local matters is in the hands of functionaries appointed by the ministers of state, paid by the state, and in constant communication and under the constant control and inspiration of the ministers of state, and where the funds of the state are largely applied to local purposes. Wharton.

CENTUMVIRI. In Roman law. The name of an important court consisting of a body of one hundred and five judges. It was made up by choosing three representatives from each of the thirty-five Roman tribes. The judges sat as one body for the trial of certain important or difficult questions, (called, "causa centumviri," but ordinarily they were separated into four distinct tribunals.

CENTURY. One hundred. A body of one hundred men. The Romans were divided into centuries, as the English were divided into hundreds. Also a cycle of one hundred years.

CEORL. In Anglo Saxon law. The free men were divided into two classes,—thanes and ceorls. The thanes were the proprietors of the soil, which was entirely at their disposal. The ceorls were men personally free, but possessing no landed property. Guizot, Rep. Govt.

A tenant at will of free condition, who held land of the thane on condition of paying rent or services. Cowell.

A freeman of inferior rank occupied in husbandry. Spelman.

CEPI. Lat. I have taken. This word was of frequent use in the returns of sheriffs when they were made in Latin, and particularly in the return to a writ of capias.

The full return (in Latin) to a writ of capias was commonly made in one of the following forms: Cepi corpus, I have taken the body, i.e., arrested the body of the defendant; Cepi corpus et baill, I have taken the body and released the defendant on a bail-bond; Cepi corpus et comitissir, I have taken the body and he has been committed (to prison); Cepi corpus et est in custodia, I have taken the defendant and he is in custody; Cepi corpus et est languidus, I have taken the defendant and he is sick, i.e., so sick that he cannot safely be removed from the place where the arrest was made; Cepi corpus et paratum habebo, I have taken the body and have it (him) ready, i.e., in custody and ready to be produced when ordered.

CEPIT. In civil practice. He took. This was the characteristic word employed in (Latin) writs of trespass for goods taken, and in declarations in trespass and replevin.

Replevin in the cepit is a form of replevin which is brought for carrying away goods merely. Wells, Repl. § 53.

In criminal practice. This was a technical word necessary in an indictment for larceny. The charge must be that the defendant took the thing stolen with a felonious design. Bac. Abr. "Indictment," G. 1.

—Cepit et abduxit. He took and led away. The emphatic words in writs in trespass or indictments for larceny, where the thing taken was a living chattel, i.e., an animal.—Cepit et asportavit. He took and carried away. Applicable in a declaration in trespass or an indictment for larceny where the defendant has carried away goods without right. 4 Bl. Comm. 231.—Cepit in allo loco. In pleading. A plea in replevin, by which the defendant alleges that he took the thing replevied in another place than that mentioned in the declaration. 1 Obit. Pl. 490.

CEPPIAGIUM. In old English law. The stumps or roots of trees which remain in the ground after the trees are felled. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 24.

CERA, or CERE. In old English law. Wax; a seal.

CERA IMPRESSA. Lat. An impressed seal. It does not necessarily refer to an impression on wax, but may include an impression made on wafers or other adhesive substances capable of receiving an impression, or even paper. Pierce v. Indseth, 106 U. S. 546, 1 Sup. Ct. 418, 27 L. Ed. 254.

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The design and narration ought to be certain, and the foundation certain, and the matter certain, which is brought into court to be tried. Co. Litt. 303a.

**CERTA RES.** In old English law. A certain thing. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, §§ 24, 25.

**CERTAIN.** Ascertained; precise; identified; definitive; clearly known; unambiguous; or, in law, capable of being identified or made known, without liability to mistake or ambiguity, from data already given. Cooper v. Bigly, 13 Mich. 479; Losevco v. Gregory, 105 La. 648, 32 South. 986; Smith v. Fyler, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 649; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556.

—Certain services. In feudal and old English law. Such services as were stinted (limited or defined) in quantity, and could not be exceeded on any pretense; as to pay a stated annual rent, or to plow such a field for three days. 2 Bl. Comm. 61.

**CERTAINTY.** In pleading. Distinctness; clearness of statement; particularity. Such precision and explicitness in the statement of alleged facts that the pleader's averments and contentions may be readily understood by the pleader on the other side, as well as by the court and jury. State v. Hayward, 88 Mo. 309; State v. Burke, 151 Mo. 145, 52 S. W. 226; David v. David, 66 Ala. 148.

This word is technically used in pleading in two different senses, signifying either distinctness, or particularity, as opposed to undue generality.

Certainty is said to be of three sorts: (1) **Certainty to a common intent** is such as is attained by using words in their ordinary meaning, but is not exclusive of another meaning which might be made out by argument or inference. (2) **Certainty to a certain intent in general** is that which allows of no misunderstanding if a fair and reasonable construction is put upon the language employed, without bringing in facts which are possible, but not apparent. (3) **Certainty to a certain intent in particular** is the highest degree of technical accuracy and precision. Co. Litt. 303; 2 H. Bl. 530; Spencer v. Southwick, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 317; State v. Parker, 34 Ark. 158, 36 Am. Rep. 5.

**In contracts.** The quality of being specific, accurate, and distinct.

A thing is certain when its essence, quality, and quantity are described, distinctly set forth, etc. Dig. 12, 1, 6. It is uncertain when the description is not that of an individual object, but designates only the kind. Civ. Code La. art. 3522, no. 8; 5 Coke, 121.

**CERTIFICANDO DE RECONOCIMIENTO STAPULAE.** In English law. A writ commanding the mayor of the staple to certify to the lord chancellor a statute-staple taken before him where the party himself detains it, and refuses to bring in the same. There is a like writ to certify a statute-merchant, and in divers other cases. Reg. Orig. 148, 151, 152.

**CERTIFICATE.** A written assurance, or official representation, that some act has or has not been done, or some event occurred, or some legal formality been complied with. Particularly, such written assurance made or issuing from some court, and designed as a notice of things done therein, or as a warrant or authority, to some other court, judge, or officer. People v. Foster, 27 Misc. Rep. 576, 58 N. Y. Supp. 574; U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 652, 27 L. Ed. 746; Ticonic Bank v. Stackpole, 41 Me. 306.

A document in use in the English custom-house. No goods can be exported by certificate, except foreign goods formerly imported, on which the whole or a part of the customs paid on importation is to be drawn back. Wharton.

—**Certificate for costs.** In English practice. A certificate or memorandum drawn up and signed by the judge before whom a case was tried, setting out certain facts the existence of which must be thus proved before the party is entitled, under the statutes, to recover costs. State v. Southwick, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 317; Civ. Code Civil Proc. N. Y. § 650.

—**Certificate of incorporation.** In the practice of bankers. This is a writing acknowledging that the person named has deposited in the bank a specified sum of money, and that the same is held subject to be drawn out on his own check or order, or that of some other person named in the instrument as payee. Murphy v. Pacific Bank, 139 Cal. 542, 62 Pac. 1059; First Nat. Bank v. Greenville Nat. Bank, 84 Tex. 40, 19 S. W. 334; Neall v. U. S., 118 Fed. 706, 56 C. C. A. 31; Hotchkiss v. Mosher, 48 N. Y. 482.—Certificate of holder of property. A certificate required by statute, in some states, to be given by a third person who is found in possession of property subject to an attachment in the sheriff's hands, setting forth the amount and character of such property and the nature of the defendant's interest in it. Code Civil Proc. N. Y. § 458.—**Certificate of incorporation.** The instrument by which a private corporation is formed, under general statutes, executed by several persons as incorporators, and setting forth the name of the proposed corporation, the objects for which it is formed, and such other particulars as may be required or authorized by law, and filed in some designated public office as evidence of the corporate existence. This is properly distinguished from a "charter," which is a direct legislative grant of corporate existence and powers to named individuals; but practically the certificate of incorporation or "articles of incorporation" contains the same statement of corporate powers and description of objects and purposes as a charter.—**Certificate of indebtedness.** A form of obligation sometimes issued by public or private corporations, practically the same force and effect as a bond, though not usually secured on any specific prop-
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A copy of a document, signed and certified as a true copy by the officer to whose custody the original is intrusted. Doremus v. Smith, 4 N.J. Law, 202, 84 N.W. 754.—Certificate of purchase. A certificate issued by the proper public officer to the successful bidder at a judicial sale (such as a tax sale) setting forth the fact and details of his purchase, and which will entitle him to receive a deed upon confirmation of the sale by the court, or (as the case may be) if the land is not redeemed within the time limited for that purpose. Lightcap v. Bradford, 186 Ill. 510, 58 N.E. 221; Taylor v. Weston, 77 Cal. 534, 20 Pac. 62.—Certificate of registry. In maritime law. A certificate of the registration of a vessel according to the registry acts, for the purpose of giving her a national character. 9 Steph. Comm. 274:; 3 Kent, Comm. 139-150.—Certificate of sale. The same as "certificate of purchase." supra, (q. e.)—Certificate of stock. A certificate of a corporation or joint-stock company that the person named is the owner of a designated number of shares of its stock; given when the subscription is fully paid and the "scrip-certificate" taken up. Gibbons v. Mahon, 136 U.S. 549, 10 Sup. Ct. 1057, 34 L.Ed. 525; Merritt v. Barge Co., 79 Fed. 235, 24 C. C. A. 530.—Certificate, trial by. This is a mode of trial now little in use; it is rather in cases where the fact in issue lies out of the cognizance of the court, and the judges, in order to determine the question, are obliged to rely upon the solemn averment or information of persons in such a station as affords them the clearest and most competent knowledge of the truth. Brown.

CERTIFICATION. In Scotch practice. This is the assurance given to a party of the course to be followed in case he does not appear or obey the order of the court.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSISE. In English practice. A writ anciently granted for the re-examining or retrial of a matter passed by assise before justices, now entirely superseded by the remedy afforded by means of a new trial.

CERTIFICATS DE COÛTUMÉ. In French law. Certificates given by a foreign lawyer, establishing the law of the country to which he belongs upon one or more fixed points. These certificates can be produced before the French courts, and are received as evidence in suits upon questions of foreign law. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 548.

CERTIFIED CHECK. In the practice of bankers. This is a depositor's check recognized and accepted by the proper officer of the bank as a valid appropriation of the amount specified to the payee named, and as drawn against funds of such depositor held by the bank. The usual method of certification is for the cashier or teller to write across the face of the check, over his signature, a statement that it is "good when properly indorsed" for the amount of money written in the body of the check.


CERTIORARI. Lat. (To be informed of, to be made certain in regard to.) The name of a writ issued by a superior court directing an inferior court to send up to the former some pending proceeding, or all the record and proceedings in a cause before verdict, with its certificate to the correctness and completeness of the record, for review or trial; or it may serve to bring up the record of a case already terminated below, if the inferior court is one not of record, or in cases where the procedure is not according to the course of the common law. State v. Sullivan (C. C.) 50 Fed. 593; Dean v. State, 63 Ala. 154; Railroad Co. v. Trust Co. (C. C.) 78 Fed. 661; Fowler v. Lindsey, 3 Dall. 413, 1 L. Ed. 658; Basnet v. Jacksonville, 18 Fla. 526; Walpole v. Ink, 9 Ohio, 144; People v. Livingston County, 43 Barb. (N. Y.) 234.

Originally, and in English practice, a certiorari is an original writ, issuing out of the court of chancery or the king's bench, and directed in the king's name to the judges or officers of inferior courts, commanding them to certify or to return the records or proceedings in a cause depending before them, for the purpose of a judicial review of their action. Jacob.

In Massachusetts it is defined by statute as a writ issued by the supreme judicial court to any inferior tribunal, commanding it to certify and return to the supreme judicial court its records in a particular case, in order that any errors or irregularities which appear in the proceedings may be corrected. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1288.

CERTIORARI, BILL OF. In English chancery practice. An original bill praying relief. It was filed for the purpose of removing a suit pending in some inferior court of equity into the court of chancery, on account of some alleged incompetency or inconvenience.

Certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be rendered certain. 9 Coke, 47; Broom, Max. 623.

CERURA. A mound, fense, or inclosure.

CERVISARI. In Saxony law. Tenants who were bound to supply drink for their lord's table. Cowell.

CERVISIA. Ale, or beer. Sometimes spelled "cercisia."

CERVISARIUS. In old records. An ale-house keeper. A beer or ale brewer. Blount.

CERVUS. Lat. A stag or deer.


CESS, v. In old English law. To cease, stop, determine, fail.
CESS, n. An assessment or tax. In Ireland, it was anecdotally applied to an exaction of victuals, at a certain rate, for soldiers in garrison.

Cessa regnare, si non vis judicare. Cease to reign, if you wish not to adjudicate. Hob. 155.

Cessante causa, cessat effectus. The cause ceasing, the effect ceases. Broom, Max. 190.

Cessante ratione legis, cessat et ipsa lex. The reason of the law ceasing, the law itself ceases also. Co. Litt. 709; 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 391; Broom, Max. 159.

Cessante statu primitivo, cessat derivatius. When the primitive or original estate determines, the derivative estate determines also. 8 Coke, 34; Broom, Max. 495.

CESSARE. L. Lat. To cease, stop, or stay.

CESSAVIT PER BIENNIUM. In practice. An obsolete writ, which could formerly have been sued out when the defendant had for two years ceased or neglected to perform such service or to pay such rent as he was bound to do by his tenure, and had not upon his lands sufficient goods or chattels to be distrained. Fitzh. Nat Brev. 208. It also lay where a religious house held lands on condition of performing certain spiritual services which it failed to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 232. Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460.

CESSE. (1) An assessment or tax; (2) a tenant of land was said to cease when he neglected or ceased to perform the services due to the lord. Co. Litt. 373a, 3806.

CESSER. Neglect; a ceasing from, or omission to do, a thing. 3 Bl. Comm. 232.

The determination of an estate. 1 Coke, 84; 4 Kent, Comm. 33, 90, 105, 296.

The "cesser" of a term, annuity, or the like, takes place when it determines or comes to an end. The expression is chiefly used in (Eng. land) with reference to long terms of a thousand years or some similar period, created by a settlement for the purpose of securing the income, portions, etc., given to the objects of the settlement. When the trusts of a term of this kind are satisfied, it is desirable that the term should be put an end to, and with this object it was formerly usual to provide in the settlement itself that, as soon as the trusts of the term had been satisfied, it should cease and determine. This was called a "proviso for cesser." Sweet.

—Cesser, proviso for. Where terms for years are raised by settlement, it is usual to introduce a proviso that they shall cease when the trusts end. This proviso generally expresses three events: (1) The trusts never arising; (2) their becoming unnecessary or incapable of taking effect; (3) the performance of them. Sugd. Vend. (14th Ed.) 621-623.

CESSION EXECUTIO. (Let execution stay.) In practice. A stay of execution; or an order for such stay; the entry of such stay on record. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1104.

CESET PROCESSUS. (Let process stay.) A stay of proceedings entered on the record.

CESSIO. Lat. A cession; a giving up, or relinquishment; a surrender; an assignment.

CESSIO BONORUM. In Roman law. Cession of goods. A surrender, relinquishment, or assignment of all his property and effects made by an insolvent debtor for the benefit of his creditors. The effect of this voluntary action on the debtor's part was to secure him against imprisonment or any bodily punishment, and from infamy, and to cancel his debts to the extent of the property ceded. It much resembled our voluntary bankruptcy or assignment for creditors. The term is commonly employed in modern continental jurisprudence to designate a bankrupt's assignment of property to be distributed among his creditors, and is used in the same sense by some English and American writers, but here rather as a convenient than as a strictly technical term. See 2 Bl. Comm. 473; 1 Kent, Comm. 247, 422; Ersk. Inst. 4, 3, 26.

CESSIO IN JURE. In Roman law. A fictitious suit, in which the person who was to acquire the thing claimed (vindicabat) the thing as his own, the person who was to transfer it acknowledged the justice of the claim, and the magistrate pronounced it to be the property (adäicebat) of the claimant. Sandars' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 89, 122.

CESSION. The act of ceding; a yielding or giving up; surrender; relinquishment of property or rights.

In the civil law. An assignment. The act by which a party transfers property to another. The surrender or assignment of property for the benefit of one's creditors.

In ecclesiastical law. A giving up or vacating a benefice, by accepting another without a proper dispensation. 1 Bl. Comm. 392; Latch. 234.

In public law. The assignment, transfer, or yielding up of territory by one state or government to another.

CESSION DES BIENS. In French law. The surrender which a debtor makes of all his goods to his creditors, when he finds himself in insolvent circumstances. It is of two kinds, either voluntary or compulsory, (judiciaire) corresponding very nearly to liquidation by arrangement and bankruptcy in English and American law.
CESSION OF GOODS. The surrender of property; the relinquishment that a debtor makes of all his property to his creditors, when he finds himself unable to pay his debts. Civil Code La. art. 2170.

CESSIONARY. In Scotch law. An assignee. Bell.

CESSIONARY BANKRUPT. One who gives up his estate to be divided among his creditors.

CESSMENT. An assessment, or tax.

CESSOR. One who ceases or neglects so long to perform a duty that he thereby incurs the danger of the law. O. N. B. 139.

CESSURE. L. Fr. A receiver; a bailiff. Kelham.

C'EST ASCAVOIR. L. Fr. That is to say, or to-wit. Generally written as one word, cestascavoire, cestascavoir.

C'est le crime qui fait la honte, et non pas l'échafaud. Fr. It is the offense which causes the shame, and not the scaffold.

CETUI, CESTUY. He. Used frequently in composition in law French phrases.
—Cestui que trust. He who has a right to a beneficial interest in and out of an estate the legal title to which is vested in another. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 163. The person who possesses the equitable right to property and receives the rents, issues, and profits thereof, the legal estate of which is vested in a trustee. It has been proposed to substitute for this un­couth term the English word "beneficiary," and the latter, though still far from universally adopted, has come to be quite frequently used. It is equal in precision to the antiquated and unwieldy Norman phrase, and far better adapted to the genius of our language.—Cestui que use. He for whose use and benefit lands or tenements are held by another. The cestui que use has the right to receive the profits and benefits of the estate, but the legal title and possession (as well as the duty of defending the same) reside in the other.—Cestui que vie. He whose life is the measure of the duration of an estate. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 85. The person for whose life any lands, tenements, or hered­itaments are held.

Cestuy que doit inheriter al père doit inheriter al fils. He who would have been heir to the father of the deceased shall also be heir of the son. Fitzh. Abr. "Descent," 2; 2 Bl. Comm. 259, 250.

CF. An abbreviated form of the Latin word confer, meaning "compare." Directs the reader's attention to another part of the work, to another volume, case, etc., where contrasted, analogous, or explanatory views or statements may be found.

CH. This abbreviation most commonly stands for "chapter," or "chancellor," but it may also mean "chancery," or "chief."

CHACE. L. Fr. A chase or hunting ground.

CHACEA. In old English law. A station of game, more extended than a park, and less than a forest; also the liberty of chasing or hunting within a certain district; also the way through which cattle are driven to pasture, otherwise called a "drove­way." Blount.


CHACEABLE. L. Fr. That may be chased or hunted.

CHAGER. L. Fr. To drive, compel, or oblige; also to chase or hunt.

CHACURIUS. L. Lat. A horse for the chase, or a hound, dog, or coursier.

CHAFFEAX. An officer in the English chancery whose duty was to fit the wax to seal the writs, commissions, and other in­struments thence issuing. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 23.

CHAFFERS. An ancient term for goods, wares, and merchandise.

CHAFFERY. Traffic; the practice of buying and selling.

CHAIN. A measure used by engineers and surveyors, being twenty-two yards in length.

CHAIN OF TITLE. A term applied metaphorically to the series of conveyances, or other forms of alienation, affecting a par­ticular parcel of land, arranged consecutively, from the government or original source of title down to the present holder, each of the instruments included being called a "link." Payne v. Markle, 89 111. 69.

CHAIRMAN. A name given to the pre­siding officer of an assembly, public meeting, convention, deliberative or legislative body, board of directors, committee, etc.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES OF THE WHOLE HOUSE. In English parlia­mentary practice. In the commons, this of­ficer, always a member, is elected by the house on the assembling of every new par­liament. When the house is in committee on bills introduced by the government, or in committee of ways and means, or supply, or in committee to consider preliminary resolu­tions, it is his duty to preside.

CHALDRON, CHALDERN, or CHAL­DER. Twelve sacks of coals, each holding three bushels, weighing about a ton and a half. In Wales they reckon 12 barrels or
pitches a ton or childron, and 29 cwt. of 120 lbs. to the ton. Wharton.

CHALLENGE. 1. To object or except to; to prefer objections to a person, right, or instrument; to formally call into question the capability of a person for a particular function, or the existence of a right claimed, or the sufficiency or validity of an instrument.

2. As a noun, the word signifies the objection or exception so advanced.

3. An exception taken against legal documents, as a declaration, count, or writ. But this use of the word is now obsolete.

4. An exception or objection preferred against a person who presents himself at the polls as a voter, in order that his right to cast a ballot may be inquired into.

5. An objection or exception to the personal qualification of a judge or magistrate about to preside at the trial of a cause; as an account of personal interest, his having been of counsel, bias, etc.

6. An exception or objection taken to the jurors summoned and returned for the trial of a cause, either individually, (to the polls,) or collectively, (to the array.) People v. Travers, 88 Cal. 233, 26 Pac. 88; People v. Fiptapatrick, 1 N. Y. Cr. R. 425.

AT COMMON LAW. The causes for principal challenges fall under four heads: (1) Propter honores respectum. On account of respect for the party's social rank. (2) Propter defectum. On account of some legal disqualification, such as infancy or alienage. (3) Propter affectum. On account of personal interest; his having been of counsel, bias, etc. (4) Propter delictum. On account of crime; that is, disqualification arising from the conviction of an infamous crime.

—Challenge for cause. A challenge to a juror for which some cause or reason is alleged. Terms de la Ley; 4 Bl. Comm. 333. Thus distinguished from a peremptory challenge.

—Challenge to fight. A summons or invitation, given by one person to another, to engage in a personal combat; a request to fight a duel. A criminal offense. See Steph. Crlm. Dig. 40; 3 East, 581; State v. Perkins, 6 Blackf. (Ind.) 20.

CHALLENGE BUSINESS. A room or apartment in a house. A private repository of money; a treasury. Sometimes used to designate a court, a commission, or an association of persons habitually meeting together in an apartment, e. g., the "star chamber," "chamber of deputees," "chamber of commerce."
CHAMBER SURVEYS. At an early day in Pennsylvania, surveyors often made drafts on paper of pretended surveys of public lands, and returned them to the land office as duly surveyed, instead of going on the ground and establishing lines and marking corners; and these false and fraudulent pretenses of surveys never actually made were called "chamber surveys." Schraeder Min. & Mfg. Co. v. Packer, 129 U. S. 658, 9 Sup. St. 385, 52 L. Ed. 760.

CHAMBERDEXKINS, or CHAMBER DEACONS. In old English law. Certain poor Irish scholars, clothed in mean habit, and living under no rule; also beggars banished from England. (1 Hen. V. cc. 7, 8.) Wharton.

CHAMBERLAIN. Keeper of the chamber. Originally the chamberlain was the keeper of the treasure chamber (camera) of the prince or state; otherwise called "treasurer." Cowell.

The name of several high officers of state in England, as the lord great chamberlain of England, lord chamberlain of the household, chamberlain of the exchequer. Cowell; Blount.

The word is also used in some American cities as the title of an officer corresponding to "treasurer."

CHAMBERLARIA. Chamberlainship; the office of a chamberlain. Cowell.

CHAMBERS. In practice. The private room or office of a Judge; any place in which a Judge hears motions, signs papers, or does other business pertaining to his office, when he is not holding a session of court. Business so transacted is said to be done "in chambers." In re Neagle (C. C.) 39 Fed. 855, 5 L. R. A. 78; Von Schmidt v. Widber, 99 Cal. 511, 34 Pac. 109; Hoskins v. Baxter, 64 Minn. 226, 66 N. W. 969. The term is also applied, in England, to the private office of a barrister.

In international law. Portions of the sea cut off by lines drawn from one promontory to another, or included within lines extending from the point of one cape to the next, situate on the sea-coast of the same nation, and which are claimed by that nation as arsenals for merchant vessels, and exempt from the operations of belligerents.

CHAMBIUM. In old English law. Change, or exchange. Bract. fols. 117, 118.

CHAMBR DEPEINTE. A name anciently given to St. Edward's chamber, called the "Painted Chamber," destroyed by fire with the houses of parliament.

CHAMP DE MAL. (Lat. Campus Mali.) The field or assembly of May. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of May.

CHAMP DE MARS. (Lat. Campus Marthi.) The field or assembly of March. The national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of March, in the open air.

CHAMPART. In French law. The grant of a piece of land by the owner to another, on condition that the latter would deliver to him a portion of the crops. 18 Toullier, n. 182.

CHAMPERT. In old English law. A share or division of land; champerty.

In old Scotch law. A gift or bribe, taken by any great man or judge from any person, for delay of just actions, or furthering of wrongful actions, whether it be lands or any goods movable. Skene.

CHAMPERTOR. In criminal law. One who makes pleas or suits, or causes them to be moved, either directly or indirectly, and sues them at his proper costs, upon condition of having a part of the gain. One guilty of champerty. St. 33 Edw. I. c. 2.

CHAMPERTOUS. Of the nature of champerty; affected with champerty.

CHAMPERTY. A bargain made by a stranger with one of the parties to a suit, by which such third person undertakes to carry on the litigation at his own cost and risk, in consideration of receiving, if he wins the suit, a part of the land or other subject sought to be recovered by the action. Small v. Mott, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 465; Jewel v. Neidy, 61 Iowa, 299, 16 N. W. 141; Weakly v. Hall, 13 Ohio, 175, 42 Am. Dec. 194; Poe v. Davis, 29 Ala. 659; Gilman v. Jones, 87 Ala. 601, 5 South, 785, 7 South, 48, 4 L. R. A. 113; Torrence v. Shed, 112 Ill. 463; Casserleigh v. Wood, 119 Fed. 308, 66 C. C. A. 212.

The purchase of an Interest in a thing in dispute, with the object of maintaining and taking part in the litigation. 7 Bing. 378.

The act of assisting the plaintiff or defendant in a legal proceeding in which the person giving the assistance has no valuable interest, on an agreement that, if the proceeding is successful, the proceeds shall be divided between the plaintiff or defendant, as the case may be, and the assisting person. Sweet.

Champerty is the carrying on a suit in the name of another, but at one's own expense, with the view of receiving as compensation a certain share of the avails of the suit. Ogden v. Des Arts, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 275.

The distinction between champerty and maintenance lies in the interest which the interfering party is to have in the issue of the suit. In the former case, he is to receive a share or portion of what may be recovered; in the latter case, he is in no way benefited by the success of the party aided, but simply
intermeddles officiously. Thus every chancery includes maintenance, but not every maintenance is chancery. See 2 Inst. 208; Stotsenburg v. Marks, 79 Ind. 196; Lytle v. State, 17 Ark. 624.

CHAMPION. A person who fights a combat in his own cause, or in place of another. The person who, in the trial by battle, fought either for the tenant or demandant. 3 Bl. Comm. 393.

—Champion of the king or queen. An ancient officer, whose duty it was to ride armed cap-a-pie, into Westminster Hall at the coronation, while the king was at dinner, and, by the proclamation of a herald, make a challenge "that, if any man shall deny the king's title to the crown, he is there ready to defend it in single combat." The king drank to him, and sent him a gilt cup covered, full of wine, which the champion drank, retaining the cup for his fee. This ceremony, long discontinued, was revived at the coronation of George IV., but not afterwards. Wharton.

CHANCE. In criminal law. An accident; an unexpected, unforeseen, or unintended consequence of an act; a fortuitous event. The opposite of intention, design, or contrivance.

There is a wide difference between chance and accident. The one is the intervention of some unlooked-for circumstance to prevent an expected result; the other is the uncalculated effect of mere luck. The shot discharged at random strikes its object by chance; that which is turned aside from its well-directed aim by some unforeseen circumstance misses its mark by accident. Pure chance consists in the expected result; the other is the uncalculated effect. The opposite of intention, design, or contrivance.

—Chance verdict. One determined by hazard and not by the deliberate understanding employed. Harless v. U. S., Morris (Iowa) 173.

—Chance-medley. In criminal law. A sudden affray. This word is sometimes applied to any kind of homicide by misadventure, but in strictness it is applicable to such killing only as happens in defending one's self. 4 Bl. Comm. 184.

CHANCEL. In ecclesiastical law. The part of a church in which the communion table stands; it belongs to the rector or the improvisor. 2 Broom & H. Comm. 429.

CHANCELLOR. In American law, this is the name given in some states to the judge (or the presiding judge) of a court of chancery. In England, besides being the designation of the chief judge of the court of chancery, the term is used as the title of several judicial officers attached to bishops or other high dignitaries and to the universities. (See Sutch's practice.) In Sutch's practice, it denotes the foreman of an assize jury.

—Chancellor of a cathedral. In English ecclesiastical law. One of the quatuor persona, or four chief dignitaries of the cathedrals of the old foundation. The duties assigned to the office by the statutes of the different chapters vary, but they are chiefly of an educational character. The term is also applied to special reformation of the cultivation of theology.—Chancellor of a diocese. In ecclesiastical law, the officer appointed to assist a bishop in matters of law, and to hold his courts for him. 4 N. Y. Comm. 352; 2 Steph. Comm. 672.—Chancellor of a university. In English law. The official head of a university. His principal province is to hold a court with jurisdiction over the members of the university, in which court the vice-chancellor presides. The office is for the most part honorary.—Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. In English law. An officer before whom, or his deputy, the court of the duchy chamber of Lancaster is held. This is a special jurisdiction concerning all manner of equity relating to lands held of the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster. Hob. 77; 3 Bl. Comm. 72.—Chancellor of the exchequer. In English law. A high officer of the crown, who formerly sat in the exchequer court, and, together with the regular judges of the court, saw that things were conducted to the king's benefit. In modern times, however, his duties are not of a judicial character, but such as pertain to the state chamber, the management of the national revenue and expenditure.—Chancellor of the order of the chancellors and other salutary orders. In England, is an officer who seals the commissions and the mandates of the chapter and assembly of the knights, keeps the register of their proceedings, and delivers their acts under the seal of their order.—Chancellor, the lord high. In England, this is the highest judicial functionary in the kingdom, and superior, in point of precedence, to every temporary court. He is appointed by the delivery of the king's great seal into his custody. He may not be a Roman Catholic. He is a cabinet minister, a privy counsellor, and procutor of the house of lords by prescription, (but not necessarily, though usually, a peer of the realm,) and vacates his office with the ministry by which he was appointed. To him belongs the appointment of all justices of the peace throughout the kingdom. Being, in the earlier periods of English history, usually an ecclesiastical, (for none else were then capable of an office so conversant in writings,) and presiding over the royal chapel, he became keeper of the regalia of the crown, a custodian of the cap-a-pie, and chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster. This is a special jurisdiction over the mem­
CHANGE. 1. An alteration; substitution of one thing for another. This word does not connote either improvement or deterioration as a result. In this respect it differs from amendment, which, in law, always imports a change for the better.

2. Exchange of money against money of a different denomination. Also small coin. Also an abbreviation of exchange.

—Change of venue. Properly speaking, the removal of a suit begun in one county or district to another county or district, though the term is also sometimes applied to the removal of a suit from one court to another court of the same county or district. Dudley v. Power Co., 139 Ala. 345, 66 South. 700; Felts v. Railroad Co., 195 Pa. 21, 46 Atl. 493; State v. Wofford, 119 Mo. 370, 24 S. W. 764.

CHANGER. An officer formerly belonging to the king's mint, in England, whose business was chiefly to exchange coin for bullion brought in by merchants and others.

CHANNEL. This term refers rather to the bed in which the main stream of a river flows than to the deep water of the stream as followed in navigation. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 558, 8 N. W. 443. See The Oliver (D. C.) 22 Fed. 849; Iowa v. Illinois, 147 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 239, 37 L. Ed. 65; Cassill v. State, 40 Ark. 504.

The "main channel" of a river is that bed of the river over which the principal volume of water flows. Many great rivers discharge themselves into the sea through more than one channel. They all, however, have a main channel, through which the principal volume of water passes. Packet Co. v. Bridge Co. (C. C.) 31 Fed. Rep. 757.

—Natural channel. The channel of a stream as determined by the natural conformation of the country through which it flows; that is, the bed over which the waters of the stream flow with as little obstruction as possible, not necessarily diverted or interfered with by man. See Larrabee v. Cloverdale, 131 Cal. 96, 63 Pac. 143.

CHANter. The chief singer in the choir of a cathedral. Mentioned in 13 Eliz. c. 10.

CHANTRY. A church or chapel endowed with lands for the maintenance of priests to say mass daily for the souls of the donors. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

—Chapel of ease. In English ecclesiastical law. A chapel founded in general at some period later than the parochial church itself, and designed for the accommodation of such of the parishioners as, in course of time, had begun to fix their residence at some distance from its site; and chapels so circumstanced were described as "chapels of ease," because built in aid of the original church. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 745.

CHAPELRY. The precinct and limits of a chapel. The same thing to a chapel as a parish is to a church. Cowell; Blount.

CHAPeron. A hood or bonnet anciently worn by the Knights of the Garter, as part of the habit of that order; also a little escutcheon fixed in the forehead of horses drawing a hearse at a funeral. Wharton.

CHAPITRE. A summary of matters to be inquired of or presented before justices in eyre, justices of assise, or of the peace, in their sessions. Also articles delivered by the justice in his charge to the inquest. Brit. c. iii.

CHAPlain. An ecclesiastic who performs divine service in a chapel; but it more commonly means one who attends upon a king, prince, or other person of quality, for the performance of clerical duties in a private chapel. 4 Coke, 90.

A clergyman officially attached to a ship of war, to an army, (or regiment,) or to some public institution, for the purpose of performing divine service. Webster.

CHAPMAN. An itinerant vendor of small wares. A trader who trades from place to place. Say, 191, 192.

CHAPTER. In ecclesiastical law. A congregation of ecclesiastical persons in a cathedral church, consisting of canons, or prebendaries, whereof the dean is the head, all subordinate to the bishop, to whom they act as assistants in matters relating to the church, for the better ordering and disposing the things thereof, and the confirmation of such leases of the temporality and offices relating to the bishopric, as the bishop shall make from time to time. And they are termed "capitulum," as a kind of head, instituted not only to assist the bishop in manner aforesaid, but also anciently to rule and govern the diocese in the time of vacation. Burn, Dict.

CHARACTER. The aggregate of the moral qualities which belong to and distinguish an individual person; the general result of the one's distinguishing attributes. That moral predisposition or habit, or aggregate of ethical qualities, which is believed to attach to a person, on the strength of the common opinion and report concerning him. The opinion generally entertained of a per-
son derived from the common report of the people who are acquainted with him. Smith v. State, 88 Ala. 73, 7 South. 52; State v. Turner, 36 S. C. 534, 15 S. B. 602; Fahnstock v. State, 23 Ind. 233; State v. Parker, 96 Mo. 382, 9 S. W. 728; Sullivan v. State, 63 Ala. 48; Kimmel v. Kimmel, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa) 357, 8 Am. Dec. 672.

Character and reputation are not synonymous terms. Character is what a man or woman is morally, while reputation is what he or she is reputed to be. Yet reputation is the estimate which the community has of a person’s character; and it is the belief that moral character is wanting in an individual that renders him unworthy of belief; that is to say, that reputation is evidence of character, and if the reputation is bad for truth, or reputation is bad in other respects affecting the moral character, then the jury may infer that the character is bad and the witness not reliable. General character has always been proved by proving general reputation. Leverich v. Frank, 6 Or. 213.

The word “character” no doubt has an objective and subjective import, which are quite distinct. As to the object, character is its quality. As to man, it is the quality of his mind, and his affections, his capacity and temperament. But as a subjective term, certainly in the minds of others, one’s character is the aggregate of other men’s opinions of one. And in this sense when a witness speaks of the character of another witness for truth, he draws not upon his memory alone, but his judgment also. It is the conclusion of the mind of the witness, in summing up the amount of all the reports he has heard of the man, and deriving his character for truth, as held in the minds of his neighbors and acquaintances, and in this sense character, general character, and general report or reputation are the same, as held in the books. Powers v. Leach, 26 Vt. 278.

**CHARGE**, v. To impose a burden, obligation, or lien; to create a claim against property; to claim, to demand; to accuse; to instruct a jury on matters of law.

In the first sense above given, a Jury in a criminal case is “charged” with the duty of trying the prisoner (or, as otherwise expressed, with his fate or his “deliverance”) as soon as they are impaneled and sworn, and at this moment the prisoner’s legal “jeopardy” begins. This is altogether a different matter from “charging” the jury in the sense of giving them instructions on matters of law, which is a function of the court. Tomasson v. State, 112 Tenn. 596, 79 S. W. 803.

**CHARGE**, n. In general. An incumbrance, lien, or burden; an obligation or duty; a liability; an accusation. Darling v. Rogers, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 491.

In contracts. An obligation, binding upon him who enters into it, which may be removed, or taken away by a discharge. Termes de la Ley.

An undertaking to keep the custody of another person’s goods. State v. Clark, 86 Me. 194, 29 Atl. 984.

An obligation entered into by the owner of an estate, which binds the estate for its performance. Com. Dig. “Rent,” c. 6; 2 Ball & B. 223.

In the law of wills. A responsibility or liability imposed by the testator upon a devisee personally, or upon the land devised.

In equity pleading. An allegation in the bill of matters which disprove or avoid a defense which it is alleged the defendant is supposed to pretend or intend to set up. Story, Eq. Pl. § 31.

In equity practice. A paper presented to a master in chancery by a party to a cause, being a written statement of the items with which the opposite party should be debited or should account for, or of the claim of the party making it. It is more comprehensive than a claim, which implies only the amount due to the person producing it, while a charge may embrace the whole liabilities of the accounting party. Hoff. Mast. 36.

In common-law practice. The final address made by a judge to the jury trying a case, but which is made up of their verdict, in which he sums up the case, and instructs the jury as to the rules of law which apply to its various issues, and which they must observe, in deciding upon their verdict, when they shall have determined the controverted matters of fact. The term also applies to the address of the court to a grand jury, in which the latter are instructed as to their duties.

In Scotch law. The command of the king’s letters to perform some act; as a charge to enter heir. Also a messenger’s execution, requiring a person to obey the order of the king’s letters; as a charge on letters of horning, or a charge against a superior. Bell.

—**General charge.** A charge or instruction by the court to the jury upon the case as a whole, or upon its general features or characteristics.—**Special charge.** A charge or instruction given by the court to the jury, upon some particular point or question involved in the case, and usually in response to counsel’s request for such instruction.

**CHARGE AND DISCHARGE.** Under the former system of equity practice, this phrase was used to characterize the usual method of taking an account before a master. After the plaintiff had presented his “charge,” a written statement of the items of account for which he asked credit, the defendant filed a counter-statement, called a “discharge,” exhibiting any claims or demands he held against the plaintiff. These served to define the field of investigation, and constituted the basis of the report.

**CHARGÉ DES AFFAIRES,** or **CHARGÉ D’AFFAIRES.** The title of a diplomatic representative of inferior rank. He has not the title or dignity of a minister, though he may be charged with the functions and offices of the latter, either as a temporary substitute for a minister or at a court to which his government does not accredit a minister. In re Balz, 135 U. S. 403, 10 Sup.
and purposes may include not only the relief to freedom from taxation, charitable uses of indigent sick and of homeless persons by means of poverty by alms-giving and the relief of the welfare of men, provided only the distribution of benefits is to be free and not a source of profit. Subjectively, the sentiment of benevolence or relief, assistance, or services accorded to the needy without return. Also gifts for the promotion of philanthropic and humanitarian purposes.

CHARITY. Subjectively, the sentiment or motive of benevolence and philanthropy; the disposition to relieve the distressed. Objectively, alms-giving; acts of benevolence; relief, assistance, or services accorded to the needy without return. Also gifts for the promotion of philanthropic and humanitarian purposes. Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 556; Vidal v. Girard, 2 How. 127, 11 L. Ed. 237; Historical Soc v. Academy of Science, 94 Mo. 459, 8 S. W. 346. The meaning of the word “charity,” in its legal sense, is different from the signification which it ordinarily bears. In its legal sense, it includes not only gifts for the benefit of the poor, but endowments for the advancement of learning, or institutions for the encouragement of science and art, and, it is said, for any other useful and public purpose. Gerke v. Purcell, 25 Ohio St. 243.

Charity, in its widest sense, denotes all the good affections men ought to bear towards each other; the well disposed and conducted beneficence of the poor. Morice v. Bishop of Durham, 9 Ves. 390.

Charity, as used in the Massachusetts Sunday law, includes whatever proceeds from a sense of moral duty or a feeling of kindness and humanity, and is intended wholly for the purpose of the relief or comfort of another, and not for one’s own benefit or pleasure. Doyle v. Railroad Co., 118 Mass. 195, 197, 19 Am. Rep. 433.

—Foreign charity. One created or endowed in a state or country foreign to that of the domicile of the benefactor. Taylor’s Ex’rs v. Trustees of Bryn Mawr College, 34 N. J. 401. Public charity. In this phrase the word “public” is used, not in the sense that it must be executed openly and in public, but in the sense of being so general and indefinite in its objects as to be deemed of common and public benefit. Each individual immediately benefited may be private and the charity may be distributed by private and by private hand. It is public and general in its scope and purpose, and becomes definite and private only as the individual objects of its bounty are selected. Saltonstell v. Sanders, 11 Allen (Mass.) 456. —Pure charity. One which is entirely gratuitous, and which dispenses its benefits without any prospect of return. See in re Keech’s Estate (Surr.) 7 N. Y. Supp. 331; in re Lenox’s Estate (Surr.) 9 N.
CHARTER-OF LEAD. A quantity consisting of 36 pigs of lead, each pig weighing about 70 pounds.

CHART. The word "chart," as used in the copyright law, does not include sheets of paper exhibiting tabulated or methodically arranged information. Taylor v. Gilman (C. C.) 24 Fed. 632.

CHARTA. In old English law. A charter or deed; an instrument written and sealed; the formal evidence of conveyances and contracts. Also any signal or token by which an estate was held. The term came to be applied, by way of eminence, to such documents as proceeded from the sovereign, granting liberties or privileges, and either where the recipient of the grant was the whole nation, as in the case of Magna Charta, or a public body, or private individual, in which case it corresponded to the modern word "charter."

In the civil law. Paper, suitable for the inscription of documents or books; hence, any instrument or writing. See Dig. 32, 52, 6; Nov. 44, 2.

—Charta communis. In old English law. A common or mutual charter or deed; one containing mutual covenants, or involving mutuality of obligation; one to which both parties might have occasion to refer, to establish their respective rights. Bract, fols. 339, 34.—Charta cyrographata. In old English law. A chirographed charter; a charter executed in two parts, and cut through the middle, where the word "cyrographum," is written in large letters. Bract. fol. 34; Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 3.—Charta de foresta. A collection of the laws of the forest, made in the 9th Hen. III., and said to have been originally a part of Magna Charta.—Charta de una parte. A deed-poll.—Charta partita. (Literally, a deed divided.) A charter-party. 3 Kent, Comm. 201.

Charita non est nisi vestimentum donationis. A deed is nothing else than the vestment of a gift. Co. Litt. 36.

CHARTÆ LIBERTATUM. The charters (grants) of liberties. These are Magna Charta and Charta de Fooresta.

Chartarum super fidem, mortuis testibus, ad patriam de necessitudine recurrendum est. Co. Litt. 36. The witnesses being dead, the truth of charters must of necessity be referred to the country, i. e., a jury.

CHARTÈ. Fr. A chart, or plan, which mariners use at sea.

CHARTE-PARTIE. Fr. In French marine law. A charter-party.

CHARTEL. A challenge to a single combat; also an instrument or writing between Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—13 two states for settling the exchange of prisoners of war.

CHARTER, v. In mercantile law. To hire or lease a vessel for a voyage. A "chartered" is distinguished from a "seeking" ship. 7 East, 24.

CHARTER, n. An instrument emanating from the sovereign power, in the nature of a grant, either to the whole nation, or to a class or portion of the people, or to a colony or dependency, and assuring to them certain rights, liberties, or powers. Such was the "Great Charter" or "Magna Charta," and such also were the charters granted to certain of the English colonies in America. See Story, Const. § 161.

An act of the legislative department of government, creating a corporation, is called the "charter" of the corporation. Merrick v. Van Santvoord, 34 N. Y. 214; Bent v. Underdown, 156 Ind. 516, 60 N. E. 307; Morris & E. R. Co. v. Com'r's, 37 N. J. Law, 237.

In old English law. The term denoted a deed or other written instrument under seal; a conveyance, covenant, or contract.

In old Scotch law. A disposition made by a superior to his vassal, for something to be performed or paid by him. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, b. 2, c. 1, tit. 1. A writing which contains the grant or transmission of the feudal right to the vassal. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 19.

—Charter of pardon. In English law. An instrument under the great seal, by which a pardon is granted to a man for a felony or other offense.—Charter of the forest. See Charta de Fooresta.—Charter rolls. Ancient English records of royal charters, granted between the years 1199 and 1516.

CHARTER-HOUSE. Formerly a convent of Carthusian monks in London; now a college founded and endowed by Thomas Sutton. The governors of the charter-house are a corporation aggregate without a head, president, or superior, all the members being of equal authority. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 14, 97.

CHARTER-LAND. Otherwise called "book-land," is property held by deed under certain rents and free services. It, in effect, differs nothing from the free socage lands, and hence have arisen most of the freehold tenants, who hold of particular manors, and owe suit and service to the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

CHARTER-PARTY. A contract by which an entire ship, or some principal part thereof, is let to a merchant for the conveyance of goods on a determined voyage to one or more places. The Harvey and Henry, 86 Fed. 656, 30 C. C. A. 390; The New York (D. C.) 93 Fed. 497; Vandewater v. The Yankee Blade, 28 Fed. Cas. 980; Spring v. Gray, 6 Pet. 151, 8 L. Ed. 352; Fish v. Sullivan, 40
La. Ann. 193, 3 South. 730; Drinkwater v. The Spartan, 7 Fed. Cas. 1085. A contract of affreightment in writing, by which the owner of a ship lets the whole or a part of her to a merchant, for the conveyance of goods on a particular voyage, in consideration of the payment of freight. 3 Kent, Comm. 201.

A written agreement, not usually under seal, by which a ship-owner lets an entire ship, or a part of it, to a merchant for the conveyance of goods, binding himself to transport them to a particular place for a sum of money which the merchant undertakes to pay as freight for their carriage. Maude & P. Mer. Shipp. 227.

The contract by which a ship is let is termed a "charter-party." By it the owner may either let the capacity or burden of the ship, or the employment of the owner's master, crew, and equipments, or may surrender the entire ship to the charterer, who then provides them himself. The master or part owner may be a charterer. Civil Code Cal. § 1959; Civil Code Dak. § 1127.

**CHARTERED SHIP.** A ship hired or freighted; a ship which is the subject-matter of a charter-party.

**CHARTERER.** In mercantile law. One who charters (i.e., hires or engages) a vessel for a voyage; a freighter. 2 Steph. Comm. 184; 3 Kent, Comm. 137; Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 578, 15 L. R. A. 262.

**CHARTIS REDDENDIS.** (For returning the charters.) An ancient writ which lay against one who had charters of feuoffment intrusted to his keeping and refused to deliver them. Reg. Orig. 159.

**CHARTOPHYLAX.** In old European law. A keeper of records or public instruments; a chartulary; a registrar. Spelman.

**CHARUE.** In old English law. A plow. *Bestes des charues;* beasts of the plow.

**CHASE.** The liberty or franchise of hunting, one's self, and keeping protected against all other persons, beasts of the chase within a specified district, without regard to the ownership of the land. 2 Bl. Comm. 414-416.

A privileged place for the preservation of deer and beasts of the forest, of a middle nature between a forest and a park. It is commonly less than a forest, and not endowed with so many liberties, as officers, laws, courts; and yet it is of larger compass than a park, having more officers and game than a park. Every forest is a chase, but every chase is not a forest. It differs from a park in that it is not inclosed, yet it must have certain metes and bounds, but it may be in other men's grounds, as well as in one's own. Manwood, 49.

—Common chase. In old English law. A place where all alike were entitled to hunt wild animals.

**CHASTITY.** Purity; continence. That virtue which prevents the unlawful intercourse of the sexes. Also the state of purity or abstinence from unlawful sexual connexion. People v. Brown, 71 Hun, 601, 24 N. Y. Supp. 1111; People v. Kehoe, 123 Cal. 224, 55 Pac. 911, 69 Am. St. Rep. 52; State v. Carron, 18 Iowa, 375, 87 Am. Dec. 401.

—Chaste character. This term, as used in statutes, means actual personal virtue, and not reputation or good name. It may include the character of one who was formerly unchaste but is reformed. Kenyon v. People, 26 N. Y. 305, 84 Am. Dec. 177; Beak v. State, 6 Iowa, 430; People v. Nelson, 155 N. Y. 90, 46 N. E. 1040, 60 Am. St. Rep. 592; People v. Mills, 94 Mich. 630, 54 N. W. 488.

**CHATTEL.** An article of personal property; any species of property not amounting to a freehold or fee in land. People v. Holbrook, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 94; Hornblower v. Proud, 2 Barn. & Ald. 335; State v. Bartlett, 35 Me. 211; State v. Brown, 9 Baxt. (Tenn.) 54, 40 Am. Rep. 81.


The term "chattels" is a more comprehensive one than "goods," as it includes animate as well as inanimate property. 2 Chit. Bl. Comm. 383, note. In a devise, however, they seem to be of the same import. Shep. Touch. 447; 2 Foulon. Eq. 395.

—Chattel interest. An interest in corporeal hereditaments less than a freehold. 2 Kent, Comm. 432.—Personal chattels. Things movable which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner, and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387.—Real chattels. Such as concern, or savor of, the realty, such as leasehold estates; interests issuing out of, or annexed to, real estate; such chattel interests as devolve after the manner of realty. 2 Bl. Comm. 386.

**CHATTLE MORTGAGE.** An instrument of sale of personality conveying the title of the property to the mortgagee with terms of defeasance; and, if the terms of redemption are not complied with, then, at common law, the title becomes absolute in the mort-

A transfer of personal property as security for a debt or obligation in such form that, upon failure of the mortgagor to comply with the terms of the contract, the title to the property will be in the mortgagee. Thomas, Mortg. 427.

An absolute pledge, to become an absolute interest if not redeemed at a fixed time. Cortelyou v. Lansing, 2 Calnes, Cas. (N. Y.) 209, per Kent, Ch.


A chattel mortgage is a conditional transfer or conveyance of the property itself. The chief distinctions between it and a pledge are that in the latter the title, even after condition broken does not pass to the pledgee, who has only a lien on the property, but remains in the pledgor, who has the right to redeem the property at any time before its sale. Besides, the possession of the property must, in all cases, accompany the pledge, and, at a sale thereof by the pledgee to satisfy his demand, he cannot become the purchaser; while by a chattel mortgage the title of the mortgagor becomes absolute at law, on the default of the mortgagor, and it is not essential to the validity of the instrument that possession of the property should be delivered, and, on the foreclosure of the mortgage, the mortgagee is at liberty to become the purchaser. Mitchell v. Roberts (C. C.) 17 Fed. 778; Campbell v. Parker, 22 N. Y. Super. Ct. 322; People v. Remington, 59 Hun, 232, 12 N. Y. Supp. 824, 14 N. Y. Supp. 88; McCoy v. Lassiter, 95 N. C. 91; Wright v. Ross, 36 Cal. 414; Thurber v. Oliver (C. C.) 26 Fed. 224; Thompson v. Dolliver, 132 Mass. 103; Lobban v. Garnett, 9 Dana (Ky.) 325.

The material distinction between a pledge and a mortgage of chattels is that a mortgage is a conveyance of personal property, upon condition, and it becomes absolute in law if not redeemed by a given time; a pledge is a deposit of goods, redeemable on certain terms, either with or without consideration for redemption. In a pledge, the general property does not pass, as in the case of mortgage, and the pawnee has only a special property in the thing deposited. The pawnee must choose between two remedies—a bill in chancery for a judicial sale under a decree of foreclosure, or a sale without judicial process, on the refusal of the debtor to redeem, after reasonable notice to do so. Evans v. Darlington, 5 Blackf. (Ind.) 320.

In a conditional sale the purchaser has merely a right to repurchase, and no debt or obligation exists on the part of the vendor; this distinguishes such a sale from a mortgage. Weatherly v. Weathersly, 40 Miss. 462, 90 Am. Dec. 344.

CHAUNTRY RENTS. Money paid to the crown by the servants or purchasers of chantry-lands. See CHANTRY.

CHEAT. Swindling; defrauding. "Deceitful practices in defrauding or endeavoring to defraud another of his known right, by some willful device, contrary to the plain rules of common honesty." Hawk. P. C. b. 2, c. 23, § 1. "The fraudulent obtaining the property of another by any deceitful and illegal practice or token (short of felony) which affects or may affect the public." Stepn. Crim. Law, 35.

Cheats, punishable at common law, are such cheats (not amounting to felony) as are effected by deceitful or illegal symbols or tokens which may affect the public at large, and against which common prudence could not have guarded. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1116; 2 East, P. C. 818; People v. Babcock, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 201, 5 Am. Dec. 256; Von Mumm v. Frash (C. C.) 56 Fed. 836; State v. Parker, 43 N. H. 55.

CHEATERS, or ESCHEATORES, were officers appointed to look after the king's estates, a duty which gave them great opportunities of fraud and oppression, and in consequence many complaints were made of their misconduct. Hence it seems that a cheatere came to signify a fraudulent person, and thence the verb to cheat was derived. Wharton.

CHECK, v. To control or restrain; to hold within bounds. To verify or audit. Particularly used with reference to the control or supervision of one department, bureau, or office over another.

CHECK-ROLL. In English law. A list or book containing the names of such as are attendants on, or in the pay of, the queen or other great personages, as their household servants.

CHECK, n. A draft or order upon a bank or banking-house, purporting to be drawn upon a certain sum of money in a certain person therein named, or to him or his order, or to bearer, and payable instantly on demand. 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1566; Bank v. Patton, 109 Ill. 484; Douglass v. Wilkeson, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 643; Thompson v. State, 49 Ala. 13; Bank v. Wheaton, 4 R. I. 33.

A check is a bill of exchange drawn upon a bank or banker, or a person described as such upon the face thereof, and payable on demand, without interest. Civ. Code Cal. § 3254; Civ. Code Dak. § 1933.

A check differs from an ordinary bill of exchange in the following particulars: (1) It is drawn on a bank or bankers, and is payable immediately on presentment, without any days of grace. (2) It is payable immediately on presentment, and no acceptance as distinct from payment is required. (3) By its terms it is supposed to be drawn upon a previous deposit of funds, and is an absolute appropriation of so
much money in the hands of the bankers to the holder of the check, to remain there until called for, and cannot after notice be withdrawn by the payee's Merchants' Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 647, 19 L. Ed. 1008; In re Brown, 4 Fed. Cas. 342; People v. Compton, 122 Cal. 403, 56 Pac. 545. —Check-book. A book containing blank checks on a particular bank or banker, with an inner margin, called a "stub," on which to note the number of each check, its amount and date, and the payee's name, and a memorandum of the balance in bank.—Crossed check. A check crossed with two lines, between which are either the names of a bank or the words "and company," in full or abbreviated. In the former case, the banker on whom it is drawn must not pay the money for the check to any other than the banker named; in the latter case, he must not pay it to any other than a banker. 2 Steph. Comm. 118, note c.—Memorandum check. A check given by a borrower to a lender, for the amount of a short loan, with the understanding that it is not to be presented at the bank, but will be redeemed by the maker himself when the loan falls due. This understanding is evidenced by writing the word "Mem." on the check. This is not unusual among merchants. See U. S. v. Isham, 17 Wall. 502; 21 L. Ed. 725; Turnbull v. Cheek, 12 Johns. 195; 2 Johns. Cas. (N. S.) 202; Franklin Bank v. Freeman, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 539.

CHECKER. The old Scotch form of exchequer.

CHEFÉ. In Anglo-Norman law. Were or weregild; the price of the head or person, (capitis pretium.)

CHEMÉRAGE. In old French law. The privilege or prerogative of the eldest. A provincial term derived from chemier, (q. v.) Guyot, Inst.

CHEMÉRIER. In old French law. The eldest born. A term used in Foulton and other places. Guyot, Inst.

CHEMÉS. In old Scotch law. A chief dwelling or mansion house.

CHEVEAGE. A sum of money paid by villagers to their lords in acknowledgment of their bondage. Chevage seems also to have been used for a sum of money yearly given to a man of power for his countenance and protection as a chief or leader. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHEVANTIA. In old records. A loan or advance of money upon credit. Cowell.

CHEVISANTIA. An agreement or composition: an end or order set down between a creditor or debtor; an indirect gain in point of usury, etc.; also an unlawful bargain or contract. Wharton.

CHEVITE. In old records. Pieces of ground, or heads at the end of plowed lands Cowell.

CHEZÉ. A homestead or homestead which is accessory to a house.

CHICANE. Swindling; shrewd cunning. The use of tricks and artifice.

CHIEF. Principal; leading; head; eminent in power or importance; the most important or valuable of several.

Declaration in chief is a declaration for the principal cause of action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 419.

Examination in chief is the first examination of a witness by the party who produces him. 1 Greenl. Br. § 445.

—Chief baron. The presiding judge of the English court of exchequer; answering to the chief justice of other courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 44; 3 Steph. Comm. 401.—Chief Clerk. The principal clerical officer of a bureau or department, who is generally charged, subject to the direction of his superior officer, with the superintendence of the administration of the business of the Office. Chief Justice. The judge of the London bankruptcy court is so called. In general, the term is equivalent to "presiding justice" or "presiding magistrate." Bean v. Loryea, 81 Cal. 15, 22 Pac. 513.—Chief justice. The presiding, eldest, or principal judge of a court of justice. —Chief Justice of England. The presiding judge of the king's bench division of the high court of justice, and, in the absence of the lord chancellor, president, of the high court, and also an ex officio judge of the court of appeals. The full title is "Lord Chief Justice of England.

—Chief justice of the common pleas. In England. The presiding judge in the court of common pleas, and afterwards in the common pleas division of the high court of justice, and one of the ex officio judges of the high court of appeal. —Chief justiciar. In old English law. A high court of law officer and special magistrate who presided over the aula regis of the Norman kings, and who was also the principal minister of state, the second man in the kingdom, and, by virtue of his office, guardian of the realm in the king's absence. 3 Bl. Comm. 38.—Chief lord. The immediate lord of the fee, to whom the tenants were directly and personally responsible. —Chief magistrate. The head of the executive department of government of a nation, state, or municipal corporation. McIntire v. Ward, 3 Xentas (Pa.) 424.—Chief pledge. The boroholder, or chief of the borough. Spelman.

—Chief rents. In English law. Were the annual payments of freeholders of manors; and were also called "quit-rents," because by paying them the tenant was freed from all other rents or services. 2 Bl. Comm. 42.—Chief, tenant in. In English feudal law. All the land in the kingdom was supposed to be held mediatelv or immediately of the king, who was styled the "Lord Paramount," or "Lord Above All;" and those that held immediately under him, in right of his crown and dignity, were called his tenants "in capite" or "in chief," which was the most honorable species of tenure, but at the same time subjected the tenant to greater and more burdensome services than inferior tenures did. Brown.

CHIEFRE. In feudal law. A small rent paid to the lord paramount.

CHILD. This word has two meanings in law: (1) In the law of the domestic relations, and as to descent and distribution, it is used strictly as the correlative of "parent," and means a son or daughter considered as in relation with the father or mother. (2) In the law of negligence, and in laws for the protection of children, etc., it is used as the
opposite of "adult," and means the young of the human species, (generally under the age of puberty,) without any reference to parentage and without distinction of sex. Miller v. Finegan, 26 Fla. 29, 7 South. 140, 6 L. R. A. 813.

—Child's part. A "child's part," which a widow, by statute in some states, is entitled to take in lieu of dower or the provision made for her by will, is a full share to which a child of the decedent would be entitled, subject to the debts of the estate and the cost of administration up to and including distribution. Bell v. Phyn, 7 Ves. 455.


The general rule is that "children," in a bequest or devise, means legitimate children. Under a devise or bequest to children, as a class, natural children are not included, unless the testator intended to include them is manifested either by express designation or necessary implication. Heater v. Van Auken, 14 N. J. Eq. 159; Gardner v. Heyer, 2 Paige (N. Y.) 11.

In deeds, the word "children" signifies the immediate descendants of a person, in the ordinary sense of the word, as contradistinguished from issue; unless there be some accompanying expression evidencing that the word is used in an enlarged sense. Lewis, Perp. 196.

In wills, where greater latitude of construction is allowed in order to effect the obvious intention of the testator, the meaning of the word has sometimes been extended, so as to include grandchildren, and it has been held to be synonymous with "posthumous child." A child by marriage. Cod. 5, 27.—Quasi posthumous child. A bastard; a child born out of lawful marriage. Cod. 5, 27.

CHILD. A bastard; a child born out of lawful wedlock. But in a statute declaring that adopted children shall have all the rights of "natural" children, the word "natural" was used in the sense of "legitimate." Barns v. Allen, 9 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 74.

In Louisiana, illegitimate children who have been adopted by the father. Civ. Code La. art. 220. In the civil law. A child by nature or profession; a child by birth, as distinguished from a child by adoption. Inst. 1, 11, pr.; Id. 3, 1, 2; Id. 3, 8, pr. A child by concubinage, in contradistinction to a child by marriage. Cod. 5, 27.—Quasi posthumous child. A bastard; a child born during the lifetime of his grandfather or other male ascendant, was not his heir at the time he made his testament, but who by the death of his father became his heir in his lifetime. Inst. 2, 13, 2; Dig. 28, 3, 13.

CHILDWIT. In Saxon law. The right which a lord had of taking a fine of his bondwoman with child without his license. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

CHILTERN HUNDREDS. In English law. The stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds is a nominal office in the gift of the crown, usually accepted by members of the house of commons desirous of vacating their seats. By law a member once duly elected to parliament is compelled to discharge the duties of the trust conferred upon him, and is not enabled at will to resign it. But by statute, if any member accepts any office of profit from the crown, (except officers in the army or navy accepting a new commission,) his seat is vacated. If, therefore, any member wishes to retire from the representation of the county or borough by which he was sent to parliament, he applies to the lords of the treasury for the stewardship of one of the Chiltern Hundreds, which having received, and thereby accomplished his purpose, he again resigns the office. Brown.

CHIMINAGE. A toll for passing on a way through a forest; called in the civil law "pedagogium." Cowell.

CHIMINUS. The way by which the king and all his subjects and all under his protection have a right to pass, though the property of the soil of each side where the way lieth may belong to a private man. Cowell.

CHIMNEY MONEY, or HEARTH MONEY. A tax upon chimneys or hearths; an ancient tax or duty upon houses in England, now repealed.

CHIPPINGAVEL. In old English law. A tax upon trade; a toll imposed upon traffic, or upon goods brought to a place to be sold.

CHIRGEMOT, CHIRCHGEMOT. In Saxon law. An ecclesiastical assembly or court. Spelman. A synod or meeting in a church or vestry. 4 Inst. 321.

CHIROGRAPH. In old English law. A deed or indenture; also the last part of a deed. Bell v. Phyn, 7 Ves. 455.
“chirographum,” and which, being somewhat changed in form and manner by the Normans, was by them styled “charta.” Anciently when they made a chirograph or deed which required a counterpart, as we call it, they engrossed it twice upon one piece of parchment contrariwise, leaving a space between, in which they wrote in capital letters the word “chirograph,” and then cut the parchment in two through the middle of the word, giving a part to each party. Cowell.

In Scotch law. A written voucher for a debt Bell.

In civil and canon law. An instrument written out and subscribed by the hand of the party who made it, whether the king or a private person. Cowell.

CHIROGRAPHA. In Roman law. Writings emanating from a single party, the debtor.

CHIROGRAPHER OF FINES. In English law. The title of the officer of the common pleas who engrossed fines in that court so as to be acknowledged into a perpetual record. Cowell.

CHIROGRAPHUM. In Roman law. A handwriting; that which was written with a person’s own hand. An obligation which a person wrote or subscribed with his own hand; an acknowledgment of debt, as of money received, with a promise to repay. An evidence or voucher of debt; a security for debt Dig. 26, 7, 57, pr.

A right of action for debt.

Chirographum apud debitorem reper tum presumitur solutum. An evidence of debt found in the debtor’s possession is presumed to be paid. Halk. Max. 20; Bell, Dict.

Chirographum non extans presumitur solutum. An evidence of debt not existing is presumed to have been discharged. Tray. Lat. Max. 73.

CHIRURGEON. The ancient denomination of a surgeon.

CHIVALRY. In feudal law. Knight-service. Tenure in chivalry was the same as tenure by knight-service. 2 Bl. Comm. 61, 62.

CHIVALRY, COURT OF. In English law. The name of a court anciently held as a court of honor merely, before the earl-marsh al, and as a criminal court before the lord high constable, jointly with the earl-marshall. It had jurisdiction as to contracts and other matters touching deeds of arms or war, as well as pleas of life or member. It also corrected encroachments in matters of coat-armor, precedence, and other distinctions of families. It is now grown entirely out of use, on account of the feebleness of its jurisdiction and want of power to enforce its judgments, as it could neither fine nor imprison, not being a court of record. 3 Bl. Comm. 68; 4 Broom & H. Comm. 360, note.

CHOP-CHURCH. A word mentioned in 9 Hen. VI. c. 65, by the sense of which it was in those days a kind of trade, and by the judges declared to be lawful. But Brooke, in his abridgment, says it was only permissible by law. It was, without doubt, a nickname given to those who used to change benefices, as to “chop and change” is a common expression. Jacob.


CHORAL. In ancient times a person admitted to sit and worship in the choir; a chorister.

CHOREPISCOPI. In old European law. A rural bishop, or bishop’s vicar. Spelman; Cowell.

CHOSE. Fr. A thing; an article of property. A chose is a chattel personal, (Williams, Pers. Prop. 4,) and is either in possession or in action. See the following titles.

—Chose local. A local thing; a thing annexed to a place, as a mill. Kitchin, fol. 18; Cowell; Blount—Chose transitory. A thing which is movable, and may be taken away or carried from place to place. Cowell; Blount.

CHOSE IN ACTION. A right to personal things of which the owner has not the possession, but merely a right of action for their possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 388, 397; 1 Chit Pr. 99.

A right to receive or recover a debt, demand, or damages on a cause of action ex contractu, or for a tort connected with contract, but which cannot be made available without recourse to an action. Bushnell v. Kennedy, 9 Wall. 590, 19 L. Ed. 736; Turner v. State, 1 Ohio St. 426; Sheldon v. Sill, 8 How. 441, 12 L. Ed. 1147; People v. Tioga Common Pleas, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 73; Sterling v. Sims, 72 Ga. 53; Bank v. Holland, 99 Va. 495, 39 S. E. 123, 55 L. R. A. 155, 86 Am. St. Rep. 898.

Personalty to which the owner has a right of possession in future, or a right of immediate possession, wrongfully withheld, is termed by the law a “chose in action.” Code Ga. 1882, § 2239.

Chose in action is a phrase which is sometimes used to signify a right of bringing an action, and, at others, the thing itself which forms the subject-matter of that right, or with regard to which that right is exercised; but it more properly includes the idea both of the thing itself and of the right of action as annexed to it. Thus, when it is said that a debt is a chose in action, the phrase conveys the idea, not only of the thing itself, i.e., the debt, but also of the right of action or of recovery possessed by the
person to whom the debt is due. When it is said that a chose in action cannot be assigned, it means that a thing to which a right of action is annexed cannot be transferred to another, together with such right. Brown.

A chose in action is any right to damages, whether arising from the commission of a tort, the omission of a duty, or the breach of a contract. Pitts v. Curtis, 4 Ala. 350; Magee v. Toland, 8 Port. ( Ala.) 40.

CHOSE IN POSSESSION. A thing in possession, as distinguished from a thing in action. Sterling v. Sims, 72 Ga. 53; Vawter v. Griffin, 40 Ind. 601. See CHOSE IN ACTION. Taxes and customs, if paid, are a chose in possession; if unpaid, a chose in action. 2 Bl. Comm. 408.

CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS. Under the municipal organization of the state of New Jersey, each county has a board of officers, called by this name, composed of representatives from the cities and townships within its limits, and charged with administering the revenues of the county. They correspond to the "county commissioners" or "supervisors" in other states.

CHOUT. In Hindu law. A fourth, a fourth part of the sum in litigation. The "Mahratta chout" is a fourth of the revenues exacted as tribute by the Mahrattas.

CHURENCRUDA. Under the Salic law. This was a ceremony performed by a person who was too poor to pay his debt or fine, whereby he applied to a rich relative to pay it for him. It consisted (after certain preliminaries) in throwing green herbs upon the party, the effect of which was to bind him to pay the whole demand.

CHRISTIAN. Pertaining to Jesus Christ or the religion founded by him; professing Christianity. The term may denote either a society of persons who, professing Christianity, hold certain doctrines or observances which differentiate them from other like groups, and who use a common discipline, or the building in which such persons habitually assemble for public worship. Baker v. Pales, 16 Mass. 498; Tate v. Lawrence, 11 Heisk. (Tenn.) 531; In re Zinzow, 18 Misc. Rep. 653, 45 N. Y. Supp. 714; Neule v. St. Paul's Church, 8 Gill (Md.) 116; Gaff v. Greer, 88 Ind. 122, 45 Am. Rep. 449; Josey v. Trust Co., 106 Ga. 608, 32 S. E. 629.

The body of communicants gathered into church order, according to established usage in any town, parish, precinct, or religious society, established according to law, and actually connected and associated therewith for religious purposes, for the time being, is to be regarded as the church of such society. In such respects, the church is a part of the common law, or of the law of the land, see State v. Chandler, 2 Har. (Del.) 553; Board of Education v. Minor, 23 Ohio St. 211, 13 Am. Rep. 233; Vidal v. Girard, 2 How. 127, 11 L. Ed. 263; Updegraff v. Comm., 11 Serg. & R. (Fla.) 394; Holmey v. Cook, 25 Pa. 542, 67 Am. Dec. 419; Landenmuller v. People, 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 548; Rex v. Woolston, 2 Strange, 884; Bloom v. Richards, 2 Ohio St. 387; City Council v. Benjamin, 2 Prob. (S. C.) 366, 49 Am. Dec. 608; State v. Boll, 31 La. Ann. 963, 33 Am. Rep. 224; State v. Hallock, 16 Nev. 373.

CHRISTMAS-DAY. A festival of the Christian church, observed on the 25th of December, in memory of the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH. In its most general sense, the religious society founded and established by Jesus Christ, to receive, preserve, and propagate his doctrines and ordinances.

A body or community of Christians, united under one form of government by the profession of the same faith, and the observance of the same ritual and ceremonies.

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In English ecclesiastical law. An institution established by the law of the land in reference to religion. 3 Steph. Comm. 54. The word "church" is said to mean, in strictness, not the material fabric, but the cure of souls and the right of tithes. 1 Mod. 201.

Church building acts. Statutes passed in England in and since the year 1818, with the object of extending the accommodation afforded by the national church, so as to make it more commensurate with the wants of the people. 3 Steph. Comm. 152-164. Church discipline act. The statute 3 & 4 Vict. c. 88, containing regulations for trying clerks in holy orders charged with offenses against ecclesiastical law, and for enforcing sentences pronounced in such cases. Philim. Ecc. Law. 1314. Church of England. The church of England is a distinct branch of Christ's church, and is also an insti-

CHURCH
Ankles of petty offenders were confined.

stocks, an instrument in which the wrists or
law or in equity.

actions, suits, or other civil proceedings at
relation to the administration of justice in
Ports and constable of Dover Castle, in or in
authority of the lord warden of the Cinque

Comm. 79.

or havens on the south-east coast of Eng­
chises, in some respects, with the counties
land, towards France, formerly esteemed the

A scar; the mark left in the flesh or skin
after the healing of a wound, and having the
appearance of a seam or of a ridge of flesh.

CIRCADAS. A tribute anciently paid to
the bishop or archbishop for visiting church­

Du Fresne.

CIRCAR. In Hindu law. Head of af­
airs; the state or government; a grand di­
vision of a province; a headman. A name
used by Europeans in Bengal to denote the
Hindu writer and accountant employed by
themselves, or in the public offices. Whar­
ton.

CIRCUIT. A division of the country,
appointed for a particular judge to visit for
the trial of causes or for the administration of
justice. Bouvier.

Circuits, as the term is used in England,
may be otherwise defined to be the periodi­

cal progressions of the judges of the superior
courts of common law, through the several
counties of England and Wales, for the pur­
purpose of administering civil and criminal jus­
tice.

—Circuit judge. The judge of a circuit court.
Croucher vs. Hanneford, 72 Iowa, 341. 34 N. W. 186. 337.
—Circuit justice. In federal law and prac­
tice. The justice of the supreme court who is
allotted to a given circuit. U. S. Comp. St.
1901, p. 459.—Circuit paper. In English
practice. A paper containing a statement of
the time and place at which the several assizes
will be held, and other statistical information
connected with the assizes. Holthouse.

CIRCUIT COURTS. The name of a
system of courts of the United States, in­
vested with general original jurisdiction of
such matters and causes as are of Federal
cognizance, except the matters specially del­
egated to the district courts.

The United States circuit courts are held
by one of the justices of the supreme court ap­
pointed for the circuit, (and bearing the name,
in that capacity, of circuit judge,) together
with the circuit judge and the district judge of the district in which they are held. Their
business is not only the supervision of trials of is­sues in fact, but the hearing of causes as a
court in banc; and they have equity as well as
common-law jurisdiction, together with appel­
late jurisdiction from the decrees and judgments
of the district courts. 1 Kent, Comm. 301–303.

In several of the states, circuit court is
the name given to a tribunal, the territorial
jurisdiction of which comprises several coun­
ties or districts, and whose sessions are held in
such counties or districts alternately. These

CIRCUIT COURTS OF APPEALS. A
system of courts of the United States (one in
each circuit) created by act of congress of
March 3, 1891 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 458),
composed of the circuit justice, the circuit
judge, and an additional circuit judge ap­
pointed for each such court, and having ap­
pellate jurisdiction from the circuit and dis­
trict courts except in certain specified class­
es of cases.
Circuitus est evitandus; et boni judiccis est lites dirimere, ne lis ex lute oriantur. 5 Coke, 31. Circuity is to be avoided; and it is the duty of a good judge to determine litigations, lest one lawsuit arise out of another.

CIRCUITY OF ACTION. This occurs where a litigant, by a complex, indirect, or roundabout course of legal proceeding, makes two or more actions necessary, in order to effect that adjustment of rights between all the parties concerned in the transaction which, by a more direct course, might have been accomplished in a single suit.

CIRCULAR NOTES. Similar instruments to “letters of credit.” They are drawn by resident bankers upon their foreign correspondents, in favor of persons traveling abroad. The correspondents must be satisfied of the identity of the applicant, before payment and the requisite proof of such identity is usually furnished, upon the applicant’s producing a letter with his signature, by a comparison of the signatures. Brown.

CIRCULATION. As used in statutes providing for taxes on the circulation of banks, this term includes all currency or circulating notes or bills, or certificates or bills intended to circulate as money. U. S. v. White (C. C.) 19 Fed. 723; U. S. v. Wilson, 106 U. S. 620, 2 Sup. Ct. 85, 27 L. Ed. 310.

—Circulating medium. This term is more comprehensive than the term “money,” as it is the medium of exchanges, or purchases and sales, whether it be gold or silver coin or any other article.

CIRCUMDUCTION. In Scotch law. A closing of the period for lodging papers, or doing any other act required in a cause. Paters. Comp.

—Circumduction of the term. In Scotch practice. The sentence of a judge, declaring the time elapsed within which a proof ought to have been led, and precluding the party from bringing forward any further evidence. Bell.

CIRCUMSPECTE AGATIS. The title of a statute passed 33 Edw. I. A. D. 1285, and so called from the initial words of it, the object of which was to ascertain the boundaries of ecclesiastical jurisdiction in some particulars, or, in other words, to regulate the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical and temporal courts. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 215, 216.

CIRCUMSTANCES. A principal fact or event being the object of investigation, the circumstances are the related or accessory facts or occurrences which attend upon it, which closely precede or follow it, which surround and accompany it, which depend upon it, or which support or qualify it. Pfaffenback v. Railroad, 142 Ind. 246, 41 N. E. 530; Clare v. People, 9 Colo. 122, 10 Pac. 799.

The terms “circumstance” and “fact” are, in many applications, synonymous; but the true distinction of a circumstance is its relative character. “Any fact may be a circumstance with reference to any other fact.” 1 Benth. Jud. Evid. 42, note; id. 142.

CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. Evidence directed to the attending circumstances; evidence which inferentially proves the principal fact by establishing a condition of surrounding and limiting circumstances, whose existence is a premise from which the existence of the principal fact may be concluded by necessary laws of reasoning. State v. Avery, 113 Mo. 475, 21 S. W. 139; Howard v. State, 34 Ind. 433; State v. Evans, 1 Marvel (Del.) 477, 41 Atl. 136; Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 319, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Gardner v. Preston, 2 Day (Conn.) 205, 2 Am. Dec. 91; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 Atl. 137.

When the existence of any fact is attested by witnesses, as having come under the cognizance of their senses, or is stated in documents, the genuineness and veracity of which there seems no reason to question, the evidence of that fact is said to be direct or positive. When, on the contrary, the existence of the principal fact is only inferred from one or more circumstances which have been established directly, the evidence is said to be circumstantial. And when the existence of the principal fact does not follow from the evidentiary facts as a necessary consequence of the law of nature, but is deduced from them by a process of probable reasoning, the evidence and proof are said to be presumptive. Best, Pres. 246; id. 12.

All presumptive evidence is circumstantial, because necessarily derived from or made up of circumstances, but all circumstantial evidence is not presumptive, that is, it does not operate in the way of presumption, being sometimes of a higher grade, and leading to necessary conclusions, instead of probable ones. Burrill.

CIRCUMSTANTIBUS, TALES DE. See Tales.

CIRCUMVENTION. In Scotch law. Any act of fraud whereby a person is reduced to a deed by decree. It has the same sense in the civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 49, 155. And see Oregon v. Jennings, 119 U. S. 74, 7 Sup. Ct. 124, 30 L. Ed. 323.

CIRIC. In Anglo-Saxon and old English law a church.

—Cirice-bryce. Any violation of the privileges of a church.—Cirice secat. Church-scot, or shot; an ecclesiastical due, payable on the day of St. Martin, consisting chiefly of corn.

CIRILSCUS. A coerl, (q. v.)

CISTA. A box or chest for the deposit of charters, deeds, and things of value.
CITATION. In Spanish law. Citation; summons; an order of a court requiring a person against whom a suit has been brought to appear and defend within a given time.

CITATIO. Lat. A citation or summons to court.

—Citation ad ressumendum causam. A summons to take up the cause. A process, in the civil law, which issued when one of the parties to a suit died, before its determination, for the plaintiff against the defendant's heir, or for the plaintiff's heir against the defendant, as the case might be; analogous to a modern bill of revivor.

Citatio est de juri naturali. A summons is by natural right. Cases in Banco Regis Wm. III. 453.

CITATION. In practice. A writ issued out of a court of competent jurisdiction, commanding a person therein named to appear on a day named and do something therein mentioned, or show cause why he should not. Proc. Prac.

The act by which a person is so summoned or cited.

It is used in this sense, in American law, in the practice upon writs of error from the United States supreme court, and in the proceedings of courts of probate in many of the states. Leavitt v. Leavitt, 153 Mass. 103; State v. McCann, 37 Me. 374; Schwartz v. Leke, 100 Le. 1081, 34 South. 96; Cohen v. Virginia, 6 Wheat. 410, 5 L. Ed. 257.

This is also the name of the process used in the English ecclesiastical, probate, and divorce courts to call the defendant or respondent before them. 3 Bl. Comm. 100; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

In Scotch practice. The calling of a party to an action done by an officer of the court under a proper warrant.

The service of a writ or bill of summons. Paters. Comp.

CITATION OF AUTHORITIES. The reading of, or reference to, legal authorities and precedents, (such as constitutions, statutes, reported cases, and elementary treatises,) in arguments to courts, or in legal text-books, to establish or fortify the propositions advanced.

Law of citations. See LAW.

Citationes non concedantur prinsaquam exprimatur super qua re fieri debet citatio. Citations should not be granted before it is stated about what matter the citation is to be made. A maxim of ecclesiastical law. 12 Coke, 44.

CITE. L. Fr. City; a city. Cite de Louvres, city of London.

CITE. To summon; to command the presence of a person; to notify a person of legal proceedings against him and require his appearance thereto.

To read or refer to legal authorities, in an argument to a court or elsewhere, in support of propositions of law sought to be established.

CITIZEN. In general. A member of a free city or jural society, (civitas,) possessing all the rights and privileges which can be enjoyed by any person under its constitution and government, and subject to the corresponding duties.

In American law. One who, under the constitution and laws of the United States, or of a particular state, and by virtue of birth or naturalization within the jurisdiction, is a member of the political community, owing allegiance and being entitled to the enjoyment of full civil rights. U. S. v. Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588; White v. Clemens, 39 Ga. 259; Amy v. Smith, 1 Litt. (Ky.) 331; State v. County Court, 90 Mo. 593, 2 S. W. 788; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 102, 22 L. Ed. 627; U. S. v. Morris (D. C.) 125 Fed. 325.

The term "citizen" has come to us derived from antiquity. It appears to have been used in the Roman government to designate a person who had the freedom of the city, and the right to exercise all political and civil privileges of the government. There was also, at Rome, a partial citizenship, including civil, but not political, rights. Complete citizenship embraced both. Thomas son v. State, 15 Ind. 451.

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. Amend. XIV, Const. U. S.

There is in our political system a government of each of the several states, and of the United States. Each is distinct from the others, and has citizens of its own, who owe allegiance and whose rights, within its jurisdiction, are protected. The same persons may be at the same time a citizen of the United States and a citizen of a state; but his rights of citizenship under one of these governments will be different from those he has under the other. The government of the United States, although it is, within the scope of its powers, supreme and beyond the states, can neither grant nor secure to its citizens rights or privileges which are not expressly or by implication placed under its jurisdiction. All that cannot be so granted or secured are left to the exclusive protection of the states. U. S. v. Cruikshank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588.

"Citizen" and "inhabitant" are not synonymous. One may be a citizen of a state without being an inhabitant, or an inhabitant without being a citizen. Quinby v. Duncan, 4 Har. (Del.) 383.

"Citizen" is sometimes used as synonymous with "resident," as in a statute authorizing funds to be distributed among the religious societies of a township, proportionally to the number of their members who are citizens of the township. State v. Trustees, 11 Ohio, 24.

In English law. An inhabitant of a city. 1 Rolle, 138. The representative of a city, in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 174. It will be perceived that, in the English usage, the
word adheres closely to its original meaning, as shown by its derivation, (civis, a free inhabitant of a city.) When it is designed to designate an inhabitant of the country, or one amenable to the laws of the nation, "subject" is the word there employed.

CITIZENSHIP. The status of being a citizen, (q. v.)

CITY. In England. An incorporated town or borough which is or has been the see of a bishop. Co. Litt. 108; 1 Bl. Comm. 114; Cowell. State v. Green, 126 N. C. 1062, 35 S. E. 462.


In America. A city is a municipal corporation of a larger class, the distinctive feature of whose organization is its government by a chief executive (usually called "mayor") and a legislative body, composed of representatives of the citizens, (usually called a "council" or "board of aldermen," and other officers having special functions. Wight Co. v. Wolf, 112 Ga. 169, 37 S. E. 395.

CITY OF LONDON COURT. A court having a local jurisdiction within the city of London. It is to all intents and purposes a county court, having the same jurisdiction and procedure.

CIUDADES. Sp. In Spanish law, cities; distinguished from towns (pueblos) and villages (villas.) Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 537.

CIVIL. In its original sense, this word means pertaining or appropriate to a member of a civitas or free political community; natural or proper to a citizen. Also, relating to the community, or to the policy and government of the citizens and subjects of a state.

In the language of the law, it has various significations. In contradistinction to barbarous or savage, it indicates a state of society reduced to order and regular government; thus, we speak of civil life, civil society, civil government, and civil liberty. In contradistinction to criminal, it indicates the private rights and remedies of men, as members of the community, in contrast to those which are public and relate to the government; thus, we speak of civil process and criminal process, civil jurisdiction and criminal jurisdiction.

It is also used in contradistinction to military or ecclesiastical, to natural or foreign; thus, we speak of a civil station, as opposed to a military or an ecclesiastical station; a civil death, as opposed to a natural death; a civil war, as opposed to a foreign war. Story, Const. § 701.

—Civil responsibility. The liability to be called upon to respond to an action at law for an injury caused by a delict or crime, as opposed to criminal responsibility, or liability to be proceeded against in a criminal tribunal.—Civil suits. When the same court has jurisdiction of both civil and criminal matters, proceedings of the first class are often said to be on the civil side; those of the second, on the criminal side.


CIVIL ACTION. In the civil law. A personal action which is instituted to compel payment, or the doing some other thing which is purely civil.

At common law. As distinguished from a criminal action, it is one which seeks the establishment, recovery, or redress of private and civil rights.

Civil suits relate to and affect, as to the parties against whom they are brought, only individual rights which are within their individual control, and over which they may part with at their pleasure. The design of such suits is the enforcement of merely private obligations and duties. Criminal prosecutions, on the other hand, involve public wrongs, or a breach and violation of public rights and duties, which affect the whole community, considered as such in its social and aggregate capacity. The end they have in view is the prevention of similar offenses, not atonement or expiation for crime committed. Canevi v. People, 18 N. Y. 128.

Civil cases are those which involve disputes or contests between man and man, and which only terminate in the adjustment of the rights of plaintiffs and defendants. They include all cases which cannot legally be denominated "criminal cases." Fenstermacher v. State, 19 Or. 504, 25 Pac. 142.

In code practice. A civil action is a proceeding in a court of justice in which one party, known as the "plaintiff," demands against another party, known as the "defendant," the enforcement or protection of a private right, or the prevention or redress of a private wrong. It may also be brought for the recovery of a penalty or forfeiture. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 2505.

The distinction between actions at law and suits in equity, and the forms of all such actions and suits, heretofore existing, is abolished; and there shall be in this state, hereafter, but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights and the redress of private wrongs, which shall be denominated a "civil action." Code N. Y. § 69.

CIVIL BILL COURT. A tribunal in Ireland with a jurisdiction analogous to that of the county courts in England. The judge of it is also chairman of quarter sessions, (where the jurisdiction is more extensive than in England,) and performs the duty of revising barrister. Wharton.

CIVIL DAMAGE ACTS. Acts passed in many of the United States which provide an action for damages against a vendor of intoxicating liquors, (and, in some cases, against his lessor,) on behalf of the wife or family of a person who has sustained injuries by rea-

CIVIL LAW. The "Roman Law" and the "Civil Law" are convertible phrases, meaning the same system of jurisprudence; it is now frequently denominated the "Roman Civil Law."

The word "civil," as applied to the laws in force in Louisiana, before the adoption of the Civil Code, is not used in contradistinction to the word "criminal," but must be restricted to the Roman law. It is used in contradistinction to the laws of England and those of the respective states. Jennison v. Warmacon, 5 La. 493.

1. The system of jurisprudence held and administered in the Roman empire, particularly as set forth in the compilation of Justinian and his successors,—comprising the Institutes, Code, Digest, and Novels, and collectively denominated the "Corpus Juris Civilis,"—as distinguished from the common law of England and the canon law.

2. That rule of action which every particular nation, commonwealth, or city has established peculiarly for itself; more properly called "municipal" law, to distinguish it from the "law of nature," and from international law.

The law which a people enacts is called the "civil law" of that people, but that law which natural reason appoints for all mankind is called the "law of nations," because all nations use it. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 19.

3. That division of municipal law which is occupied with the exposition and enforcement of civil rights, as distinguished from criminal law.

CIVIL LIST. In English public law. An annual sum granted by parliament, at the commencement of each reign, for the expense of the royal household and establishment, as distinguished from the general exigencies of the state, being a provision made for the crown out of the taxes in lieu of its proper patrimony, and in consideration of the assignment of that patrimony to the public use. 2 Steph. Comm. 591; 1 Bl. Comm. 332.

CIVIL SERVICE. This term properly includes all functions under the government, except military functions. In general it is confined to functions in the great administrative departments of state. See Hope v. New Orleans, 106 La. 345, 30 South. 842; People v. Cram, 29 Misc. Rep. 359, 61 N. Y. Supp. 855.

CIVILIAN. One who is skilled or versed in the civil law. A doctor, professor, or student of the civil law. Also a private citizen, as distinguished from such as belong to the army and navy or (in England) the church.

CIVILIS. Lat. Civil, as distinguished from criminal. Civilis actio, a civil action. Bract. fol. 101b.

CIVILISTA. In old English law. A civil lawyer, or civilian. Dyer, 207.

CIVILITER. Civilly. In a person's civil character or position, or by civil (not criminal) process or procedure. This term is used in distinction or opposition to the word "criminaliter,"—criminally,—to distinguish civil actions from criminal prosecutions.

CIVILITER mortuus. Civilly dead; dead in the view of the law. The condition of one who has lost his civil rights and capacities, and is accounted dead in law.

CIVILIZATION. In practice. A law; an act of Justice, or judgment which renders a criminal process civil; performed by turning an information into an inquest, or the contrary. Wharton.

In public law. This is a term which covers several states of society; it is relative, and has not a fixed sense, but it implies an improved and progressive condition of the people, living under an organized government, with systematized labor, individual ownership of the soil, individual accumulations of property, humane and somewhat cultivated manners and customs, the institution of the family, with well-defined and respected domestic and social relations, institutions of learning, intellectual activity, etc. Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 56, 81 Am. Dec. 376.

CIVIS. Lat. In the Roman law. A citizen; as distinguished from incola, (an inhabitant;) origin or birth constituting the former, domicile the latter. Code, 10, 40, 7. And see U. S. v. Rhodes, 27 Fed. Cas. 788.

CIVITAS. Lat. In the Roman law. Any body of people living under the same laws; a state. Jus civitatis, the law of a state; civil law. Inst. 1, 2, 1, 2. Civitates federate, towns in alliance with Rome, and considered to be free. Butl. Hor. Jur. 29. Citizenship; one of the three status, conditions, or qualifications of persons. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 131.

Civitas et urbs in hue different, quod incola dixinatur civitas, urbs vero complectitur sedificia. Co. Litt. 409. A city and a town differ, in this: that the inhabitants are called the "city," but town includes the buildings.

CLAIM, v. To demand as one's own; to assert a personal right to any property or any right; to demand the possession or enjoyment of something rightfully one's own, and wrongfully withheld. Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.
A claim is a right or title, actual or supposed, to a debt, privilege, or other thing in the possession of another; not the possession, but the demand on the part of one person upon another, to do or to forbear to do some act or thing as a matter of duty. A more limited, but at the same time an equally expressive, definition was given by Lord Dyer, that "a claim is a challenge by a man of the propriety or ownership of a thing, which he has not in possession, but which is erroneously detained from him." Prigg v. Pennsylvania, 16 Pet. 615, 10 L. Ed. 1060.

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CLARE CONSTAT. (It clearly appears.) In Scotch law. The name of a precept for giving seizin of lands to an heir; so called from its initial words. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 71.

CLAREMETHEN. In old Scotch law. The warranty of stolen cattle or goods; the law regulating such warranty. Skene.

CLARENDON, CONSTITUTIONS OF. The constitutions of Clarendon were certain statutes made in the reign of Henry II. of England, at a parliament held at Clarendon, (A. D. 1164,) by which the king checked the power of the pope and his clergy, and greatly narrowed the exemption they claimed from secular jurisdiction. 4 Bl. Comm. 422.

CLASSICAL. The order or rank according to which persons or things are arranged or assorted. Also a group of persons or things, taken collectively, having certain qualities in common, and constituting a unit for certain purposes; e. g. a class of legatees. In re Harpke, 116 Fed. 297, 54 C. C. A. 97; Swarts v. Bank, 117 Fed. 1, 54 C. C. A. 387; Farnam v. Farnam, 53 Conn. 261, 2 Atl. 325, 5 Atl. 682; Dulany v. Middleton, 72 Md. 67, 19 Atl. 146; In re Russell, 168 N. Y. 169, 61 N. E. 166.

CLASSIFICATION. In the practice of the English chancery division, where there are several parties to an administration action, including those who have been served with notice of the decree or judgment, and it appears to the judge (or chief clerk) that any of them form a class having the same interest, (e. g., residuary legatees,) he may require them to be represented by one solicitor, in order to prevent the expense of each of them attending by separate solicitors. This is termed “classifying the interests of the parties attending.” or, shortly, “classifying,” or “classification.” In practice the term is also applied to the directions given by the chief clerk as to which of the parties are to attend on each of the accounts and inquiries directed by the judgment. Sweet.

CLAUSE. A single paragraph or subdivision of a legal document, such as a contract, deed, will, constitution, or statute. Sometimes a sentence or part of a sentence. Appeal of Miller to Conn. 227, 96 Atl. 39, 38 L. R. A. 176; Eschbach v. Collins, 61 Md. 499, 48 Am. Rep. 123.

—Clause irritant. In Scotch law. By this clause, in a deed or settlement, the acts or deeds of a tenant for life or other proprietor, contrary to the conditions of his right, become null and void; and by the “resolutive” clause such right becomes resolved and extinguished. Bell.—Clause potestative. In French law. The name given to the clause whereby one party to a contract reserves to himself the right to annul it.—Clause rolls. In English law. Rolls which contain all such matters of record as were committed to close writs; these rolls are preserved in the Tower.

CLAUSULA. A clause; a sentence or part of a sentence in a written instrument or law.

Clausula generalis de residuo non ea complectitur quae non ejusdem sint generis cum quae specilatim dicta fuerant. A general clause of remainder does not embrace those things which are not of the same kind with those which had been specially mentioned. Loft, Appendix, 419.

Clausula generalis non refertur ad expressa. 8 Coke, 154. A general clause does not refer to things expressed.

Clausula que abrogationem excludit ab initio non valet. A clause [in a law] which precludes its abrogation is void from the beginning. Bac. Max. 77.

Clausula vel dispositio inutilis per presumptione remotam, vel causam ex post facto non fulcitur. A useless clause or disposition [one which expresses no more than the law by intendment would have supplied] is not supported by a remote presumption, [or foreign intendment of some purpose, in regard whereof it might be material,] or by a cause arising afterwards, [which may induce an operation of those idle words.] Bac. Max. 82, regula 21.

Clausulae inconsistent semper inducunt suspicio nem. Unusual clauses [in an instrument] always induce suspicion. 3 Coke, 81.

CLAUSUM. Lat. Close. Closed, closed up, sealed. Inclosed, as a parcel of land.

CLAUSUM FREGIT. L Lat. (He broke the close.) In pleading and practice. Technical words formerly used in certain actions.
of trespass, and still retained in the phrase quaer clausum freget, (q. v.)

CLAUSEM PASCHLE. In English law. The morrow of the os, or eight days of Easter; the end of Easter; the Sunday after Easter-day. 2 Inst. 157.

CLASURA. In old English law. An inclosure. Claussura hegis, the inclosure of a hedge. Cowell.

CLAVES CURIE. The keys of the court. They were the officers of the Scotch courts, such as clerk, doomsmer, and serjeant. Burrill.

CLAVES INSULE. In Manx law. The keys of the Island of Man, or twelve persons to whom all ambiguous and weighty causes are referred.

CLAVIA. In old English law. A club or mace; tenure per serjeantiam clave, by the serjeanty of the club or mace. Cowell.

CLAVIGERATUS. A treasurer of a church.

CLAWA. A close, or small inclosure. Cowell.

CLEAN. Irreproachable; innocent of fraud or wrongdoing; free from defect in form or substance; free from exceptions or reservations. See examples below.

—Clean bill of health. One certifying that no contagious or infectious disease exists, or certifying as to healthy conditions generally without exception or reservation.—Clean bill of lading. One without exception or reservation as to the place or manner of stowage of the goods, and importing that the goods are to be (or have been) safely and properly stowed under deck. The Delaware, 14 Wall. 596, 20 L. Ed. 779; The Kirkhill, 99 Fed. 575, 38 C. A. 658; The Wellington, 29 Fed. Cas. 626.

—Clean hands. It is a rule of equity that a plaintiff must come with "clean hands." i.e., he must be free from reproach in his conduct. But there is this limitation to the rule: that his conduct can only be excepted to in respect to the subject-matter of his claim; everything else is immaterial. American Ass'n v. Innis, 109 Ky. 595, 60 S. W. 385.

CLEAR. Plain; evident; free from doubt or conjecture; also, unincumbered; free from deductions or draw-backs.

—Clear annual value. The net yearly value to the possessor of the property, over and above taxes, interest on mortgages, and other charges and deductions. Groton v. Boxborough, 6 Mass. 56; Marsh v. Hammond, 103 Mass. 149; Shelton v. Campbell, 109 Tenn. 690, 72 S. W. 112.—Clear annuity. The devise of an annuity "clear" means an annuity free from taxese (Hodgworth v. Crawley, 2 Atk. 379) or free of clear of legacy or inheritance taxes. In re Bispham's Estate, 24 Wkly. Notes Cas. (Pa.) 70.—Clear days. If a certain number of clear days be given for the doing of any act, the time is to be reckoned exclusively, as well of the first day as the last. Rex v. Justices, 3 Barn. & Ald. 581; Hodgin v. Hancock, 14 Mees. & W. 120; State v. Marvin, 12 Iowa, 502.—Clear evidence or proof. Evidence which is positive, precise and explicit, as opposed to ambiguous, equivocal, or contradictory proof, and which tends directly to establish the point to which it is added, instead of leaving it a matter of conjecture or presumption, and is sufficient to make out a prima facie case. Mortgage Co. v. Pace, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 222, 56 S. W. 377; Reynolds v. Blaisdell, 23 K. 1. 10, 49 Atl. 455; Ward v. Waterman, 20 Atl. 458. 24 Pac. 930; Jermyn v. McClure, 195 Pa. 245. 45 Atl. 568; Winston v. Burnell, 44 Kan. 367. 24 Am. St. Rep. 285; Spence v. Colt. 36 Pac. 318; People v. Wreden, 59 Cal. 395.—Clean title. One which is not subject to any incumbrance. Roberts v. Bassett, 105 Mass. 406.

CLEARANCE. In maritime law. A document in the nature of a certificate given by the collector of customs to an outward-bound vessel, to the effect that she has complied with the law, and is duly authorized to depart.

CLEARING. The departure of a vessel from port, after complying with the customs and health laws and like local regulations.

In mercantile law. A method of making exchanges and settling balances, adopted among banks and bankers.


CLEMENTINES. In canon law. The collection of decretals or constitutions of Pope Clement V., made by order of John XXII., his successor, who published it in 1317.

CLEMENT'S INN. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

CLENGE. In old Scotch law. To clear or acquit of a criminal charge. Literally, to cleanse or clean.

CLEG AND CALL. In old Scotch practice. A solemn form of words prescribed by law, and used in criminal cases, as in pleas of wrong and unlawful.

CLERGY. The whole body of clergymen or ministers of religion. Also an abbreviation for "benefit of clergy." See BENEFIT.

—Regular clergy. In old English law. Monks who lived secundum regulas (according to the rules) of their respective houses or societies were so denominated, in contradistinction to the parochial clergy, who performed their ministry in the world, in seculo, and who from their work were called "secular" clergy. 1 Chit. Bl. 387, note.

CLERGYABLE. In old English law. Admitting of clergy, or benefit of clergy. A
clergyable felony was one of that class in which clergy was allowable. 4 Bl. Comm. 371-373.

CLERICAL. Pertaining to clergymen; or pertaining to the office or labor of a clerk.

—Clerical error. A mistake in writing or copying; the mistake of a clerk or writer. 1 Ld. Raym. 153.—Clerical tonsure. The having the head shaven, which was formerly peculiar to clerks, or persons in orders, and which the coifs worn by serjeants at law are supposed to have been introduced to conceal. 1 Bl. Comm. 24, note s; 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

CLERICALE PRIVILEGIUM. In old English law. The clerical privilege; the privilege or benefit of clergy.

CLERICI DE CANCELLARIA. Clerks of the chancery.

Clerici non ponantur in officis. Co. Litt. 96. Clergymen should not be placed in offices; 4. c., in secular offices. See Lofft, 508.

CLERICI PRENOTARII. The six clerks in chancery. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

CLERICO ADMITTENDO. See Admittendo clericorum.

CLERICO CAPO PER STATUTUM MERCATORUM. A writ for the delivery of a clerk out of prison, who was taken and incarcerated upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 147.

CLERICO CONVICTO COMMISSO GAOLÆ IN DEFECTU ORDINARI DELIBERANDO. An ancient writ, that lay for the delivery to his ordinary of a clerk convicted of felony, where the ordinary did not challenge him according to the privilege of clerks. Reg. Orig. 69.

CLERICO INFRA SACROS ORDINES CONSTITUTO, NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIUM. A writ directed to those who had thrust a bailiwick or other office upon one in holy orders, charging them to release him. Reg. Orig. 143.

CLERICUS. In Roman law. A minister of religion in the Christian church; an ecclesiastic or priest. Cod. 1, 3; Nov. 3, 123, 137. A general term, including bishops, priests, deacons, and others of inferior order. Brissius.

In old English law. A clerk or priest; a person in holy orders; a secular priest; a clerk of a court. An officer of the royal household, having charge of the receipt and payment of monies, etc. Fleta enumerates several of them, with their appropriate duties; as clericus coquinow, clerk of the kitchen; clericus panetor, etc. Fleta enumerates several of them, with their appropriate duties; as clericus coquinow, clerk of the kitchen; clericus panetor, etc.
market between persons dealing there. Called "clericus mercati." 4 Bl. Comm. 275.—Clerk of the parliament. One of the chief officers of the house of lords. He is appointed by the crown, by letters patent. On entering office he makes a declaration to make true entries and records of the things done and passed in the parliaments, and to keep secret all such matters as shall be treated therein. May, Parl. Pr. 238.—Clerk of the peace. In English law, one of those whose duties are to officiate at sessions of the peace, to prepare indictments, and to record the proceedings of the justices, and to perform a number of special duties in connection with the affairs of the county.—Clerk of the petty bag. See Petty Bag.

-Clerk of the privy seal. There are four of these officers, who attend the lord privy seal, or, in the absence of the lord privy seal, the principal secretary of state. Their duty is to write and make out all things that are sent by warrant from the signet, to the privy seal, and which are to be passed to the great seal; and also to make out privy seals (as they are termed) upon any special occasion of his majesty's purposes. Cowell.—Clerk of the signet. An officer, in England, whose duty it is to attend the great seal, which is his principal seal, who always has the custody of the privy seal, as well for the purpose of sealing his majesty's private letters, as also grants which pass his majesty's hand by bill signed; there are four of these officers. Cowell.—Clerks of indictments. Officers attached to the criminal court in England, and to each circuit. They prepare and settle indictments against offenders, and assist the clerk of arraigns.—Clerks of records and writs. Officers formerly attached to the English court of chancery, whose duties consisted principally in sealing bills of complaint and writs of habeas corpus, filing affidavits, keeping a record of suits, and certifying office copies of pleadings and affidavits. They were three in number, and the business was distributed among them according to the letters of the alphabet. By the judicature acts, 1873, 1875, they were transferred to the chancery division of the high court. Now, by the judicature (officers') act, 1879, they have been transferred to the central office of the supreme court, under the title of "Masters of the Supreme Court," and the office of clerk of records and writs has been abolished. Sweet.—Clerks of seats, in the principal registry of the probate division of the English high court, discharge the duty of preparing and passing the grants of probate and letters of administration, under the supervision of the registrars. There are six clergers of probate, and each has four clerks. They have to take bonds from administrators, and to receive caveats against a grant being made in a case where a will is contested. They also draw the "acts," i.e., a short summary of each grant made, containing the name of the deceased, amount of assets, and other particulars. Sweet.

Clerkship. The period which must be spent by a law-student in the office of a practising attorney before admission to the bar. 1 Tidn. Pr. 61, et seq. In re Dunn, 43 N. Y. St. Rep. 600.

In old English practice. The art of drafting pleadings and entering them on record in Latin, in the ancient court hand; otherwise called "skill of pleading in actions at the common law."
distinguished from those that are open or patent.

---Close copies. Copies of legal documents which might be written closely or loosely at pleasure; as distinguished from office copies, which were to contain only a prescribed number of words on each sheet.

---Close corporation. One in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election.

---Close rolls. Rolls containing the record of the close writs (litere clausae) and grants of the king, kept with the public records.

---Close season. In game and fish laws, this term means the season of the year in which the taking of particular game or fish is prohibited, or in which all hunting or fishing is forbidden by law.

---Close-hauled. In admiralty law, this nautical term means the arrangement or trim of a vessel's sails when she endeavors to make a progress in the nearest direction possible towards that point of the compass from which the wind blows. But a vessel may be considered as close-hauled, although she is not quite so near to the wind as she could possibly lie.

---Cloud on title. An outstanding claim or incumbrance which, if valid, would affect or impair the title of the owner of a particular estate, and which apparently and on its face has that effect, but which can be shown by extrinsic proof to be invalid or inapplicable to the estate in question. A conveyance, mortgage, judgment, tax-levy, etc., may all, in proper cases, constitute a cloud on title.

---Cloud. A valley. Also an allowance for the turn of the scale, on buying goods wholesale by weight.

---Club. A voluntary, unincorporated association of persons for purposes of a social, literary, or political nature, or the like. A club is not a partnership.

---Coal note. A species of promissory note, formerly in use in the port of London, containing the phrase "value received in coals." By the statute 3 Geo. II. c. 26, §§ 7, 8, these were to be protected and noted as inland bills of exchange. But this was repealed by the statute 47 Geo. III. sess. 2, c. 68, § 28.

---Coalition. In French law. An unlawful agreement among several persons not to do a thing except on some conditions agreed upon; particularly, industrial combinations, strikes, etc.; a conspiracy.

---Coal. The edge or margin of a country bounding on the sea. It is held that the term includes small islands and reefs naturally connected with the adjacent land, and rising above the surface of the water, although their composition may not be sufficiently firm and stable to admit of their being close, they are distinguished from those that are open or patent.
COBRA-VENOM REACTION. In medical jurisprudence. A method of serum-diagnosis of insanity from hemolysis (breaking up of the red corpuscles of the blood) by injection of the venom of cobras and vipers. This test for insanity has recently been employed in Germany and some other European countries and in Japan.

COCKBILL. To place the yards of a ship at an angle with the deck. Pub. St. Mass. 1862, p. 1283.

COCKET. In English law. A seal belonging to the custom-house, or rather a scroll of parchment, sealed and delivered by the officers of the custom-house to merchants, as a warrant that their merchandises are entered; likewise a sort of measure. Fleta, lib. 2, c. ix.

COCKPIT. A name which used to be given to the judicial committee of the privy council, the council-room being built on the old cockpit of Whitehall Place.

COCKSETUS. A boatman; a cockswain. Cowell.


A body of law established by the legislative authority, and intended to set forth, in generalized and systematic form, the principles of the entire law, whether written or unwritten, positive or customary, derived from enactment or from precedent. Abbott.

A code is to be distinguished from a digest. The subject-matter of the latter is usually reported decisions of the courts. But there are also digests of statutes. These consist of an orderly collection and classification of the existing statutes of a state or nation, while a code is promulgated as one new law covering the whole field of jurisprudence.

CODE civil. The code which embodies the civil law of France. Framed in the first instance by a commission of jurists appointed in 1800. This code, after having passed both the tribunate and the legislative body, was promulgated in 1804 as the "Code Civil des Français." When Napoleon became emperor, the name was changed to that of "Code Napoleon" by which it is still often designated, though it is now officially styled by its original name of "Code Civil."—Code de commerce. A French code, enacted in 1807, as a supplement to the Code Napoleon, regulating commercial transactions, the laws of business, bankruptcies, and the jurisdiction and procedure of the courts dealing with these subjects.—Code de procédure civil. That part of the Code Napoleon which regulates the system of courts, their organization, civil procedure, special and extraordinary remedies, and the execution of judgments.—Code d'instruction criminelle. A French code, enacted in 1808, regulating criminal procedure.—Code Napoleon. See Code Civil.—Code noir. Fr. The black code. A body of laws which formerly regulated the institution of slavery in the French colonies.—Code of Justinian. The Code of Justinian (Codex Justinianus) was a collection of imperial constitutions, enacted by order of that emperor, by a commission of ten jurists, including Tribonian, and promulgated A. D. 529. It comprised twelve books, and was the first of the four
compilations of law which make up the Corpus Juris Civilis. This name is often met in a connection indicating that the entire Corpus Juris Civilis is intended, or, sometimes, the Digest; but its use should be confined to the Codex.—Code penal. The penal or criminal code of France, enacted in 1810.—Codification. The process of collecting and arranging the laws of a country or state into a code, i. e., into a complete system of positive law, scientifically ordered, and promulgated by legislative authority.

CODEX. Lat. A code or collection of laws; particularly the Code of Justinian. Also a roll or volume, and a book written on paper or parchment.

—Codex Gregorianus. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Gregorius, a Roman jurist of the fifth century, about the middle of the century. It contained the constitutions from Hadrian down to Constantine. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 63.—Codex Hermogenianus. A collection of imperial constitutions made by Hermogenes, a jurist of the fifth century. It was an attempt to make this a supplement to the Codex Gregorianus, (supra,) containing the constitutions of Diocletian and Maximilian. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 62.—Codex Justinianus. A collection of imperial constitutions made by a commission of ten persons appointed by Justinian, A.D. 528.—Codex repetitise præsens Justinianus. The new code of Justinian; or, the new edition of the first or old code, promulgated A.D. 534, being the one now extant. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 78. Tayl. Civil Law, 22.—Codex Theodosianus. A code compiled by the emperor Theodosius the younger, A.D. 438, being a methodical collection, in sixteen books, of all the imperial constitutions then in force. It was the only body of civil law publicly received as authentic in the western part of Europe till the twelfth century, the use and authority of the Code of Justinian being during that interval confined to the East. 1 Bl. Comm. 81.—Codex vetus. The old code. The first edition of the Code of Justinian; now lost. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 70.

CODICIL. A testamentary disposition subsequent to a will, and by which the will is altered, explained, added to, subtracted from, or confirmed by way of republication, but in no case totally revoked. Lamb v. Lamb, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 376; Dunham v. Averill, 45 Conn. 79, 29 Am. Rep. 642; Green v. Lane, 45 N. C. 113; Grimbali v. Patton, 70 Ala. 651; Proctor v. Clarke, 3 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 448.

A codicil is an addition or supplement to a will, either to add to, take from, or alter the provisions of the will. It must be executed with the same formality as a will, and, when admitted to probate, forms a part of the will. Code Ga. 1882, § 2404.

CODICILLUS. In the Roman law. A codicillus; an informal and inferior kind of will, in use among the Romans.

COEMPTIO. Mutual purchase. One of the modes in which marriage was contracted among the Romans. The man and the woman delivered to each other a small piece of money. The man asked the woman whether she would become to him a materfamilias, (mistress of his family,) to which she replied that she would. In her turn she asked the man whether he would become to her a paterfamilias, (master of a family.) On his replying in the affirmative, she delivered her piece of money and herself into his hands, and so became his wife. Adams, Rom. Ant. 501.

CO-EMPTION. The act of purchasing the whole quantity of any commodity. Wharton.

COERCION. Compulsion; force; duress. It may be either actual, (direct or positive,) where physical force is put upon a man to compel him to do an act against his will, or implied, (legal or constructive,) where the relation of the parties is such that one is under subjection to the other, and is thereby constrained to do what his free will would refuse. State v. Darlington, 153 Ind. 1, 53 N. E. 625; Chappell v. Trent, 90 Va. 849, 19 S. E. 314; Radich v. Hutchins, 35 U. S. 215, 24 L. Ed. 409; Pepsey v. New York, 70 N. Y. 497, 28 Am. Rep. 624; State v. Boyle, 13 R. I. 538.

CO-EXECUTOR. One who is a joint executor with one or more others.


COFFERER OF THE QUEEN'S HOUSEHOLD. In English law. A principal officer of the royal establishment, next under the controller, who, in the counting-house and elsewhere, had a special charge and oversight of the other officers, whose wages he paid.

Cognitionis penam nemo patitur. No one is punished for his thoughts. Dig. 48, 19, 18.


COGNATI. Lat. In the civil law. Cognates; relations by the mother's side. 2 Bl. Comm. 225. Relations in the line of the mother. Hale, Com. Law, c. xi. Relations by or through females.

COGNATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Cognation. Relationship, or kindred generally. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 2; Inst. 3, 6, pr. Relationship through females, as distinguished fromagnatio, or relationship through males. Agnatio a patre sit, cognatio a matre. Inst. 3, 5, 4. See Agnatio.

In canon law. Consanguinity, as distinguished from affinity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 56-58.

Consanguinity, as including affinity. Id.
COGNATION. In the civil law. Signifies generally the kindred which exists between two persons who are united by ties of blood or family, or both.

COGNATUS. Lat. In the civil law. A relation by the mother's side; a cognate. A relation, or kinsman, generally.

COGNITIO. In old English law. The acknowledgment of a fine; the certificate of such acknowledgment.

In the Roman law. The judicial examination or hearing of a cause.

COGNITIO. In old English law. Ensigns and arms, or a military coat painted with arms. Mat. Par. 1250.

COGNITIONBUS MITTENDIS. In English law. A writ to a justice of the common pleas, or other, who has power to take a fine, who, having taken the fine, defers to certify it, commanding him to certify it. Now abolished. Reg. Orig. 68.

COGNITIONIS CAUSÆ. In Scotch practice. A name given to a judgment or decree pronounced by a court, ascertaining the amount of a debt against the estate of a deceased landed proprietor, on cause shown, or after a due investigation. Bell.

COGNITOR. In the Roman law. An advocate or defender in a private cause; one who defended the cause of a person who was present. Calvin. Lex. Jurid.

COGNIZANCE. In old practice. That part of a fine in which the defendant acknowledged that the land in question was the right of the complainant. From this the fine itself derived its name, as being su cognizance de droit, etc., and the parties their titles of cognizor and cognizee.

In modern practice. Judicial notice or knowledge; the judicial hearing of a cause; jurisdiction, or right to try and determine causes; acknowledgment; confession; recognition.

Of pleas. Jurisdiction of causes. A privilege granted by the king to a city or town to hold pleas within the same.

Claim of cognizance (or of conusance) is an intervention by a third person, demanding judicature in the cause against the plaintiff, who has chosen to commence his action out of claimant's court. 2 Wils. 409; 2 Bl. Comm. 550, note.

In pleading. A species of answer in the action of replevin, by which the defendant acknowledges the taking of the goods which are the subject-matter of the action, and also that he has no title to them, but justifies the taking on the ground that it was done by the command of one who was entitled to the property.

In the process of levying a fine, it is an acknowledgment by the defendant that the lands in question belong to the complainant.

In the language of American jurisprudence, this word is used chiedy in the sense of jurisdiction, or the exercise of jurisdiction; the judicial examination of a matter, or power and authority to make it. Webster v. Com., 5 Cush. (Mass.) 400; Clarion County v. Hospital, 111 Pa. 330, 3 Atl. 97.

Judicial cognizance is judicial notice, or knowledge upon which a judge is bound to act without having it proved in evidence.

—Cognizee. The party to whom a fine was levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.—Cognizor. In old conveyancing. The party levying a fine. 2 Bl. Comm. 350, 351.

COGNOMEN. In Roman law. A man's family name. The first name (praenomen) was the proper name of the individual; the second (nomen) indicated the gens or tribe to which he belonged; while the third (cognomen) denoted his family or house.

In English law. A surname. A name added to the nomen proper, or name of the individual; a name descriptive of the family.

Cognomen majorum est ex sanguine tractum, hoc intrinsecum est; agnomen extrinsecum ab eventu. 6 Coke, 65. The cognomen is derived from the blood of ancestors, and is intrinsic; an agnomen arises from an event, and is extrinsic.

COGNOVIT ACTIONEM. (He has confessed the action.) A defendant's written confession of an action brought against him, to which he has no available defense. It is usually upon condition that he shall be allowed a certain time for the payment of the debt or damages, and costs. It is supposed to be given in court, and it impliedly authorizes the plaintiff's attorney to sign judgment and issue execution. Mallory v. Kirkpatrick, 54 N. J. Eq. 50, 33 Atl. 205.

COHABITATION. Living together; living together as husband and wife. Cohabitation means having the same habitation, not a sojourn, a habit of visiting or remaining for a time; there must be something more than mere mercetricious intercourse. In re Yardley's Estate, 75 Pa. 211; Cox v. State, 117 Ala. 103, 22 South. 806, 41 L. R. A. 760; 67 Am. St. Rep. 168; Turvey v. State, 60 Ark. 250, 28 S. W. 880; Com. v. Lucas, 185 Mass. 81, 32 N. E. 1033; Jones v. Com., 80 Va. 20; Brincle v. Brincle, 12 Phila. (Pa.) 254.

Coheredes una persona consentur, propter unitatem juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Co-heirs are deemed as one person, on account of the unity of right which they possess.

COHÆRES. Lat. In civil and old English law. A co-heir, or joint heir.
CO-HEIR. One of several to whom an inheritance descends.

CO-HEIRESS. A joint heiress. A woman who has an equal share of an inheritance with another woman.

COHUAGIUM. A tribute made by those who meet promiscuously in a market or fair.

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COFF. A title given to serjeants at law, who are called "serjeants of the coif," from the coif they wear on their heads. The use of this coif at first was to cover the clerical tonsure, many of the practising serjeants being clergyman who had abandoned their profersion. It was a thin linen cover, gathered together in the form of a skull or helmet; the material being afterwards changed into white silk, and the form eventually into the black patch at the top of the forensic wig, which is now the distinguishing mark of the degree of serjeant at law. (Cowell; Foss, Judg.; 3 Steph. Comm. 272, note.) Brown.

COIN, v. To fashion pieces of metal into a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamp them with prescribed devices, by authority of government, in order that they may circulate as money. Legal Tender Cases, 12 Wall. 454, 20 L. Ed. 287; Thayer v. Hodges, 22 Ind. 301; Bank v. Van Dyck, 27 N. Y. 490; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 406; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 154; Hague v. Powers, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 466.

COIN, n. Pieces of gold, silver, or other metal, fashioned into a prescribed shape, weight, and degree of fineness, and stamped, by authority of government, with certain marks and devices, and put into circulation as money at a fixed value. Com. v. Gallagher, 16 Gray (Mass.) 240; Latham v. U. S., 1 Ct. Cl. 150; Borie v. Trott, 5 Phila. (Pa.) 403.

Strictly speaking, coin differs from money, as the species differs from the genus. Money is any matter, whether metal, paper, beads, shells, etc., which has currency as a medium in commerce. Coin is a particular species, always made of metal, and struck according to a certain process called "coining." Wharton.


COITUS. In medical jurisprudence. Sexual intercourse; carnal copulation.

COJUDICES. Lat. In old English law. Associate judges having equality of power with others.

COLD WATER ORDEAL. The trial which was anciently used for the common sort of people, who, having a cord tied about them under their arms, were cast into a river; if they sank to the bottom until they were drawn up, which was in a very short time, if they held their breath, such as did remain upon the water were held culpable, being, as they said, of the water rejected and kept up. Wharton.

COLIBERTUS. In feudal law. One who, holding in free socage, was obliged to do certain services for the lord. A middle class of tenants between servile and free, who held their freedom of tenure on condition of performing certain services. Said to be the same as the conditionales. Cowell.

COLLATERAL. By the side; at the side; attached upon the side. Not lineal, but upon a parallel or diverging line. Additional or auxiliary; supplementary; operating.

—Collateral act. In old practice. The name "collateral act" was given to any act (except the payment of money) for the performance of which such a bond, recognizance, etc., was given as security.—Collateral ancestors. A phrase sometimes used to designate uncles and aunts, and other collateral ancestors, who are not strictly ancestors. Baker v. Walker, 16 Phila. Ch. (N. Y.) 438, 446.—Collateral assurance. That which is made over and above the principal assurance or deed itself.—Collateral attack. See "Collateral impeachment," infra.—Collateral facts. Such as are outside the controversy, or are not directly connected with the principal matter or issue in dispute. Am. Jur. 423; Digan v. Selmersheim v. Felker, 102 Ga. 254, 29 S. E. 443; Garner v. State, 76 Miss. 515, 25 South. 363.—Collateral impeachment. A collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or evade its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the case or by showing reasons why the judgment should not have been rendered or should not have a conclusive effect, in a collateral proceeding, v. e., in any action other than that in which the judgment was rendered, for, if this be done, an appeal, error, or certiorari, the impeachment is direct. Burke v. Loan Ass'n, 25 Mont. 315, 64 Pac. 571; State v. Biddle, 27 N. Y. 490; McDonald, 88 Tex. 623, 33 S. W. 325; Morrill v. Morrill, 29 Or. 96, 29 Pac. 362, 11 L. R. A. 435, 25 Am. Rep. 96; Harmon v. Moore, 112 Ind. 224, 13 N. E. 718; Schneider v. Sellers, 25 Tex. Civ. App. 223, 61 S. W. 541; Bitzer v. Mercke, 111 Ky. 299, 63 S. W. 771.—Collateral inheritance tax. A tax levied upon the collateral devolution of property by will or under the intestate law. In re Bittinger's Estate, 129 Pa. 338, 18 Atl. 132; Strode v. Com., 52 Pa. 131.—Collateral kinship. Those who descend from one and the same common ancestor, but not from one another.—Collateral security. A security given in addition to the direct security, and subordinated to it, intended to guarantee its validity or convertibility or insure its performance; so that, if the direct security fails, the creditor may fall back upon the collateral security. Butler v. Rockwell, 14 Colo. 125, 23 Pac. 462; McCormick v. Bank (C. C.) 57 Fed. 110; Munn v. McDonald, 10 Wash. (Pa.) 260; Soderlentz Co., 67 Conn. 324, 35 Atl. 257. Collateral security, in bank phraseology, means some security additional to the personal obligation of the borrower. Shoemaker v. Bank, 2 Abb. (U. S.) 423, Fed. Cas. No. 12,501.—Collateral undertaking. "Collateral" and "original" have become the technical terms whereby
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to distinguish promises that are within, and such as are not within, the statute of frauds. Elder v. Warfield, 7 Har. & J. (Md.) 391.


COLLATERALIS ET SOCI. The ancient title of masters in chancery.

COLLATIO BONORUM. In the civil law. The collation of goods is the supposed or real return to the mass of the succession which an heir makes of property which he received in advance of his share or otherwise, in order that such property may be divided together with the other effects of the succession. Civ. Code La. art. 1227; Miller v. Miller, 105 La. 257, 29 South. 802.

The term is sometimes used also in common-law jurisdictions in the sense given above. It is synonymous with "hotchpot." Moore v. Freeman, 50 Ohio St. 592, 35 N. E. 502.

In practice. The comparison of a copy with its original to ascertain its correctness; or the report of the officer who made the comparison.

COLLATION OF SEALS. When upon the same label one seal was set on the back or reverse of the other. Wharton.

COLLATION TO A BENIFICE. In ecclesiastical law. This occurs where the bishop and patron are one and the same person, in which case the bishop cannot present the clergyman to himself, but does, by the one act of collation or conferring the benefice, the whole that is done in common cases both by presentation and institution. 2 Bl. Comm. 22.

COLLATIONE FACTA UNI POST MORTEM ALTERIUS. A writ directed to justices of the common pleas, commanding them to issue their writ to the bishop, for the admission of a clerk in the place of another presented by the crown, where there had been a demise of the crown during a suit; for judgment once passed for the king's clerk, and he dying before admittance, the king may bestow his presentation on another. Reg. Orig. 31.

COLLATIONE HEREMITAGII. In old English law. A writ whereby the king conferred the keeping of an hermitage upon a clerk. Reg. Orig. 305, 308.

COLLECT. To gather together; to bring scattered things (assets, accounts, articles of property) into one mass or fund. To collect a debt or claim is to obtain payment or liquidation of it, either by personal solicitation or legal proceedings. White v. Case, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 544; Ryan v. Tudor, 31 Kan. 366, 2 Pac. 797; Purdy v. Independence, 75 Iowa, 355, 39 N. W. 641; McNerney v. Reed, 23 Iowa, 414; Taylor v. Kearney County, 55 Neb. 391, 63 N. W. 211.

Collect on delivery. See C. O. D.—Collector. One authorized to receive taxes or other impositions; as "collector of taxes." A person appointed by a private person to collect the credits due him.—Collector of decedent's estate. A person temporarily appointed by the probate court to collect rents, assets, interest, bills receivable, etc., of a decedent's estate, and act for the estate in all financial matters requiring immediate settlement. Such collector is usually appointed when there is protracted litigation as to the probate of the will, or as to the person to take out administration, and his duties cease as soon as an executor or administrator is qualified.—Collector of the customs. An officer of the United States, appointed for the term of four years. Act May 15, 1820, § 1; 3 Story, U. S. Laws, 1790.—Collection. Indorsement "for collection." See for collection.

COLLEGA. In the civil law. One invested with joint authority. A colleague; an associate.


COLLEGATORY. A co-legatee; a person who has a legacy left to him in common with other persons.

COLLEGE. An organized assembly or collection of persons, established by law, and empowered to co-operate for the performance of some special function or for the promotion of some common object, which may be educational, political, ecclesiastical, or scientific in its character.

The assemblage of the cardinals at Rome is called a "college." So, in the United States, the body of presidential electors is called the "electoral college."

In the most common use of the word, it designates an institution of learning (usually incorporated) which offers instruction in the liberal arts and humanities and in scientific branches, but not in the technical arts or those studies preparatory to admission to the professions. Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277; Chegaray v. New York, 13 N. Y. 229; Northampton County v. Lafayette College, 128 Pa. 132, 18 Atl. 516.

In England, it is a civil corporation, com-
pany or society of men, having certain privileges, and endowed with certain revenues, founded by royal license. An assemblage of several of these colleges is called a "university." Wharton.

COLLEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A word having various meanings; e.g., an assembly, society, or company; a body of bishops; an army; a class of men. But the principal idea of the word was that of an association of individuals of the same rank and station, or united for the pursuit of some business or enterprise. Sometimes, a corporation, as in the maxim "tres faciunt collegium" (1 Bl. Comm. 469), though the more usual and proper designation of a corporation was "universitas."

—Collegium ammiralitatis. The college or society of the admiralty.—Collegium illicium. One which abused its right, or trespassed on the privileges of another college or corporation, as where a vessels lying alongside of her, in consequence of a collision against such second vessel by a third one under way, may be compensated for, under the general head of "collision" as well as an injury which is the direct result of a "blow" properly so called. The Moxey, Abb. Adm. 75, Fed. Cas. No. 5,894.

COLLISTRIGIUM. The pillory.

COLLIGANT. One who litigates with another.

COLLOBIUM. A hood or covering for the shoulders, formerly worn by serjeants at law.

COLLOCATION. In French law. The arrangement or marshaling of the creditors of an estate in the order in which they are to be paid according to law. Merl. Repert.

COLLOQUIUM. One of the usual parts of the declaration in an action for slander. It is a general averment that the words complained of were spoken "of and concerning the plaintiff," or concerning the extrinsic matters alleged in the inducement, and its office is to connect the whole publication with the previous statement. Van Vechten v. Hopkins, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 220, 4 Am. Dec. 339; Lukehart v. Byerly, 53 Pa. 421; Squires v. State, 39 Tex. Cr. 96, 45 S. W. 147, 73 Am. St. Rep. 904; Vanderlip v. Roe, 23 Pa. 82; McClaughry v. Wetmore, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 82, 5 Am. Dec. 194.

An averment that the words in question are spoken of or concerning some usage, report, or fact, which gives to words otherwise indifferent the peculiar defamatory meaning assigned to them. Carter v. Andrews, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 6.

COLLUSION. A deceitful agreement or compact between two or more persons, for the one party to bring an action against the other for some evil purpose, as to defraud a third party of his right. Cowell.

A secret arrangement between two or more persons, whose interests are apparently conflicting, to make use of the forms and proceedings of law in order to defraud a third person, or to obtain that which justice would not give them, by deceiving a court or its officers. Baldwin v. New York, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 359; Belt v. Blackburn, 28 Md. 235; Railroad Co. v. Gay, 86 Tex. 571, 26 S. W. 599, 25 L. R. A. 52; Balch v. Beach, 119 Wis. 77, 95 N. W. 132.

In divorce proceedings, collusion is an agreement between husband and wife that
one of them shall commit, or appear to have committed, or be represented in court as having committed, acts constituting a cause of divorce, for the purpose of enabling the other to obtain a divorce. Civil Code Cal. § 114. But it also means connivance or conspiracy in initiating or prosecuting the suit, as where there is a compact for mutual aid in carrying it through to a decree. Beard v. Beard, 65 Cal. 354, 4 Pac. 229; Pohiman v. Pohiman, 60 N. J. Eq. 28, 49 Atl. 658; Drayton v. Drayton, 54 N. J. Eq. 298, 39 Atl. 25.

COLLYBISTA. In the civil law. A money-changer; a dealer in money.

COLLYBUM. In the civil law. Exchange.

COLNE. In Saxon and Old English law. An account or calculation.

COLONY. A dependent political community, consisting of a number of citizens of the same country who have emigrated therefrom to people another, and remain subject to the mother-country. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 287, Fed. Cas. No. 15,854. A settlement in a foreign country possessed and cultivated, either wholly or partially, by immigrants and their descendants, who have a political connection with and subordination to the mother-country, whence they emigrated. In other words, it is a place peopled from some more ancient city or country. Wharton.

Colonial laws. In America, this term designates the body of law in force in the thirteen original colonies before the Declaration of Independence. In England, the term signifies the laws enacted by Canada and the other present British colonies.—Colonial office. In the English government, this is the department of state through which the sovereign appoints colonial governors, etc., and communicates with them. Until the year 1854, the secretary for the colonies was also secretary for war.

COLONUS. In old European law. A husbandman; an inferior tenant employed in cultivating the lord’s land. A term of Roman origin, corresponding with the Saxon ceorl. 1 Spence, Ch. 51.

COLOR. An appearance, semblance, or simulacrum, as distinguished from that which is real. A prima facie or apparent right. Hence, a deceptive appearance; a plausible, assumed exterior, concealing a lack of reality; a disguise or pretext. Railroad Co. v. Allfree, 64 Iowa, 500, 20 N. W. 779; Berks County v. Railroad Co., 167 Pa. 102, 31 Atl. 474; Broughton v. Haywood, 61 N. C. 383.

In pleading. Ground of action admitted to subsist in the opposite party by the pleading of one of the parties to an action, which is so set out as to be apparently valid, but which is in reality legally insufficient. This was a term of the ancient rhetoricians, and early adopted into the language of pleading. It was an apparent or prima facie right; and the meaning of the rule that pleadings in confession and avoidance should give color was that they should confess the matter adversely alleged, to such an extent, at least, as to admit some apparent right in the opposite party, which required to be encountered and avoided by the allegation of new matter. Color was either express, i.e., inserted in the pleading, or implied, which was naturally inherent in the structure of the pleading. Steph. Pl. 233; Mertens v. Bank, 5 Okl. 585, 49 Pac. 913.

The word also means the dark color of the skin showing the presence of negro blood; and hence it is equivalent to African descent or parentage.

COLOR OF AUTHORITY. That semblance or presumption of authority sustaining the acts of a public officer which is derived from his apparent title to the office or from a writ or other process in his hands apparently valid and regular. State v. Oates, 86 Wis. 634, 57 N. W. 296, 59 Am. St. Rep. 912; Wyatt v. Monroe, 27 Tex. 265.


The phrase implies, we think, some official power vested in the actor,—he must be at least officer de facto. We do not understand that an act of a mere pretended to an office, or false personator of an officer, is said to be done by color of office. And it implies an illegal claim of authority, by virtue of the office, to do the act or thing in question. Burrall v. Acker, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 600, 35 Am. Dec. 952.

COLOR OF TITLE. The appearance, semblance, or simulacrum of title. Any fact extraneous to the act or mere will of the claimant, which has the appearance, on its face, of supporting his claim of a present title to land, but which, for some defect, in reality fails short of establishing it. Wright v. Mattison, 18 How. 56, 15 L. Ed. 280; Cameron v. U. S., 148 U. S. 301, 13 Sup Ct.
Fellow-barons; fellow-citizens. The citizens

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9 Ohio St. 411; U. S. v. La Coste, 26 Fed.

ancestry. Van Camp v. Board of Education,

years old. Mallory v. Berry, 16 Kan. 295;

whether male or female, not more than four

young beast or cow, of the age of one or two

cut down, are made levers or lifters. Blount

50 N. O. 15; Johnson v. Norwich, 29 Conn.

v. Bridault, 37 Miss. 222; State v. Chavers,

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COLORATION. A small or narrow valley.

COMBINATION. A conspiracy, or con­
federation of men for unlawful or violent

deeds. A union of different elements. A patent

may be taken out for a new combination of

existing machines. Stevenson Co. v. McPashell,


—Combination in restraint of trade. A

trust, pool, or other association of two or

more individuals or corporations having for

its object to monopolize the manufacture or

traffic in a particular commodity, to regulate or

control the output, restrict the sale, establish

and maintain the price, stifle or exclude compe­
tition, or otherwise to interfere with the normal

course of trade under conditions of free compe­
tition. Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193

U. S. 197, 24 Sup. Ct. 436, 48 L. Ed. 679; 


249, 39 L. Ed. 325; Texas Brewing Co. v.

Templeman, 90 Tex. 277, 38 S. W. 27; U. S. 

v. Patterson (G. L.) 55 Fed. 603; State v. Con­
tinental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737.

COMBUSTIO. Burning. In old English

law. The punishment inflicted upon apos­
tates.

—Combustio domorum. Houseburning; ar­

son. 4 Bl. Comm. 272.—Combustio pecuniae.

Burning of money; the ancient method of test­
ing mixed and corrupt money, paid into the ex­
chequer, by melting it down.

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COMES AND DEFENDS. This phrase, anciently used in the language of pleading, and still surviving in some jurisdictions, occurs at the commencement of a defendant's plea or demurrer; and of its two verbs the former signifies that he appears in court, the latter that he defends the action.

COMINUS. Lat. Immediately; hand-to-hand; in personal contact.

COMITAS. Lat. Comity, courtesy, civility. Comitas inter communitates; or comitas inter gentes; comity between communities or nations; comity of nations. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

COMITATU COMISSO. A writ or commission, whereby a sheriff is authorized to enter upon the charges of a county. Reg. Orig. 295.

COMITATU ET CASTRO COMISSO. A writ by which the charge of a county, together with the keeping of a castle, is committed to the sheriff.

COMITATUS. In old English law. A county or shire; the body of a county. The territorial jurisdiction of a comes, i.e., count or earl. The county court, a court of great antiquity and of great dignity in early times. Also, the retinue or train of a prince or high governmental official.

COMITES. Counts or earls. Attendants or followers. Persons composing the retinue of a high functionary. Persons who are attached to the suite of a public minister.

COMITES PALEYS. Counts or earls palatine; those who had the government of a county palatine.

COMITIA. In Roman law. An assembly, either (1) of the Roman curiae, in which case it was called the "comitia curiata vel calata," or (2) of the Roman centuries, in which case it was called the "comitia centuriata," or (3) of the Roman tribes, in which case it was called the "comitia tributa." Only patricians were members of the first comitia, and only plebeians of the last; but the comitia centuriata comprised the entire populace, patricians and plebeians both, and was the great legislative assembly passing the leges, properly so called, as the senate passed the senatus consulta, and the comitia tributa passed the plebiscita. Under the Lex Hortensia, 28t B. C., the plebiscitum acquired the force of a lex. Brown.

COMITISSA. In old English law. A countess; an earl's wife.

COMITIVA. In old English law. The dignity and office of a comes, (count or earl;) the same with what was afterwards called "comitatus." Also a companion or fellow-traveler; a troop or company of robbers. Jacob.

COMITY. Courtesy; complaisance; respect; a willingness to grant a privilege, not as a matter of right, but out of deference and good will.

COMITY OF NATIONS. The most appropriate phrase to express the true foundation and extent of the obligation of the laws of one nation within the territories of another. It is derived altogether from the voluntary consent of the latter; and it is inadmissible when it is contrary to its known policy, or prejudicial to its interests. Only on the presence of any positive rule of its own, of affording or denying or restraining the operation of foreign laws, courts of justice presume the tacit adoption of them by their own government, unless repugnant to its policy, or prejudicial to its interests. It is not the comity of the courts, but the comity of the nation, which is administered and ascertained in the same way, and guided by the same reasoning, by which all other principles of the municipal law are ascertained and guided. Story, Confl. Laws, § 38. The comity of nations (comitas gentium) is that body of rules which states observe towards one another from courtesy and mutual convenience, although they do not form part of international law. Holz. Enc. s. v. Hilton v. Guyot, 159 U. S. 113, 16 Sup. Ct. 139, 40 L. Ed. 94; or v. Fielding, 67 Conn. 91, 34 Atl. 714. 12 L. R. A. 236, 52 Am. St. Rep. 270; People v. Martin, 175 N. Y. 315, 67 N. E. 589, 96 Am. St. Rep. 626—Judicial comity. The principle of comity with which the courts of one state or jurisdiction will give effect to the laws and judicial decisions of another, not as a matter of obligation, but out of deference and respect. Franzen v. Zimmer, 90 Hun. 105, 35 N. Y. Supp. 612; Stowe v. Bank (C. C.) 92 Fed. 96; Maat v. Mfg. Co., 177 U. S. 485, 20 Sup. Ct. 73; O'G L. Ed. 35; Conklin v. Shipbuilding Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 916.


COMMANDEMENT. In French law. A writ served by the huissier pursuant to a judgment or to an exécutoire notarial deed. Its object is to give notice to the debtor that if he does not pay the sum to which he has been condemned by the judgment, or which he engaged to pay by the notarial deed, his property will be seized and sold. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 550.

COMMANDER IN CHIEF. By article 2, § 2, of the constitution it is declared that the president shall be commander in chief of the army and navy of the United States. The term implies supreme control of military operations during the progress of a war, not only on the side of strategy and tactics, but also in reference to the political and international aspects of the war. See Fleming v. Page, 9 How. 603, 13 L Ed. 276; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 635, 17 L Ed. 459; Swalm v. U. S., 28 Ct. Cl. 173.

COMMANDERY. In old English law. A manor or chief messuage with lands and tenements thereto appertaining, which belonged to the priory of St. John of Jerusalem, in England; he who had the government of such a manor or house was styled the "com-
COMMANDITAIRES. Special partners; partners en commandité. See Commandité.

COMMANDITÉ. In French law. A special or limited partnership, where the contract is between one or more persons who are general partners, and jointly and severally responsible, and one or more other persons who merely furnish a particular fund or capital stock, and thence are called "commanditaires," or "commanditaires," or "partners en commandité," the business being carried on under the social name or firm of the general partners only, composed of the names of the general or complementary partners, the partners in commandité being liable to losses only to the extent of the funds or capital furnished by them. Story, Partn. § 78; 3 Kent, Coram. 34.

COMMANDMENT. In practice. An authoritative order of a judge or magisterial officer.

In criminal law. The act or offense of one who commands another to transgress the law, or do anything contrary to law, as theft, murder, or the like. Particularly applied to the act of an accessory before the fact, in inciting, procuring, setting on, or stirring up another to do the fact or act. 2 Inst. 182.

COMMACCHIO. A boundary; the confines of land.

COMMERCE. Intercourse by way of trade and traffic between different peoples or states and the citizens or inhabitants thereof, including not only the purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities, but also the instrumentalities and agencies by which it is promoted and the means and appliances by which it is carried on, and the transportation of persons as well as of goods, both by land and by sea. Brennan v. Titusville, 153 U. S. 289, 14 Sup. Ct 829, 38 L. Ed. 719; Railroad Co. v. Fuller, 17 Wall. 568, 21 L. Ed. 710; Winder v. Caldwell, 14 How. 444, 14 L. Ed. 487; Cooley v. Board of Wardens,

commendam is the power of receiving and retaining a benefice contrary to positive law, by supreme authority.

COMMENDAM. In ecclesiastical law. The appointment of a suitable clerk to hold a void or vacant benefice or church living until a regular pastor be appointed. Hob. 144; Latch, 236.

In commercial law. The limited partnership (or Société en commandité) of the French law has been introduced into the Code of Louisiana under the title of "Partnership in Commandam." Civil Code La. art. 2810.

COMMENDATIO. In the civil law. Commendation, praise, or recommendation, as in the maxim "simplex commendatio non obligat," meaning that mere commendation or praise of an article by the seller of it does not amount to a warranty of its qualities. 2 Kent, Comm. 485.

COMMENDATION. In feudal law. This was the act by which an owner of allodial land placed himself and his land under the protection of a lord, so as to constitute himself his vassal or feudal tenant.

COMMENDATORS. Secular persons upon whom ecclesiastical benefices were bestowed in Scotland; called so because the benefices were commended and intrusted to their supervision.

COMMENDATORY. He who holds a church living or preferment in commendam.

COMMENDATORY LETTERS. In ecclesiastical law. Such as are written by one bishop to another on behalf of any of the clergy, or others of his diocese traveling thither, that they may be received among the faithful, or that the cleric may be promoted, or necessaries administered to others, etc. Wharton.

COMMENDATUS. In feudal law. One who intrusts himself to the protection of another. Spelman. A person who, by voluntary homage, put himself under the protection of a superior lord. Cowell.

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12 How. 299, 13 L. Ed. 906; Trade-Mark Cases, 100 U. S. 96, 25 L. Ed. 550; Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 1, 6 L. Ed. 23; Brown v. Maryland, 12 Wheat. 448, 6 L. Ed. 678; Bow-

Commerce is a term of the largest import. It comprehends intercourse for the purposes of trade in any and all its forms, including the transportation, purchase, sale, and exchange of commodities between the citizens of our country and the citizens or subjects of other countries, and between the citizens of different states or of trade between the United States and foreign commerce. U. S. v. Holliday, 3 Wall. 724, 18 L. Ed. 96. Commerce is not limited to an exchange of commodities only, but includes, as well, intercourse with foreign nations and between the states; and includes the transportation of pas-
sengers. Steamboat Co. v. Livingston, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 713; People v. Raymond, 34 Cal. 492.

The words "commerce" and "trade" are synonymous, but not identical. They are often used interchangeably; but, strictly speaking, commerce relates to intercourse or dealings with foreign nations, states, or political communities, while trade denotes busi-
ness intercourse or mutual traffic within the limits of a state or nation, or the buying, selling, and exchanging of articles between members of the same community. See Cook-
er v. Vandewater, 4 Denio (N. Y.) 353, 47 Am. Dec. 258; Jacob v. Wharton.

—Commerce with foreign nations. Commerce between citizens of the United States and citizens or subjects of foreign governments; commerce which, either immediately or at some stage of its progress, is extraterritorial. U. S. v. Holliday, 3 Wall. 409, 18 L. Ed. 182; Veszie v. Moor, 14 How. 573, 14 L. Ed. 545; Lord v. Steamship Co. 102 U. S. 544, 26 L. Ed. 224. The same as "foreign commerce," which see infra.—Commerce with Indian tribes. Commerce with individuals belonging to such tribes, in the nature of buying, selling, and ex-
changing commodities, without reference to the locality where carried on, though it be within the limits of a state. U. S. v. Holliday, 3 Wall. 407, 18 L. Ed. 182; U. S. v. Cisna, 25 Fed. Cas. 424.—Domestic commerce. Commerce carried on wholly within the limits of the United States, as distinguished from foreign commerce. Also, commerce carried on within the limits of a single state, as distin-
guished from interstate commerce. U. S. v. Foster & N. R. Co. v. Tennessee R. R. Com'n (C. C.) 19 Fed. 701.—Foreign commerce. Commerce or trade between the United States and foreign con-
tries, and includes the transportation of goods on the high seas. U. S. v. Howell, 33 Mass. 264, 9 N. E. 647; Foster v. New Orleans, 84 U. S. 246, 24 L. Ed. 122. The term is some-
times applied to commerce between ports of two sister states not lying on the same coast, e. g., New York and San Francisco.—Internal commerce. Such as is carried on between individuals within the same state, or between different parts of the same state. Lehigh Valley Ry. Co. v. Harris, 149 U. S. 100, 12 Sup. Ct. 506, 36 L. Ed. 672; Steamboat Co. v. Liv-
ingston, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 713. Now more commonly known as "intrastate commerce." Commerce between states or nations entirely foreign to each other. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Tennessee R. R. Com'n (St. C.) 19 Fed. 701.—Interstate com-
merce. Such as is carried on between different states of the Union or between points lying in different states. See Interstate Commerce Co. v. Pennsylvania.—Intrastate commerce. Such as is begun, carried on, and completed wholly within the limits of a single state. Contrasted with "interstate commerce," (q. e.)

COMMERCE BELLI. War contracts. Compacts entered into by belligerent nations to secure a temporary and limited peace. 1 Kent, Comm. 159. Contracts between na-
tions at war, or their subjects.

COMMERCIAL. Relating to or connect-
ed with trade and traffic or commerce in gen-
rents (C. C.) 73 Fed. 180.—Commercial agency. The same as a "mercantile" agency. In re United States Mer-
cantile Reporting, etc., Co., 52 Hun, 611, 4 N. Y. Supp. 146. See MERCANTILE.—Commercial broker. An officer in the consular ser-
vice of the United States, of rank inferior to a consul. Also used as equivalent to "Commercial broker." See BUCKLEY v. CARSEY (C. C.) 19 Fed. 701. One who negotiates the sale of merchandise without having the possession or control of it, being distinguished in the latter particular from a commission merchant. Adkins v. Richmond, 98 Va. 91, 34 S. E. 967, 47 L. R. A. 583, 81 Am. St. Rep. 706; In re Wilson, 19 D. Q. 349, 12 L. R. A. 624; Henderson v. Comm., 78 Va. 489.—Commercial corporation. One engaged in commerce in the broadest sense of that term; hence including a railroad company. See Railroad Co. v. Pennsylvania, 145 U. S. 192, 12 Sup. Ct. 806, 36 L. Ed. 672; Steamboat Co. v. Liv-
ingston, 3 Cow. (N. Y.) 713. Now more commonly known as "intrastate commerce." See Inter-
state Commerce Co. v. Pennsylvania.—Commercial domicile. See Dom-
icile.—Commercial insurance. See Ins-
surance.—Commercial law. That branch of law which defines and regulates the incidents of commerce, or the commercial affairs of the world. It is not a very scientific or accurate term. As foreign commerce is carried on by means of shipping, the term is often used occasionally as syn-
onymous with "maritime law;" but, in strict-
ness, the phrase "commercial law" is wider, and includes many trades or legal questions which have nothing to do with shipping or its incidents. Watson v. Tarpley, 18 How. 521, 15 L. Ed. 500; Williams v. Gold Hill Min. Co. (C. C.) 19 Fed. 404.—Commercial mark. In French law. A trade-mark is specially or purely the mark of the manufacturer or producer of the article, while a "commercial" mark is that of the dealer or merchant who distributes the product to consumers or the trade. La République Française v. Schultz (C. C.) 57 Fed. 420. Also known as a "mercantile mark."—Commercial paper means bills of exchange, promissory notes, bank-checks, and other nego-
tiable instruments for the payment of money, which are drawn or the connections of which have been held to be such instruments as are, by the law-
merchants, recognized as falling under the desig-
12. Commercial paper means negotiable paper given in due course of business, whether the element of negotiability be given it by the law-merchant or by statute. A note given by a merchant for money loaned is within the meaning. In re Sykes, 5 Buss. 113, Fed. Cas. No. 15708, (q. d.) Commercial traveler. Where an agent simply exhibits samples of goods kept for sale by his principal, and takes orders from purchasers for such goods, which orders are afterwards to be delivered by the principal to the purchasers, and payment for the goods is to be made by the purchasers to the principal on such delivery, such agent is generally called a "drummer" or "commercial traveler." Kansas City v. Collins, 34 Kan. 434, 8 Pac. 565; Olney v. Todd, 47 Ill. App. 440; Ex parte Taylor, 93 Misc. 431, 28 Am. Rep. 306; Staté v. Miller, 96 N. C. 511, 58 Am. Rep. 469.

COMMERCIAL. Lat. In the civil law. Commerce; business; trade; dealings in the nature of purchase and sale; a contract.

Commercial jus gentium communis esse debet, et non in monopolium et privatum paucorum quum converte ndum. 3 Inst. 181. Commerce, by the law of nations, ought to be common, and not converted to monopoly and the private gain of a few.

COMMERCIAL. In French law. A person who receives from a meeting of shareholders a special authority, viz., that of checking and examining the accounts of a manager or of valuing the apports en nature, (g. v.) The name is also applied to a judge who receives from a court a special mission, e. g., to institute an inquiry, or to examine certain books, or to supervise the operations of a bankruptcy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSIONER. In French law. A person who receives from a meeting of shareholders a special authority, viz., that of checking and examining the accounts of a manager or of valuing the apports en nature, (g. v.) The name is also applied to a judge who receives from a court a special mission, e. g., to institute an inquiry, or to examine certain books, or to supervise the operations of a bankruptcy. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 551.

COMMISSION. A warrant or authority or letters patent, issuing from the government, or one of its departments, or a court, empowering a person or persons named to do certain acts, or to exercise jurisdiction, or to perform the duties and exercise the authority of an office, (as in the case of an officer in the army or navy,) Bledsoe v. Colgan, 138 Cal. 34, 70 Pac. 924; U. S. v. Planter, 27 Fed. Cas. 544; Dew v. Judges, 3 Hen. & M. (Va.) 1, 3 Am. Dec. 639; Scofield v. Lounsbury, 8 Conn. 109.

Also, in private affairs, it signifies the authority or instructions under which one person transacts business or negotiates for another.

In a derivative sense, a body of persons to whom a commission is directed. A board or committee officially appointed and empowered to perform certain acts or exercise certain jurisdiction of a public nature or relation; as a "commission of assize."

In the civil law. A species of bailment, being an undertaking, without reward, to do something in respect to an article bailed; equivalent to "mandate."

In commercial law. The recompense or reward of an agent, factor, broker, or baiilee, when the same is calculated as a percentage on the amount of his transactions or on the profit to the principal. But in this sense the word occurs more frequently in the plural. Jackson v. Stanfield, 137 Ind. 592, 37 N. E. 14, 23 L. R. A. 588; Ralston v. Kohl, 30 Ohio St. 98; Whitaker v. Guano Co., 123 N. C. 368, 51 S. E. 639.


In practice. An authority or writ issuing from a court, in relation to a cause before it, directing and authorizing a person or persons named to do some act or exercise some special function; usually to take the depositions of witnesses.

A commission is a process issued under the seal of the court and the signature of the clerk, directed to some person designated as commissioner, authorizing him to examine the witness upon oath on interrogatories annexed thereto, to take and certify the deposition of the witness, and to return it according to the directions

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With the commission. Pen. Code Cal. § 1351.

Commission day. In English practice. The opening day of the assizes. —Commission of commission of lunacy. (See infra.) In re Melswitz. 177 Pa. 359, 35 Atl. 722. —Commission of marriage. In commercial law, is where the agent of the seller undertakes as a commission of lunacy. (See infra.) In re Melswitz.

Commission, in English equity. A term which is synonymous with the word "commission merchant." It means the term is equivalent to a word "guaranty" or "warranty." Story, Ag. 25. —Commission merchant. Often times in England, it is used as a designation of various officers having under commissions issued by the president, as distinguished from non-commissioned officers (in the army, including sergeants, corporals, etc.) and warrant officers (in the navy, including boatswains, gunners, etc.) and from privates or enlisted men. See Babbitt v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 202.

Commissioner of patents. A person to whom a commission is directed by the government or a court. State v. Banking Co., 14 N. J. Law, 437; In re Canter, 40 Misc. Rep. 126, 81 N. Y. Supp. 338. —Commission to examine witnesses. In the governmental system of the United States, this term denotes an officer who is charged with the administration of the laws relating to some particular subject-matter, or the management of some bureau or agency of the government. Such are the commissioners of education, of patents, of pensions, of fisheries, of the general land-office, of Indian affairs, etc.

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Officers of circuit courts of the United States, performing functions partly ministerial and partly judicial. To a certain extent they represent the judge in his absence. In the examination of persons arrested for violations of the laws of the United States they have the powers of committing magistrates. They also take bail, recognizances, affidavits, etc., and hear preliminary proceedings for foreign extradition. In re Comrs of Circuit Court (C. C.) 63 Fed. 317.—Commissioners of deeds. Officers empowered by the government of one state to reside in another state, and there take acknowledgments of deeds and other papers which are to be used as evidence or put on record in the former state.—Commissioners of highways. Officers appointed in each county or township, in many of the states, with power to take charge of the altering, opening, repair, and vacating of highways within such county or township.—Commissioners of sewers. In English law. Commissioners appointed under the great seal, and constituting a court of special jurisdiction; which is to overlook the repairs of the banks and walls of the sea-coast, and to regulate and control the use and enjoyment of a certain proportion of the owners and occupiers, to make new ones, and to cleanse such rivers, and to arrange and communicate therewith. St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 22, § 10; 3 Steph. Comm. 442.—County commissioners. See County.

COMMISSIONS. The compensation or reward paid to a factor, broker, agent, bailee, executor, trustee, receiver, etc., when the same is calculated as a percentage on the amount of his transactions or the amount received or expended. See Commissioner.

COMMISIVE. Caused by or consisting in acts of commission, as distinguished from neglect, sufferance, or toleration; as in the phrase "commisive waste," which is contrasted with "permissive waste." See Waste.

COMMISORIA LEX. In Roman law. The term is especially applied to the person, already in prison, in execution at the instance of the creditor. This, however, was abolished by a law of Constantine. Cod. 8, 35, 3. See Dig. 18, 3; Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 447, 461; 2 Kent, Comm. 583.

COMMIT. In practice. To send a person to prison by virtue of a lawful authority, for any crime or contempt, or to an asylum, workhouse, reformatory, or the like, by authority of a court or magistrate. People v. Beach, 122 Cal. 37, 54 Pac. 369; Cummington v. Wareham, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 558; French v. Bancroft, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 502; People v. Warden, 73 App. Div. 174, 76 N. Y. Supp. 728.

To deliver a defendant to the custody of the sheriff or marshal, on his surrender by his bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 285, 287.

COMMITMENT. In practice. The warrant or mittimus by which a court or magistrate directs an officer to take a person to prison.


COMMITTEE. In practice. An assembly or board of persons to whom the consideration or management of any matter is committed or referred by some court. Lloyd v. Hart, 2 Pa. 473, 45 Am. Dec. 612; Farrar v. Eastman, 5 Me. 345.

An individual or body to whom others have delegated or committed a particular duty, or who have taken on themselves to perform it in the expectation of their act being confirmed by the body they profess to represent or act for. 15 Mees. & W. 529.

The term is especially applied to the person or persons who are invested, by order of the proper court, with the guardianship of the person and estate of one who has been adjudged a lunatic.

In parliamentary law. A portion of a legislative body, comprising one or more members, who are charged with the duty of examining some matter specially referred to them by the house, or of deliberating upon it, and reporting to the house the result of their investigations or recommending a course of action. A committee may be appointed for one special occasion, or it may be appointed to deal with all matters which may be referred to it during a whole session or during the life of the body. In the latter case, it is called a "standing committee." It is usually composed of a comparatively small number of members, but may include the whole house.

Joint committee. A joint committee of a legislative body comprising two chambers is a committee consisting of representatives of each of the two houses, meeting and acting together as one committee. A secret committee of the house of commons is a committee specially appointed to investigate a certain matter, and to which secrecy being deemed necessary in furtherance of its objects, its proceedings are conducted with closed doors, to the exclusion of all persons not members of the committee. All other committees are open to members of the house, although they may not be serving upon them. Brown.

COMMITTING MAGISTRATE. See Magistrate.

COMMITTITUR. In practice. An order or minute, setting forth that the person named in it is committed to the custody of the sheriff.
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COMMISSIO. In the civil law. The mixing together or confusion of things, dry or solid, belonging to different owners, as distinguished from confusio, which has relation to

COMMODATE. In Scotch law. A gratuitous loan for use. Ersk. Inst. 3, 1, 20. Closely formed from the Lat. commodatum, (q. v.)

COMMODATI ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of loan; an action for a thing lent. An action given for the recovery of a thing loaned, (commodatum,) and not returned to the lender. Inst. 3, 15, 2; Id. 4, 1, 16.

COMMODATO. In Spanish law. A contract by which one person lends gratuitously to another some object not consumable, to be restored to him in kind at a given period; the same contract as commodatum, (q. v.)

COMMODAM. In the civil law. He who lends to another a thing for a definite time, to be enjoyed and used under certain conditions, without any pay or reward, is called "commodans;" the person who receives the thing is called "commodarius," and the contract is called "commodatum." It differs from locatio and conductio, in this, that the use of the thing is gratuitous. Dig. 15, 6; Inst. 5, 2, 14; Story, Bailm. § 521.


Commodum ex injuria sua nemo habere debet. Jenk. Cant. 161. No person ought to have advantage from his own wrong.

COMMON. n. An incorporeal hereditament which consists in a profit which one man has in connection with one or more others in the land of another. Trustees v. Robinson, 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 31; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647, 59 L. R. A. 949; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527. Common because of vicinage is where the inhabitants of two townships which lie contiguous to each other have usually intercommenced with one another, the beasts of the one straying mutually into the other's fields, without any molestation from either. This kind of common arises from no connection of tenure, and is against common right; it may commence by grant within time of memory, or, in other words, may be created at the present day; it may be claimed as annexed to any kind of land, and may be claimed for beasts not commonable, as well as those that are. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 649; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527.

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COMMON, or a right of common, is a right or privilege which several persons have to the profit of the lands or waters of the owner. Thus common of pasture is a right of feeding the beasts of one person on the lands of another; common of estovers is the right a tenant has of taking and using wood or timber from the woods of the lord for fuel, fencing, etc. Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647.


—Common appurtenant. A right annexed to the possession of a whole land, in which the owner is entitled to feed his beasts on the lands of another, usually of the owner of the manor of which the lands entitled to common are a part. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 648.

—Common appurtenant. A right of feeding one's beasts on the lands of another, (in common with the owner or with others,) which is founded on a grant, or a prescription which supposes a grant. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 297. This kind of common arises from no connection of tenure, and is against common right; it may commence by grant within time of memory, or, in other words, may be created at the present day; it may be claimed as annexed to any kind of land, and may be claimed for beasts not commonable, as well as those that are. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 649; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527.

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—Common in gross, or at large. A species of common which is neither appurtenant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man's person, being granted to him and his heirs by deed; or it may be claimed by prescriptive right, as by a parson of a church or the like corporation sole. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; Co. Litt. 1222. A common because of vicinage is where the inhabitants of two townships which lie contiguous to each other have usually intercommenced with one another, the beasts of the one straying mutually into the other's fields, without any molestation from either. This kind of common arises from no connection of tenure, and is against common right; it may commence by grant within time of memory, or, in other words, may be created at the present day; it may be claimed as annexed to any kind of land, and may be claimed for beasts not commonable, as well as those that are. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 649; Smith v. Floyd, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 527.

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cliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 648. —COMMON OF FISHERY. The same as Common of piscary. See infra. —COMMON OF FOWLING. In some parts of the country a right of taking wild animals (chiefly birds and wildfowl) on any land which another has been found to exist; in the case of wildfowl, it is called a "common of fowling." Eiton, Com. 118. —COMMON OF PASTURES. The right or liberty of pasturing one's cattle upon another man's land. It may be either appendant, appurtenant, in gross, or because of vicinage. Richardson v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647. —COMMON OF PISCARY. The right or liberty of fishing in another man's water, in common with the owner or with other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 34. —COMMON HALL. A court in the city of London, at which all the citizens, or such as may be elected, are assembled, to hold a court of record; or to hold court in the name of the King, for the coloring of property, where the trespass has been committed. 2 Stephe Comm. 6, 7; 5 Coke, 65. —COMMON OF TURBARY. COMMON OF TURBARY. Of taking peat or turf from the waste land of another, for fuel in the commoner's house. Williams, Common, 187; Van Rensselaer v. Radcliff, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 647. —COMMON WITH NUMBER. Common written number, that is, without limit as to the number of cattle which may be turned on; otherwise called "common without number." 2 Stephe Comm. 6, 7; 2 Bl. Comm. 34. —COMMON TENANTS. See TENANTS IN COMMON.

COMMON. As an adjective, this word denotes usual, ordinary, accustomed; shared amongst several; owned by several jointly. State v. O'Connor, 49 Me. 596. —COMMON LAWN. A lawn which is maintained for the public or common good or welfare. Mete. (Mass.) 364. —COMMON WEAL. The general prosperity of the community. —COMMON WASTE. A certain number of acres belonging to the public or common good or welfare. Hope, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 1; Stevens v. Com., 4 Met. (Mass.) 364. —COMMON WELSH. The public or common good or welfare.


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COMMON LAW. 1. As distinguished from the Roman law, the modern civil law, the canon law, and other systems, the common law is that body of law and jurisprudence which was originated, developed, and formulated and is administered in England, and has obtained among most of the states and peoples of Anglo-Saxon stock. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 674. 2. As distinguished from law created by the enactment of legislatures, the common law prescribed by the Church of England to be used in all churches and chapels, and which the clergy are enjoined to use under a certain penalty. —COMMON REPUTE. The prevailing belief in a given community as to the existence of a certain fact or aggregation of facts. Brown v. Foster, 41 S. C. 118, 19 S. E. 239. —COMMON RIGHT. A term applied to rights, privileges, and immunities appertaining to and enjoyed by all citizens equally and in common, and which have their foundation in the common law of a county, state, or nation. Spring Valley Waterworks v. Schottler, 62 Cal. 106. —COMMON SELLER. A common seller of any commodity (particularly under the liquor laws of many states) is one who sells it frequently, usually, customarily, or habitually; in some states, one who is shown to have made a certain number of sales, either three or five. State v. O'Connor, 49 Me. 596; State v. Seffe, 28 Vt. 598; Moundsville v. Fountain, 27 W. Va. 194; Com. v. Tubbs, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 2. —COMMON SENSE. Sound practical judgment; that degree of intelligence and reason, as exercised upon the relations of persons and things and the ordinary affairs of life, which is possessed by the generality of mankind, and which would suffice to direct the conduct and actions of the individual in a manner to agree with the behavior of ordinary persons. One who by practice and habit is a thief; or, in some states, one who has been convicted of three distinct larcenies at the same term of court. World v. State, 50 Md. 54; Commonwealth v. Hope, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 1; Stevens v. Com., 4 Metc. (Mass.) 364. —COMMONWEAL. The public or common good or welfare.

law comprises the body of those principles and rules of action, relating to the government and security of persons and property, which derive their authority solely from usages and customs of immemorial antiquity, or from the judgments and decrees of the courts recognizing, affirming, and enforcing such usages and customs; and, in this sense, particularly the ancient unwritten law of England. Western Union Tel. Co. v. Cal. Pub. Co., 187 U. S. 62, 22 Sup. Ct. 561, 4 L. Ed. 735; State v. Buchanan, 5 Har. & J. (Md.) 365, 9 Am. Dec. 534; Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 674; Barry v. Port Jer­vis, 64 App. Div. 268, 72 N. Y. Supp. 104.

3. As distinguished from equity law, it is a body of rules and principles, written or unwritten, which are of fixed and immutable authority, and which must be applied to controversies rigorously and in their entirety, and cannot be modified to suit the peculiarities of a specific case, or colored by any judicial discretion, and which rests confessedly upon custom or statute, as distinguished from any claim to ethical superiority. Kle­ ver v. Seawall, 65 Fed. 396, 12 C. C. A. 661.

4. As distinguished from ecclesiastical law, it is the system of jurisprudence administered by the purely secular tribunals.

5. As concerns its force and authority in the United States, the phrase designates that portion of the common law of England (including such acts of parliament as were applicable) which had been adopted and was in force here at the time of the Revolution. This, so far as it has not since been expressly abrogated, is recognized as an organic part of the jurisprudence of most of the United States. Browning v. Browning, 3 N. M. 371, 9 Pac. 677; Guardians of Poor v. Greene, 5 Blin. (Pa.) 557; U. S. v. New Bedford Bridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 107.

6. In a wider sense than any of the foregoing, the "common law" may designate all that part of the positive law, juristic theory, and ancient custom of any state or nation which is of general and universal application, thus marking off special or local rules or customs.

As a compound adjective "common-law" is understood as contrasted with or opposed to "statutory," and sometimes also to "equi­table" or to "criminal." See examples below.

—Common-law action. A civil suit, as distinguished from a criminal prosecution or a proceeding to enforce a penalty or a police regulation; not necessarily an action which would lie at common law. Kirby v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 106 Fed. 551; U. S. v. Block, 24 Fed. Cas. 1,174.—Common-law assignments. Such forms of assignments for the benefit of creditors as are known to the common law, as distinguished from such as are of modern invention or authorized by statute. Ontario Bank v. Hurns, 31 Fed. 621, 43 C. C. 319.—Common­law cheat. The obtaining of money or property by means of a false token, symbol, or device; being the definition of a cheat or "cheating" at common law. State v. Wilson, 72 Minn. 622, 75 N. W. 715; State v. Renick, 33 Or. 554, 56 Pac. 275, 44 L. R. A. 266, 72 Am. St. Rep. 758.—Common-law courts. In England, those administering the common law. Equitable Life Assur. Soc. v. Lough, 49 N. Y. Supp. 364, 5 Am. Rep. 535.—Common-law crime. One punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. State v. Greene, (C. C.) 52 Fed. 104.—Common-law jurisdiction. Jurisdiction of a court to try and decide such cases as were recognized as actions at law under the Eng­lish common law; the jurisdiction of those courts which exercise their judicial powers according to the course of the common law. People v. Me. 70 Me. 817, 36 Am. 193; In re Conner, 39 Cal. 98, 2 Am. Rep. 430; U. S. v. Power, 27 Fed. Cas. 697.—Common-law lien. One known to or granted by the common law, as distinguished from statutory, equitable, and maritime liens; also one arising by implication of law, as distinguished from one created by the agreement of the parties. The Menominie (D. C.) 36 Fed. 197; Tobacco Warehouse Co. v. Trustee, 117 Ky. 475, 78 S. W. 413, 64 L. R. A. 219.—Common-law marriage. One not solemnized in the ordinary way, but created by an agreement to marry, followed by cohabitation; a consummated agreement between a man and a woman, per verba de prsesenti, followed by co­habitation. Taylor v. Taylor, 10 Colo. App. 305, 50 Pac. 969; Greene v. Dietz, 55 Md. 236, 84 Am. 119; Civ. App. 426, 59 S. W. 284; Morrill v. Palm­ er, 68 Vt. 1, 83 Atl. 829, 33 L. R. A. 411.—Common-law mortgage. One possessing the characteristics or fulfilling the requirements of a mortgage at common law; not known in Louisiana, where the civil law prevails; but such a mortgage made in another state and affecting lands in Louisiana, will be given effect there as a "conventional" mortgage, affecting third persons after due inscription. Gates v. Gaither, 46 La. Ann. 229, 15 South. 50.—Common-law procedure acts. Three acts of parliament, passed in the years 1862, 1854, and 1859, respectively, for the amendment of the procedure in the common-law courts. The common-law procedure act of 1852 is St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 76; that of 1854, St. 17 & 18 Vict. c. 129; and that of 1859, St. 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126. Mosley & Whitley.—Common-law wife. A woman who was party to a "common-law marriage," as above defined; one who has lived with a man in a relation of concubinage during his life, asserts a claim, after his death, to have been his wife according to the law. People v. McGowan, 77 Ill. 644, 20 Am. Rep. 254; People v. McGowan, 77 Ill. 644, 20 Am. Rep. 254; In re Conner, 39 Cal. 98, 2 Am. Rep. 430; U. S. v. Power, 27 Fed. Cas. 697.—Common lawyer. A lawyer learned in the common law.


COMMON PLEAS. The name of a court of record having general original jurisdiction in civil suits.

Common causes or suits. A term anciently used to denote civil actions, or those depending between subject and subject, as distinguished from pleas of the crown. Dalliet v. Felton, 7 Phila. (Pa.) 627.

COMMON PLEAS, THE COURT OF. In English law. (So called because its original jurisdiction was to determine controversies between subject and subject.) One of the three superior courts of common law at Westminster, presided over by a lord chief
COMMON RECOVERY. In conveyancing. A species of common assurance, or mode of conveying lands by matter of record, formerly in frequent use in England. It was in the nature and form of an action at law, carried regularly through, and ending in a recovery of the lands against the tenant of the freehold; which recovery, being a supposed adjudication of the right, bound all persons, and vested a free and absolute fee-simple in the recoverer. 2 Bl. Comm. 357. Christy v. Burch, 25 Fla. 942, 2 South. 258. Common recoveries were abolished by the statutes 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

COMMONABLE. Entitled to common. Commonable beasts are either beasts of the plow, as horses and oxen, or such as manure the land, as kine and sheep. Beasts not commonable are swine, goats, and the like. Co. Litt 122o; 2 Bl. Comm. 33.

COMMONAGE. In old deeds. The right of common. See COMMON.

COMMONALTY. In English law. The great body of citizens; the mass of the people, excluding the nobility. In American law. The body of people composing a municipal corporation, excluding the corporate officers.

COMMONANCE. The commoners, or tenants and inhabitants, who have the right of common or commoning in open field. Cowell.

COMMONERS. In English law. Persons having a right of common. So called because they have a right to pasture on the waste, in common with the lord. 2 H. Bl. 850.

COMMANCE. Half a cantred or hundred in Wales, containing fifty villages. Also a great seignory or lordship, and may include one or divers manors. Co. Litt 5.

COMMANS. 1. The class of subjects in Great Britain exclusive of the royal family and the nobility. They are represented in parliament by the house of commons.

2. Part of the demesne land of a manor, (or land the property of which was in the lord,) which, being uncultivated, was termed the “lord’s waste,” and served for public roads and for common of pasture to the lord and his tenants. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

COMMONS. In the English parliament. The lower house, so called because the commons of the realm, that is, the knights, citizens, and burgesses returned to parliament, representing the whole body of the commons, sit there.

COMMONHOOD. The commoners, or tenants and inhabitants, who have the right of common or commoning in open field. 2 H. Bl. 850.

COMMONHOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. In the English parliament. The lower house, so called because the commons of the realm, that is, the knights, citizens, and burgesses returned to parliament, representing the whole body of the commons, sit there.

COMMONITY. In Scotch law. Land possessed in common by different proprietors, or by those having acquired rights of servitude. Bell.

COMMONWEALTH. The public or common welfare. This cannot be regarded as a technical term of public law, though often used in political science. It generally designates, when so employed, a republican frame of government,—one in which the welfare and rights of the entire mass of people are the main consideration, rather than the privileges of a class or the will of a monarch; or it may designate the body of people governing under such a governent. Sometimes it may denote the corporate entity, or the government, of a jural society (or state) possessing powers of self-government in respect of its immediate concerns, but forming an integral part of a larger government, (or nation.) In this latter sense, it is the official title of several of the United States, (as Pennsylvania and Massachusetts,) and would be appropriate to them all. In the former sense, the word was used to designate the English government during the protectorate of Cromwell. See Government; Nation; State. (State v. Lambert, 44 W. Va. 398, 28 S. E. 930.)

COMMORANCY. The dwelling in any place as an inhabitant; which consists in usually lying there. 4 Bl. Comm. 273. In American law it is used to denote a mere temporary residence. Ames v. Winsor, 19 Pick. (Mass.) 248; Pullen v. Monk, 82 Me. 412, 19 Atl. 909; Gilman v. Innman, 85 Me. 105, 26 Atl. 1049.

COMMORANT. Staying or abiding; dwelling temporarily in a place.

COMMORIENTES. Several persons who perish at the same time in consequence of the same calamity.

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COMMOTION. A “civil commotion” is an insurrection of the people for general purposes, though it may not amount to re-

COMMUNE, n. A self-governing town or village. The name given to the committee of the people in the French revolution of 1793; and again, in the revolutionary uprising of 1871, it signified the attempt to establish absolute self-government in Paris, or the mass of those concerned in the attempt. In old French law, it signified any municipal corporation. And in old English law, the commonalty or common people. 2 Co. Inst 540.

COMMUNE, adj. Lat. Common.
-Commune concilium regni. The common council of the realm. One of the names of the English parliament—Commune forum. The common place of justice. The seat of the principal courts, especially those that are fixed.

COMMUNIBUS ANNIS. In ordinary years; on the annual average.

COMMUNICATION. Information given; the sharing of knowledge by one with another; conference; consultation or bargaining preparatory to making a contract. Also intercourse; connection.

In French law. The production of a merchant's books, by delivering them either to a person designated by the court, or to his adversary, to be examined in all their parts, and as shall be deemed necessary to the suit. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 552.

—Confidential communications. These are certain classes of communications, passing between persons who stand in a confidential or fiduciary relation to each other, (or who, on account of their relative situation, are under a special duty of secrecy and fidelity,) which the law will not permit to be divulged, or allow them to be inquired into in a court of justice, for the sake of public policy and the good order of society. Examples of such privileged relations and of the law of attorney and client. Hutton v. Robinson, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 416, 25 Am. Dec. 415; Parker v. Carter, 4 Munf. (Va.) 287, 6 Am. Dec. 512; Girarde v. Hellicker, 11 Wheat. 290, 6 L. Ed. 474; Parkhurst v. Berdell, 110 N. Y. 286, 18 N. E. 123, 6 Am. St. Rep. 384.—Privileged communication. In the law of evidence. A communication made to a counsel, solicitor, or attorney, in professional confidence, and which he is not permitted to divulge; otherwise called a "confidential communication." 1 Starkie, Ev. 186. In the law of libel and slander. A defamatory statement made to another in pursuance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal, so that an action for libel or slander will not lie, though the statement be false, unless in the last two cases actual malice be proved in addition. Bacon v. Railroad Co., 96 Mich. 166, 83 N. W. 181.

COMMUNINGS. In Scotch law. The negotiations preliminary to the entering into a contract.

COMMUNIO BONORUM. In the civil law. A term signifying a community (q. v.) of goods.

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COMMUNIS. Common opinion; general professional opinion. According to Lord Coke, (who places it on the footing of observance or usage,) common opinion is good authority in law. Co. Litt. 186d.
COMMUNIS PARIES. In the civil law. A common or party wall. Dig. 8, 2, 8, 13.


COMMUNIS SCRIPTURA. In old English law. A common writing; a writing common to both parties; a chirograph. Glan. lib. 8, c. 1.

COMMUNIS STIPES. A common stock of descent; a common ancestor.

COMMUNISM. A name given to proposed systems of life or social organization based upon the fundamental principle of the non-existence of private property and of a community of goods in a society.

An equality of distribution of the physical means of production and enjoyment is placed upon a still higher standard of justice that all should work according to their capacity and receive according to their wants. 1 Mill, Pol. Ec. 248.


In the civil law. A corporation or body politic. Dig. 3, 4.

In French law. A species of partnership which a man and a woman contract when they are lawfully married to each other.

—Community debt. One chargeable to the community (of husband and wife) rather than to either of the parties individually. Calhoun v. Leary, 6 Wash. 17, 32 Pac. 1070. —Community of profits. This term, as used in the definition of a partnership, (to which a community of profits is essential,) means a proprietorship in them as distinguished from a personal claim upon the other associate, a property right in them from the start in one associate to either of the parties individually. Calhoun v. Leary, 6 Wash. 17, 32 Pac. 1070. —Community property. This term, as used in the definition of a partnership, (to which a community of profits is essential,) means a proprietorship in them as distinguished from a personal claim upon the other associate, a property right in them from the start in one associate to either of the parties individually. Calhoun v. Leary, 6 Wash. 17, 32 Pac. 1070.

1 Bl. Comm. 148.

COMMUTATIVE CONTRACT. See Contract.

COMMUTATIVE JUSTICE. See Justice.

COMPACT. An agreement or contract. Usually applied to conventions between nations or sovereign states. A compact is a mutual consent of parties concerned respecting some property or right that is the object of the stipulation, or something that is to be done or forbore. Chesapeake & O. Canal Co. v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 4 Gill & J. (Md.) 1.

The terms "compact" and "contract" are synonymous. Green v. Biddle, 8 Wheat. 1, 92, 5 L. Ed. 547.

COMPANAGE. All kinds of food, except bread and drink. Speelman

COMPANIES CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT. An English statute, (8 Vict. c. 16,) passed in 1845, which consolidated the clauses of previous laws still remaining in force on the subject of public companies. It is considered as incorporated into all subsequent acts authorizing the execution of
COMPANION OF THE GARTER

One of the knights of the Order of the Garter.

COMPANIONS

In French law. A general term, comprehending all persons who compose the crew of a ship or vessel. Poth. Mar. Cont. no. 163.

COMPANY

A society or association of persons, in considerable number, interested in a common object, and uniting themselves for the prosecution of some commercial or industrial undertaking, or other legitimate business. Mills v. State, 20 Tex. 306; Smith v. Janesville, 52 Wis. 650, 9 N. W. 759.

The proper signification of the word "company," when applied to persons engaged in trade, denotes those united for the same purpose or in a joint concern. It is so commonly used in this sense, or as indicating a partnership, that few persons accustomed to purchase goods at shops, where they are sold by retail, would misapprehend that such was its meaning. Palmer v. Pinkham, 33 Me. 32.

Joint stock companies. Joint stock companies are those having a joint stock or capital, which is divided into numerous transferable shares, or consists of transferable stock. Lindl. Partn. 6.

The term is not identical with "partnership," although every unincorporated society is, in its legal relations, a partnership. In common use a distinction is made, the name "partnership" being reserved for business associations of a limited number of persons (usually not more than four or five) trading under a name composed of their individual names set out in succession; while "company" is appropriated as the designation of a society comprising a larger number of persons, with greater capital, and engaged in more extensive enterprises, and trading under a title not disclosing the names of the individuals. See Allen v. Long, 50 Tex. 261, 16 S. W. 43, 26 Am. St. Rep. 735; Adams Exp. Co. v. Schofield, 111 Ky. 532, 54 S. W. 905; Kossakowski v. People, 171 Ill. 565, 53 N. E. 715; In re Jones, 26 Misc. Rep. 366, 59 N. Y. Supp. 983; Attorney General v. Mercantile Marine Ins. Co., 121 Mass. 505.

Sometime the word is used to represent those members of a partnership whose names do not appear in the name of the firm. See 12 Toullier, 97.

Limited company. A company in which the liability of each shareholder is limited by the number of shares he has taken, so that he cannot be called on to contribute beyond the amount of his shares. In England, the memorandum of association of such company may provide that the liability of the directors, manager, or managing director thereof shall be unlimited. 30 & 31 Vict. c. 181; 1 Lindl. Partn. 333.

COMPASS

Mosley & Whitley.—Public company. In English law. A business corporation; a society of persons joined together for carrying on some commercial or industrial undertaking.

Comparatio literarum. In the civil law. Comparison of writings, or hand-writings. A mode of proof allowed in certain cases.

Comparative

Proceeding by the method of comparison; founded on comparison; estimated by comparison.

Comparative interpretation. That method of interpretation which seeks to arrive at the meaning of a statute or other writing by comparing its several parts and also by comparing it as a whole with other like documents proceeding from the same source and referring to the same general subject. Glenn v. York County, 6 Rich. (S. C.) 412.

Comparative negligence. The doctrine in the law of negligence by which the negligence of the parties is compared, in the degrees of "slight," "ordinary," and "gross" negligence, and a recovery permitted, notwithstanding the contributory negligence of the plaintiff, when the negligence of the plaintiff is slight and the negligence of the defendant is gross, but refused when the plaintiff has been guilty of a want of ordinary care, thereby contributing to his injury, or when the negligence of the defendant is not gross, but only ordinary or slight, when compared, under the circumstances of the case, with the contributory negligence of the plaintiff. 3 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 307. See Smith v. Martin, 112 Ill. 351, 6 N. E. 456; Railroad Co. v. Ferguson, 113 Ga. 708, 30 S. E. 306, 54 L. R. A. 802; Straus v. Railroad Co., 75 Mo. 185; Hurt v. Railroad Co., 94 Mo. 250, 7 S. W. 1, 4 Am. St. Rep. 574.

Comparison of handwriting. A comparison by the juxtaposition of two writings, in order, by such comparison, to ascertain whether both were written by the same person.

A method of proof resorted to where the genuineness of a written document is disputed; it consists in comparing the handwriting of the disputed paper with another instrument which is proved or admitted to be in the writing of the party sought to be charged, in order to infer, from their identity or similarity in this respect, that they are the work of the same hand. Johnson v. Insurance Co., 105 Iowa, 273, 75 N. W. 101; Rowt v. Kile, 1 Leigh (Va.) 216; Travis v. Brown, 43 Pa. 9, 82 Am. Dec. 540.

Compascuum. Belonging to commonage. Jus compascuum, the right of common of pasture.

Compass, the mariner's. An instrument used by mariners to point out the course of a ship at sea. It consists of a magnetized steel bar called the "needle," attached to the under side of a card, upon which are drawn the points of the compass, and supported by a fine pin, upon which it turns freely in a horizontal plane.

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COMPASSING. Imagining or contriving, or plotting. In English law, "compassing the king's death" is treason. 4 Bl. Comm. 76.

COMPATERNITAS. In the canon law. A kind of spiritual relationship contracted by baptism.

COMPATERNITY. Spiritual affinity, contracted by sponsorship in baptism.

COMPATIBILITY. Such relation and consistency between the duties of two offices that they may be held and filled by one person.

COMPEAR. In Scotch law. To appear.

COMPEARANCE. In Scotch practice. Appearance; an appearance made for a defendant; an appearance by counsel. Bell.

COMPELLATIVUS. An adversary or accuser.

Compendia sunt dispendia. Co. Litt. 305. Abbreviations are detriments.

COMPENDIUM. An abridgment, synopsis, or digest.

COMPENSACION. In Spanish law. Compensation; set-off. The extinction of a debt by another debt of equal dignity.

COMPENSATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Compensation, or set-off. A proceeding resembling a set-off in the common law, being a claim on the part of the defendant to have an amount due to him from the plaintiff deducted from his demand. Dig. 16, 2; Inst. 4, 6, 30, 39; 3 Bl. Comm. 305.

—Compensatio criminis. (Set-off of crime or guilt.) In practice. The plea of recrimination in a suit for a divorce; that is, that the complainant is guilty of the same kind of offense with which the respondent is charged.

COMPENSATION. Indemnification; payment of damages; making amends; that which is necessary to restore an injured party to his former position. An act which a court orders to be done, or money which a court orders to be paid, by a person whose acts or omissions have caused loss or injury to another, in order that thereby the person damified may receive equal value for his loss, or be made whole in respect of his injury. Railroad Co. v. Denman, 10 Minn. 280 (Gil. 206).

Also that equivalent in money which is paid to the owners and occupiers of lands taken or injuriously affected by the operations of companies exercising the power of eminent domain.

In the constitutional provision for "just compensation" for property taken under the power of eminent domain, this term means a payment in money. Any benefit to the remaining property of the owner, arising from public works for which a part has been taken, cannot be considered as compensation. Railroad Co. v. Burkett, 42 Ala. 83.

As compared with consideration and damages, compensation, in its most careful use, seems to be something given by consent, or by the owner's choice. Damages is amended from a wrong-doer for a tort. Compensation is amended for something which was taken without the owner's choice, yet without commission of a tort. Thus, one should say, consideration for land sold; compensation for land taken for a railway; damages for a trespass. But such distinctions are not uniform. Land damages is a common expression for compensation for lands taken for public use. Abbott.

The word also signifies the remuneration or wages given to an employee or officer. But it is not exactly synonymous with "salary." See People v. Wemple, 115 N. Y. 302, 22 N. E. 272; 'Com. v. Carter, 55 S. W. 701, 21 Ky. Law Rep. 1509; Crawford County v. Lindsay, 11 Ill. App. 261; Kilgore v. People, 76 Ill. 548.

In the civil, Scotch, and French law. Recoupment; set-off. The meeting of two debts due by two parties, where the debtor in the one debt is the creditor in the other; that is to say, where one person is both debtor and creditor to another, and therefore, to the extent of what is due to him, claims allowance out of the sum that he is due. Bell; 1 Kames, Eq. 395, 396.

Compensation is of three kinds,—legal, or by operation of law; compensation by way of exception; and by reconvention. Stewart v. Harper, 16 La. Ann. 181.

—Compensatory damages. See DAMAGES.

COMPERENDINATIO. In the Roman law. The adjournment of a cause, in order to hear the parties or their advocates a second time; a second hearing of the parties to a cause. Calvin.

COMPERTORIUM. In the civil law.

A judicial inquest made by delegates or commissioners to find out and relate the truth of a cause.

COMPETENCY. In the law of evidence. The presence of those characteristics, or the absence of those disabilities, which render a witness legally fit and qualified to give testimony in a court of justice. The term is also applied, in the same sense, to documents or other written evidence.

Competency differs from credibility. The former is a question which arises before considering the evidence given by the witness; the latter concerns the degree of credit to be
given to his story. The former denotes the personal qualification of the witness; the latter his veracity. A witness may be competent, and yet give incredible testimony; he may be incompetent, and yet his evidence, if received, be perfectly credible. Competency is for the court; credibility for the jury. Yet in some cases the term "credible" is used as an equivalent for "competent." Thus, in a statute relating to the execution of wills, the term "credible witness" is held to mean one who is entitled to be examined and to give evidence in a court of justice; not necessarily one who is personally worthy of belief, but one who is not disqualified by imbecility, interest, crime, or other cause. 1 Jarm. Wills, 124; Smith v. Jones, 68 Vt. 132, 34 Atl. 424; Com. v. Holmes, 127 Mass. 424, 34 Am. Rep. 391.

In French law, Competency, as applied to a court, means its right to exercise jurisdiction in a particular case.

COMPETENT. Duly qualified; answering all requirements; adequate; suitable; sufficient; capable; legally fit. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 2; Chap. v. Jamison, 176 Mo. 557, 75 S. W. 679.

Competent and omitted. In Scotch practice. A term applied to a plea which might have been urged by a party during the dependence of a cause, but which had been omitted. Bell. Competent authority. As applied to courts and public officers, this term imports jurisdiction and due legal authority to deal with the particular matter in question. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 735; 9 L. Ed. 283; Charles v. Charles, 41 Minn. 201, 42 N. W. 963. Competent evidence. That which the very nature of the thing to be proven requires, as the production of a writing where its contents are the subject of inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 2: Chapman v. McAdams, 1 Lea (Tenn.) 600; Horbach v. State, 43 Tex. 242; Porter v. Valentine, 18 Misc. Rep. 215, 41 N. Y. Supp. 507. Competent witness. One who is legally qualified to be heard to testify in a cause. Hogan v. Sherman, 5 Mich. 60; People v. Compton, 126 Cal. 403, 59 Pac. 44; Com. v. Mulliken, 97 Mass. 545. See Competency.

COMPETITION. In Scotch practice. The contest among creditors claiming on their respective diligences, or creditors claiming on their securities. Bell.

Unfair competition in trade. See Unfair.

COMPILE. To compile is to copy from various authors into one work. Between a compilation and an abridgment there is a clear distinction. A compilation consists of selected extracts from different authors; an abridgment is a condensation of the views of one author. Story v. Holcombe, 4 McLean, 306, 314, Fed. Cas. No. 13,497.

Compilation. A literary production, composed of the works of others and arranged in a methodical manner. Compiled statutes. A collection of the statutes existing and in force in a given state, all laws and every modification in its relation to other statutes in pari materia from the fact of the compilation, while a code is a re-enactment of the whole body of the laws, the positive law, read and interpreted as one entire and homogeneous whole. Railway Co. v. State, 104 Ga. 831, 31 S. E. 521; Black, Interp. Laws, p. 563.

COMPLAINTANT. In practice. One who applies to the courts for legal redress; one who exhibits a bill of complaint. This is the proper designation of one suing in equity, though "plaintiff" is often used in equity proceedings as well as at law. Benef Maxwell v. Robinson, 147 Ill. 138, 55 N. E. 108.

COMPLAINT. In civil practice. In those states having a Code of Civil Procedure, the complaint is the first or initiatory pleading on the part of the plaintiff in a civil action. It corresponds to the declaration in the common-law practice. Code N. Y. § 141; Sharon v. Sharon, 67 Cal. 185, 7 Pac. 456; Railroad Co. v. Young, 154 Ind. 24, 55 N. E. 833; Mathes v. Parsons, 26 Minn. 246, 2 N. W. 703.

The complaint shall contain: (1) The title of the cause, specifying the name of the court in which the action is brought, the name of the county in which the trial is required to be had, and the names of the parties to the action, plaintiff and defendant. (2) A plain and concise statement of the facts constituting a cause of action, without unnecessary repetition; and each material allegation shall be distinctly numbered. (3) A demand of the relief to which the plaintiff supposes himself entitled. If the recovery of money be demanded, the amount thereof must be stated. Code N. C. 1883, § 223.

Cross-complaint. In code practice. Whenever the defendant seeks an antithetic relief against any party, relating to or depending upon the contract or transaction upon which the action is brought, the name of the county to which the action relates, he may, in addition to his answer, file at the same time, or by permission of the court subsequently, a cross-complaint. The cross-complaint must be served upon the parties affected thereby, and such parties may demur or answer thereto as to the original complaint. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 445; Stanley v. Insurance Co. 95 Ind. 254; Harrison v. McCormick, 69 Cal. 616, 11 Pac. 456; Bank v. Ridpath, 29 Wash. 657, 70 Pac. 159.

In criminal law. A charge, preferred before a magistrate having jurisdiction, that a person named (or an unknown person) has committed a specified offense, with an offer to prove the fact, to the end that a prosecution may be instituted. It is a technical term, descriptive of proceedings before a magistrate. Hobbs v. Hill, 187 Mass. 550, 22 N. E. 892; Com. v. Davis, 11 Pick. (Mass.) 436; U. S. v. Collins (D. C.) 79 Fed. 60; State v. Dodge Co., 20 Neb. 595, 31 N. W. 117.

The complaint is an allegation, made before a proper magistrate, that a person has been guilty of a designated public offense. Code Ala. 1886, § 4256.
COMPLETE

COMPLETE, adj. 1. Full; entire; including every item or element of the thing spoken of, without omissions or deficiencies; as, a "complete" copy, record, schedule, or transcript. Yeager v. Wright, 112 Ind. 230, 13 N. E. 707; Anderson v. Ackerman, 88 Ind. 490; Bailey v. Martin, 110 Ind. 106, 21 N. E. 346.

2. Perfect; consummate; not lacking in any element or particular; as in the case of a "complete legal title" to land, which includes the possession, the right of possession, and the right of property. Dingey v. Paxton, 69 Miss. 1054; Ehle v. Quackenboss, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 337.

COMPLICE. One who is united with others in an ill design; an associate; a confederate; an accomplice.

COMPOS MENTIS. Sound of mind. Having use and control of one's mental faculties.

COMPOS SUI. Having the use of one's limbs, or the power of bodily motion. Si fuit ut es compart sui quod itinerare potuit de federate; an accomplice.

COMPOSITIO MENSURARUM. The ordinance of measures. The title of an ancient ordinance, not printed, mentioned in the statute 23 Hen. VIII. c. 4; establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

COMPOSITIO ULMARUM ET PER-TICARUM. The statute of ells and perchers. The title of an English statute establishing a standard of measures. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

COMPOSITION. An agreement, made upon a sufficient consideration, between an insolvent or embarrassed debtor and his creditors, whereby the latter, for the sake of immediate payment, agree to accept a dividend less than the whole amount of their claims, to be distributed pro rata, in discharge and satisfaction of the whole. Bank v. McGeoch, 92 Wis. 286, 66 N. W. 606; Crossley v. Moore, 40 N. J. Law, 27; Crawford v. Krueger, 201 Pa. 348, 50 Atl. 931; In re Merriman's Estate, 17 Fed. Cas. 1005; Jacobs v. Baker, 7 Wall. 295, 19 D. Ed. 200—Composition of tithes, or real composition. This arises in English ecclesiastical law, when an agreement is made between the owner of lands and the incumbent of a benefice, with the consent of the ordinary and the patron, that the lands shall, for the future, be discharged from payment of tithes, by reason of some land or other real recompense given in lieu and satisfaction therefor. 2 Bl. Comm. 28; 3 Steph. Comm. 129.

COMPOTARIUS. In old English law. A party accounting. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 71, § 17.

COMPONDER. In Louisiana. The maker of a composition, generally called the "amicable compounder."

COMPRA Y VENTA. In Spanish law. Purchase and sale.
COMPRINT. A surreptitious printing of another book-seller's copy of a work, to make gain thereby, which was contrary to common law, and is illegal. Wharton.

COMPRIVIGNI. In the civil law. Children by a former marriage, (individually called "privoigini," or "privoigna," considered relatively to each other. Thus, the son of a husband by a former wife, and the daughter of a wife by a former husband, are the comprivigni of each other. Inst. 1, 10, 8.

COMPROMISE. An arrangement arrived at, either in court or out of court, for settling a dispute upon what appears to the parties to be equitable terms, having regard to the uncertainty they are in regarding the facts, or the law and the facts together. Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 28 Atl. 95, 22 L. R. A. 763; Trentschke v. Grain Co., 10 Neb. 358, 6 N. W. 427; Attrill v. Patterson, 58 Md. 226; Bank v. McGeoch, 92 Wis. 286, 60 N. W. 606; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 33 S. W. 812.

An agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their difficulties by mutual consent in the manner which they agree on, and which every one of them prefers to the hope of gaining, balanced by the danger of losing. Sharp v. Knox, 4 La. 456.

In the civil law. An agreement whereby two or more persons mutually bind themselves to refer their legal dispute to the decision of a designated third person, who is termed "umpire" or "arbitrator." Dig. 4, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 471.


COMPROMISSARIUS. In the civil law. An arbitrator.

COMPROMISSION. A submission to arbitration.


COMPTÉ ARRÊTÉ. Fr. An account stated in writing, and acknowledged to be correct on its face by the party against whom it is stated. Paschal v. Union Bank of Louisiana, 9 La. Ann. 484.

COMPTER. In Scotch law. An accounting party.

COMPTROLLER. A public officer of a state or municipal corporation, charged with certain duties in relation to the fiscal affairs of the same, principally to examine and audit the accounts of collectors of the public money, to keep records, and report the financial situation from time to time. There are also officers bearing this name in the treasury department of the United States.

COMPTROLLER in bankruptcy. An officer in England, whose duty it is to receive from the trustee in each bankruptcy his accounts and periodical statements showing the proceedings in the bankruptcy, and also to call the trustee to account for any misfeasance, neglect, or omission in the discharge of his duties. Robs. Bankr. 13; Bankr. Act 1886, § 55.—Comptrollers of the hanaper. In English law. Officers of the court of chancery; their offices were abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 105.—State comptroller. A supervising officer of revenue in a state government, whose principal duty is the final auditing and settling of all claims against the state. State v. Doron, 5 Nev. 413.


COMPELSORY. n. In ecclesiastical procedure, a compulsory is a kind of writ to compel the attendance of a witness, to undergo examination. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1258.

COMPOULSORY, adj. Involuntary; forced; coerced by legal process or by force of statute.


COMPURGATOR. One of several neighbors of a person accused of a crime, or charged as a defendant in a civil action, who appeared and swore that they believed him on his oath. 3 Bl. Comm. 341.

COMPUTO. Lat. To compute, reckon, or account. Used in the phrases insumul computasset, "they reckoned together," (see INSIMUL;) plene computavit, "he has fully accounted," (see PLENEX; quod comput, "that he account," (see QUOD COMPUTAT.)

COMPUTATION. The act of computing, numbering, reckoning, or estimating.
The account or estimation of time by rule of law, as distinguished from any arbitrary construction of the parties. Cowell.

COMPUTUS. A writ to compel a guardian, bailiff, receiver, or accountant to yield up his accounts. It is founded on the statute Westm. 2, c. 12; Reg. Orig. 135.

COMTE. Fr. A count or earl. In the ancient French law, the comte was an officer having jurisdiction over a particular district or territory, with functions partly military and partly judicial.

CON BUENA FE. In Spanish law. With (or in) good faith.

CONACRE. In Irish practice. The payment of wages in land, the rent being worked out in labor at a money valuation. Wharton.

Conatus quid sit, non definitur in jure. 2 Bulst. 277. What an attempt is, is not defined in law.

CONCEAL. To hide; secrete; withhold from the knowledge of others.

The term "conceal," according to the best lexicographers, signifies to withhold or keep secret mental facts from another's knowledge, as well as to hide or secrete physical objects from sight or observation. Gerry v. Dunham, 57 Me. 389.

—Concealed. The term "concealed" is not synonymous with "lying in wait." If a person conceals himself for the purpose of shooting another unawares, he is lying in wait; but a person may, while concealed, shoot another without committing the crime of murder. People v. Miles, 55 Cal. 297. The term "concealed weapons" means weapons willfully or knowingly covered or kept from sight. Owen v. State, 51 Ala. 383. —Concealers. In old English law, such as find out concealed lands; that is, lands privily kept from the king by common persons having nothing to show for them. They are called "a troublesome, disturbant sort of men; turbulent persons." Cowell.—Concealment. The improper suppression or disguising of a fact, circumstance, or qualification which rests within the knowledge of one only of the parties to a contract, but which ought in fairness and good faith to be communicated to the other, whereby the party so concealing draws the other into an engagement which he would not make but for his ignorance of the fact concealed. A neglect to communicate that which a party knows, and ought to communicate, is called a "concealment." Clv. Cede Cal. § 2561. The terms "misrepresentation" and "concealment" have a known and definite meaning in the law of insurance. Misrepresentation is the statement of something as fact which is untrue in fact, and which the assured knows, knowing it to be not true, with an intent to deceive the underwriter, or which he states positively as true, without knowing it to be true, and which has a tendency to mislead, such fact in either case being material to the risk. Concealment is the designed and intentional withholding of any fact material to the risk, which he knows, in honesty and good faith, ought to communicate to the underwriter; mere silence on the part of the assured, especially as to some matter of fact which he does not consider it important for the underwriter to know, is not to be considered as such concealment. If the fact so untrue stated is not material, that is, if the knowledge or ignorance of it would not naturally influence the judgment of the underwriter in making the contract, or in estimating the degree and character of the risk, or in fixing the rate of the premium, it is not a "misrepresentation" or "concealment," within the clause of the conditions annexed to policies. Daniels v. Insurance Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 416, 59 Am. Dec. 192.

CONCEDER. Fr. In French law. To grant. See Concession.

CONCEDO. Lat. I grant. A word used in old Anglo-Saxon grants, and in statutes merchant.

CONCEPTION. In medical jurisprudence, the beginning of pregnancy, (q. v.)

CONCEPTUM. In the civil law. A theft (furtum) was called "conceptum," when the thing stolen was searched for, and found upon some person in the presence of witnesses. Inst. 4, 1, 4.


CONCESSI. Lat. I have granted. At common law, in a feufoimt or estate of inheritance, this word does not imply a warranty; it only creates a covenant in a lease for years. Co. Litt. 324a. See Kinney v. Watts, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 40; Koch v. Hustis, 113 Wis. 599, 87 N. W. 354; Burwell v. Jackson, 9 N. Y. 335.

CONCESSI. Lat. We have granted. A term used in conveyances, the effect of which was to create a joint covenant on the part of the grantors.

CONCESSIO. In old English law. A grant. One of the old common assurances, or forms of conveyance.

Concessio per regem fieri debet de certitudine. 9 Coke, 46. A grant by the king ought to be made from certainty.

Concessio versus concedentem latam interpretationem habere debet. A grant ought to have a broad interpretation (to be liberally interpreted) against the grantor. Junkt. Cent. 279.

CONCESSION. A grant; ordinarily applied to the grant of specific privileges by a government. The French and Spanish grants in Louisiana. See Western M. & M. Co. v. Peytons Coal Co., 8 W. Va. 446.
CONCESSIT SOLVERE. (He grantee and agreed to pay.) In English law. An action of debt upon a simple contract. It lies by custom in the mayor’s court, London, and Bristol city court.

CONCESSOR. In old English law. A grantor.

CONCESSUM. Accorded; conceded. This term, frequently used in the old reports, signifies that the court admitted or assented to a point or proposition made on the argument.

CONCESSUS. A grantee.

CONCELIABULUM. A council house.

CONCILIATION. In French law. The formality to which intending litigants are subjected in cases brought before the juge de paix. The judge convenes the parties and endeavors to reconcile them. Should he not succeed, the case proceeds. In criminal and commercial cases, the preliminary of conciliation does not take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 552.

CONCILIUM. Lat. A council. Also argument in a cause, or the sitting of the court to hear argument; a day allowed to a defendant to present his argument; an appearance.

—Concilium ordinarium. In Anglo-Norman times. An executive and residuary judicial committee of the Aula Regis, (q. v.)—Concilium regis. An ancient English tribunal, existing during the reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., to which was referred cases of extraordinary difficulty. Co. Litt. 304.

CONCIONATOR. In old records. A common council man; a freeman called to a legislative hall or assembly. Cowell.

CONCLUDE. To finish; determine; to estop; to prevent.

CONCLUDED. Ended; determined; estopped; prevented from.

CONCLUSION. The end; the termination; the act of finishing or bringing to a close. The conclusion of a declaration or complaint is all that part which follows the statement of the plaintiff’s cause of action. The conclusion of a plea is its final clause, in which the defendant either “puts himself upon the country” (where a material averment of the declaration is traversed and issue tendered) or offers a verification, which is proper where new matter is introduced. State v. Waters, 1 Mo. App. 7.

In trial practice. It signifies making the final or concluding address to the jury or the court. This is, in general, the privilege of the party who has to sustain the burden or proof.

Conclusion also denotes a bar or estoppel; the consequence, as respects the individual, of a judgment upon the subject-matter, or of his confession of a matter or thing which the law thenceforth forbids him to deny.

—Conclusion against the form of the statute. The proper form for the conclusion of a indictment for an offense created by statute is the technical phrase “against the form of the statute in such case made and provided;” or, in Latin, contra formam statuti.

—Conclusion of fact. An inference drawn from the subordinate or evidentiary facts.—Conclusion of law. Within the rule that pleadings should contain only facts, and not conclusions of law, this means a proposition not arrived at by any process of natural reasoning from a fact or combination of facts stated, but by the application of the artificial rules of law to the facts pleaded. Levins v. Rovegno, 71 Cal. 272, 12 Pac. 161; Iron Co. v. Vandervort, 164 Pa. 572, 39 Atl. 491; Clark v. Railway Co., 28 Minn. 69, 9 N. W. 75.—Conclusion to the country. In pleading. The tender of an issue to be tried by jury. Steph. Pl. 230.

CONCLUSIVE. Shutting up a matter; shutting out all further evidence; not admitting of explanation or contradiction; putting an end to inquiry; final; decisive. Hoadley v. Hammond, 63 Iowa, 506, 19 N. W. 77; Joslyn v. Rockwell, 59 Hun, 129, 13 N. Y. Supp. 311; Appeal of Bixler, 59 Cal. 550.

—Conclusive evidence. See EVIDENCE.—Conclusive presumption. See PRESUMPTION.

CONCORD. In the old process of levying a fine of lands, the concord was an agreement between the parties (real or feigned) in which the deforciant (or he who keeps the other out of possession) acknowledges that the lands in question are the right of complainant; and, from the acknowledgment or admission of right thus made, the party who levies the fine is called the “cognizor,” and the person to whom it is levied the “cognizee.” 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

The term also denotes an agreement between two persons, one of whom has a right of action against the other, settling what amends shall be made for the breach or wrong; a compromise or an accord.

In old practice. An agreement between two or more, upon a trespass committed, by way of amends or satisfaction for it. Plowd. 5, 6, 8.

Concordare leges legibus est optimus interpretandi modus. To make laws agree with laws is the best mode of interpreting them. Halk. Max. 70.

CONCORDAT. In public law. A compact or convention between two or more independent governments. An agreement made by a temporal sovereign with the pope, relative to ecclesiastical matters.

In French law. A compromise effected by a bankrupt with his creditors, by virtue
of which he engages to pay within a certain time a certain proportion of his debts, and by which the creditors agree to discharge the whole of their claims in consideration of the same. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

**CONCORDIA.** Lat. In old English law. An agreement, or concord. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 3, § 5. The agreement or unanimity of a jury. Compellere ad concordiam. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 9, § 2.

**CONCORDIA DISCORDANTIUM CANONUM.** The harmony of the discordant canons. A collection of ecclesiastical constitutions made by Gratian, an Italian monk, A. D. 1151; more commonly known by the name of "Decretum Gratiani."

Concordia parvae res crescent et opulentia lites. 4 Inst. 74. Small means increase by concord and litigations by opulence.

**CONCUBARIA.** A fold, pen, or place where cattle lie. Cowell.

**CONCUBEANT.** Lying together, as cattle.

**CONCUBINAGE.** A species of loose or informal marriage which took place among the ancients, and which is yet in use in some countries. See CONCUBINATUS.


An exception against a woman suing for dower, on the ground that she was the concubine, and not the wife, of the man of whose land she seeks to be endowed. Britt. c. 107.

**CONCUBINATUS.** In Roman law. An informal, unsanctioned, or "natural" marriage, as contradistinguished from the justæ nuptiae, or justum matrimonium, the civil marriage.

**CONCUBINE.** (1) A woman who cohabits with a man to whom she is not married. (2) A sort of inferior wife, among the Romans, upon whom the husband did not confer his rank or quality.

**CONCUR.** To agree; accord; consent. In the practice of appellate courts, a "concurring opinion" is one filed by one of the judges or justices, in which he agrees with the conclusions or the result of another opinion filed in the case (which may be either the opinion of the court or a dissenting opinion) though he states separately his views of the case or his reasons for so concurring.

In Louisiana law. To join with other claimants in presenting a demand against an insolvent estate.

**CONCURATOR.** In the civil law. A joint or co-curator, or guardian.

**CONCURRENCE.** In French law. The possession, by two or more persons, of equal rights or privileges over the same subject-matter.

—Concurrence déloyale. A term of the French law nearly equivalent to "unfair trade competition," and used in relation to the infringement of rights secured by trade-marks, etc. It signifies a dishonest, perfidious, or treacherous rivalry in trade, or any manoeuvre calculated to prejudice the good will of a business or the value of the name of a property or its credit or renown with the public, to the injury of a business competitor. Simmons Medicine Co. v. Mansfield Drug Co., 93 Tenn. 84, 23 S. W. 165.

**CONCURRENT.** Having the same authority; acting in conjunction; agreeing in the same act; contributing to the same event; contemporaneous.

As to concurrent "Covenants," "Jurisdiction," "Insurance," "Lease," "Lien," and "Writs," see those titles.

**CONCURSO.** In the law of Louisiana, the name of a suit or remedy to enable creditors to enforce their claims against an insolvent or failing debtor. Schroeder v. Nicholson, 2 La. 355.

**CONCURSUS.** In the civil law. (1) A running together; a collision, as concursus creditorum, a conflict among creditors. (2) A concurrence, or meeting, as concursus actionum, concurrence of actions.

**CONCUSS.** In Scotch law. To coerce.

**CONCUSSIO.** In the civil law. The offense of extortion by threats of violence. Dig. 47, 13.

**CONCussion.** In the civil law. The unlawful forcing of another by threats of violence to give something of value. It differs from robbery, in this: That in robbery the thing is taken by force, while in concussion it is obtained by threatened violence. Helnec. Elem. § 1071.

In medical jurisprudence. Concussion of the brain is a jarring of the brain substance, by a fall, blow, or other external injury, without laceration of its tissue, or with only microscopic laceration. Maynard v. Railroad Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 Pac. 590.

**CONDEDIT.** In ecclesiastical law. The name of a plea entered by a party to a libel filed in the ecclesiastical court, in which it is pleaded that the deceased made the will which is the subject of the suit, and that he was of sound mind. 2 Eng. Ecc. R. 438; 6 Eng. Ecc. R. 431.
CONDICTIO. In Roman law. A general term for actions of a personal nature, founded upon an obligation to give or do a certain and defined thing or service. It is distinguished from vindicatio rei, which is an action to vindicate one's right of property in a thing by regaining (or retaining) possession of it against the adverse claim of the other party.

—Condictio certi. An action which lies upon a promise to do a thing, where such promise or stipulation is certain. (si certa sit stipulatio.) Inst. 3, 16, pr.; Id. 3, 15, pr.; Dig. 12, 1; Bract. 1058. A condition arising where the law gave a remedy, but provided no appropriate form of action. Calvin.—Condictio indebiti. An action which lay to recover anything which the plaintiff had given or paid to the defendant, by mistake, and which he was not bound to give or pay, either in fact or in law. Condictio rei turtvst. An action which lay to recover a thing stolen, against the thief himself, or his heir. Inst. 4, 1, 19.—Condictio sine causa. An action which lay in favor of a person who had given or promised a thing without consideration, (causa.) Dig. 12, 7; Cod. 4, 9.

CONDITIO. Lat. A condition.

Conditio beneficallis, quae statum construit, benigna secundum verborum intentionem est interpretanda; odiosa aeterni, quae statum destruct, stricte secundum verborum proprietatem accipiendi. 8 Coke, 90. A beneficial condition, which creates an estate, ought to be construed favorably, according to the intention of the words; but a condition which destroys an estate is odious, and ought to be construed strictly according to the letter of the words.

Conditio dicitur, cum quid in casum incertum qui potest tendere ad esse aut non esse, confortur. Co. Litt. 201. It is called a "condition," when something is given on an uncertain event, which may or may not come into existence.

Conditio illicita habetur pro non adjecta. An unlawful condition is deemed as not annexed.

Conditio procedens adimpleret debet prius quam sequatur effectus. Co. Litt. 201. A condition precedent must be fulfilled before the effect can follow.

CONDITION. In the civil law. The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society.

An agreement or stipulation in regard to some uncertain future event, not of the essential nature of the transaction, but annexed to it by the parties, providing for a change or modification of their legal relations upon its occurrence. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 184.

Classification. In the civil law, conditions are of the following several kinds:

The casual condition is that which depends on chance and is in no way in the power either of the creditor or of the debtor. Civ. Code La. art. 2023.

A mixed condition is one that depends at the same time on the will of one of the parties and on the will of a third person, or on the will of one of the parties and also on a casual event. Civ. Code La. art. 2025.

The potestative condition is that which makes
the execution of the agreement depend on an event which it is in the power of the one or the other of the contracting parties to bring about or to hinder. Civ. Code La. art. 2024.

A **resolutive or dissolving** condition is one which, when fulfilled, opens the way for the revo­
cation of the obligation, placing matters in the same state as though the obligation had not existed. It does not suspend the execution of the obligation. It only obliges the creditor to restore what he has received in case the event provided for in the condition takes place. Civ. Code La. art. 2042; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 991.

A **suspensive** condition is that which depends, either on a past and uncertain event, or on an event which has actually taken place, without its being yet known to the parties. In the former case, the obligation cannot be executed till after the event; in the latter, the obligation has its effect from the day on which it was contracted, but it cannot be enforced until the event be known. Civ. Code La. art. 2043; New Orleans v Railroad Co., 171 U. S. 312, 18 Sup. Ct. 875, 48 L. Ed. 178; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 991.

**In French law.** In French law, the following peculiar distinctions are made: (1) A condition is **casuelle** when it depends on a chance or hazard; (2) a condition is **potes­tative** when it depends on the accomplish­ment of something which is in the power of the party to accomplish; (3) a condition is **miste** when it depends partly on the will of the party and partly on the will of others; (4) a condition is **suspensive** when it is a future and uncertain event, or present but unknown event, upon which an obligation takes or fails to take effect; (5) a condition is **resolutoire** when it is the event which un­does an obligation which has already had effect as such. Brown.

**In common law.** The rank, situation, or degree of a particular person in some one of the different orders of society; or his **status** or situation, considered as a juridical person, arising from positive law or the institu­tions of society. Thill v. Pohlan, 76 Iowa, 638, 41 N. W. 385.

A clause in a contract or agreement which has for its object to suspend, rescind, or vary the performance of an obligation or, in case of a will, to suspend, revoke, or modify the devise or bequest. Towle v. Remsen, 70 N. Y. 306.

A **modus or quality annexed by him that hath an estate, or interest or right to the same, whereby an estate, etc., may either be defeated, enlarged, or created upon an uncertain event. Co. Litt 201a.**

A qualification or restriction annexed to a conveyance of lands, whereby it is provided that in case a particular event does or does not happen, or in case the grantor or grantee does or omits to do a particular act, an estate shall commence, be enlarged, or be defeated. Heaston v. Randolph County, 20 Ind. 398; Cooper v. Green, 28 Ark. 54; State v. Board of Public Works, 42 Ohio St. 615; Selden v. Pringle, 17 Barb. (N. Y.) 465.

**Classification.** The different kinds of condi­tions known to the common law may be ar­ranged and described as follows:

They are either **express or implied**, the form­er when the obligation is expressed in the deed, contract, lease, or grant; the latter, when inferred or presumed by law, from the nature of the transaction or the conduct of the parties, and has been tacitly understood between them as a part of the agreement, though not expressly mentioned. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 792; 167 U. S. 312, 18 Sup. Ct. 875, 48 L. Ed. 178; Raley v. Umatilla County, 15 Or. 172, 13 Pac. 890, 3 Am. St. Rep. 142. Express and implied conditions are also called by the older writers, respectively, **conditions in thing** (or in deed) and **conditions in law**. Co. Litt. 201a.

The following cases are applicable to the former, when they admit of performance in the ordinary course of events; the latter when it is contrary to the course of nature or human limita­tions that they should ever be performed.

They are **lawful or unlawful**; the former when their character is not in violation of any rule, principle, or policy of law, the latter when they are such as the law will not allow to be made.

They are **consistent or repugnant**; the former when each of the two conditions must be per­formed before the estate to which it is annexed can vest or be enlarged; or it is one which is to be performed before some right de­pendent thereon accrues, or some act dependent thereon is performed. Towle v. Remsen, 70 N. Y. 306; Jones v. U. S., 96 U. S. 26, 24 L. Ed. 444; Redman v. Insurance Co., 49 Wis. 451, 4 N. W. 591; Beatty's Estate v. Western College, 177 Ill. 380, 52 N. E. 432; 64 L. R. A. 1797, 69 Am. St. Rep. 242; Warner v. Bennett, 31 Conn. 476; Blean v. Messenger, 58 N. J. Law, 493. A condition subsequent is one which is annexed to an estate already vested, by the perfor­mance of which such estate is kept and con­tinued; it is the failure of a condition subsequent of which it is defeated; or it is a condition referring to a future event, upon the happen­ing of which the obligation becomes no longer conditional. Shep. Touch. 118.

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A condition subsequent is one which if annulled or is void, the obligation is suspended; **if it is void, the obligation is null and void**; or **if it is impossible,** the former when they admit of performance in the ordinary course of events; the latter when it is contrary to the course of nature or human limita­tions that they should ever be performed.

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the second class when the performance of one condition is not obligatory until the actual performance of the other; and to the third class when neither party need perform his condition unless the other is ready and willing to perform his, or, in other words, when the mutual covenants go to the whole consideration on both sides and each is precedent to the other. Huggins v. Daley, 99 Fed. 609, 40 C. C. A. 12, 48 L. R. A. 320.

The following varieties may also be noted: A condition collateral is one requiring the performance of a collateral act having no necessary relation to the main subject of the agreement. A compulsory condition is one which expressly requires a thing to be done, as, that a lessee shall pay a specified sum of money on a certain day or his lease shall be void. Shop, Touch. 118. Concurrent conditions are those which are mutually dependent and are to be performed at the same time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1457. A condition inherent is one annexed to the rent reserved out of the land whereof the estate is made, or rather, to the estate in the land, in respect of rent. Shep. Touch. 118.

Synonyms distinguished. A "condition" is to be distinguished from a \textit{limitation}, in that the latter may be to or for the benefit of a stranger, who may then take advantage of its determination, while only the grantor, or those who inherit from him in his line, may take advantage of a condition, (Hoseiton v. Hoseiton, 166 Mo. 182, 65 S. W. 1005; Stearns v. Gofrey, 16 Me. 158;) and in that a limitation ends the estate without entry or claim, which is not true of a condition. It also differs from a \textit{conditional limitation}; for in the latter the estate is limited over to a third person, while in case of a simple condition it reverts to the grantor, or his heirs or devisees, (Church v. Grant, 3 Gray [Mass.] 147, 63 Am. Dec. 725.) It differs also from a covenant, which can be made by either grantor or grantee, while only the grantor can make a condition, (Co. Litt. 70.) A \textit{charge} is a devise of land with a bequest out of the subject-matter, and a charge upon the devisee personally, in respect of the estate devised, gives him an estate on condition. A condition also differs from a \textit{remainder}; for, while the former may operate to defeat the estate before its natural termination, the latter cannot take effect until the completion of the preceding estate.

\textbf{CONDITIONAL.} That which is dependent upon or granted subject to a condition.

---Condition creditor. In the civil law. A creditor having a future right of action, or having a right of action in expectancy. Dig. 50, 16, 54.—\textbf{Conditional stipulation.} In the civil law. A stipulation to do a thing upon condition, as the happening of any event.


\textbf{CONDITIONS OF SALE.} The terms upon which sales are made at auction; usually written or printed and exposed in the auction room at the time of sale.

\textbf{CONDONAMIA.} In the civil law. Co-ownerships or limited ownerships, such as \textit{emphyteusis}, \textit{superficies}, \textit{pignus}, \textit{hypothecas}, \textit{ususfructus}, \textit{usus}, and \textit{habitationes}. These were more than mere \textit{jura in re aliena}, being portion of the \textit{dominium} itself, although they are commonly distinguished from the \textit{dominium} strictly so called. Brown.

\textbf{CONDONACION.} In Spanish law. The remission of a debt, either expressly or tacitly.

\textbf{CONDONATION.} The conditional remission or forgiveness, by one of the married parties, of a matrimonial offense committed by the other and which would constitute a cause of divorce; the condition being that the offense shall not be repeated. See Pain v. Pain, 37 Mo. App. 115; Betz v. Betz, 25 N. Y. Super. Ct. 696; Thomson v. Thomson, 121 Cal. 11, 53 Pac. 403; Harnett v. Harnett, 55 Iowa, 45, 7 N. W. 394; Eggerth v. Eggerth, 15 Or. 626, 16 Pac. 650; Turnbull v. Turnbull, 23 Ark. 615; Odom v. Odom, 36 Ga. 318; Polson v. Polson, 140 Ind. 310, 39 N. E. 498.

The term is also sometimes applied to forgiveness of a past wrong, fault, injury, or breach of duty in other relations, as, for example, in that of master and servant. Leatherberry v. Odell (C. C.) 7 Fed. 648.

\textbf{CONDON.} To make condonation of.

\textbf{CONDUCT MONEY.} In English practice. Money paid to a witness who has been subpoenaed to a trial, sufficient to defray the reasonable expenses of going to, staying at, and returning from the place of trial. Lush, Pr. 460; Archb. New Pr. 639.

\textbf{CONDUCTI ACTIO.} In the civil law. An action which the hirer (\textit{conductor}) of a thing might have against the letter, (\textit{locatur}.) Inst. 3, 25, pr. 2.

\textbf{CONDUCTIO.} In the civil law. A hiring. Used generally in connection with the term \textit{locatio}, a letting. \textit{Locatio et conductio}, (sometimes united as a compound word, "\textit{locatio-conductio},") a letting and hiring. Inst. 3, 25; Bract. fol. 62, c. 28; Story, Bailm. §§ 8, 368.

\textbf{CONDUCTOR.} In the civil law. A hirer.

\textbf{CONDUCTOR OPERARIUM.} In the civil law. A person who engages to perform a piece of work for another, at a stated price.
CONDUCTUS. A thing hired.

CONFEDERACY. In criminal law. The association or banding together of two or more persons for the purpose of committing an act or furthering an enterprise which is forbidden by law, or which, though lawful in itself, becomes unlawful when made the object of the confederacy. State v. Crowley, 41 Wis. 284, 22 Am. Rep. 719; Watson v. Navigation Co., 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 353. Conspiracy is a more technical term for this offense.

CONFEDERATION. A league or combination of two or more component states as its units, which, vested with certain powers of sovereignty, however, retain their sovereign powers for (mostly external,) and acting upon the several modes of effecting the same thing being coemporto, (formal,) and usus mulieria, (informal,) Brown.

CONFEDERATION. A league or combination of two or more independent states whereby they unite for their mutual welfare and the furtherance of their common aims. The term may apply to a union so formed for a temporary or limited purpose, as in the case of an offensive and defensive alliance; but it is more commonly used to denote that species of political connection between two or more independent states by which a central government is created, invested with certain powers of sovereignty, (mostly external,) and acting upon the several component states as its units, which, however, retain their sovereign powers for domestic purposes and some others. See FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

CONFESS. To admit the truth of a charge or accusation. Usually spoken of in connection with the commission of a crime or misdemeanor, in acknowledging and avowing that he is guilty of the offense charged.

CONFESSIO. Lat. A confession. Confession in judicio, a confession made in or before a court.

CONFESION. In criminal law. A voluntary statement made by a person charged with the commission of a crime or misdemeanor, communicated to another person, wherein he acknowledges himself to be guilty of the offense charged, and discloses the circumstances of the act or the share and participation which he had in it. Speaker v. Com. (Ky.) 51 S. W. 802; People v. Parton, 49 Cal. 637; Lee v. State, 102 Ga. 221, 29 S. E. 294; State v. Heldenreich, 29 Or. 381, 45 Pac. 755.

CONFERENCE. A meeting of several persons for deliberation, for the interchange of opinion, or for the removal of differences or disputes. Thus, a meeting between a counsel and solicitor to advise on the cause of their client.

CONFERENCE. In international law. A personal meeting between the diplomatic agents of two or more powers, for the purpose of making statements and explanations that will obviate the delay and difficulty attending the more formal conduct of negotiations.

CONFERENCE. In French law. A concordance or identity between two laws or two systems of laws.

CONFIDENT. The making and completion of a written instrument. 5 Coke, 1.

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Also the act of a prisoner, when arraigned for a crime or misdemeanor, in acknowledging and avowing that he is guilty of the offense charged.

Classification. Confessions are divided into judicial and extrajudicial. The former are such as are made before a magistrate or court in the due course of legal proceedings, while the latter are such as are made by a party elsewhere than in court or before a magistrate. Speaker v. State, 4 Tex. App. 479. An implied confession is where the defendant, in a case not capital, does not plead guilty but indirectly admits his guilt by placing himself at the mercy of the court and asking for a light sentence. 2 Hawk, P. C. p. 409; State v. Conway, 20 R. I. 570, 58 Atl. 586. An indirect confession is one inferred from the conduct of the defendant. State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 Atl. 137. A naked confession is an admission of the guilt of the party, but which is not supported by any evidence of the commission of the crime. A relative confession, in the older crim-
inal law of England, "is where the accused confesseth and appeareth others thereof, to become an approver." (2 Hale, P. C. c. 22, p. 12) or in other words to "learn king's evidence." This is now obsolete, but something like it is practiced in modern law, where one of the persons accused of a crime, who is supposed to be involved in it, is put on the witness stand under an implied promise of pardon. Com. v. Knapp, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 477; 2 Am. Dec. 553; State v. Willis, 71 Ohio 326, 58 Am. Law 820. A strict construction is merely a plea of guilty. State v. Willis, 71 Ohio 298, 41 Atl. 820; Bram v. U. S., 168 U. S. 532, 18 Sup. Ct. 128, 42 L. Ed. 568. A voluntary confession is one made spontaneously by a person accused of crime, free from the influence of any extraneous disturbing cause, and in particular, not influenced by threats, promises, or threats of violence, threats, or promises. State v. Clifford, 86 Iowa, 550, 63 N. W. 289, 41 Am. St. Rep. 518; Roesel v. State, 62 N. J. Law, 216, 41 Atl. 408; State v. Alexander, 190 La. 507, 23 South. 600; Com. v. Sego, 125 Mass. 213; Bullock v. State, 65 N. J. Law, 557, 47 Atl. 686; Colburn v. Groton, 66 N. H. 151, 22 L. R. A. 763.

—Confession and avoidance. A plea in confession and avoidance is one which avows and excludes the existence of any fact in the declaration, either expressly or by implication, but then proceeds to allege new matter which tends to deprive the facts admitted of their legal effect, or to obviate, neutralize, or avoid them.—Confession of defense. In English practice. Where defendant alleges a ground of defense arising since the commencement of the action, the plaintiff may deliver confession of such defense and sign judgment for his costs up to the time of such pleading unless it be otherwise evidenced. Jud. Act. 1875, Ord. XX, r. 3.—Confession of judgment. The act of a debtor in permitting judgment to be entered against him by his creditor, for a stipulated sum, by a written instrument signed to that effect or by warrant of attorney, without the institution of legal proceedings of any kind.—Clear confession to an assignation of error, admitting the same.

CONFESO, BILL TAKEN PRO. In equity practice. An order which the court of chancery makes when the defendant does not file an answer, that the plaintiff may take such a decree as the case made by his bill warrants.

CONFESSOR. An ecclesiastic who receives auricular confessions of sins from persons under his spiritual charge, and pronounces absolution upon them. The secrets of the confessional are not privileged communications at common law, but this has been changed by statute in some states. See 1 Greenl. Ev. §§ 247, 248.


Confessus in judicio pro judicato habeatur, et quodammodo sua sententia damnatur. 11 Coke, 30. A person confessing his guilt when arraigned is deemed to have been found guilty, and is, as it were, condemned by his own sentence.

CONFIDENCE. Trust; reliance; ground of trust. In the construction of wills, this word is considered peculiarly appropriate to create a trust. "It is as applicable to the subject of a trust, as nearly a synonym, as the English language is capable of. Trust is a confidence which one man reposes in another, and confidence is a trust." Appeal of Coates, 2 Pa. 183.

CONFIDENTIAL. Intrusted with the confidence of another or with his secret affairs or purposes; intended to be held in confidence or kept secret.

—Confidential communications. See Communication.—Confidential creditor. This term has been applied to the creditors of a failing debtor who furnished him with the means of obtaining credit to which he was not entitled, involving in loss the unsuspecting and fair-dealing creditors. Gay v. Strickland, 112 Ala. 367, 29 South. 921.—Confidential relation. A fiduciary relation. These phrases are used as convertible terms. It is a peculiar relation which exists between client and attorney, principal and agent, principal and surety, landlord and tenant, parent and child, guardian and ward, ancestor and heir, husband and wife, trustee and custis que trust, executors or administrators and creditors, legatees, or distributees, appointee and appointee under powers, and partners and part owners. In these and like cases, the law, in order to prevent undue advantage from the unlimited confidence or sense of duty which the relation naturally creates, requires the utmost degree of good faith in all transactions between the parties. Robins v. Hope, 57 Cal. 483; People v. Palmer, 152 N. Y. 217, 46 N. E. 325; Scattergood v. Kirk, 192 Pa. 263, 43 Atl. 1030; Brown v. Deposit Co., 87 Md. 377, 40 Atl. 226.

CONFINEMENT. Confine may be by either a moral or a physical restraint, by threats of violence with a present force, or by physical restraint of the person. U. S. v. Thompson, 1 Sumn. 171, Fed. Cas. No. 16,492; Ex parte Snodgrass, 43 Tex. Cr. R. 359, 65 S. W. 1061.

CONFIRM. To complete or establish that which was imperfect or uncertain; to ratify what has been done without authority or insufficiently. Boggs v. Mining Co., 14 Cal. 305; Railway Co. v. Ransom, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 688, 41 S. W. 826.

Confirmae est id firmam facere quod prius infirmum fuit. Co. Litt. 285. To confirm is to make firm that which was before infirm.

Confirmae nemo potest prius quam jus ei acciderit. No one can confirm before the right accrues to him. 10 Coke, 48.

Confirmat usum qui tollit absum. He confirms the use [of a thing] who removes the abuse, [of it.] Moore, 764.

CONFIRMATIO. The conveyance of an estate, or the communication of a right that one hath in or unto lands or tenements, to another that hath the possession thereof, or some other estate therein, whereby a voidable estate is made sure and unavoidable, or whereby a particular estate is increased or
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CONFISCA. Capable of being confiscated or suitable for confiscation; liable to forfeiture. Camp v. Lockwood, 1 Dal. (Pa.) 393, 1 L. Ed. 194.

CONFISCARE. In civil and old English law. To confiscate; to claim for or bring into the fisc, or treasury. Bract. fol. 150.

CONFISCATE. To appropriate property to the use of the state. To adjudge property to be forfeited to the public treasury; to seize and condemn private forfeited property to public use. Ware v. Hylton, 3 Dall. 234, 1 L. Ed. 568; State v. Sargent, 12 Mo. App. 234.

Formerly, it appears, this term was used as synonymous with "forfeit," but at present the distinction between the two terms is well marked, confiscation supervening upon forfeiture. The person, by his act, forfeits his property; the state thereupon appropriates it, that is, confiscates it. Hence, to confiscate property implies that it has first been forfeited; but to forfeit property does not necessarily imply that it will be confiscated.

"Confiscation" is also to be distinguished from "condemnation" as prize. The former is the act of the sovereign against a rebellious subject; the latter is the act of a belligerent against another belligerent. Confiscation may be effected by such means, summary or arbitrary, as the sovereign, expressing its will through lawful channels, may please to adopt. Condemnation as prize can only be made in accordance with principles of law recognized in the common jurisprudence of the world. Both are proceedings in rem, but confiscation recognizes the title of the original owner to the property, while in prize the tenure of the property is qualified, provisional, and destitute of absolute ownership. Winchester v. U. S., 14 Ct. Cl. 43.

CONFISCATEE. One whose property has been seized and sold under a confiscation act, e. g., for unpaid taxes. See Brent v. New Orleans, 41 La. Ann. 1098, 6 South. 793.

CONFISCATION. The act of confiscating; or of condemning and adjudging to the public treasury.

CONFISCATION acts. Certain acts of congress, enacted during the progress of the civil war (1861 and 1862) in the exercise of the war powers of the government and meant to strengthen its hands and aid in suppressing the rebellion, which authorized the seizure, condemnation, and forfeiture of "property used for insurrectionary purposes." 12 U. S. St. at Large, 319, 559; Miller v. U. S., 11 Wall. 268, 20 L. Ed. 135; Semmes v. U. S., 91 U. S. 27, 23 L. Ed. 138.—Confiscation cases. The name given to a group of fifteen cases decided by the United States supreme court in 1868, on the validity and construction of the confiscation acts of congress. Reported in 7 Wall. 454, 19 L. Ed. 196.

CONFISK. An old form of confiscate.

CONFITENS REUS. An accused person who admits his guilt.

CONFLICT OF LAWS. 1. An opposition, conflict, or antagonism between differ-
ent laws of the same state or sovereignty upon the same subject-matter.

2. A similar inconsistency between the municipal laws of different states or countries, arising in the case of persons who have acquired rights or a status, or made contracts, or incurred obligations, within the territory of two or more states.

3. That branch of jurisprudence, arising from the diversity of the laws of different nations in their application to rights and remedies, which reconciles the inconsistency, or decides which law or system is to govern in the particular case, or settles the degree of force to be accorded to the law of a foreign country, (the acts or rights in question having arisen under it,) either where it varies from the domestic law, or where the domestic law is silent or not exclusively applicable to the case in point. In this sense it is more properly called "private international law."

CONFLICT OF LAWS. In this conflict certain rules are applicable, viz.: (1) Special take precedence of general presumptions; (2) constant of casual ones; (3) presume in favor of innocence; (4) of legality; (5) of validity; and, when these rules fail, the matter is said to be at large. Brown.

CONFORMITY. In English ecclesiastical law. Adherence to the doctrines and usages of the Church of England.

—Conformity, bill of. See BILL OF CONFORMITY.

CONFRARIE. Fr. In old English law. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society. Cowell.

CONFRERES. Brethren in a religious house; fellows of one and the same society. Cowell.

CONFRONTATION. In criminal law. The act of setting a witness face to face with the prisoner, in order that the latter may make any objection he has to the witness, or that the witness may identify the accused. State v. Behrman, 114 N. C. 797, 19 S. E. 220, 25 L. R. A. 449; Hower v. Com., 51 Pa. 332; State v. Mannion, 19 Utah, 505, 57 Pac. 542, 45 L. R. A. 683, 75 Am. St. Rep. 763; People v. Elliott, 172 N. Y. 146, 64 N. E. 837, 60 L. R. A. 318.

CONFUSIO. In the civil law. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; it is properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but is sometimes also used of a melting together of metals or any compound formed by the irrecoverable commixture of different substances.

It is distinguished from commixtion by the fact that in the latter case a separation may have made, while in a case of confusio there cannot be. 2 Bl. Comm. 405.

CONFUSION. This term, as used in the civil law and in compound terms derived from that source, means a blending or intermingling, and is equivalent to the term "merger" as used at common law. Palmer v. Burnside, 1 Woods, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 10,635.

—Confusion of boundaries. The title of that branch of equity jurisdiction which relates to the discovery and settlement of conflicting, disputed, or uncertain boundaries. —Confusion of debts. A mode of extinguishing a debt, by the conversion in the same person of two qualities which mutually destroy one another. This may occur in several ways, as where the creditor becomes the heir of the debtor, or the debtor or the heir of the creditor, or either accedes to the title of the other by any other mode of transfer. Woods v. Ridley, 11 Humph. (Tenn.) 198.—Confusion of goods. The inseparable intermixture of property belonging to different owners; properly confined to the pouring together of fluids, but used in a wider sense to designate any indistinguishable compound of elements belonging to different owners. The term "confusion" is applicable to a mixing of chattels of one and the same general description, differing thus from "accession" which is where various materials are united in one product. Confusion of goods arises wherever the goods of two or more persons are so blended as to have become indistinguishable. 1 Schouler, Pers. Prop. 41. Treat v. Barber, 7 Conn. 298; Robinson v. Holt, 59 N. H. 585, 75 Am. Dec. 258; Bolcher v. Commission Co., 26 Tex. Civ. App. 60, 62 S. W. 924.—Confusion of rights. A union of the qualities of debtor and creditor in the same person. The effect of such a union is, generally, to extinguish the debt. 1 Salk. 306; Cro. Cas. 551.—Confusion of titles. A civil-law expression, synonymous with "merger," as used in the common law, applying where two titles to the same property unite in the same person. Palmer v. Burnside, 1 Woods, 179, Fed. Cas. No. 10,635.

CONGÉ. Fr. In the French law. Permission, leave, license; a passport or clearance to a vessel; a permission to arm, equip, or navigate a vessel.

—Congé d'accorder. Leave to accord. A permission granted by the court in the old proceeding known as "imparlance," the privilege of an imparlance, (licentia loquendi.) 3 Bl. Comm. 299.—Congé d'eslire. A permission or license from the British sovereign to a dean and chapter to elect a bishop, in time of vacation; or to an abbey or priory which is of royal foundation, to elect an abbot or prior.

CONGEARLE. L. Fr. Lawful; permission.

CONGIIDONES. In Saxon law. Felons.

CONGIUS. An ancient measure containing about a gallon and a pint. Cowell.

CONGÉABLE. L. Fr. Lawful; permissible; allowable. "Disselsin is properly where a man entereth into any lands or tenements where his entry is not congéable, and putteth out him that hath the freehold." Litt. § 279. See Ricard v. Williams, 7 Wheat. 107, 5 L. Ed. 398.

CONGILDONES. In Saxon law. Fellow-members of a guild.

CONGIUS. An ancient measure containing about a gallon and a pint. Cowell.

CONGREGATION. An assembly or society of persons who together constitute the
principal supporters of a particular parish, or habitually meet at the same church for religious exercises. Robertson v. Bullions, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 67; Runkel v. Winemiller, 4 Har. & McIl. (Md.) 452, 1 Am. Dec. 411; In re Walker, 200 Ill. 566, 66 N. E. 144.

In the ecclesiastical law, this term is used to designate certain bureaus at Rome, where ecclesiastical matters are attended to.

CONGRESS. In international law. An assembly of envoys, commissioners, deputies, etc., from different sovereignties who meet to concert measures for their common good, or to adjust their mutual concerns.

In American law. The name of the legislative assembly of the United States, composed of the senate and house of representatives, (q. v.)

CONGRESSUS. The extreme practical test of the truth of a charge of impotence brought against a husband by a wife. It is now disused. Causes Célèbres, 6, 183.

CONJECTIO. In the civil law of evidence. A throwing together. Presumption; the putting of things together, with the inference drawn therefrom.

CONJECTIO CAUSAEE. In the civil law. A statement of the case. A brief synopsis of the case given by the advocate to the judge in opening the trial. Calvin.

CONJECTURE. A slight degree of credence, arising from evidence too weak or too remote to cause belief. Weed v. Scofield, 73 Conn. 670, 49 Atl. 22.

Supposition or surmise. The idea of a fact, suggested by another fact; as a possible cause, concomitant, or result. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 27.

CONJOINTS. Persons married to each other. Story, Cond. Laws, § 71.

CONJUDGE. In old English law. An associate judge. Bract. 403.

CONJUGAL RIGHTS. Matrimonial rights; the right which husband and wife have to each other's society, comfort, and affection.

CONJUGIUM. One of the names of marriage, among the Romans. Tayl. Civil Law, 284.

CONJUNCT. In Scotch law. Joint.

CONJUNCTA. In the civil law. Things joined together or united; as distinguished from disjuncta, things disjoined or separated. Dig. 50, 16, 53.


CONJUNCTIO. In the civil law. Conjunction; connection of words in a sentence. See Dig. 50, 16, 29, 142.

Conjunctio mariti et feminse est de jure nature. The union of husband and wife is of the law of nature.

CONJUNCTIVE. A grammatical term for particles which serve for joining or connecting together. Thus, the conjunction "and" is called a "conjunctive," and "or" a "disjunctive," conjunction.

—Conjunctive denial. Where several material facts are stated conjunctively in the complaint, an answer which undertakes to deny their averments as a whole, conjunctively stated, is called a "conjunctive denial." Doll v. Good, 38 Cal. 287.—Conjunctive obligation. See OBLIGATION.

CONJURATIO. In old English law. A swearing together; an oath administered to several together; a combination or confederacy under oath. Cowell.

In old European law. A compact of the inhabitants of a commune, or municipality, confirmed by their oaths to each other and which was the basis of the commune. Steph. Lect. 119.

CONJURATION. In old English law. A plot or compact made by persons combining by oath to do any public harm. Cowell.

The offense of having conference or commerce with evil spirits, in order to discover some secret, or effect some purpose. Id. Classed by Blackstone with witchcraft, enchantment, and sorcery, but distinguished from each of these by other writers. 4 Bl. Comm. 60; Cowell. Cooper v. Livingston, 19 Fla. 693.

CONJURATOR. In old English law. One who swears or is sworn with others; one bound by oath with others; a compurgator; a conspirator.

CONNECTIONS. Relations by blood or marriage, but more commonly the relations of a person with whom one is connected by marriage. In this sense, the relations of a wife are "connections" of her husband. The term is vague and indefinite. See Storer v. Wheatley, 1 Pa. 507.

CONNEXITÉ. In French law. This exists when two actions are pending which, although not identical as in lis pendens, are so nearly similar in object that it is expedient to have them both adjudicated upon by the same judges. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 553.

CONNIVANCE. The secret or indirect consent or permission of one person to the commission of an unlawful or criminal act...
by another. Oakland Bank v. Wilcox, 60 Cal. 157; State v. Gesell, 124 Mo. 531, 27 S. W. 1101.

Literally, a winking at; intentional forbearance to see a fault or other act; generally implying consent to it. Webster.


Connivance differs from condonation, though the same legal consequences may attend it. Connivance necessarily involves criminality on the part of the individual who connives; condonation may take place without imputing the slightest blame to the party who forgives the injury. Connivance must be the act of the mind before the offense has been committed; condonation is the result of a determination to forgive an injury which was not known until after it was inflicted. Turton v. Turton, 3 Hagg. Ecc. 350.

CONNOISSEMENT. In French law. A instrument similar to our bill of lading.

CONNUBIUM. In the civil law. Marriage. Among the Romans, a lawful marriage as distinguished from "concubinage," (q. v.) which was an inferior marriage.

CONOCIAMENTO. In Spanish law. A recognizance. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 5, § 3.

CONOCIMIENTO. In Spanish law. A bill of lading. In the Mediterranean ports it is called "poliza de cargamiento."


CONQUEREUR. In Norman and old English law. The first purchaser of an estate; he who first brought an estate into his family.

CONQUEROR. In old English and Scotch law. The first purchaser of an estate; he who brought it into the family owning it. 2 Bl. Comm. 242, 243.

CONQUEST. In feudal law. Conquest; acquisition by purchase; any method of acquiring the ownership of an estate other than by descent. Also an estate acquired otherwise than by inheritance.

In international law. The acquisition of the sovereignty of a country by force of arms, exercised by an independent power which reduces the vanquished to the submission of its empire. Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black, 109, 17 L. Ed. 300.

In Scotch law. Purchase, Bell.

CONQUESTOR. Conqueror. The title given to William of Normandy.

CONQUETS. In French law. The name given to every acquisition which the husband and wife, jointly or severally, make during the conjugal community. Thus, whatever is acquired by the husband and wife, either by his or her industry or good fortune, inures to the extent of one-half for the benefit of the other. Merl. Repert. "Conquets." Picotte v. Cooley, 10 Mo. 512.


CONSANGUINEUS. Lat. A person related by blood; a person descended from the same common stock.

—Consanguineus frater. In civil and feudal law. A half-brother by the father's side, as distinguished from frater uterinus, a brother by the mother's side.

Consanguineus est quasi codem sanguine natus. Co. Litt. 157. A person related by consanguinity is, as it were, sprung from the same blood.

CONSANGUINITY. Kinship; blood relationship; the connection or relation of persons descended from the same stock or common ancestor. 2 Bl. Comm. 202; Bledget v. Brinsmaid, 9 Vt. 30; State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 606; Tepper v. Supreme Council, 59 N. J. Eq. 321, 45 Atl. 111; Hector v. Drury, 3 Pin. (Wis.) 298.

Lineal and collateral consanguinity. Lineal consanguinity is that which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other, as between son, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upwards in the direct ascending line; or between son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. Collateral consanguinity is that which subsists between persons who have the same ancestors, but who do not descend (or ascend) one from the other. Thus, father and son are related by lineal consanguinity, uncle and nephew by collateral consanguinity. 2 Bl. Comm. 203; McDowell v. Addams, 45 Pa. 452; State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 606; Brown v. Barnboo, 90 Wis. 161, 62 N. W. 921, 30 L. R. A. 320.

"Affinity" distinguished. Consanguinity, denoting blood relationship, is distinguished from "affinity," which is the connection existing in consequence of a marriage, between each of the married persons and the kindred of one other. Tegarden v. Phillips, 14 Ind. App. 27, 42 N. E. 549; Carman v. Newell, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 25; Spear v. Robinson, 29 Me. 545.

CONSCIENCE. The moral sense; the faculty of judging the moral qualities of actions, or of discriminating between right and wrong; particularly applied to one's perception and judgment of the moral qualities of his own conduct, but in a wider sense, de-
noting a similar application of the standards of morality to the acts of others. In law, especially the moral rule which requires probity, justice, and honesty dealing between man and man, as when we say that a bargain is "against conscience" or "unconscionable," or that the price paid for property at a forced sale was so inadequate as to "shock the conscience." This is also the meaning of the term as applied to the jurisdiction and principles of decision of courts of chancery, as in saying that such a court is a "court of conscience," that it proceeds "according to conscience," or that it has cognizance of "matters of conscience." See 3 Bl. Comm. 47-56; People v. Stewart, 7 Cal. 145; Miller v. Miller, 157 Pa. 572, 41 Atl. 277.

—Conscientious scruple. A conscientious scruple against taking an oath, serving as a juror in a capital case, doing military duty, or the like, is an objection or repugnance growing out of the fact that the person believes the thing demanded of him to be morally wrong, his conscience being the sole guide to his decision; it is thus distinguished from an "objection on principle," which is dictated by the reason and judgment, rather than the moral sense, and may relate only to the propriety or expediency of the thing in question. People v. Stewart, 7 Cal. 145 — "Conscience of the Court." When an issue is sent out of chancery to be tried at law, to "inform the conscience of the court," the meaning is that the court is to be supplied with exact and dependable information as to the unsettled or disputed questions of fact in the case, in order that it may proceed to decide it in accordance with the principles of equity and good conscience in the light of the facts thus determined. See Watt v. Starke, 101 U. S. 252, 25 L. Ed. 326 — "Conscience, courts of. Courts, not of record, constituted by act of parliament in the city of London, and other towns, for the recovery of small debts; otherwise and more commonly called "Courts of Requests." 3 Steph. Comm. 451.

—Conscience, right of. As used in some constitutional provisions, this phrase is equivalent to religious liberty or freedom of conscience. Com. v. Desher, 17 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 155; State v. Cummings, 36 Mo. 263.

—Consent. Consent makes a contract. A contract is law between the parties agreeing to be bound by it. Branch, Princ. 514. Consent is the joint will of several persons to whom the thing belongs.

—Conscientia Rei Alieni. In Scotch law. Knowledge of another's property; knowledge that a thing is not one's own, but belongs to another. He who has this knowledge, and retains possession, is chargeable with "violent profits."

—Conscription. Drafting into the military service of the state; compulsory service falling upon all male subjects evenly, within or under certain specified ages. Kneedler v. Lane, 45 Pa. 267.

—Consecrate. In ecclesiastical law. To dedicate to sacred purposes, as a bishop by imposition of hands, or a church or churchyard by prayers, etc. Consecration is performed by a bishop or archbishop.
**Consensus voluntas multorum ad quos resides pertinent, simul juncta.** Consent is the united will of several interested in one subject-matter. Davis, 48; Branch, Princ.

**CONSENT.** A concurrence of wills. *Express consent* is that directly given, either *viva voce* or in writing. *Implied consent* is that manifested by signs, actions, or facts, or by inaction or silence, which raise a presumption that the consent has been given. Cowen v. Paddock, 62 Hun, 622, 17 N. Y. Supp. 288.

Consent in an act of reason, accompanied with deliberation, the mind weighing as in a balance the good or evil on each side. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 222; Plummer v. Com., 1 Bush (Ky.) 76; Dicken v. Johnson, 7 Ga. 492; Macler v. Frith, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 114, 21 Am. Dec. 262; People v. Studwell, 91 App. Div. 469, 86 N. Y. Supp. 967.

There is a difference between consenting and submitting. Every consent involves a submission; but a mere submission does not necessarily involve consent. 9 Car. & P. 722.

—Consent decree. See DEGREE.—Consent judgment. See JUDGMENT.

**CONSENT-RULE.** In English practice. A superseded instrument, in which a defendant in an action of ejectment specified for possession. 48, 48 C. C. A. 213; Streshley v. Powell, 12 Or. App.) 65 S. W. 92.

**Consentiente matrimonio non possunt infra [ante] annos nubiles.** Parties cannot consent to marriage within the years of marriage, [before the age of consent.] 6 Coke, 80.

Consequentia non est consequentia. Bac. Max. The consequence of a consequence exists not.

**CONSEQUENTIAL CONTEMPT.** The ancient name for what is now known as "constructive" contempt of court. Ex parte Wright, 95 Ind. 593. See CONTEMPT.

**CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE.** Such damage, loss, or injury as does not flow directly and immediately from the act of the party, but only from some of the consequences or results of such act. Swain v. Copper Co., 111 Tenn. 430, 78 S. W. 93; Pearson v. Spartanburg County, 51 S. C. 450, 29 S. E. 193.

The term "consequential damage" means sometimes damage which is so remote as not to be actionable; sometimes damage which, though actionable, is actionable; or damage which, though actionable, does not follow immediately, in point of time, upon the doing of the act complained of. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

**CONSEQUENTS.** In Scotch law. Implied powers or authorities. Things which follow, usually by implication of law. A commission being given to execute any work, every power necessary to carry it on is implied. 1 Kames, Eq. 242.

**CONSERVATOR.** A guardian; protector; preserver.

"When any person having property shall be found to be incapable of managing his affairs, by the court of probate in the district in which he resides, * * * it shall appoint some person to be his conservator, who, upon giving a probate bond, shall have the charge of the person and estate of such incapable person." Gen. St. Conn. 1875, p. 346, § 1. Treat v. Peck, 5 Conn. 280.

—Conservators of rivers. Commissioners or trustees in whom the control of a certain river is vested by act of Parliament—Conservators of the peace. Officers authorized to preserve and maintain the public peace. In England, these officers were locally elected by the people until the reign of Edward I, when their appointment was vested in the king. Their duties were to prevent and arrest for breaches of the peace, but they had no power to arraign and try the offender until about 1360, when this authority was given to them by act of parliament, and "then they acquired the more honorable appellation of justices of the peace," 1 Bl. Comm. 351. Even after this time, however, many public officers were styled "conservators of the peace," not as a distinct office but by virtue of the duties and authorities pertaining to their offices. In this sense the term may include the king himself, the lord chancellor, justices of the king's bench, master of the rolls, coroners, sheriffs, constables, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 360. See Smith v. Abbott, 17 N. J. Law, 505. The term is still in use in Texas, where the constitution provides that county judges shall be conservators of the peace. Const. Tex. art. 4, § 15; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 66 S. W. 92.

**CONSIDERATIO CURIE.** The judgment of the court.

**CONSIDERATION.** The inducement to a contract. The cause, motive, price, or impelling influence which induces a contracting party to enter into a contract. The reason or material cause of a contract. Insurance Co. v. Raddin, 120 U. S. 183, 7 Sup. Ct. 500, 30 L. Ed. 644; Eastman v. Miller, 113 Iowa, 404, 85 N. W. 635; St. Mark's Church v. Teed, 120 N. Y. 583, 24 N. E. 1014; Fertilizer Co. v. Dunan, 91 Md. 144, 46 Atl. 347, 50 L. R. A. 401; Kemp v. Bank, 109 Fed. 48, 48 C. C. A. 213; Shrestley v. Powell, 12 B. Mon. (Ky.) 178; Roberts v. New York, 5 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 41; Rice v. Almy, 32 Conn. 297.

Any benefit conferred, or agreed to be conferred, upon the promisor, by any other person, to which the promisor is not lawfully entitled, or any prejudice suffered, or agreed to be suffered, by such person, other than such as he is at the time of consent lawfully bound to suffer, as an inducement to the
CONSIDERATION

A consideration is one recognized or deemed by law as valid and lawful; as distinguished from such as are illegal or immoral. The term is also sometimes used as equivalent to "good" or "sufficient" consideration. See Sampson v. Swift, 11 Vt. 315; Albert Lea College v. Brown, 88 Minn. 524, 88 N. W. 672, 60 L. R. A. 870.

A pecuniary consideration is a consideration for an act or forbearance which consists either in money presently passing or in money to be paid in the future, including a promise to pay a debt in full which otherwise would be released or diminished by bankruptcy or insolvent proceedings. See Phelps v. Thomas, 6 Gray (Mass.) 328; In re Eklings (D. C.) 6 Fed. 170.

CONSIDERATUM EST PER CURIAM. (It is considered by the court.) The formal and ordinary commencement of a judgment. Baker v. State, 3 Ark. 491.

CONSIDERATUR. L. Lat. It is considered. Held to mean the same with consideratum est. 2 Strange, 874.

CONSIGN. In the civil law. To deposit in the custody of a third person a thing belonging to the debtor, for the benefit of the creditor, under the authority of a court of justice. Poth. Obl. pt. 3, c. 1, art. 8.


To deliver or transfer as a charge or trust; to commit, intrust, give in trust; to transfer from oneself to the care of another; to send or transmit goods to a merchant or factor for sale. Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320.

CONSIGNATION. In Scotch law. The payment of money into the hands of a third party, when the creditor refuses to accept of it. The person to whom the money is given is termed the "consignatory." Bell.

In French law. A deposit which a debtor makes of the thing that he owes into the hands of a third person, and under the authority of a court of justice. 1 Poth. Obl. 536; Weld v. Hadley, 1 N. H. 394.

CONSIGNEE. In mercantile law. One to whom a consignment is made. The person to whom goods are shipped for sale. Lyon v. Alvord, 18 Conn. 80; Gillespie v. Winberg, 4 Daly (N. Y.) 320; Comm. v. Harris, 168 Pa. 619, 32 Atl. 92; Railroad Co. v. Freed, 38 Ark. 622.

CONSIGNMENT. The act or process of consigning goods; the transportation of goods consigned; an article or collection of goods sent to a factor to be sold; goods or property sent, by the aid of a common carrier, from...
CONSIGNOR. One who sends or makes a consignment. A shipper of goods.

Consilia multorum queruntur in magnis. A council of many is required in great things.

CONSILIARIUS. In the civil law. A counsellor, as distinguished from a pleader or advocate. An assistant judge. One who participates in the decisions. Du Cange.

CONSILIUM. A day appointed to hear the counsel of both parties. A case set down for argument. It is commonly used for the day appointed for the argument of a demurrer, or errors assigned. 1 Tid'd, Pr. 438.

CONSILIUM CASU. In practice. A writ of entry, framed under the provisions of the statute Westminster 2, (13 Edw. L.) c. 24, which lays for the benefit of the reverser, where a tenant by the curtesy aliened in fee or for life.

CONSISTING. Being composed or made up of. This word is not synonymous with "including;" for the latter, when used in connection with a number of specified objects, always implies that there may be others which are hot mentioned. Farish v. Cook, 6 Mo. App. 331.


CONSISTORY. In ecclesiastical law. An assembly of cardinals convoked by the pope.

CONSISTORY COURTS. Courts held by diocesan bishops within their several cathedrals, for the trial of ecclesiastical causes arising within their respective dioceses. The bishop's chancellor, or his commissary, is the judge; and from his sentence an appeal lies to the archbishop. Mozley & Whitl.

CONSORTRI. In the civil law. Cousins-german, in general; brothers' and sisters' children, considered in their relation to each other.

CONSOCIATIO. Lat. An association, fellowship, or partnership. Applied by some of the older writers to a corporation, and even to a nation considered as a body politic. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 104.

CONSOLATO DEL MAR. The name of a code of sea-laws, said to have been compiled by order of the kings of Arragon (or, according to other authorities, at Fisa or Bar-celona) in the fourteenth century, which comprised the maritime ordinances of the Roman emperors, of France and Spain, and of the Italian commercial powers. This compilation exercised a considerable influence in the formation of European maritime law.

CONSOLIDATE. To consolidate means something more than rearrange or redive. In a general sense, it means to unite into one mass or body, as to consolidate the forces of an army, or various funds. In parliamentary usage, to consolidate two bills is to unite them into one. In law, to consolidate benefices is to combine them into one. Fairview v. Durland, 45 Iowa, 66.

CONSOLIDATION. In the civil law. The union of the usufruct with the estate, out of which it issues, in one person; which happens when the usufructuary acquires the estate, or vice versa. In either case the usufruct is extinct. Lec. El. Dr. Rom. 424.

In Scotch law. The junction of the property and superiority of an estate, where they have been disjoined. Bell.

CONSOLIDATION of actions. The act or process of uniting several actions into one trial and judgment, by order of a court, where all the actions are between the same parties, pending in the same court, and the same issues, or the same or similar issues; or the court may order that one of the actions be tried, and the others decided without trial according to the judgment in the one selected. Powell v. Gray, 1 Ala. 77; Powell v. Gray, 2 Ala. 209; Jackson v. Chamberlin, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 282; Thompson v. Sheperd, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 262.

CONSOLIDATION of benefices. The act or process of uniting two or more of them into one.

CONSOLIDATION of corporations. The union or merger into one corporate body of two or more corporations which had been separately created for similar or connected purposes. In England this is termed "amalgamation." When the rights, franchises, and effects of two or more corporations are, by legal authority and agreement of the parties, combined and united into one whole, and committed to a single corporation, the stockholders of which are composed of those (or most) of the companies thus agreeing, this is in law, and according to common understanding, a consolidation of such companies, whether such single corporation, called the consolidated company, be a new one then created, or one of the original companies, continuing in existence with only larger rights, capacity, and property. Mead v. Johnston, 64 Ala. 650; Shadford v. Railway Co., 130 Mich. 300, 89 N. W. 960; Adams v. Railroad Co., 77 Miss. 104, 24 South. 200, 28 South. 555, 60 L. R. A. 35; Pingree v. Rail-
CONSORTIUM. In the civil law. A union of fortunes; a lawful Roman marriage. Also, the joining of several persons as parties to an action. In old English law, the term signified company or society. In the language of pleading, (as in the phrase per quod consortium anisti) it means the companionship or society of a wife. Biganouette v. Paulet, 134 Mass. 123, 45 Am. Rep. 307; Lockwood v. Lockwood, 67 Minn. 476, 70 N. W. 784; Kelley v. Railroad Co., 168 Mass. 308, 46 N. E. 1063, 38 L. R. A. 631, 60 Am. St. Rep. 397.

CONSTABLE. In medieval law. The name given to a very high functionary under the French and English kings, the dignity and importance of whose office was only second to that of the monarch. He was in general the leader of the royal armies, and had cognizance of all matters pertaining to war and arms, exercising both civil and military jurisdiction. He was also charged with the conservation of the peace of the nation. Thus there was a "Constable of France" and a "Lord High Constable of England."

In American law. An officer of a municipal corporation (usually elected) whose duty is to keep the peace within his district, though he is frequently charged with additional duties. 1 Bl. Comm. 356.

High constables, in England, are officers appointed in every hundred or franchise, whose proper duty seems to be to keep the king's peace within their respective hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47.

Petty constables are inferior officers in every town or parish, subordinate to the high constable of the hundred, whose principal duty is the preservation of the peace, though they also have other particular duties assigned to them by act of parliament, particularly the service of the summonses and the execution of the warrants of justices of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 356; 3 Steph. Comm. 47.

Special constables are persons appointed (with or without their consent) by the magistrates to execute warrants on particular occasions, as in the case of riots, etc.
duties are similar to those of the sheriff, though his powers are less and his jurisdiction smaller. He is to preserve the public peace, execute the process of magistrates' courts, and of some other tribunals, serve writs, attend the sessions of the criminal courts, have the custody of juries, and discharge other functions sometimes assigned to him by the local law or by statute. Comm. v. Decom, 8 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 47; Leavitt v. Leavitt, 135 Mass. 191; Alor v. Wayne County, 43 Mich. 70, 4 N. W. 492.

—Constable of a castle. In English law. An officer having charge of a castle; a warden, or keeper; otherwise called a "castellain."—Constable of England. (Called, also, "Mar­shal.") His office consisted in the care of the common peace of the realm in deeds of arms and matters of war. Lamb. Const. 4.—Con­stable of Scotland. An officer who was formerly entitled to command all the king's armies in the absence of the king, and to take cognizance of all crimes committed within four miles of the king's person or of parliament, the privy council, or any general convention of the states of the kingdom. The office was hereditary in the family of D'Elol, and was abolished by the 20 Geo. II, c. 45, Bell: Esc. Inns. 1, 3, 37.

—Constable of the exchequer. An officer mentioned in Flota, lib. 2, c. 31.—High con­stable of England, lord. His office has been dissuaded (except only upon great and solemn occasions, as the coronation, or the like) since the attainder of Stafford, Duke of Buckingham, in the reign of Henry VII.

CONSTABLEWICK. In English law. The territorial jurisdiction of a constable; as bailiwick is of a bailiff or sheriff. 5 Nev. & M. 261.

CONSTABULARIJUS. An officer of horse; an officer having charge of foot or horse; a naval commander; an officer having charge of military affairs generally. Spelman.

CONSTAT. It is clear or evident; it appears; it is certain; there is no doubt. Non constat, it does not appear.

A certificate which the clerk of the pipe and auditors of the exchequer made, at the request of any person who intended to plead or move in that court, for the discharge of anything. The effect of it was the certifying what appears (constat) upon record, touching the matter in question. Wharton.

CONSTAT D'HUISSIER. In French law. An affidavit made by a huissier, setting forth the appearance, form, quality, color, etc., of any article upon which a suit depends. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 554.

CONSTATE. To establish, constitute, or ordain. "Constituting instruments" of a corporation are its charter, organic law, or the grant of powers to it. See examples of the use of the term, Green's Brice, Ultra Vires, p. 39; Ackerman v. Halsey, 37 N. J. Eq. 363.

CONSTITUENT. A word used as a correlative to "attorney," to denote one who constitutes another his agent or invests the other with authority to act for him.

It is also used in the language of politics, as a correlative to "representative," the constituents of a legislator being those whom he represents and whose interests he is to care for in public affairs; usually the electors of his district.

CONSTITUERE. Lat. To appoint, constitute, establish, ordain, or undertake. Used principally in ancient powers of attorney, and now supplanted by the English word "constitute."

CONSTITVIMUS. A Latin term, signifying we constitute or appointment.

CONSTITUTED AUTHORITIES. Officers properly appointed under the constitution for the government of the people.

CONSTITUTIO. In the civil law. An imperial ordinance or constitution, distinguished from Lex, Senatus-Consultum, and other kinds of law and having its effect from the sole will of the emperor.

An establishment or settlement. Used of controversies settled by the parties without a trial. Calvin.

A sum paid according to agreement. Du Cange.

In old English law. An ordinance or statute. A provision of a statute.

CONSTITUTIO DOTIS. Establishment of dower.

CONSTITUTION. In public law. The organic and fundamental law of a nation or state, which may be written or unwritten, establishes the character and conception of its government, laying the basic principles to which its internal life is to be conformed, organizing the government, and regulating, distributing, and limiting the functions of its different departments, and prescribing the extent and manner of the exercise of sovereign powers.

In a more general sense, any fundamental or important law or edict; as the Novel Constitutions of Justinian; the Constitutions of Clarendon.

In American law. The written instrument agreed upon by the people of the Union or of a particular state, as the absolute rule of action and decision for all departments and officers of the government in respect to all the points covered by it, which must control until it shall be changed by the authority which established it, and in opposition to which any act or ordinance of any such department or officer is null and void. Cooley, Const. Lim. 3.

CONSTITUTIONAL. Consistent with the constitution; authorized by the constitution; not conflicting with any provision of
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the constitution or fundamental law of the state. Depending upon a constitution, as secured or regulated by a constitution; as “constitutional monarchy,” “constitutional rights.”

—Constitutional convention. A duly constituted assembly of delegates or representatives of the people of a state or nation for the purpose of framing, revising, or amending its constitution.

—Constitutional liberty or freedom. Such freedom as is enjoyed by the citizens of a free state or territory under the protection of its constitution; the aggregate of those personal, civil, and political rights of the individual which are guaranteed by the constitution and secured against invasion by the government or any of its agencies. People v. Hurlib, 24 Mich. 106, 9 Am. Rep. 106.

—Constitutional law. (1) That branch of the public law of a state which treats of the organization and frame of government, the organs and powers of sovereignty, the distribution of political and governmental authorities and functions, the fundamental principles which are to regulate the relations of government and subject, and which prescribe the plan and method according to which the public affairs of the state are to be administered. (2) That department of the science of law which treats of constitutions, their establishment, construction, and interpretation, and of the validity of legal enactments as tested by the criterion of conformity to the fundamental law. (3) A constitutional law is one which is consonant to, and agrees with, the constitution; one which is not in violation of any provision of the constitution of the particular state. Constitutional officer. One whose tenure and term of office are fixed and defined by the constitution, as distinguished from the incumbents of offices created by the legislature.

CONSTITUTIONES. Laws promulgated, i.e., enacted, by the Roman Emperor. They were of various kinds, namely, the following: (1) Edicta; (2) decreta; (3) scripta, called also “epistolae.” Sometimes they were general, and intended to form a precedent for other like cases; at other times they were special, particular, or individual, (personales) and not intended to form a precedent. The emperor had this power of irresponsible enactment by virtue of a certain lea regia, whereby he was made the fountain of justice and of mercy. Brown.

Constitutiones tempore posteriores po-siores sunt quia ipsas praecesserunt. Dig. 1, 4, 4. Later laws prevail over those which preceded them.

CONSTITUTIONS OF CLARENDON. See CLARENDON.

CONSTITUTOR. In the civil law. One who, by a simple agreement, becomes responsible for the payment of another's debt.

CONSTITUTUM. In the civil law. An agreement to pay a subsisting debt which exists without any stipulation, whether of the promisor or another party. It differs from a stipulation in that it must be for an existing debt. Du Cange.

CONSTRUCT. To build; erect; put together; make ready for use. Morse v. Westport, 110 Mo. 502, 19 S. W. 381; Contas v. Bradford, 206 Pa. 291, 55 Atl. 989.

Constructio legis non facit injuriam. The construction of the law (a construction made by the law) works no injury. Co. Litt. 183; Brown, Max. 603. The law will make such a construction of an instrument as not to injure a party.

CONSTRUCTION. The process, or the art, of determining the sense, real meaning, or proper explanation of obscure or ambiguous terms or provisions in a statute, written instrument, or oral agreement, or the application of such subject to the case in question, by reasoning in the light derived from extraneous connected circumstances or laws or writings bearing upon the same or a connected matter, or by seeking and applying the probable aim and purpose of the provision.

It is to be noted that this term properly distinguished from interpretation, although the two are often used synonymously. In strictness, interpretation is limited to exploring the written text, while construction goes beyond and may call in the aid of extrinsic considerations, as above indicated.

Strict and liberal construction. Strict construction is construction of a statute or other instrument according to its letter, which recognizes nothing that is not expressed, takes the language used in its exact and technical meaning, and admits no equitable considerations or implications. Paving Co. v. W. Cent. Car. Co., 51 La. Ann. 1345, 26 South. 70; Stanyan v. Peterborough, 69 N. H. 372, 46 Atl. 191. Liberal construction, on the other hand, expands the meaning of the statute to meet cases which are clearly within the spirit or reason of the law, or within the evil which it was designed to remedy, provided such an interpretation is not inconsistent with the language used; it resolves all reasonable doubts in favor of the applicability of the statute to the particular case. Becton v. Int. R. L. W. Co., 282: Lawrence v. McCalmont, 2 How. 449, 11 L. Ed. 326; In re Johnson's Estate, 98 Cal. 551, 55 Pac. 460, 21 L. R. A. 380; Shorey v. Wycherly, 1 Wash. 2d 381.

—Construction, court of. A court of equity or of common law, as the case may be, is called the court of construction with regard to wills, as opposed to the court of probate whose duty is to decide whether an instrument be a will at all. Now, the court of probate may decide that
a given instrument is a will, and yet the court of construction may decide that it has no operation, by reason of perpetuities, illegality, uncertainty, etc. Wharton.—Equitable construction. A construction of a law, rule, or remedy which has regard more to the equities of the particular transaction or state of affairs involved than to the strict application of the rule or remedy; that is, a liberal and extensive construction, as opposed to a literal and restrictive. Smiley v. Sampson, 1 Neb. 91.

CONSTRUCTIVE. That which is established by the mind of the law in its act of construing facts, conduct, circumstances, or instruments; that which has not the character assigned to it in its own essential nature, but acquires such character in consequence of the way in which it is regarded by a rule or policy of law; hence, inferred, implied, made out by legal interpretation. Middleton v. Parke, 3 App. D. C. 160.

—Constructive assent. An assent or consent imputed to a party from a construction or interpretation of his conduct; as distinguished from one which he actually expresses.—Constructive authority. Authority inferred or assumed to have been given because of the grant of some other antecedent authority. Middleton v. Parke, 3 App. D. C. 160.—Constructive breaking into a house. A breaking made out by construction of law. As where a burglar gains an entry into a house by threats, fraud, or conspiracy. 2 Russ. Crimes, 9, 10.—Constructive crime. Where, by a strained construction of a penal statute, it is made to include an act not otherwise punishable, it is said to be a “constructive crime,” that is, one built up by the court with the aid of inference and implication. Ex parte McNulty, 77 Cal. 164, 19 Pac. 237, 11 Am. St. Rep. 257.—Constructive taking. A phrase used in the law to characterize an act not amounting to an actual appropriation of chattels, but which shows an intention to convert them to his use; as if a person intrusted with the possession of goods deals with them contrary to the orders of the owner.


CONSTRUE. To put together; to arrange or marshal the words of an instrument. To ascertain the meaning of language by a process of arrangement and inference. See Constructiorx.


CONSUETUDINARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. A ritual or book, containing the rites and forms of divine offices, or the customs of abbeys and monasteries.

CONSUETUDINARIAL LAW. Customary law. Law derived by oral tradition from a remote antiquity. Bell.

CONSUETUDINES. In old English law. Customs. Thus, consuetudines et assisa foresta, the customs and assise of the forest.

CONSUETUDINES FEUDORUM. (Lat. feudal customs.) A compilation of the law of feuds or septs in Lombardy, made A. D. 1170.

CONSUETUDINIBUS ET SERVICIBUS. In old English law. A writ of right close, which lay against a tenant who deforested his lord of the rent or service due to him. Reg. Orig. 159; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 151.

CONSUETUDO. Lat. A custom; an established usage or practice. Co. Litt. 58. Tolls; duties; taxes. Id. 589.

—Consuetudo Anglica. The custom of England; the ancient common law, as distinguished from lex, the Roman or civil law.—Consuetudo curiae. The custom or practice of a court. Hardr. 141.—Consuetudo mercatoria. Lat. The custom of merchants, the same with lex mercatoria.

Consuetudo contra rationem introduce potius usurpatio quam consuetudo appellari debet. A custom introduced against reason ought rather to be called a “usurpation” than a “custom.” Co. Litt. 113.

Consuetudo debet esse certa; nam incerta pro nullâ habetur. Dav. 33. A custom should be certain; for an uncertain custom is considered null.

Consuetudo est altera lex. Custom is another law. 4 Coke, 21.

Consuetudo est optimus interpres legum. 2 Inst. 18. Custom is the best exponent of the laws.

Consuetudo et communis assuetudo vincit legem non scriptam, si sit specialis; et interpretatur legem scriptam, si lex sit generalis. Jenk. Cent. 273. Custom and common usage overcomes the unwritten law, if it be special; and interprets the written law, if the law be general.

Consuetudo ex certa causa rationabili usitata privat communem legem. A custom, grounded on a certain and reasonable cause, supersedes the common law. Litt. § 168; Co. Litt. 113; Broom, Max. 919.

Consuetudo, sic est sit magna auctoritas, unquam tamen, prejudicat manifeste veritati. A custom, though it be of great authority, should never prejudice manifest truth. 4 Coke, 18.

Consuetudo loci observanda est. Litt. § 169. The custom of a place is to be observed.
Consuetudo manerii et loci observanda est. 6 Coke, 67. A custom of a manor and place is to be observed.

Consuetudo neque injuriā oriri neque tolli potest. Loft, 340. Custom can neither arise from nor be taken away by injury.

Consuetudo non trahitur in consequentiam. 3 Keb. 499. Custom is not drawn into consequence. 4 Jur. (N. S.) Ex. 139.

Consuetudo prescripta et legitima vincit legem. A prescriptive and lawful custom overcomes the law. Co. Litt. 113; 4 Coke, 21.


Consuetudo semel reprobata non postest amplius induc. A custom once disallowed cannot be again brought forward, or relied on.) Dav. 53.

Consuetudo tollit communem legem. Co. Litt. 33b. Custom takes away the common law.

Consuetudo volentes ducit, lex nolentes trahit. Custom leads the willing, law compels [draws] the unwilling. Jenk. Cent. 274.

CONSUL. In Roman law. During the republic, the name "consul" was given to the chief executive magistrate, two of whom were chosen annually. The office was continued under the empire, but its powers and prerogatives were greatly reduced. The name is supposed to have been derived from consoło, to consult, because these officers consulted with the senate on administrative measures.

In old English law. An ancient title of an earl.

In international law. An officer of a commercial character, appointed by the different states to watch over the mercantile interests of the appointing state and of its subjects in foreign countries. There are usually a number of consuls in every maritime country, and they are usually subject to a chief consul, who is called a "consul general." Schuñior v. Russell, 83 Tex. 83, 18 S. W. 484; Seldel v. Peschkaw, 27 N. J. Law, 427; Sartori v. Hamilton, 13 N. J. Law, 107; The Anne, 3 Wheat. 445, 4 L. Ed. 428.

The word "consul" has two meanings: (1) It denotes an officer of a particular grade in the consular service; (2) it has a broader generic sense, embracing all consular officers. Dainese v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 64.

The official designations employed throughout this title shall be deemed to have the following meanings, respectively: Pirai. "Consul," and "commercial agent" shall be deemed to denote full, principal, and permanent consular officers, as distinguished from subordinates and substitutes. Second. "Deputy-consul" and "consular agent" shall be deemed to denote consular officers subordinate to such principals, exercising the powers and performing the duties within the limits of their consulates or commercial agencies respectively, the former at the same ports or places and the latter at ports or places different from those at which such principals are located respectively. Third. "Vice-consuls" and "vice-commercial agents" shall be deemed to denote consular officers who shall be substituted, temporarily, to fill the places of consuls general, consuls, or commercial agents, when they shall be temporarily absent or relieved from duty. Fourth. "Consular officer" shall be deemed to include consuls general, consuls, commercial agents, deputy-consuls, vice-consuls, vice-commercial agents, and consular agents, and none others. Fifth. "Diplomatic officer" shall be deemed to include ambassadors, envoys extraordinary, ministers plenipotentiary, ministers resident, commissioners, charge d'affaires, agents, and secretaries of legation, and none others. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1156).

CONSULAR COURTS. Courts held by the consuls of one country, within the territory of another, under authority given by treaty, for the settlement of civil cases between citizens of the country which the consul represents. In some instances they have also a criminal jurisdiction, but in this respect are subject to review by the courts of the home government. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4083 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2708).

CONSULTA ECClesia. In ecclesiastical law. A church full or provided for. Cowell.

CONSULTARY RESPONSE. The opinion of a court of law on a special case.

CONSULTATION. A writ whereby a cause which has been wrongfully removed by prohibition out of an ecclesiastical court to a temporal court is returned to the ecclesiastical court. Philim. Ecc. Law, 1439.

A conference between the counsel engaged in a case, to discuss its questions or arrange the method of conducting it.

In French law. The opinion of counsel upon a point of law submitted to them.

CONSULTO. Lat. In the civil law. Designedly; intentionally. Dig. 28, 41.

CONSUMMATE. Completed; as distinguished from initiat, or that which is merely begun. The husband of a woman seized of an estate of inheritance becomes, by the birth of a child, tenant by the curtesy initiat, and may do many acts to charge the lands, but his estate is not consummate till the death of the wife. 2 Bl. Comm. 123, 129; Co. Litt. 30a.
CONSUMPTION. The completion of a thing; the completion of a marriage between two affianced persons by cohabitation. Sharon v. Sharon, 79 Cal. 633, 22 Pac. 26.

CONTAGIOUS DISEASE. One capable of being transmitted by mediate or immediate contact. See Grayson v. Lynch, 163 U. S. 493, 16 Sup. Ct. 1094, 41 L. Ed. 230; Stryker v. Crane, 38 Neb. 699, 50 N. W. 1132; Pierce v. Dillingham, 203 Ill. 148, 67 N. E. 848, 62 L. R. A. 883. See INFECTIOUS.

CONTANGO. In English law. The commission received for carrying over or putting off the time of execution of a contract to deliver stocks or pay for them at a certain time. Wharton.


CONTEMNER. One who has committed contempt of court. Wyatt v. People, 17 Colo. 232, 28 Pac. 961.

CONTEMPTATION. The act of the mind in considering with attention. Continued attention of the mind to a particular subject. Consideration of an act or series of acts with the intention of doing or adopting them. The consideration of an event or state of facts with the expectation that it will transpire.

—Contemplation of bankruptcy. Contemplation of the breaking up of one's business or an inability to continue it; knowledge of, and action with reference to, a condition of bankruptcy or ascertained insolvency, coupled with an intention to commit what the law declares to be an "act of bankruptcy," or to make provision against the consequences of insolvency, or to defeat the general distribution of assets which would take place under a proceeding in bankruptcy. Jones v. Howland, 8 Mete. (Mass.) 384, 41 Am. Dec. 525; Paulding v. Steel Co., 94 N. Y. 339; In re Duff (D. C.) 4 Fed. 519; Morgan v. Brunett, 5 Barn. & Ald. 269; Winsor v. Kendall, 30 Fed. Cas. 322; Buckingham v. McLean, 13 How. 167, 14 L. Ed. 90; In re Carmichael (D. C.) 96 Fed. 534.—Contemplation of death. The apprehension or expectation of approaching dissolution; not that general expectation which every mortal entertains, but the apprehension which arises from some present or existing sickness or physical condition or from some impending danger. As applied to transfers of property, the phrase "in contemplation of death" is practically equivalent to "causa mortis." In re Cornell's Estate, 66 App. Div. 102, 73 N. Y. Supp. 32; In re Edgerton's Estate, 35 App. Div. 129, 54 N. Y. Supp. 700; In re Baker's Estate, 38 App. Div. 590, 82 N. Y. Supp. 390.—Contemplation of insolvency. Knowledge of, and action with reference to, an existing or contemplated state of insolvency, with a design to make provision against its results or to defeat the operation of the insolvency laws. In re Robinson v. Bank, 21 N. Y. 411; Paulding v. Steel Co., 94 N. Y. 338; Heroy v. Kerr, 21 How. Prac. 420; Anstedt v. Bentley, 61 Wis. 629, 21 N. W. 807.

CONTEMPORANEA EXPOSITIO. Lat. Contemporaneous exposition, or construction; a construction drawn from the time when, and the circumstances under which, the subject-matter to be construed, as a statute or custom, originated.

Contemporanea expositio est optima et fortissima in lege. Contemporaneous exposition is the best and strongest in the law. 2 Inst. 11. A statute is best explained by following the construction put upon it by judges who lived at the time it was made, or soon after. 10 Coke, 70; Broom, Max. 652.

CONTEMPT. Contumacy; a willful disregard of the authority of a court of justice or legislative body or disobedience to its lawful orders. Contempt of court is committed by a person who does any act in willful contravention of its authority or dignity, or tending to impede or frustrate the administration of justice, or by one who, being under the court's authority as a party to a proceeding therein, willfully disobeys its lawful orders or fails to comply with an undertaking which he has given. Welch v. Barber, 52 Conn. 147, 52 Am. Rep. 567; Lyon v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 198; Kissel v. Lewis, 27 Ind. App. 302, 61 N. E. 209; Yates v. Lansing, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 385, 6 Am. Dec. 290; Stuart v. People, 4 Ill. 355; Gandy v. State, 13 Neb. 445, 14 N. W. 143.

Classification. Contempts are of two kinds, direct and constructive. Direct contempts are those which arise from an act occurring in the presence of the court (such as insulting language or acts of violence) or so near the presence of the court as to obstruct or interrupt the due and orderly course of proceedings. These are punishable summarily. They are also called "criminal" contempts, but that term is better used in contrast with "civil" contempts. See infra. Ex parte Wright, 65 Ind. 505; State v. McClaugerty, 33 W. Va. 250, 18 S. E. 407; State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 79, 39 Am. L. R. 623; Indian Lake Improvement Co. v. American Strawboard Co. (C. C.) 75 Fed. 975; In re Dill, 32 Kan. 698, 5 Pac. 39, 49 Am. Rep. 356; State v. Hunsford, 43 Va. 137, 3 Am. Dec. 201; Pierce v. Androscoggin R. Co., 49 Me. 392. Constructive (or indirect) contempts are those which arise from acts occurring not in the presence of the court, but which tend to obstruct or defeat the administration of justice, and the term is chiefly used with reference to the failure or refusal of a party to obey a lawful order, injunction, or decree of the court laying upon him a duty of action or forbearance. Androscoggin & K. R. Co. v. Androscoggin R. Co., 49 Me. 392; Cooper v. People, 13 Colo. 337, 22 Pac. 796, 6 L. R. A. 430; Draft v. People, 4 Ill. 355; McMahin v. McMahin, 68 Mo. App. 57. Constructive contempts were formerly called "consequential," and this term is still in occasional use.

Contempts are also classed as civil or criminal. The former are those quasi contempts which consist in the failure to do something which the party is ordered by the court to do for the benefit or advantage of another party and the proceeding before the court, while criminal contempts are acts done in disrespect of the court or its process or which obstruct the administration of justice or tend to bring the court into disrespect. A civil contempt is not an offense against the dignity of the court, but against the party in whose behalf the mandate of the court was issued, and a fine is imposed.

CONTEN'T OF CONGRESS, LEGISLATURE, OR PARLIAMENT. Whatever obstructs or tends to obstruct the due course of proceeding of either house, or grossly reflects on the character of a member of either house, or imputes to him what it would be a libel to impute to an ordinary person, is a contempt of the house, and thereby a breach of privilege. Sweet.

CONTEMPTIBILITER. Lat. Contemptuously.

In old English law. Contempt, contents. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 35.

CONTEN'TIOUS. Contested; adversary; litigated between adverse or contending parties; a judicial proceeding not merely ex parte in its character, but comprising attack and defense as between opposing parties, is so called. The litigious proceedings in ecclesiastical courts are sometimes said to belong to its "contentious" jurisdiction, in contradistinction to what is called its "voluntary" jurisdiction, which is exercised in the granting of licenses, probates of wills, dispensations, faculties, etc.

—Contentious jurisdiction. In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary or contentious proceedings.

—Contentious possession. In stating the rule that the possession of land necessary to give rise to a title by prescription must be a "contentious" one, it is meant that it must be based on opposition to the title of the rival claimant (not in recognition thereof or subordination thereto) and that the opposition must be based on good grounds, or such as might be made the subject of litigation. Railroad Co. v. McFarlan, 43 N. J. Law, 621.

CONTEN'TMENT, CONTENEAMENT. A man's countenance or credit, which he has together with, and by reason of, his freckled; or that which is necessary for the support and maintenance of men, agreeably to their several qualities or states of life. Wharton; Cowell.

CONTENTS. The contents of a promissory note or other commercial instrument or chose in action means the specific sum named therein and payable by the terms of the instrument. Trading Co. v. Morrison, 178 U. S. 292, 20 Sup. Ct. 899, 44 L. Ed. 1061; Sere v. Pitot, 6 Cranch, 323, 3 L. Ed. 240; Simons v. Paper Co. (C. C.) 33 Fed. 195; Barney v. Bank, 2 Fed. Cns. 894; Corbin v. Black Hawk County, 105 U. S. 650, 26 L. Ed. 1136.

—Contents and not contents. In parliamentary law. The "contents" are those who, in the house of lords, express assent to a bill; the "not" or "non contents" dissent. May, Parl. Law, cc. 12, 357. "Contents unknown." Words sometimes annexed to a bill of lading of goods in cases. Their meaning is that the master only means to acknowledge the shipment, in good order, of the cases, as to their external condition. Clark v. Barnwell, 12 How. 273, 13 L. Ed. 955; Miller v. Railroad Co., 90 N. Y. 433, 43 Am. Rep. 179; The Columbo, 6 Fed. Cas. 178.

CONTERMINOUS. Adjacent; adjoinning; having a common boundary; coterminal.

CONTEST. To make defense to an adverse claim in a court of law; to oppose, resist, or dispute the case made by a plaintiff. Pratt v. Breckinridge, 112 Ky. 1, 65 S. W. 136; Parks v. State, 100 Ala. 634, 13 South. 756.

—Contestation of suit. In an ecclesiastical cause, that stage of the suit which is reached when the defendant has answered the libel by giving in an allegation. Contested election. This phrase has no technical or legally defined meaning. An election may be said to be contested whenever an objection is formally urged against it which, if found to be true in fact, would invalidate it. This is true both as to objections founded upon some constitutional provision and to such as are based on statutes. Robertson v. State, 100 Ind. 116, 10 N. E. 600.

CONTESTATIO LITIS. In Roman law. Contestation of suit; the framing an issue; joinder in issue. The formal act of both the parties with which the proceedings in jure were closed when they led to a judicial investigation, and by which the neighbors whom the parties brought with them were called to testify. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 210.

In old English law. Coming to an issue; the issue so produced. Crabb, Eng. Law, 218.

Contestatio litis eget terminos contradictorios. An issue requires terms of contradiction. Jenk. Cent. 117. To constitute an issue, there must be an affirmative on one side and a negative on the other.

CONTEXT. The context of a particular sentence or clause in a statute, contract, will, etc., comprises those parts of the text which immediately precede and follow it. The context may sometimes be scrutinized, to aid in the interpretation of an obscure passage.


CONTINENCIA. In Spanish law. Contency or unity of the proceedings in a cause. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 6, c. 1.
CONTINENS. In the Roman law. Continuing; holding together. Adjoining buildings were said to be continentia.

CONTINENTAL. Pertaining or relating to a continent; characteristic of a continent; as broad in scope or purpose as a continent. Continental Ins. Co. v. Continental Fire Ass'n (C. C.) 96 Fed. 948.

—Continental congress. The first national legislative assembly in the United States, which met in 1774, in pursuance of a recommendation made by Massachusetts and adopted by the other colonies. In this congress all the colonies were represented except Georgia. The delegates were in some cases chosen by the legislative assemblies in the states; in others by the people directly. The powers of the congress were undefined, but it proceeded to take measures and pass resolutions which concerned the general welfare and had regard to the inauguration and prosecution of the war for independence. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 40; 1 Story, Const. §§ 198-272.


CONTINGENCY. An event that may or may not happen, a doubtful or uncertain future event. The quality of being contingent.

A fortuitous event, which comes without design, foresight, or expectation. A contingent expense must be deemed to be an expense depending upon some future uncertain event. People v. Yonkers, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 272.

—Contingency of a process. In Scotch law. Where two or more processes are so connected that in the termination of one which is decided and which is dependent on the occurrence of some future event, the parties to the first are entitled to have their rights decided and the second postponed, the process first decided is considered as the leading process, and the second is contingent.

—Contingent claim. In Scotch law. A form of remitting process in this manner is one which either shall not be decided and which is dependent on the occurrence of some future event which will, or may not happen; as an estate limited to a person not in esse, or not yet born. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 4, § 946; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Wadsworth v. Murray, 29 App. Div. 191, 51 N. Y. Supp. 1038; Thornton v. Zea, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 509, 55 S. W. 738; Hopkins v. Hopkins, 1 Hun, 354.—Contingent interest in personal property. It may be defined as a future interest not transmissible to the representatives of the party entitled thereto, in case he dies before it vests in possession. Thus, if a testator leaves the income of a fund to his wife for life, and the capital of the fund to be distributed among such of his children as shall be living at her death, the interest of each child, if not fixed and absolute, but which will become so in case of the occurrence of some future and uncertain event. Downer v. Curtis, 25 Vt. 630; Bank v. Hincham Mfg. Co., 127 Mass. 565; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Steele v. Graves, 68 Ala. 21.


CONTINUAL CLAIM. In old English law. A formal claim made by a party entitled to enter upon any lands or tenements, but deterred from such entry by menaces, or bodily fear, for the purpose of preserving or keeping alive his right. It was called "continual," because it was required to be repeated once in the space of every year and day. If the plaintiff entered before the sheriff on the day named as the party could approach with safety, and, when made in due form, had the same effect with, and in all respects amounted to, a legal entry. Litt. §§ 419-423; Co. Litt. 250a; 3 Bl. Comm. 175.

CONTINUANCE. The adjournment or postponement of an action pending in a court, to a subsequent day of the same or another term. Com. v. Maloney, 145 Mass. 206, 13 N. E. 482; State v. Underwood, 76 Mo. 630.

Also the entry of a continuance made upon the record of the court, for the purpose of formally evidencing the postponement, or of connecting the parts of the record so as to make one continuous whole.

CONTINUANDO. In pleading. A form of allegation in which the trespass, criminal offense, or other wrongful act complained of is charged to have been committed on a specified day and to have "continued" to the present time, or is averred to have been
committed at divers days and times within a given period or on a specified day and on divers other days and times between that day and another. This is called "laying the time with a continuance," &c. v. Swift's 2 Mass. 52; People v. Sullivan, 9 Utah, 195, 33 Pac. 701.

CONTINUING. Enduring; not terminated by a single act or fact; subsisting for a definite period or intended to cover or apply to successive similar obligations or occurrences.


CONTINUOUS. Uninterrupted; unbroken; not intermittent or occasional; so persistently repeated at short intervals as to constitute a virtually an unbroken series. Black's Law C5. 22 N. J. Eq. 402; Hofer's Appeal, 116 Pa. 360, 9 Atl. 441; Ingraham v. Hough, 46 N. C. 43.


As to continuous "Crime" and "Easements," see those titles.

CONTRA. Against, confronting, opposite to; on the other hand; on the contrary. The word is used in many Latin phrases, as appears by the following titles. In the books of reports, contra, appended to the name of a judge or counsel, indicates that he held a view of the matter in argument contrary to that next before advanced. Also, after citation of cases in support of a position, contra is often prefixed to citations of cases opposed to it.

—Contra bonos mores. Against good morals. Contracts contra bonos mores are void—Contra formam collationis. In old English law. A writ that issued where lands given in perpetuity alms to lay houses of religion, or to an abbot and convent, or to the warden or master of an hospital and his convent, to find certain poor men with necessaries, and do divine service, &c. were alienated, to the disherison of the donor or his heirs could recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 238; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 210.—Contra formam doni. Against the form of the grant. See FORMEDON.—Contra formam feoffament. In old English law. A writ that lay for the heir of a tenant, enfeoffed of certain lands or tenements, by charter of feoffment from a lord to make certain services and suits to his court, who was afterwards disstrained for more services than were mentioned in the charter. Reg. Orig. 176; Old Nat. Brev. 162—Contra formam statuti. In criminal pleading. (Contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided.) The usual conclusion of every indictment, &c. brought for an offense created by statute.—Contra jus belli. Lat. Against the law of war. 1 Kent, Comm. 6.—Contra jus commune. Against common right or law; contrary to the rule of the common law. Bract. fol. 459.—Contra legem terrae. Against the law of the land.—Contra omnes gentes. Against all people. Formal words in old covenants of warranty. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 14, § 11.—Contra pacem. Against the peace. A phrase used in the Latin forms of indictments, and also of actions for trespass, to signify that the offense alleged was committed against the public peace, i. e., involved a breach of the peace. The full formula was contra pacem dominis regis, against the peace of the lord the king. In modern pleading, in this country, it is known as "against the peace of the commonwealth" or "of the people" is used.—Contra proferentem. Against the party who profers or puts forward a thing—Contra tabulam. In the civil law. Against the will, (testament) Dig. 37, 4.—Contra vadium et plegatim. In old English law. Against gage and pledge. Bract. fol. 168.

Contra legem facit qui id facit quod lex prohibet; in fraudulent vero qui, salvis verbis legis, sententiam ejus circumvenit. He does contrary to the law who does what the law prohibits; he acts in fraud of the law who, the letter of the law being inviolate, uses the law contrary to its intention. Dig. 1, 8, 29.

Contra negantem principia non est disputandum. There is no disputing against one who denies first principles. Co. Litt. 345.

Contra non valentem agere nulla currit prescriptio. No prescription runs against a person unable to bring an action. Broom, Max. 903.

Contra veritatem lex nunquam aliquld permittit. The law never suffers anything contrary to truth. 2 Inst. 252.

CONTRABAND. Against law or treaty; prohibited. Goods exported from or imported into a country against its laws. Brande. Articles, the importation or exportation of which is prohibited by law. P. Enc.

CONTRABAND OF WAR. Certain classes of merchandise, such as arms and ammunition, which, by the rules of international law, cannot lawfully be furnished or carried by a neutral nation to either of two belligerents; if found in transit in neutral vessels, such goods may be seized and condemned for violation of neutrality. The Petr. 1 Wall. 58. 18 L. Ed. 564; Richardson v. Insurance Co., 6 Mass. 114, 4 Am. Dec. 92.

A recent American author on international law says that, "by the term 'contraband of war' we now understand a class of articles of commerce which neutrals are prohibited from furnishing to either one of the belligerents, for the reason that, by so doing, injury is done to the other belligerent;" and he treats of the subject, chiefly, in its relation to commerce upon the high seas. Hall, Int. Law, 570, 592; Elrod v. Alexander, 4 Heisk. (Tenn.) 340.

CONTRACAUATOR. A criminal; one prosecuted for a crime.
CONTRACT


A covenant or agreement between two or more persons, with a lawful consideration or cause. Jacob. The deliberate engagement or agreement between two or more parties, upon a legal consideration, to do, or abstain from doing, some act. Wharton.

A contract or agreement is either where a promise is made on one side and assented to on the other; or where two or more persons enter into engagement with each other by a promise on either side. 2 Steph. Comm. 54. A contract is an agreement by which one person obligates himself to another to give, to do, or permit, or not to do, something expressed or implied by such agreement. Civ. Code Cal. § 1549.

A contract is an agreement between two or more parties for the doing or not doing of some specified thing. Code Ga. 1882, § 2714. A contract is an agreement between two or more persons to do or not to do a particular thing; and the obligation of a contract is founded on the terms in which the contract is expressed, and is the duty thus assumed by the contracting parties respectively to perform the stipulations of such contract. When that duty is recognized and enforced by the municipal law, it is one of perfect, and when not so recognized and enforced, of imperfect, obligation. Barlow v. Gregory, 31 Conn. 265.

The writing which contains the agreement of parties, with the terms and conditions, and which serves as a proof of the obligation.

Classification. Contracts may be classified on several different methods, according to the element in them which is brought into prominence; the following classifications are as follows:

Record, specialty, simple. Contracts of record are such as are declared and adjudicated by courts of competent jurisdiction, or entered on their records, including judgments, recognizances, and statutes staple. Hardeman v. Perrine v. Cheeseman, 11 N. J. Law, 177, 19 Am. Dec. 388; Corcoran v. Railroad Co., 20 Misc. 497, 45 N. Y. Supp. 661; Justice v. Lang, 42 N. Y. 493, 1 Am. Rep. 576.

Express and implied. An express contract is an actual agreement of the parties, the terms of which are openly uttered or written at the time of making it, being stated in distinct and explicit language, either orally or in writing.

3 Bl. Comm. 443; 2 Kent, Comm. 459; Linn v. Ross, 10 Ohio, 414, 36 Am. Dec. 95; Thompson v. Woodruff, 7 Cold. (Tenn.) 401; Grevall v. Wharton, 3 N.Y. (Rep. 271, 31 N.Y. Jur. 974. An implied contract is one not created or evidenced by the express agreement of the parties, but inferred by the law, as a matter of reason and justice, from the ends which the contract, the circumstances surrounding the transaction making it a reasonable, or even a necessary, assumption that a contract existed between them, by tacit understanding. Miller's Appeal, 100 Pa. 508, 45 Am. Rep. 394; Wickham v. Weil (Conn. F. 77 N. Y. Supp. 518; Hinkle v. Sage, 24 Ohio, 996, 65 Ohio St. 680; Co. v. Montgomery, 114 Ala. 433, 21 South. 960; Railway Co. v. Gaffney, 65 Ohio St. 104, 61 N. E. 152; Jenninga v. Bank, 70 Cal. 525, 21 Pac. 852, 5 L. R. A. 233, 12 Am. St. Rep. 145; Deane v. Hodge, 35 Minn. 146, 27 N. W. 917, 59 Am. Rep. 321; Bixby v. Moor, 61 N. H. 493. Implied contracts are sometimes subdivided into those "implied in fact" and those "implied in law," the former being covered by the definition just given, while the latter are obligations imposed upon a person by the law, not in pursuance of his intention and agreement, either expressed or implied, but even against his wishes. Specialties, being implied or arising from the liability.


Executed and executory. Contracts are also distinguished into executed and executory; executed, where nothing remains to be done by either party, and where the transaction is completed at the moment that the arrangement is made, as where an article is sold and delivered, and payment therefor is made on the spot; executory, where some future act is to be done, as where an agreement is made to build a house in six months, or to do an act on or before some future day, or to lend money upon a certain interest, payable at a future time. Farrington v. Tennesse, 95 U. S. 653, 24 L. Ed. 558; Fox v. Kitten, 19 Ill. 532; Watkins v. Nugen, 118 Ga. 572, 45 S. E. 262; Kynoch v. Ives, 14 Wed. (Cal.) 499, 104 Cal. 499, 39 Pac. 33; Webber v. Fleming, 178 Ill. 140, 59 N. E. 975; Perrine v. Cheeseeman, 11 N. J. Law, 177, 19 Am. Dec. 388; Corcoran v. Railroad Co., 20 Misc. 497, 45 N. Y. Supp. 661; Justice v. Lang, 42 N. Y. 493, 1 Am. Rep. 576.

Entire and severable. An entire contract is one the consideration of which is entire on both
The entire fulfillment of the promise by either party is a condition precedent to the fulfillment of the promise of the other. Where, therefore, there is a contract to pay the gross sum for a certain and definite consideration, the contract is entire. A severable contract respects a thing to be done in its terms, susceptible of apportionment on either side, so as to correspond to the unascertained services of the parties. A contract to pay a person the worth of his services so long as he will do certain work or to give a certain price for every bushel of some product, as corresponding to the sample, Potter v. Potter, 43 Or. 149, 72 Pac. 702; Telephone Co. v. Root (Pa.) 4 Atl. 829; Hertle v. Hamilton, 43 Pac. 688; Norris v. Wright (C. C.) 5 Fed. 771; Dowie v. Schiller (Com. Pl.) 13 N. Y. Supp. 551; Osgood v. Bauder, 75 Iowa, 559, 59 N. W. 887; 1 L. R. A. 655. Where a contract consists of many parts, which may be considered as parts of one whole, the contract is entire. When the parts may be considered as separate distinct contracts, entered into at one time, and expressed in the same instrument, but not thereby made one contract, the contract is a separate contract, if the consideration of the contract is single and entire, the contract must be held to be entire, although the subject of the promise is divided into distinct and wholly independent items. 2 Pars. Cont. 517.

Parol. All contracts which are not contracts of record and not specialties are parol contracts. It is erroneous to contract "parol" with "written," as is not who is writing, it is still a parol contract if it is not under seal. Yarborough v. West, 10 Ga. 475; Jones v. Holliday, 11 Tex. 415, 62 Am. Dec. 497; Young v. Bungart, 20 Misc. Rep. 247, 56 N. Y. Supp. 51.

Joint and several. A joint contract is one made by two or more promisors, who are jointly bound to fulfill its obligations, or made by two or more promissaries, who are jointly entitled to require performance of the same. A contract may be "several" as to any one of several promisors or promisees, if it has a legal right (either from the terms of the agreement or the nature of the undertaking) to enforce his individual interest separately from other parties. Rainey v. Shiner, 28 Mo. 310; Bartlett v. Robbins, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 186.

Principal and accessory. A principal contract is a contract which stands by itself, justifies its own existence, and is not subordinate or auxiliary to any other. Accessory contracts are those made for assuring the performance of a prior contract, either by the same parties or by others, such as suretyship, mortgage, and pledges. Civ. Code La. art. 1764.

Unilateral and bilateral. A unilateral contract is one in which one party makes an express engagement or undertakes a performance, without receiving in return any express engagement or promise of performance from the other. Bilateral or (reciprocal) contracts are those by which the parties are engaged to enter into mutual engagements, such as sale or hire. Civ. Code La. art. 1785; Poth. Obl. 1, 1, 1, 1; Montpelier Seminary v. Smith, 69 Vt. 382, 35 Atl. 66; Laclede Const. Co. v. Tudor Iron Co. 128 U. S. 212, 9 Sup. Ct. 72, 32 L. Ed. 401. Independent contracts are those in which the mutual acts or promises have no relation to each other, either as equivalents or as considerations. Civ. Code La. 1762.

Mutual interest, mixed, etc. Contracts of "mutual interest" are those in which the parties are entered into for the reciprocal interest and utility of each of the parties; as sales, exchange, partnership, and the like. "Mixed" contracts are those by which one of the parties confers a benefit on the other, receiving something of inferior value in return, such as a donation subject to a charge. Contracts of "benediction" are those by which only one of the contracting parties is benefited; as loans, deposit and mandate. Poth. Obl. 1, 1, 1, 2.

A conditional contract is an executory contract to perform which depends on a condition. It is not simply an executory contract, since the latter may be an absolute agreement to do something which is competent to be performed without profit or advantage received or promised as a consideration for it. It is not, however, a conditional contract, if it proceed either from gratitude for a benefit before received or from the hope of receiving one hereafter, although such benefit be of a pecuniary nature. One conditional contract is a contract in which the benefit is given or promised as a consideration for the engagement or gift, or some service, interest, or condition, upon which it is given or promised as imposed by it to the value. Civ. Code La. 1766; 1767; Penitentiary Co. v. Nelms, 65 Ga. 505, 38 Am. Rep. 793.

Constructive contracts are such as arise when the law prescribes the rights and liabilities of persons who have not in reality entered into a contract at all, but between whom circumstances make it just that one should have a right, and the other be subject to a liability, similar to the rights and liabilities in cases of express contracts. Kolkm v. Kline, 17 N. Y. Supp. 518; Graham v. Cummings, 208 Pa. 516, 57 Atl. 943; Robinson v. Turrentine (C. C.) 50 Fed. 659; Hertzig v. Hertzig, 29 Pa. 465.

Personal contract. A contract relating to personal property, or one which so far involves the element of personal knowledge or skill or personal confidence that it can be performed only by the person with whom made, and therefore is not binding on his executor. See Janin v. Browning (Pa.) 453.

Special contract. A contract under seal; a specialty; as distinguished from one merely oral or in writing not sealed. But in common usage this term is often used to denote an express contract, and distinguishes a certain contract as defined by the common law from others which defies and settles the reciprocal rights and obligations of the parties, as distinguished from a real contract. 3 Coke, 22a.
one which must be made out, and its terms ascertained, by the inference of the law from the nature and circumstances of the transaction.

**Contractual Records and Phrases**

**Contract of benevolence.** A contract made for the benefit of one of the contracting parties only, as a mandate or deposit. —**Contract of record.** A contract of record which has been declared and adjudicated by a court having jurisdiction, or which is entered of record in chancery or in certain other judgments of a court. Code-Ga. 1882, § 2716. —**Contract of sale.** A contract by which one of the contracting parties, called the "seller," obliges himself to cause another party (called the "buyer," on his part obliges himself to pay. Poth. Cont.; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 2430; White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed 291; Sawmill Co. v. O'Shee, 111 La. 817, 35 South. 918. —**Pre-contract.** An obligation growing out of a contract or contractual relation, of such a nature that it debarrs the party from legally entering into a similar contract at a later time with any other person; particularly applied to marriage. —**Quasi contracts.** In the civil law. A certain relation arising out of transactions between the parties which give them mutual rights and obligations, but do not involve a specific and express convention or agreement between them. Keener, Quasi Contr. 1; Brackett v. Norton, 4 Conn. 524, 10 Am. Dec. 179; People v. Speir, 77 N. Y. 150; Willard v. Doran, 18 Ill. 405. 1 N. Y. Supp. 588; McSorley v. Faulkner (Com. Pl.) 18 N. Y. Supp. 460; Railway Co. v. Gaffney, 65 Ohio St. 194, 61 N. E. 155. Quasi contracts are the lawful and purely voluntary acts of a man, from which there results any obligation whatever to a third party, and sometimes a reciprocal obligation between two parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2295. Persons who have not contracted with each other are often regarded by the Roman law, under a certain state of facts, as if they had actually concluded a convention between themselves. The legal relation which then takes place between these persons, which has always a similarity to a contract obligation, is therefore termed "obligatio quasi ex contractu." Such a relation arises from the conducting of affairs without authority, (negotiorum gestio,) from the (payment of what was not due, (solatio indebiti,) from tutorship and curatorship, and from taking possession of an inheritance. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 491. —**Contract.** A contract subordinate to another contract, made or intended to be made between the contracting parties, on one part, or some of them, and purely voluntary acts of a man, from which there results any obligation whatever to a third party, and sometimes a reciprocal obligation between two parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2295.

**CONTRACT**

**CONTRACTS.** Lat. Contract; a contract; contracts.

—**Contractus bona fide.** In Roman law. Contracts of good faith. Those contracts which, when brought into litigation, were not determined by the rules of the strict law alone, but allowed the judge to examine into the bona fide of the transaction, and to hear equitable considerations against their enforcement. In this they were opposed to contracts stricti juris, against which equitable defenses could not be entertained. —**Contractus civiles.** In Roman law. Civil contracts. Those contracts which were recognized as actionable by the strict civil law of Rome, or as being founded upon a particular statute, as distinguished from those which could not be enforced in the courts except by the aid of the prator, who, through his equitable powers, gave a decision upon them. The latter were called "contractus pratorio."

**Contractus est quasi actus contra ac-tum.** 2 Coke, 15. A contract is, as it were, act against act.

**Contractus ex turpi causa, vel contra bonos mores, nullus est.** A contract founded on a false consideration, or against good morals, is null. Hob. 107.

**Contractus legem ex conventione accepit.** Contracts receive legal sanction from the agreement of the parties. Dig. 16, 3, 1, 6.

**CONTRADICT.** In practice. To disprove. To prove a fact contrary to what has been asserted by a witness.

**CONTRADICATION IN TERMS.** A phrase of which the parts are expressly inconsistent, as, e. g., "an innocent murder;" "a fee-simple for life."

**CONTRAESCRIPTURA.** In Spanish law. A counter-writing; counter-letter. A document executed at the same time with an act of sale or other instrument, and operating by way of defeasance or otherwise modifying the apparent effect and purport of the original instrument.

**CONTRAFACTIO.** Counterfeiting; as contrafactio sigilli regis, counterfeiting the king's seal. Cowell.

**CONTRAINTE PAR CORPS.** In French law. The civil process of arrest of the person, which is imposed upon vendors falsely representing their property to be unincumbered, or upon persons mortgaging property which they are aware does not belong to them, and in other cases of moral heinousness. Brown.

CONTRAMANDATIO. A counter-mandating. *Contramandatio placiti,* in old English law, was the respiting of a defendant, or giving him further time to answer, by countermanding the day fixed for him to plead, and appointing a new day; a sort of interlurance.

CONTRAMANDATUM. A lawful excuse, which a defendant in a suit by attorney alleges for himself to show that the plaintiff has no cause of complaint. Blount


CONTRARIENTS. This word was used in the time of Edw. II. to signify those who were opposed to the government but were neither rebels nor traitors. Jacob.

Contrariorum contraria est ratio. Hob. 344. The reason of contrary things is contrary.

CONTRAROTJLATOR. A controller. One whose business it was to observe the money which the collectors had gathered for the use of the king or the people. Cowell.

---Contrarotnlator pipe. An officer of the exchequer that writeth out summons twice every year, to the sheriffs, to levy the rents and debts of the pipe. Blount.

CONTRAT. In French law. Contracts are of the following varieties: (1) *Bilateral,* or *synallagmatique,* where each party is bound to the other to do what is just and proper; or (2) *unilateral,* where the one side only is bound; or (3) *commutatif,* where one does to the other something which is supposed to be an equivalent for what the other does to him; or (4) *aléatoire,* where the consideration for the act of the one is a mere chance; or (5) *contrat de bienfaisance,* where the one party procures to the other a purely gratuitous benefit; or (6) *contrat à titre onéreux,* where each party is bound under some duty to the other. Brown.


CONTRATENERE. To hold against; to withhold. Whishaw.

CONTRAVENING EQUITY. A right or equity, in another person, which is inconsistent with and opposed to the equity sought to be enforced or recognized.

CONTRAVENTION. In French law. An act which violates the law, a treaty, or an agreement with which the party has made. That infraction of the law punished by a fine which does not exceed fifteen francs and by an imprisonment not exceeding three days. Pen. Code, 1.

CONTRACTAREST. Lat. In the civil law. To handle; to take hold of; to meddle with.

CONTRACTATIO. In the civil and old English law. Touching; handling; meddling. The act of removing a thing from its place in such a manner that, if the thing be not restored, it will amount to theft.

Contractatio rei alienae, animo furandi, est furtum. Jenk. Cent. 132. The touching or removing of another's property, with an intention of stealing, is theft.

CONTRAFACON. In French law. The offense of printing or causing to be printed a book, the copyright of which is held by another, without authority from him. Merl. Repert.

CONTRES-MAITRE. In French marine law. The chief officer of a vessel, who, in case of the sickness or absence of the master, commanded in his place. Literally, the counter-master.

CONTRIBUTE. To supply a share or proportional part of money or property towards the prosecution of a common enterprise or the discharge of a joint obligation. Park v. Missionary Soc, 62 Vt 19, 20 Atl. 107; Railroad Co. v. Creasy (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 945.

CONTRIBUTION. In common law. The sharing of a loss or payment among several. The act of any one or several of a number of co-debtors, co-sureties, etc., in reimbursing one of their number who has paid the whole debt or suffered the whole liability, each to the extent of his proportionate share. Canosia Tp. v. Grand Lake Tp., 80 Minn. 357, 83 N. W. 346; Dysart v. Crow, 170 Mo. 275, 70 S. W. 689; Aspenwall v. Sacchi, 57 N. Y. 336; Vandiver v. Poliak, 107 Ala. 547, 19 South. 180; 54 Am. St. Rep. 118.

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CONTRIBUTION. In maritime law. Where the property of one of several parties interested in a vessel and cargo has been voluntarily sacrificed for the common safety, (as by throwing goods overboard to lighten the vessel,) such loss must be made good by the contribution of the
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CONTRIBUTION. In old English law. A writ that lay where tenants in common were bound to do some act and one of them was put to the whole burden, to compel the rest to make contribution. Reg. Orig. 175; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 162.

CONTRIBUTORY, n. A person liable to contribute to the assets of a company which is being wound up, as being a member or (in some cases) a past member thereof. Mozley & Whitley.

CONTRIBUTORY, adj. Joining in the promotion of a given purpose; lending assistance to the production of a given result. As to contributory "Infringement" and "Negligence," see those titles.

CONTROLLER. A comptroller, which see.

CONTROLMENT. In old English law. The controlling or checking of another officer's account; the keeping of a counter-roll.

CONTROVER. In old English law. An inventor or deviser of false news. 2 Inst. 227.

CONTROVERSY. A litigated question; adversary proceeding in a court of law; a civil action or suit, either at law or in equity. Barber v. Kennedy, 18 Minn. 216 (Gill. 189); State v. Guinotte, 156 Mo. 513, 57 S. W. 281, 50 L. R. A. 787.

It differs from "case," which includes all suits, criminal as well as civil; whereas "controversy" is a civil and not a criminal proceeding. Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 419, 431, 432. 1 L. Ed. 440.

CONTROVERT. To dispute; to deny; to oppose or contest; to take issue on. Buggy Co. v. Patt, 73 Iowa, 485, 35 N. W. 587; Swenson v. Kleinschmidt, 10 Mont. 473, 26 Pac. 188.

CONTUBERNIUM. In Roman law. The marriage of slaves; a permitted cohabitation.

CONTUMACECAPIENDO. In English law. Excommunication in all cases of contempt in the spiritual courts is discontinued by 53 Geo. III. c. 127, § 2, and in lieu thereof, where a lawful citation or sentence has not been obeyed, the judge shall have power, after a certain period, to pronounce such person contumacious and in contempt, and to signify the same to the court of chancery, whereupon a writ de contumace capiendo shall issue from that court, which shall have the same force and effect as formerly belonged, in case of contempt, to a writ de excommunicato capiendo. (2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 93; 3 & 4 Vict. c. 93.) Wharton.

CONTUMACY. The refusal or intentional omission of a person who has been duly cited before a court to appear and defend the charge laid against him, or, if he is duly before the court, to obey some lawful order or direction made in the cause. In the former case it is called "presumed" contumacy; in the latter, "actual." The term is chiefly used in ecclesiastical law. See 3 Curt. Ecc. 1.

CONTUMAX. One accused of a crime who refuses to appear and answer to the charge. An outlaw.

CONTUSION. In medical jurisprudence. A bruise; an injury to any external part of the body by the impact of a fall or the blow of a blunt instrument, without laceration of the flesh, and either with or without a tearing of the skin, but in the former case it is more properly called a "contused wound."

CONUSANCE. In English law. Cognizance or jurisdiction. Conusance of pleas. Termes de la Ley. --Conusance, claim of. See COGNIZANCE.

CONUSANT. Cognizant; acquainted with; having actual knowledge; as, if a party knowing of an agreement in which he has an interest makes no objection to it, he is said to be consusant. Co. Litt. 157.

CONUSEE. See COGNIZEE.

CONUSOR. See COGNIZOR.

CONVENABLE. In old English law. Suitable; agreeable; convenient; fitting. Litt. § 103.

CONVENE. In the civil law. To bring an action.

CONVENIENT. Proper; just; suitable. Finlay v. Dickerson, 29 Ill. 20; Railway Co. v. Smith, 173 U. S. 584, 19 Sup. Ct. 565, 43 L. Ed. 858.
CONVENT. Lat. In civil and old English law. It is agreed; it was agreed.

CONVENT. The fraternity of an abbey or priory, as societas is the number of fellows in a college. A religious house, now regarded as a merely voluntary association, not importing civil death. 33 Law J. Ch. 308.

CONVENTICLE. A private assembly or meeting for the exercise of religion. The word was first an appellation of reproach to the religious assemblies of Wycliffe in the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II., and was afterwards applied to a meeting of dissenter's from the established church. As this word in strict propriety denotes an unlawful assembly, it cannot be justly applied to the assembling of persons in places of worship licensed according to the requisitions of law. Wharton.

CONVENTIO. In canon law. The act of summoning or calling together the parties by summoning the defendant.

In the civil law. A compact, agreement, or convention. An agreement between two or more persons respecting a legal relation between them. The term is one of very wide scope, and applies to all classes of subjects in which an engagement or business relation may be founded by agreement. It is to be distinguished from the negotiations or preliminary transactions on the object of the convention and fixing its extent, which are not binding so long as the convention is not concluded. Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 385, 386.

In contracts. An agreement; a covenant. Cowell.

—Conventio in unnun. In the civil law. The agreement between the two parties to a contract upon the sense of the contract proposed. It is an essential part of the contract, following the pollitication or proposal emanating from the one, and followed by the consent or agreement of the other.

Conventio privaturn non potest publico juri derogare. The agreement of private persons cannot derogate from public right, i.e., cannot prevent the application of general rules of law, or render valid any contravention of law. Co. Litt. 166a; Wing. Max. p. 746, max. 201.

Conventio vincit legem. The express agreement of parties overcomes [prevails against] the law. Story, Ag. § 593.

CONVENTION. In Roman law. An agreement between parties; a pact. A convention was a mutual engagement between two persons, possessing all the subjective requisites of a contract, but which did not give rise to an action, nor receive the sanction of the law, as bearing an "obligation," until the objective requisite of a solemn ceremonial, (such as stipulatio) was supplied. In other words, convention was the informal agreement of the parties, which formed the basis of a contract, and which became a contract when the external formalities were superimposed. See Maine, Anc. Law, 313.

"The division of conventions into contracts and pacts was important in the Roman law. The former were such conventions as already, by the older civil law, founded an obligation and action; all the other conventions were termed 'pacts.' These generally did not produce an actionable obligation. Actionability was subsequently given to several pacts, whereby they received the same power and efficacy that contracts received." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 593.

In English law. An extraordinary assembly of the houses of lords and commons, without the assent or summons of the sovereign. It can only be justified as necessitate rei, as the parliament which restored Charles II., and that which disposed of the crown and kingdom to William and Mary. Wharton.

Also the name of an old writ that lay for the breach of a covenant.

In legislation. An assembly of delegates or representatives chosen by the people for special and extraordinary legislative purposes, such as the framing or revision of a state constitution. Also an assembly of delegates chosen by a political party, or by the party organization in a larger or smaller territory, to nominate candidates for an approaching election. State v. Metcalfe, 18 S. D. 393, 100 N. W. 925, 67 L. R. A. 331; State v. Tooker, 18 Mont. 540, 46 Pac. 530, 34 L. R. A. 315; Schafer v. Whipple, 25 Colo. 400, 55 Pac. 180.

Constitutional convention. See Constitution.

In public and international law. A pact or agreement between states or nations in the nature of a treaty; usually applied (a) to agreements or arrangements preliminary to a formal treaty or to serve as its basis, or (b) international agreements for the regulation of matters of common interest but not coming within the sphere of politics or commercial intercourse, such as international postage or the protection of submarine cables. U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3589; U. S. v. Hunter (C. C.) 21 Fed. 615.

CONVENTIONAL. Depending on, or arising from, the mutual agreement of parties; as distinguished from legal, which means created by, or arising from, the act of the law.


CONVENTIONE. The name of a writ for the breach of any covenant in writing, whether real or personal. Reg. Orig. 115; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 145.

CONVENTIONS. This name is sometimes given to compacts or treaties with for-
eign countries as to the apprehension and extradition of fugitive offenders. See Extra-
dition.

CONVENTUAL CHURCH. In ecclesiastical law. That which consists of regular clerks, professing some order or religion; or of dean and chapter; or other societies of spiritual men.

CONVENTUALS. Religious men united in a convent or religious house. Cowell.

CONVENTUS. Lat. A coming together; a convention or assembly. *Conventus magnum vel procurn* (the assembly of chief men or peers) was one of the names of the English parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 148.

In the civil law. The term meant a gathering together of people; a crowd assembled for any purpose; also a convention, pact, or bargain.
—Conventus juridicus. In the Roman law. A court of sessions held in the Roman provinces, by the president of the province, assisted by a certain number of counsellors and assessors, at fixed periods, to hear and determine suits, and to provide for the civil administration of the province. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 17.

CONVERSANT. One who is in the habit of being in a particular place is said to be conversant there. Barnes, 162. Acquainted; familiar.

CONVERSANTES. In old English law. Conversant or dwelling; commorant.

CONVERSATION. Manner of living; habits of life; conduct; as in the phrase "chaste life and conversation." Bradshaw v. People, 153 Ill. 156, 38 N. E. 652. "Criminal conversation" means seduction of another man's wife, considered as an actionable injury to the husband. Prettyman v. William-
son, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 224, 39 Atl. 731; Crocker v. Crocker, 98 Fed. 702.

CONVERSE. The transposition of the subject and predicate in a proposition, as: "Everything is good in its place." Conversat, "Nothing is good which is not in its place." Wharton.

CONVERSION. In equity. The transformation of one species of property into another, as money into land or land into money; or, more particularly, a fiction of law, by which the property so dealt with becomes equities of the case,—as to carry into effect the directions of a will or settlement,—and by which the property so dealt with becomes invested with the properties and attributes of that into which it is supposed to have been converted. Seymour v. Freer, 8 Wall. 214, 19 L. Ed. 306; Haward v. Peavey, 128 Ill. 430, 21 N. E. 505, 15 Am. St. Rep. 129; Yerkes v. Yerkes, 200 Pa. 419, 50 Atl. 196; Appeal of Clarke, 70 Conn. 195, 39 Atl. 155.

At law. An unauthorized assumption and exercise of the right of ownership over goods or personal chattels belonging to another, to the alteration of their condition or the exclusion of the owner's rights. Baldwin v. Cole, 6 Mod. 212; Trust Co. v. Tod, 170 N. Y. 233, 63 N. E. 283; Boyce v. Brockway, 31 N. Y. 490; University v. Bank, 96 N. C. 290, 3 S. E. 359; Webster v. Davis, 44 Me. 147, 69 Am. Dec. 87; Gilman v. Hill, 36 N. H. 311; Stough v. Stefani, 19 Neb. 468, 27 N. W. 445; Schroepel v. Oernge, 5 Denio (N. Y.) 236; Aschermann v. Brewing Co., 45 Wis. 266.
—Constructive conversion. An implied or virtual conversion, which takes place where a person does such acts in reference to the goods of another as amount in law to the appropriation of the property to himself. Scruggs v. Scru-
gg (C. C.) 105 Fed. 28; Laverty v. Sneth-

CONVEY. To pass or transmit the title to property from one to another; to transfer property or the title to property by deed or instrument under seal.
To convey real estate is, by an appropriate instrument, to transfer the legal title to it from the present owner to another. Abendroth v. Greenwch, 29 Conn. 356.
Convey relates properly to the disposition of real property, not to personal. Dickerman v. Abrahams, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 551, 561.

CONVEYANCE. In pleading. Intro-
duction or inducement.
In real property law. The transfer of the title of land from one person or class of persons to another. Klein v. McNamard, 54 Miss. 105; Alexander v. Stover, 28 Tex. App. 193, 12 S. W. 595; Brown v. Fitz, 13 N. H. 283; Pickett v. Buckner, 45 Miss. 245; Dick-
An instrument in writing under seal, (anci-
tently termed an "assurance," by which some estate or interest in lands is transferred from one person to another; such as a deed, mortgage, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 285, 285, 309.
Conveyance includes every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real estate is created, alieneed, mortgaged, or assigned, or by which the title to any real estate may be affected in law or equity, except last wills and testaments, leases for a term not exceeding three years, and execu-
The term "conveyance," as used in the California Code, embraces every instrument in writing by which any estate or interest in real property is created, alieneed, mortgaged, or incumbered, or by which the title to any real property may be affected, except wills. Civil Code Cal. § 1215.
—Absolute or conditional conveyance. An absolute conveyance is one by which the
right or property in a thing is transferred, free of any condition or qualification, by which it may be defeated or changed; as an ordinary deed of lands, in contradistinction to a mortgage, which is a conditional conveyance. Bur­rill v. Falconer, etc., R. Co., N. Y. 491. — Ministers conveyances. An intermediate conveyance; one occupying an intermediate position in a chain of title between the first grantee and the present holder.—Primary convey­ances. Those by means whereof the benefit or estate is created or first arises; as distinguished from those whereby it may be enlarged, straitened, transferred, or extinguished. The term includes feoffment, gift, grant, lease, exchange, and partition, and is opposed to deriv­ative conveyances, such as release, surrender, confirmation, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 305. —Ses­sory conveyances. The name given to that class of conveyances which presuppose some other conveyance precedent, and only serve to enlarge, confirm, alter, restrain, restore, or transfer the interest granted by such original con­veyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 234. Otherwise termed "derivative conveyances." (q. v.) —Volun­tary conveyance. A conveyance without valuable consideration; such as a deed or settle­ment in favor of a wife or children. See Gentry v. Field, 143 Mo. 399, 45 S. W. 296; Trumbull v. Hewitt, 62 Conn. 451, 26 Atl. 350; Martin v. White, 115 Ga. 365, 42 S. E. 278.

As to fraudulent conveyances, see Fraud­ulent.

CONVEYANCER. One whose business it is to draw deeds, bonds, mortgages, wills, etc., or other legal papers, or to examine titles to real estate. 14 St. at Large, 118.

He who draws conveyances; especially a barrister who confines himself to drawing conveyances, and other chamber practice. Mozley & Whitley.

CONVEYANCING. A term including both the science and act of transferring titles to real estate from one man to another.

Conveyancing is that part of the lawyer's business which relates to the alienation and transmission of property and other rights from one person to another, and to the framing of legal documents intended to create, define, transfer, or extinguish rights. It therefore includes the investigation of the title to land, and the preparation of agreements, wills, articles of as­sociation, private statutes operating as conveyances, and many other instruments in addi­tion to conveyances properly so called. Sweet; Livermore v. Bagley, 3 Mass. 300.

CONVEYANCING COUNSEL TO THE COURT OF CHANCERY. Certain counsel, not less than six in number, appointed by the lord chancellor, for the purpose of as­sisting the court of chancery, or any judge thereof, with their opinion in matters of title and conveyancing. Mozley & Whitley.

Convict, v. To condemn after judicial investigation; to find a man guilty of a crim­i nal charge. The word was formerly used also in the sense of finding against the de­fendant in a civil case.

CONVICT, n. One who has been con­demned by a court. One who has been ad­judged guilty of a crime or misdemeanor. Usually spoken of condemned felons or the prisoners in penitentiaries. Molynne v. Col­lins, 177 N. Y. 385, 69 N. E. 727, 65 L. R. A. 104; Morrissey v. Publishing Co., 19 R. L. 124, 22 Atl. 19; In re Aliano (C. C.) 43 Fed. 517; Jones v. State, 32 Tex. Cr. R. 135, 22 S. W. 494.

Formerly a man was said to be convict when he had been found guilty of treason or felony, but before judgment had been passed on him, after which he was said to be at­tainable. (q. v.) Co. Litt. 890b.

CONVICTED. This term has a definite signification in law, and means that a judge­ment of final condemnation has been pro­nounced against the accused. Gallagher v. State, 10 Tex. App. 469.

CONVICTION. In practice. In a gener­al sense, the result of a criminal trial which ends in a judgment or sentence that the pris­oner is guilty as charged.

Finding a person guilty by verdict of a jury. Blair's Crim. Law, § 223.

A record of these summary proceedings upon any penal statute before one or more justices of the peace or other persons duly authorized, in a case where the offender has been con­victed and sentenced. Holthouse.

In ordinary phrase, the meaning of the word "conviction" is the finding by the jury of a verdict that the accused is guilty. But, in legal parlance, it often denotes the final judgment of the court. Blaufus v. People, 69 N. Y. 109, 29 Am. Rep. 143.

The ordinary legal meaning of "conviction," when used in the grander sense, is a particular stage of a criminal prosecution triable by a jury, is the confession of the accused in open court, or the verdict returned against him by the jury, which ascertains and publishes the fact of his guilt; while "judgment" or "sentence" is the appro­priate word to denote the action of the court before which the trial is had, declaring the con­sequences to the convict of the fact thus as­certained. A pardon granted after verdict of guilt, but before sentence, and pending a hear­ing upon exceptions taken by the accused during the trial, is granted after conviction, within the meaning of a constitutional restriction upon granting pardon before conviction. When, in­deed, the word "conviction" is used to describe the effect of the guilt of the accused as judi­cially proved in one case, when pleaded or given in evidence in another, it is sometimes used in a more comprehensive sense, including the judg­ment of the court upon the verdict or confession of guilt of the accused, in the instance, in speaking of the plea of autrefois convicts, or of the effect of guilt, judicially ascertained, as a disqualification of the convict. Com. v. Lockwood, 100 Mass. 322, 35 Am. Rep. 636.

—Former conviction. A previous trial and conviction of the same offense as that now charged; pleading in bar of the prosecution.
CONVICTION


The conviction of a person, (usually for a minor misdemeanor,) as the result of his trial before a magistrate or court, without the intervention of a jury, which is authorized by statute in England and in many of the states. In these proceedings there is no intervention of a jury, but the party accused is acquitted or condemned by the suffrage of such person only as the statute has appointed to be his judge. A conviction reached on such a magistrate's trial is called a "summary conviction." Brown; Blair v. Com., 25 Grat. (Va.) 853.

CONVINCING PROOF.


CONVIVIUM.

A tenure by which a tenant was bound to provide meat and drink for his lord at least once in the year. Cowell.

CONVOCA TION.

In ecclesiastical law.

The general assembly of the clergy to consult upon ecclesiastical matters.

CONVOY.

A naval force, under the command of an officer appointed by government, for the protection of merchant-ships and others, during the whole voyage, or such part of it as is known to require such protection. Marsh. Ins. b. 1, c. 9, § 5; Park, Ins. 388; Peake, Add. Cas. 143; 2 H. Bl. 551.

CO-OBLIGOR.

A joint obligor; one bound jointly with another or others in a bond or obligation.

COOL BLOOD.

In the law of homicide. Calmness or tranquillity; the undisturbed possession of one's faculties and reason; the absence of violent passion, fury, or uncontrollable excitement.

COOLING TIME.

Time to recover "cool blood" after severe excitement or provocation; time for the mind to become so calm and sedate as that it is supposed to contemplate, comprehend, and coolly act with reference to the consequences likely to ensue. Banks v. State, 10 Tex. App. 447; May v. People, 8 Colo. 210, 6 Pac. 816; Keiser v. Smith, 71 Ala. 481, 46 Am. Rep. 942; Jones v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 402, 26 S. W. 1052, 47 Am. St. Rep. 46.

CO-OPERATION.

In economics.

The combined action of numbers. It is of two distinct kinds: (1) Such co-operation as takes place when several persons help each other in the same employment; (2) such co-operation as takes place when several persons help each other in different employments. These may be termed "simple co-operation" and "complex co-operation." Mill, Pol. Ec. 142.

In patent law.

Unity of action to a common end or a common result, not merely joint or simultaneous action. Boynton Co. v. Morris Chute Co. (C. C.) 82 Fed. 444; Fastener Co. v. Webb (C. C.) 89 Fed. 987; Holmes, etc., Tel. Co. v. Domestic, etc., Tel. Co. (C. C.) 42 Fed. 227.

COOPERATIO.

In old English law.

The head or branches of a tree cut down; though coopertio arborum is rather the bark of timber trees felled, and the chunks and broken wood. Cowell.

COOPERUM.

In forest law.

A covert; a thicket (dumetum) or shelter for wild beasts in a forest. Spelman.

COOPERURA.

In forest law.

A thicket, or covert of wood.

COOPERTUS.

Covert; covered.

CO-OP TATION.

A concurring choice; the election, by the members of a close corporation, of a person to fill a vacancy.

CO-ORDINATE.

Of the same order, rank, degree, or authority; concurrent; without any distinction of superiority and inferiority; as, courts of "co-ordinate jurisdiction." See JURISDICTION.

The terms "co-ordinate and subordinate" are often applied as a test to ascertain the doubtful meaning of clauses in an act of parliament. If there be two, of which one is grammatically governed by the other, it is said to be "subordinate" to it; but, if both are equally governed by some third clause, the two are called "co-ordinate." Wharton.

CO-PARCENARY.

A species of estate, or tenancy, which exists where lands of inheritance descend from the ancestor to two or more persons. It arises in England either by common law or particular custom. By common law, as where a person, seised in fee-simple or fee-tail, dies, and his next heirs are two or more females, his daughters, sisters, aunts, cousins, or their representatives; in this case they all inherit, and these co-heirs are then called "coparceners," or, for brevity, "parceners" only. Litt §§ 241, 242; 2 Bl. Comm. 187. By particular custom, as where lands descend, as in gavelkind, to all the males in equal degree, as sons, brothers, uncles, etc. Litt § 205; 1 Steph. Comm. 319.

While joint tenancies refer to persons, the idea of coparcenary refers to the estate. The title to it is always by descent. The respective shares may be unequal; as, for instance, one daughter and two granddaughters, children of a deceased daughter, may take by the same act of descent. As to strangers, the tenants' seisin is a joint one, but, as between themselves, each is seised of his or her own share, on whose death it goes to the heirs, and not by survivorship. The right of possession of coparceners is in common, and the possession of one is, in general, the possession of the others. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *414.
COPARCIENS.  Persons to whom an estate of inheritance descends jointly, and by whom it is held as an entire estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 187.

COPARTECEPS.  In old English law. A coparcener.

COPARTNER.  One who is a partner with one or more other persons; a member of a partnership.

COPARTNERSHIP.  A partnership.

COPARTNERY.  In Scotch law. The contract of copartnership. A contract by which the several partners agree concerning the communication of loss or gain, arising from the subject of the contract. Bell.

COPE.  A custom or tribute due to the crown or lord of the soil, out of the lead mines in Derbyshire; also a hill, or the roof and covering of a house; a church vestment.

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COPEMAN, or COPESMAN.  A Chapman, (q. v.)

COPESMATE.  A merchant; a partner in merchandise.

COPIA.  Lat. In civil and old English law. Opportunity or means of access.

In old English law. A copy. Copia libelli, the copy of a libel. Reg. Orig. 58.

—Copia libelli deliberanda. The name of a writ that lay where a man could not get a copy of a libel at the hands of a spiritual judge, to have the same delivered to him. Reg. Orig. 51. —Copia vera. In Scotch practice. A true copy. Words written at the top of copies of instruments.

COPPA.  In English law. A crop or cock of grass, hay, or corn, divided into titheable portions, that it may be more fairly and justly tithed.

COPPER AND SCALES.  See MANCIPATIO.

COPPICE, or COPSE.  A small wood, consisting of underwood, which may be cut at twelve or fifteen years' growth for fuel.

COPROLALIA.  In medical jurisprudence. A disposition or habit of using obscene language, developing unexpectedly in the particular individual or contrary to his previous history and habits, recognized as a sign of insanity or of aphasia.

COPULA.  The corporal consummation of marriage. Copula, (in logic,) the link between subject and predicate contained in the verb.

Copulatio verborum indicat acceptationem in codem sensum. Coupling of words together shows that they are to be understood in the same sense. 4 Bacon's Works, p. 28; Broom, Max. 558.

COPULATIVE TERM. One which is placed between two or more others to join them together.

COPY.  The transcript or double of an original writing; as the copy of a patent, charter, deed, etc.

Exemplifications are copies verified by the great seal or by the seal of a court. West Jersey Traction Co. v. Board of Public Works, 57 N. J. Law, 313, 30 Atl. 581.

Examined copies are those which have been compared with the original or with an official record thereof.

Office copies are those made by officers instructed for that purpose. Id., Stamper v. Gay, 3 Wyo. 322, 23 Pac. 60.

COPYHOLD.  A species of estate at will, or customary estate in England, the only visible title to which consists of the copies of the court rolls, which are made out by the steward of the manor, on a tenant's being admitted to any parcel of land, or tenement belonging to the manor. It is an estate at the will of the lord, yet such a will as is agreeable to the custom of the manor, which customs are preserved and evidenced by the rolls of the several courts baron, in which they are entered. 2 Bl. Comm. 95. In a larger sense, copyhold is said to import every customary tenure, (that is, every tenure pending on the particular custom of a manor,) as opposed to free socage, or freehold, which may now (since the abolition of knight-service) be considered as the general or common-law tenure of the country. 1 Steph. Comm. 210.

—Copyhold commissioners. Commissioners appointed to carry into effect various acts of parliament, having for their principal objects the compulsory commutation of manorial burdens and restrictions, ( fines, perquisites, rights to timber and minerals, etc.,) and the compulsory enfranchisement of copyhold lands. 1 Steph. Comm. 643; Elton, Copyhold. —Copyholder. A tenant by copyhold tenure. (By copy of court-roll.) 2 Bl. Comm. 95. —Privileged copyholds. Those copyhold estates which are said to be held according to the custom of the manor, and not at the will of the lord, as common copyholds are. They include customary freeholds and ancient demesnes. 1 Grubb, Real Prop. p. 709, § 919.

COPYRIGHT.  The right of literary property as recognized and sanctioned by positive law. A right granted by statute to the author or originator of certain literary or artistic productions, whereby he is invested, for a limited period, with the sole and exclusive privilege of multiplying copies of the same and publishing and selling them. In re Rider, 16 R. I. 273, 15 Atl. 72; Mott Iron Works v. Cleared, 83 Fed. 316, 27 C. C. A. 250; Palmer v. De Witt, 47
COPYRIGHT

An incorporeal right, being the exclusive privilege of printing, reprinting, selling, and publishing his own original work, which the law allows an author. Wharton.

Copyright is the exclusive right of the owner of an intellectual production to multiply and dispose of copies; the sole right to copy, or to copy it. The word is used indifferently to signify the statutory and the common-law right; or one right is sometimes called "copyright" after publication, or statutory copyright; the other copyright before publication, or common-law copyright. The word is also used synonymously with "literary property;" thus, the exclusive right of the owner publicly to read or exhibit a work is often called "copyright." This is not strictly correct. Drone, Copyr. 100.

International copyright is the right of a subject of one country to protection against the republication in another country of a work which he originally published in his own country. Sweet

CORAGIUM, or CORAAGE. Measures of corn. An unusual and extraordinary tribute, arising only on special occasions. They are thus distinguished from services. Mentioned in connection with hidage and carvage. Cowell.

CORAM. Lat. Before; in presence of. Applied to persons only. Townsh. Pl. 22.

—Coram domino rege. Before our lord the king. Coram domino rege ubicumque tunc fuerit Anglia, before our lord the king wherever he shall then be in England.—Coram ipso rege. Before the king himself. The old name of the court of king's bench, which was originally held before the king in person. 3 Bl. Comm. 41.—Coram nobis. Before us ourselves, (the king, i. e., in 'the king's or queen's bench.') Applied to writs of error directed to another branch of the same court, e. g., from the full bench to the court at nisi prius. 1 Archb. Pr. R. B. 234.—Coram non judice. In presence of a person not a judge. When a suit is brought and determined in a court which has no jurisdiction in the matter, then it is said to be coram non judice, and the judgment is void unless reviewing Co. v. Holt. 51 W. Va. 352, 31 S. E. 351.—Coram paribus. Before the peers or freeholders. The attestation of deeds, like all other solemn transactions, was originally done only coram paribus. 2 Bl. Comm. 307. Coram paribus de vicino, before the peers or freeholders of the neighborhood. Id. 315. Coram in sectoribus. Before the suitors. Cro. Jac. 582.—Coram vobis. Before you. A writ of error directed by a court of review to the court which tried the cause, to correct an error in fact. 3 Md. 323; 3 Steph. Comm. 642.

CORN. In English law, a general term for any sort of grain; but in America it is properly applied only to maize. Sullins v. State, 53 Ala. 476; Kerrick v. Van Dusen, 32 Minn. 317, 20 N. W. 228; Com. v. Pine, 3 Pa. Law J. 412. In the memorandum clause in policies of insurance it includes pease and beans, but not rice. Park, Ins. 112; Scott v. Bourdillion, 2 Bos. & P. (N. R.) 213.

—CORN laws. A species of protective tariff formerly in existence in England, imposing import-duties on various kinds of grain. The corn laws were abolished in 1846.—Corn rent. A rent in wheat or malt paid on college leases by direction of St. 13 Eliz. c. 6. 2 Bl. Comm. 609.

CORNAGE. A species of tenure in England, by which the tenant was bound to blow a horn for the sake of alarming the country on the approach of an enemy. It was a species of grand seigniery. Bac. Abr. "Tenure," N.

CORNER. A combination among the dealers in a specific commodity, or outside capitalists, for the purpose of buying up the greater portion of that commodity which is upon the market or may be brought to market, and holding the same back from sale, until the demand shall so far outrun the limited supply as to advance the price abnormally. Kirkpatrick v. Bonsall, 72 Pa. 158; Wright v. Cudahy, 168 Ill. 96, 48 N. E. 89; Kent v. Miltenberger, 19 Mo. App. 503.

In surveying. An angle made by two boundary lines; the common end of two boundary lines, which run at an angle with each other.

CORNET. A commissioned officer of cavalry, abolished in England in 1871, and not existing in the United States army.

CORODIO HABENDO. The name of a writ to exact a corody of an abbey or religious house.

CORODIO. In old English law. A corody.

CORODY. In old English law. A sum of money or allowance of meat, drink, and clothing due to the crown from the abbey or other religious house, whereof it was found, towards the sustentation of such one of its servants as is thought fit to receive it. It differs from a pension, in that it was allowed towards the maintenance of any of
the king's servants in an abbey; a pension being given to one of the king's chaplains, for his better maintenance, till he may be provided with a benefice. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 250. See 1 Bl. Comm. 283.

COROLLARY. In logic. A collateral or secondary consequence, deduction, or inference.

CORONA. The crown. Placita corona; pleas of the crown; criminal actions or proceedings, in which the crown was the prosecutor.

CORONA Mala. In old English law. The clergy who abuse their character were so called. Blount.

CORONARE. In old records. To give the tonsure, which was done on the crown, or in the form of a crown; to make a man a priest. Cowell.

—Coronare filium. To make one's son a priest. Homo coronatus was one who had received the first tonsure, as preparatory to superior orders, and the tonsure was in form of a corona, or crown of thorns. Cowell.

CORONATION OATH. The oath administered to a sovereign at the ceremony of crowning or investing him with the insignia of royalty, in acknowledgment of his right to govern the kingdom, in which he swears to observe the laws, customs, and privileges of the kingdom, and to act and do all things conformably thereto. Wharton.

CORONATOR. A coroner, (q. v.) Spelman.

—Coronatore eligendo. The name of a writ issued to the sheriff, commanding him to proceed to the election of a coroner.—Coronatore exonerando. In English law. The name of a writ for the removal of a coroner, for a cause which is to be therein assigned, as that he is engaged in other business, or incapacitated by years or sickness, or has not a sufficient estate in the county, or lives in an inconvenient part of it.

CORONER. The name of an ancient officer of the common law, whose office and functions are continued in modern English and American administration. The coroner is an officer belonging to each county, and is charged with duties both judicial and ministerial, but chiefly the former. It is his special province and duty to make inquiry into the causes and circumstances of any death happening within his territory which occurs through violence or suddenly and with marks of suspicion. This examination (called the "coroner's inquest") is held with a jury of proper persons upon view of the dead body. See Bract. fol. 121; 1 Bl. Comm. 346-348; 3 Steph. Comm. 33. In England, another branch of his judicial office is to inquire concerning shipwrecks, and certify whether wreck or not, and who is in possession of the goods; and also to inquire concerning treason, who were the finders, and where it is, and whether any one be suspected of having found and concealed a treasure. 1 Bl. Comm. 349. It belongs to the ministerial office of the coroner to serve writs and other process, and generally to discharge the duties of the sheriff, in case of the incapacity of that officer or a vacancy in his office. On the office and functions of coroners, see, further, Pueblo County v. Marshall, 11 Colo. 84, 16 Pac. 730; United States v. Royal Tribe, 42 Or. 395, 71 Pac. 73. See 1 Bl. Comm. 283; 72 Am. St. Rep. 762; Powell v. Wilson, 16 Tex. 59; Lancaster County v. Holyoke, 37 Neb. 328, 55 N. W. 960, 21 L. R. A. 394.

—Coroner's court. In England. A tribunal of record, where a coroner holds his inquiries. Cox v. Royal Tribe, 42 Or. 365, 71 Pac. 73, 50 L. R. A. 297; Coth. 162 Ill. 368, 44 N. E. 220; Farris v. Farris, 8 Conn. 168.—Coroner's inquest. An inquisition or examination into the causes and circumstances of any death happening by violence or under suspicious circumstances within his territory, in which the coroner with the assistance of a jury. Boisliiere v. County Comrs, 32 Mo. 378.

CORPORAL. Relating to the body; bodily. Should be distinguished from corporeal, (q. e.)

—Corporal imbecility. Physical inability to perform completely the act of sexual intercourse; not necessarily congenital, and not invariably a permanent and incurable impotence. Griffeth v. Griffeth, 162 111. 368, 44 N. E. 820; Ferris v. Ferris, 8 Conn. 168.—Coral punishment. Physical punishment as distinguished from pecuniary punishment or a fine; any kind of punishment or infliction on the body, such as whipping or the pillory; the term may or may not include imprisonment, according to the context. Ritchey v. People, 22 Colo. 251, 44 Pac. 1026; People v. Winchell, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 325, note.—Corporal touch. Bodily touch; actual physical contact; manual apprehension.

CORPORAL OATH. The oath administered to a sovereign at the ceremony of crowning or investing him with the insignia of royalty, in acknowledgment of his right to govern the kingdom, in which he swears to observe the laws, customs, and privileges of the kingdom, and to act and do all things conformably thereto. Wharton.

CORPORAL SACRAMENTUM. In old English law. A coronal oath.

—Corporalis injuria non recipit satisfactionem de futuro. A personal injury does not receive satisfaction from a future course of proceeding. [is not left for its satisfaction to a future course of proceeding.] Bac. Max. reg. 6; Broom, Max. 278.

CORPORATE. Belonging to a corporation; as a corporate name. Incorporated; as a corporate body.

—Corporate authorities. The title given in statutes of several states to the aggregate body of officers of the municipal corporation, or to certain of those officers (excluding the others) who are vested with authority in regard to the particular matter spoken of in the statute, as, taxation, etc., the sale of liquor, the sale of liquor premises, etc. See People v. Knopf, 171 Ill. 191.
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A franchise possessed by one or more individuals, who subsist as a body politic, under a special denomination, and are vested by the policy of the law with the capacity of perpetual succession, and of acting in several respects, however numerous the association may be, as a single individual. 2 Kent, Comm. 267.

An artificial person or being, endowed by law with the capacity of perpetual succession; consisting either of a single individual, (termed a "corporation sole," or) of a collection of several individuals, (which is termed a "corporation aggregate.") 3 Steph. Comm. 166; 1 Bl. Comm. 467, 469.

A corporation is an intellectual body, created by law, composed of individuals united under a common name, the members of which succeed each other, so that the body continues always the same, notwithstanding the change of the individuals who compose it, and which, for certain purposes, is considered a natural person. Civil Code La. art. 427.

Classification. According to the accepted definitions and rules, corporations are classified as follows:

Public and private. A public corporation is one created by the state for political purposes and to act as an agency in the administration of civil government, generally within a particular territory or subdivision of the state, and usually invested, for that purpose, with subordinate and local powers of legislation; such as a county, city, town, or school district. These are also sometimes called "political corporations." People v. McAdams, 82 Ill. 556; Wooster v. Plymouth, 62 N. H. 208; Goodwin v. East Hartford, 70 Conn. 18, 38 Atl. 876; Dean v. Davis, 51 Cal. 409; Regents v. Williams, 9 Gill & J. (Md.) 401, 31 Am. Dec. 72; Ten Eyck v. Canal Co., 18 N. J. Law, 200, 37 Am. Dec. 233; Toledo Bank v. Bond, 1 Ohio St. 622; Murphy v. Mercer County, 57 N. J. Law, 245, 31 Atl. 229. Private corporations are those founded by and composed of private individuals, for private purposes, as distinguished from governmental purposes, and having no political or governmental franchises or duties. Santa Clara County v. Southern Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 18 Fed. 402; Swan v. Williams, 2 Mich. 434; People v. McAdams, 82 Ill. 351; McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 418; Rundle v. Canal Co., 21 Fed. Cas. 6.

The true distinction between public and private corporations is that the former are organized for governmental purposes, the latter not. The term "public" has sometimes been applied
to corporations of which the government owned the entire stock, as in the case of a state bank. But bearing in mind that "public" is here equivalent to "ecclesiastical," it will be apparent that this is a misnomer. Again the fact that the business or operations of a corporation may directly and very extensively affect the general public (as in the case of a railroad company or a bank or an insurance company) is no reason for calling it a public corporation. If organized by private persons for their own advantage—or even if organized for the benefit of the public generally, as in the case of a free public hospital or other charitable institutions—there is none the less a private corporation, if it does not possess governmental powers or functions. The uses may in a sense be called "public," but the corporation is "private," as much so as if the franchises were vested in a single person. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 562, 4 L. Ed. 629; Ten Eyck v. Canal Co., 18 N. J. Law, 204, 57 Am. Dec. 293. It is to be observed, however, that those corporations which serve the public or contribute to the comfort and convenience of the general public, though not "municipal" corporations, managed by private interests, are now (and quite appropriately) denominated "public-service corporations." See infra. Another distinction between public and private corporations, the latter being as a rule voluntary associations (as the latter are) and that there is no contractual relation between the government and a public corporation or between the individuals who compose it. Mor. Priv. Corp. § 3; Goodwin v. East Hartford, 70 Conn. 18, 38 Atl. 876.

The terms "public" and "municipal," as applied to corporations, are not convertible. All municipal corporations are public, but not vice versa. Strictly speaking, only cities and towns are "municipal" corporations. The term is very commonly so employed as to include also counties and such governmental agencies as school districts and road districts. Brown v. Board of Education, 108 Ky. 783, 57 S. W. 612. But there may also be "public" corporations which are not "municipal" even in this wider sense of the latter term. Such, according to some of the authorities, are the "irrigation districts" now known in several of the western states. Irrigation Dist. v. Collins, 46 Neb. 411, 54 N. W. 1065; Irrigation Dist. v. Wash., 147 Wash. 29 Pac. 966. Compare Herring v. Irrigation Dist. (C. C.) 95 Fed. 705.

Ecclesiastical and lay. In the English law, all corporations private are divided into ecclesiastical and lay, the former being such corporations as are composed exclusively of ecclesiastics organized for spiritual purposes, or for administering property held for religious uses, such as bishops and certain other dignitaries of the church (and formerly) abbots and monasteries. 1 Bl. Comm. 470. Lay corporations are those composed of laymen, and existing for secular or business purposes. This distinction is not recognized in American law. Corporations formed for the purpose of maintaining or propagating religion or of supporting public religious services, according to the rites of particular denominations, and incidentally owning and administering real and personal property for religious uses, are called "religious corporations," as distinguished from business corporations; but they are "lay" corporations, and not "ecclesiastical" in the sense of the English law. Robertson v. Bullions, 11 N. Y. 243.

Eleemosynary and civil. Lay corporations are classified as "eleemosynary" and "civil," the former being such as are created for the distribution of alms or for the administration of charities or for purposes falling under the description of "charitable" in its widest sense, including hospitals, asylums, and colleges; the latter being organized for the facilitating of business transactions and the profit or advantage of the members. 1 Bl. Comm. 471; Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 660, 4 L. Ed. 629.

In the law of Louisiana, the term "civil" as applied to corporations, is used in a different sense, being contrasted with "religious." Civil corporations are those which relate to temporal police; such are the corporations of the cities, the companies for the advancement of commerce and agriculture, literary societies, colleges or universities founded for the instruction of youth, and the like. Religious corporations are those whose establishment relates only to religion; such are the congregations of the different religious persuasions. Civ. Code La. art. 431.

Aggregate and sole. A corporation sole is one consisting of one person only, and his successors. In some particular States, who are incorporated by law in order to give them some legal capacities and advantages, particularly that of perpetuity, which in their natural persons they could not have had. In this sense, the sovereign in England is a sole corporation, so is a bishop, so are some deans distinct from their several chapters, and so is every parson and vicar. 3 Steph. Comm. 168, 159; 2 Kent, Comm. 273. Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 172; Codd v. Rathbone, 19 N. Y. 39; First Parish v. Dunning, 7 Mass. 447. A corporation aggregate is one composed of a number of individuals vested with corporate powers; and a "corporation," as the word is used in general popular and legal speech, and as defined at the head of this title, means a "corporation aggregate."

Domestic and foreign. With reference to the laws and the courts of any given state, a "domestic" corporation is one created by, or organized under, the laws of that state; a "foreign" corporation is one created by or under the laws of another state, government, or country. In re Grand Lodge, 110 Pa. 613, 1 Atl. 552; Boley v. Trust Co., 12 Ohio St. 143; Bowen v. Bank, 34 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 411.

Close and open. A "close" corporation is one in which the directors and officers have the power to fill vacancies in their own number, without allowing to the general body of stockholders any choice or vote in their election. An "open" corporation is one in which all the members or corporators have a vote in the election of the directors and other officers. McKinn v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 416. 

Electiondist. v. Collins, 46 Neb. 411,
Other compound and descriptive terms.

—A business corporation is one formed for the purpose of transacting business in the widest sense of that term, including not only trade and commerce, but manufacturing, mining, banking, insurance, transportation, and practically every form of commercial or industrial activity where the purpose of the organization is pecuniary profit; contrasted with religious, charitable, educational, and other like organizations, to which is sometimes grouped in the statutory law of a state under the general designation of "corporations not for profit." Winter v. Railroad Co., 30 Fed. Cas. 329; In re Independent Ins. Co., 13 Fed. Cas. 11; McLeod v. College, 69 Neb. 550, 96 N. W. 295.


Joint-stock corporation. This differs from a joint-stock company in being regularly incorporated, instead of being a mere partnership, but resembles it in having a capital divided into shares of stock. Most business corporations (as distinguished from ecclesiastical corporations) are of this character.

Moneyed corporations are, properly speaking, those dealing in money or in the business of receiving deposits, loaning money, and exchange; but in a wider sense the term is applied to all business corporations having a money capital and employing it in the conduct of their business. Mutual Ins. Co. v. Erie County, 4 N. Y. 444; Gillet v. Moody, 3 N. Y. 487; Vermont Stat. 1894, § 3674; Hill v. Reed, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 287; In re California Fac. R. Co., 4 Fed. Cas. 1069; Hobbs v. National Bank, 101 Fed. 25, 41 C. C. A. 265.

Municipal corporations. See that title.

Public-service corporations. Those whose operations serve the needs of the general public or conduce to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroads, gas, water, and electric light companies. The business of such companies is said to be "affected with a public interest," and for that reason they are subject to legislative regulation and control to a greater extent than corporations not of this character.

Quasi corporations. Organizations resembling corporations; municipal societies or similar bodies which, though not true corporations in all respects, are yet recognized, by statutes or immemorial usage, as persons or aggregate corporations, with precise duties which may be enforced, and privileges which may be maintained, by suits at law. They may be considered quasi corporations, with limited powers, conferred upon them by statute or usage, but restrained from a general use of the authority which belongs to those metaphysical persons by the common law. Scales v. King, 110 Ill. 456; Adams v. Wissacaset Bank, 1 Me. 361, 1 Am. Dec. 88; Lawrence County v. Railroad Co., 81 Ky. 227; Barnes v. District of Columbia, 91 U. S. 552, 23 L. Ed. 440.

This term is lacking in definiteness and precision. It appears to be applied indiscriminately (a) to corporations of municipal corporations, the word "quasi" being introduced because it is said that these are not voluntary organizations like private corporations, but created by the legislature for its own purposes and without reference to the wishes of the people of the territory affected; (b) to all municipal corporations except cities and incorporated towns, the latter being considered the only true municipal corporations because they exist and act under charters or statutes of incorporation while counties, school districts, and the like are merely created or set off under general laws; (c) to municipal corporations possessing only a low order of corporate existence or the most limited range of corporate powers, such as hundreds in England, and counties, villages, and school districts in America.

Quasi public corporation. This term is sometimes applied to corporations which are not strictly public, in the sense of being organized for governmental purposes, but whose operations contribute to the comfort, convenience, or welfare of the general public, such as telegraph and telephone companies, gas, water, and electric light companies, and irrigation companies. More commonly and more correctly styled "public-service corporations." See Wiemer v. Louisiana Water Co. (C. C.) 130 Fed. 251; Cumberland Tel. Co. v. Evansville (C. C.) 127 Fed. 187; McKim v. Odom, 3 Bland (Md.) 419; Campbell v. Watson, 62 N. J. Eq. 396, 50 Atl. 120.

Spiritual corporations. Corporations, the members of which are entirely spiritual persons, and incorporated as such, for the furtherance of religion and perpetuating the rights of the church.

Trading corporations. A trading corporation is a commercial corporation engaged in buying and selling. The word "trading," is much narrower in scope than "business," as applied to corporations, and though a trading corporation is a business corporation, there are many business corporations which are not trading companies. Dartmouth College v.
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Tramp corporations. Companies chartered in one state without any intention of doing business therein, but which carry on their business and operations wholly in other states. State v. Georgia Co., 112 N. C. 34, 17 S. E. 10, 19 L. R. A. 458.

Synonyms. The words "company" and "corporation" are commonly used as interchangeable terms. In strictness, however, a company is an association of persons for business or other purposes, embracing a considerable number of individuals, which may or may not be incorporated. In the former case, it is legally a partnership or a joint-stock company; in the latter case, it is properly called a "corporation." Goddard v. Railroad Co., 202 Ill. 362, 66 N. E. 1006; Bradley Fertilizer Co. v. South Pub. Co., 4 Misc. Rep. 172, 23 N. Y. Supp. 675; Com. v. Reinehoft, 163 Pa. 287, 29 Atl. 896, 25 L. R. A. 247; State v. Mead, 27 Vt. 722; Leader Printing Co. v. Lowry, 9 Okl. 89, 59 Pac. 242. For the particulars in which corporations differ from "Joint-Stock Companies" and "Partnerships," see those titles.

CORPORATION ACT. In English law. The statute 13 Car. II. St. 2, c. 1; by which it was provided that no person should thereafter be elected to office in any corporate town that should not, within one year previously, have taken the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, according to the rites of the Church of England; and every person so elected was also required to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy. 3 Steph. Comm. 103, 104; 4 Bl. Comm. 58. This statute is now repealed. 4 Steph. Comm. 511.

CORPORATION COURTS. Certain courts in Virginia described as follows: "For each city of the state, there shall be a court called a 'corporation court,' to be held by a judge, with like qualifications and elected in the same manner as judges of the county court." Code Va. 1887, § 3050.

CORPORATOR. A member of a corporation aggregate. Grant, Corp. 48.

CORPORE ET ANIMO. Lat. By the body and by the mind; by the physical act and by the mental intent. Dig. 41, 2, 3.

CORPOREAL. A term descriptive of such things as have an objective, material existence; perceptible by the senses of sight and touch; possessing a real body. Opposed to incorporeal and spiritual. Civ. Code La. 1906, art. 490; Sullivan v. Richardson, 33 Fla. 1, 14 South. 692.

There is a distinction between "corporate" and "corporal." The former term means "possessing a body," that is, tangible, physical, material; the latter means relating to or affecting a body, that is, bodily, external. Corporal denotes the nature or physical existence of a body; corporate denotes its exterior or the co-ordination of it with some other body. Hence we speak of "corporate hereditaments," but of "corporal punishment," "corporal touch," "corporal oath," etc.

—Corporal hereditaments. See HEREDITAMENTS.—Corporal property. Such as affects the senses, and may be seen and handled by the body, as opposed to incorporeal property, which cannot be seen or handled, and exists only in contemplation. Thus a house is corporeal, but the annual rent payable for its occupation is incorporeal. Corporeal property is, if movable, capable of manual transfer; if immovable, possession of it may be delivered up. But incorporeal property cannot be so transferred, but some other means must be adopted for its transfer, of which the most usual is an instrument in writing. Mosley & Whitley.

CORPS DIPLOMATIQUE. In international law. Ambassadors and diplomatic persons at any court or capital.

CORPSE. The dead body of a human being.

CORPUS. (Lat.) Body; the body; an aggregate or mass, (of men, laws, or articles:) physical substance, as distinguished from intellectual conception; the principal sum or capital, as distinguished from interest or income.

A substantial or positive fact, as distinguished from what is equivocal and ambiguous. The corpus delicti (body of an offense) is the fact of its having been actually committed. Best, Pres. 269-279.

A corporeal act of any kind, (as distinguished from animus or mere intention,) on the part of him who wishes to acquire a thing, whereby he obtains the physical ability to exercise his power over it whenever he pleases. The word occurs frequently in this sense in the civil law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 248.

—Corpus comitatus. The body of a county. The whole county, as distinguished from a part of it, or any particular place in it. U. S. v. Grush, 5 Mason, 290, Fed. Cas. No. 15,268.—Corpus corporandum. A corpus: a corporate body, other than municipal.—Corpus cum causa. (The body with the cause.) An English writ which issued out of chancery, to remove both the body and the record, touching the cause of any man lying in execution upon a judgment for debt, into the king's bench, there to remain until he satisfied the judgment. Co-well; Blount.—Corpus delicti. The body of a crime. The body (material substance) upon which a crime has been committed, e. g., the corpse of a murdered man, the charred remains of a house burned down. In a derivative sense, the substance or foundation of a crime; the substantial fact that a crime has been committed. People v. Dick, 27 Cal. 281; White v. State, 49 Ala. 347; Goldman v. Com., 100 Va. 865, 42 S. E. 923; State v. Hand, 1 Marv. (Del.) 545, 41 Atl. 192; State v. Dickson, 78 Mo. 441.—Corpus pro corpore. In old records. Body for body. A phrase expressing the liability of manucaptors. 3 How. State Tr. 110.

CORPUS CHRISTI DAY. In English law. A feast instituted in 1294, in honor of the sacrament. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 21.
Corpus humanum non recipit estima
tionem. The human body does not ad
dmit of valuation. Hob. 59.

**CORPUS JURIS.** A body of law. A
term used to signify a book comprehending
several collections of law. There are two
principal collections to which this name is
given; the *Corpus Juris Civilis,* and the
*Corpus Juris Canonici.*

—**Corpus juris canonici.** The body of the
canon law. A compilation of the canon law,
comprising the decrees and canons of the Roman
Church, constituting the body of ecclesiastical
law of that church.—**Corpus juris civilis.**
The body of the civil law. The system of Ro
man jurisprudence compiled and codified under
the direction of the emperor Justinian, in A.
D. 528-534. This collection comprises the In
stitutes, Digest, (or Pandects,) Code, and Novels.
The name is said to have been first applied to
this collection early in the seventeenth century.

**CORRECTION.** Discipline; chastise
ment administered by a master or other per
son in authority to one who has committed
an offense, for the purpose of curing his
faults or bringing him into proper subjec
tion.

—**Correction, house of.** A prison for the
reformation of petty or juvenile offenders.

**CORRECTOR OF THE STAPLE.** In
old English law. A clerk belonging to the
staple, to write and record the bargains of
merchants there made.

**CORREGDOR.** In Spanish law. A
magistrate who took cognizance of various
misdemeanors, and of civil matters. 2 White,
New Recop. 53.

**CORREI.** Lat. In the civil law. Co
stituators; joint stipulators.

—**Correli credendi.** In the civil and Scotch
law. Joint creditors; creditors *in solido.* Poth.
Obl. pt. 2, c. 4, art. 3, § 11.—**Correli debendi.**
In Scotch law. Two or more persons bound as
principal debtors to another. Ersk. Inst. 3, 3,
74.

**CORRELATIVE.** Having a mutual or
reciprocal relation, in such sense that the
existence of one necessarily implies the ex
istence of the other. *Father and son* are cor
relative terms. *Right and duty* are cor
relative terms.

**CORRESPONDENCE.** Interchange of
written communications. The letters writ
ten by a person and the answers written by
the one to whom they are addressed.

**CORROBORATE.** To strengthen; to
add weight or credibility to a thing by addi
tional and confirming facts or evidence. Stil
v. State (Tex. Cr. R.) 50 S. W. 355; State v.
Hicks, 6 S. D. 325, 60 N. W. 66; Scheffer
The expression "corroborating circumstances"
clearly does not mean facts which, independent
of a confession, will warrant a conviction; for
then the verdict would stand not on the con
fusion, but upon those independent circumstan
ces. To corroborate is to strengthen, to confirm
by additional and confirming facts or evidence.
Additional testimony of a witness, to add strength.
The testimony of a witness is said to be corroborated
when it is shown to correspond with the repre
sentation of some other witness, or to comport
with some facts otherwise known or established.
Corroborating circumstances, then, used in re
ference to a confession, are such as serve to
strengthen it, to render it more probable; such,
in short, as may serve to impress a jury with
a belief in its truth. State v. Guild, 10 N. J.

—**Corroborating evidence.** Evidence supple
mentary to that already given and tending to
strengthen or confirm it; additional evidence
of a different character to the same point. Gild
esleeve v. Atkinson, 6 N. M. 250, 27 Pac. 477;
Mills v. Comm., 33 Va. 815, 22 S. E. 603; Code

**Corruptio optimi est pessima.** Corrup
tion of the best is worst.

**CORRUPTION.** Illegality; a vicious and
fraudulent intention to evade the prohibi
tions of the law.
The act of an official or fiduciary person
who unlawfully and wrongfully uses his sta
tion or character to procure some benefit for
himself or for another person, contrary to
duty and the rights of others. U. S. v. John
son (C. C.) 26 Fed. 652; State v. Ragsdale,
59 Mo. App. 603; Wight v. Rindskopf, 43
Wis. 351; Worsham v. Murchison, 66 Ga.

**CORRUPTION OF BLOOD.** In English
law. This was the consequence of *attainder.*
It meant that the attainted person could
neither inherit lands or other hereditaments
from his ancestor, nor retain those he al
ready had, nor transmit them by descent to
any heir, because his blood was considered
in law to be corrupted. Avery v. Everett, 119
N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 La. R. A. 284, 6
Am. St. Rep. 386. This was abolished by St.
3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, and 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23,
and is unknown in America. Const. U. S.
art. 3, § 3.

**CORSELET.** Ancient armor which cov
ered the body.

**CORSE-PRESENT.** A mortuary, thus
termed because, when a mortuary became
due on the death of a man, the best or sec
ond-best beast was, according to custom,
ofered or presented to the priest, and carried
with the corpse. In Wales a corse-present
was due upon the death of a clergyman to
the bishop of the diocese, till abolished by
12 Anne St. 2, c. 6. 2 Bl. Comm. 428.

**CORSNED.** In Saxon law. The morsel
of execration. A species of ordeal in use
among the Saxons, performed by eating a
piece of bread over which the priest had
pronounced a certain imprecation. If the
accused ate it freely, he was pronounced in
nocent; but, if it stuck in his throat, it was
considered as a proof of his guilt. Crabb,
CORTES. The name of the legislative assemblies, the parliament or congress, of Spain and Portugal.

CORTES. The bark of a tree; the outer covering of anything.

CORTIS. A court or yard before a house.

CORTULARIUM, or CORTARIUM. In old records. A yard adjoining a country farm.

CORVEE. In French law. Gratuitous labor exacted from the villages or communities, especially for repairing roads, constructing bridges, etc. State v. Covington, 125 N. C. 641, 34 S. E. 272.

COSA JUZGADA. In Spanish law. A cause or matter adjudged, (res judicata.) White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 8, note.

COSAS COMUNES. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to the res communes of the Roman law, and descriptive of such things as are open to the equal and common enjoyment of all persons and not to be reduced to private ownership, such as the air, the sea, and the water of running streams. Hall, Mex. Law, 147; Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 707.

COSDUNA. In feudal law. A custom or tribute.


COSENAGE. In old English law. Kindred; cousinship. Also a writ that lay for trespass to an heir where the tresass, t.e., the father of the besass, or great-grandfather, was seised of lands in fee at his death, and a stranger entered upon the land and abated. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 221.

COSENING. In old English law. An offense, mentioned in the old books, where anything was done deceitfully, whether belonging to contracts or not, which could not be properly termed by any special name. The same as the stellionatus of the civil law. Cowell.

COGGER. In old English law. A feudal prerogative or custom for lords to lie and feast themselves at their tenants' houses. Cowell.

COSMUS. Clean. Blount.

COSS. A term used by Europeans in India to denote a road-measure of about two miles, but differing in different parts. Wharton.
COTERELLUS. In feudal law. A ser­vile tenant, who held in mere vil­lenage; his person, issue, and goods were disposable at the lord's pleasure.

COTERIE. A fashionable association, or a knot of persons forming a particular circle. The origin of the term was purely com­mercial, signifying an association, in which each member furnished his part, and bore his share in the profit and loss. Wharton.

COTESWOLD. In old records. A place where there is no wood.

COTLAND. In old English law. Land held by a cottager, whether in socage or vil­lenage. Cowell.

COTSETHLA. In old English law. The little seat or mansion belonging to a small farm.

COTSTHLAND. The seat of a cottage with the land belonging to it. Spelman.

COTSETUS. A cottager or cottage-holder who held by servile tenure and was bound to do the work of the lord. Cowell.


COTTIER TENANCY. A species of ten­ancy in Ireland, constituted by an agreement in writing, and subject to the following terms: That the tenement consist of a dwell­ing-house with not more than half an acre of land; at a rental not exceeding £5 a year; that the tenant pay the rent at a particular time; the landlord to keep the house in good repair. Landlord and Tenant Act, Ireland, (23 & 24 Vict. c. 154, § 81.)

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COTTON NOTES. Receipts given for each bale of cotton received on storage by a public warehouse. Fourth Nat. Bank v. St. Louis Cotton Compress Co., 11 Mo. App 337.

COTUCA. Coat armor.

COTUCHANS. A term used In Domes­day for peasants, boors, husbandmen.

COUTHANT. Lying down; squatting. Couchant et levant (lying down and rising up) is a term applied to animals trespassing on the land of one other than their owner, for one night or longer. 3 Bl. Comm. 9.

COUCHER, or COURCHER. A factor who continues abroad for traffic, (St Edw. III. c. 16;) also the general book wherein any
corporation, etc., register their acts, (3 & 4 Edw. VI. c. 10.)

COUNCIL. An assembly of persons for the purpose of concerting measures of state or municipal policy; hence called "councilors."

In American law. The legislative body in the government of cities or boroughs. An advisory body selected to aid the executive; particularly in the colonial period (and at present in some of the United States) a body appointed to advise and assist the governor in his executive or judicial capacities or both.

—Common council. In American law. The lower or more numerous branch of the legislative assembly of a city. In English law. The councillors of the city of London. The parliament, also, was anciently called the "common council of the realm." Fleta, 2, 13.—Privy council. See that title.—Select council. The name given, in some states, to the upper house or branch of the council of a city.

COUNCIL OF CONCILIATION. By the Act 30 & 31 Vict. c. 105, power is given for the crown to grant licenses for the formation of councils of conciliation and arbitration, consisting of a certain number of masters and workmen in any trade or employment, having power to hear and determine all questions between masters and workmen which may be submitted to them by both parties, arising out of or with respect to the particular trade or manufacture, and incapable of being otherwise settled. They have power to apply to a justice to enforce the performance of their award. The members are elected by persons engaged in the trade. Davis, Bldg. Soc. 232; Sweet.

COUNCIL OF JUDGES. Under the English judicature act, 1873, § 75, an annual council of the judges of the supreme court is to be held, for the purpose of considering the operation of the new practice, offices, etc., introduced by the act, and of reporting to a secretary of state as to any alterations which may be submitted to them by both parties, arising out of or with respect to the particular trade or manufacture, and incapable of being otherwise settled. They have power to apply to a justice to enforce the performance of their award. The members are elected by persons engaged in the trade. Davis, Bldg. Soc. 232; Sweet.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH. A court instituted by Henry VIII. In 1537, to administer justice in Yorkshire and the four other northern counties. Under the presidency of Stratford, the court showed great rigor, bordering, it is alleged, on harshness. It was abolished by 16 Car. I., the same act which abolished the Star Chamber. Brown.

COUNSEL. 1. In practice. An advocate, counsellor, or pleader. 3 Bl. Comm. 26; 1 Kent, Comm. 307. One who assists his client with advice, and pleads for him in open court. See COUNSELLOR.

Counselors who are associated with those regularly retained in a cause, either for the purpose of advising as to the points of law involved, or preparing the case on its legal side, or arguing questions of law to the court, or preparing or conducting the case on its appearance before an appellate tribunal, are said to be "of counsel."

2. Knowledge. A grand jury is sworn to keep secret "the commonwealth's counsel, their fellows", and their own.

3. Advice given by one person to another in regard to a proposed line of conduct, claim, or contention. State v. Russell, 83 Wis. 390, 55 N. W. 441; Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 1040. The words "counsel" and "advice" may be, and frequently are, used in criminal law to describe the offense of a person who, not actually doing the felonious act, by his will contributed to it or procured it to be done. True v. Com., 90 Ky. 651, 14 S. W. 684; Omer v. Com., 95 Ky. 353, 25 S. W. 594.

—Junior counsel. The younger of the counsel employed on the same side of a case, or the one lower in standing or rank, or who is intrusted with the less important parts of the preparation or trial of the cause.

COUNSEL'S SIGNATURE. This is required, in some jurisdictions, to be affixed to pleadings, as affording the court a means of judging whether they are interposed in good faith and upon legal grounds.

COUNSELLOR. An advocate or barrister. A member of the legal profession whose special function is to give counsel or advice as to the legal aspects of judicial controversies, or their preparation and management, and to appear in court for the conduct of trials, or the argument of causes, or presentation of motions, or any other legal business that takes him into the presence of the court. In some of the states, the two words "counselor" and "attorney" are used interchangeably to designate all lawyers. In others, the latter term alone is used, "counselor" not being recognized as a technical name. In still others, the two are associated together as the full legal title of any person who has been admitted to practice in the courts; while in a few they denote different grades, it being prescribed that no one can become a counselor until he has been an attorney for a specified time and has passed a second examination. In the practice of the United States supreme court, the term denotes an officer who is employed by a party in a cause to conduct the same on its trial on his behalf. He differs from an attorney at law.

In the supreme court of the United States, the two degrees of attorney and counselor were at first kept separate, and no person was permitted to practice in both capacities, but the present practice is otherwise. Weeks, Attys. at Law, 54. It is the duty of the counsel to draft or review and cor-
rect the special pleadings, to manage the cause on trial, and, during the whole course of the suit, to apply established principles of law to the exigencies of the case. 1 Kent, Comm. 307.

**COUNT, v.** In pleading. To declare; to recite; to state a case; to narrate the facts constituting a plaintiff's cause of action. In a special count, to set out the claim or count of the demandant in a real action.

To plead orally; to plead or argue a case in court; to recite or read in court; to recite a count in court.

—**Count upon a statute.** Counting upon a statute consists in making express reference to it, as by the words "against the form of the statute" (or "by the force of the statute") "in such case made and provided." Richardson v. Fletcher, 74 Vt 417, 52 Atl. 1064.

**COUNT, n.** In pleading. The different parts of a declaration, each of which, if it stood alone, would constitute a ground for action, are the counts of the declaration. Used also to signify the several parts of an indictment, each charging a distinct offense. Cheetham v. Tillotson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 434; Buckingham v. Murray, 7 Honst. (Del.) 176, 30 Atl. 779; Boren v. State, 23 Tex. App. 28, 4 S. W. 463; Bailey v. Mosher, 66 Fed. 490, 11 C. C. A 304; Ryan v. Riddle, 109 Mo. App. 115, 82 S. W. 1117.

—**Common counts.** Certain general counts or forms inserted in a declaration in an action to recover a money debt, not founded on the circumstances of the individual case, but intended to guard against a possible variance, and to enable the plaintiff to take advantage of any ground of liability which the proof may disclose, within the general scope of the action. In the action of assumpsit, these counts are as follows: For goods sold and delivered, or bargained and sold; for work done; for money lent; for money paid; for money received to the use of the plaintiff; for interest; or for money due on an account stated. See Nugent v. Teauchot, 67 Mich. 571, 35 N. W. 254—Money counts. A species of common counts, so called from the subject-matter of them; embracing the indemnitatis assumpsit count for money lent and advanced, for money paid and expended, and for money had and received, together with the simul computassent count, or count for money due on an account stated. 1 Burrill, Pr. 132.

—**Several counts.** Where a plaintiff has several distinct causes of action, he is allowed to pursue them cumulatively in the same action, subject to certain rules which the law prescribes. Wharton.—**Special count.** As opposed to the common counts, in pleading, a special count is a statement of the actual facts of the particular case, or a count in which the plaintiff's claim is set forth with all needed particularity. Wertheim v. Casualty Co., 72 Vt 326, 47 Atl. 1071.

**COUNT.** (Fr. comte; from the Latin comes.) An earl.

**COUNT.** In English parliamentary law. Forty members form a house of commons; and, though there be ever so many at the beginning of a debate, yet, if during the course of it the house should be deserted by the members, till reduced below the number of forty, any one member may have it adjourned upon its being counted; but the debate may be continued, and only one member is left in the house, provided no one chooses to move an adjournment. Wharton.

**COUNTER.** In old English law. The most eminent dignity of a subject before the Conquest. He was prefectus or prpositus comitatus, and had the charge and custody of the county; but this authority is now vested in the sheriff. 9 Coke, 46.

**COUNTEMANCE.** In old English law. Credit; estimation. Wharton. Also, encouragement; alding and abetting. Cooper v. Johnson, 81 Mo. 487.

**COUNTER.** The name of two prisons formerly standing in London, but now demolished. They were the Fowlry Counter and Wood Street Counter.

**COUNTER, adj.** Adverse; antagonistic; opposing or contradicting; contrary. Stillman v. Eddy, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 122.

—**Counter-affidavit.** An affidavit made and presented in contradiction or opposition to an affidavit which is made the basis or support of a motion or application.—**Counter-bond.** In old practice. A bond of indemnity. 2 Leon. 90.

—**Counter-deed.** A secret writing, either before a notary or under a private seal, which destroys, invalidates, or alters a public one.—**Counter-letter.** A species of instrument of defamance common in the civil law. It is executed by a party who has taken a deed of property, absolute on its face, but intended as security for a loan of money, and by it he agrees to recognize the validity on payment of a specified sum. The two instruments, taken together, constitute what is known in Louisiana as an antichresis, (q. v.)—**Counter-mark.** A sign put upon goods already marked; also the several marks put upon goods belonging to several persons, to show that they must not be opened, but in the presence of all the owners or their agents.—**Counter-security.** A security given to one who has entered into a bond or become surety for another; a countervaliding bond of indemnity.

**COUNTER-CLAIM.** A claim presented by a defendant in opposition to or deduction from the claim of the plaintiff. A species of set-off or recoupment introduced by the codes of civil procedure in several of the states, of a broad and liberal character. A counter-claim must be one "existing in favor of a defendant and against a plaintiff between whom a several judgment might be had in the action, and arising out of one of the following causes of action: (1) A cause of action arising out of the contract or transaction set forth in the complaint as the foundation of the plaintiff's claim, or connected with the subject of action; (2) in an action arising on contract, any other
cause of action arising also on contract, and
existing at the commencement of the ac-
Code Proc. N. Y. § 150.
The term "counter-claim," of itself, imports a
opposition claim, or demand of something due; a demand of something which of right belongs to the defendant, in op-
position with the right of the plaintiff. Silliman
A counter-claim is a part, which might have arisen out of, or could have had some connection with, the original transaction, in view of the parties, and which, at the time the contract was made, they could have intended might, in some event, give one party a claim against the other for compliance or non-compliance with its provisions. Conner v. Winton, 7 Ind. 623, 524.

COUNTERFEIT. In criminal law. To
forge, to copy or imitate, without authority or right, and with a view to deceive or defraud, by passing the copy or thing forged for that which is original or genuine. Most commonly applied to the fraudulent and criminal imitation of money. State v. Mc-
(Ga.) 150; Mattison v. State, 3 Mo. 421.
—Counterfeit coin. Coin not genuine, but resembling or apparently intended to resemble or pass for genuine coin, including genuine coin prepared or altered so as to resemble or pass for coin of a higher denomination. U. S. v. Hop-
kins (D. C.) 28 Fed. 443; U. S. v. Bogart, 24 Fed. Cas. 1132.—Counterfeit coin. In criminal law. One who unlawfully makes base coin in imitation of the true metal, or forges false cur-
rency, or any instrument of writing, bearing a likeness and similitude to that which is lawful and genuine, with an intention of deceiving and imposing upon mankind. Thirman v. Matthews, 1 Stew. (Ala.) 384.

COUNTERFESANCE. The act of forg-
ing.

COUNTERMAND. A change or revoca-
tion of orders, authority, or instructions pre-
viously issued. It may be either express or implied; the former where the order or in-
struction already given is explicitly annulled or recalled; the latter where the party's con-
duct is incompatible with the further con-
tinuance of the order or instruction, as
where a new order is given inconsistent with the former order.

COUNTERPART. In conveyancing.
The corresponding part of an instrument; a
duplicate or copy. Where an instrument of
conveyance, as a lease, is executed in parts, that is, by having several copies or duplic-
cates made and interchangeably executed, that which is executed by the grantor is
usually called the "original," and the rest are "counterparts;" although, where all the parties execute every part, this renders them all originals. 2 Bl. Comm. 296; Shep. Touch. 50. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 329, 40 N. Y. Supp. 351. See DUPLICATE.
—Counterpart writ. A copy of the original writ, authorized to be issued to another county
when the court has jurisdiction of the cause by reason of the fact that some of the defendants are residents of the county or found therein. White v. Lea, 9 Lea (Tenn.) 450.

COUNTER-PLEA. See PLEA.

COUNTER-ROLLS. In English law.
The rolls which sheriffs have with the coro-
ners, containing particulars of their pro-
ceedings, as well as appeals as of inquests etc. 3 Edw. L. c. 10.

COUNTERSIGN. The signature of a
secretary or other subordinate officer to any
writing signed by the principal or superior to vouch for the authenticity of it.

COUNTERVAIL. To counterbalance; to
avail against with equal force or virtue; to compensate for, or serve as an equivalent of or substitute for.
—Countervail livery. At common law, a re-
lease was a form of transfer of real estate where there was right to it, but the actual possession was in another; and the pos-
session in such case was said to "countervail
livery," that is, it supplanted the place of and ren-
dered unnecessary the open and notorious de-
livery of possession required in other cases. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.—Countervail-
ing equity. See EQUITY.

COUNTEZ. L. Fr. Count, or reckon.
In old practice. A direction formerly given by the clerk of a court to the crier, after a jury was sworn, to number them; and which Blackstone says was given in his time, in good English, "count these." 4 Bl. Comm. 340, note (u).

COUNTOIRS. Advocates, or serjeants at
law, whom a man retains to defend his cause and speak for him in court, for their fees. 1 Inst. 17.

COUNTRY. The portion of the earth's
surface occupied by an independent nation or people; or the inhabitants of such ter-
ritory.
In its primary meaning "country" signifies "place;" and, in a larger sense, the territory or dominions occupied by a community; or even waste and unpeopled sections or regions of the earth. But its metaphorical meaning is no less definite and well understood; and in common parlance, in historical and geographical writ-
ings, in diplomacy, legislation, treaties, and in-
ternational codes, the word is employed to de-
ote the population, the nation, the state, or the government, having possession and dominion over a territory. Stairs v. Peaslee, 18 How. 521, 15 L. Ed. 474; U. S. v. Recorder, 1 Blatch. 215, 216; 5 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 296, Fed. Cas. No. 16,129.

In pleading and practice. The inhabi-
tants of a district from which a jury is to be summoned; pais; a jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349; Steph. Pl. 73, 78, 220.
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of the principal note, and designed to be cut off severally and presented for payment as they mature. Williams v. Moody, 95 Ga. 22 S. E. 30.

**COEUR DE CASSATION**. The supreme judicial tribunal of France, having appellate jurisdiction only. For an account of its composition and powers, see Jones, French Bar, 22; Guyot, Repert. Univ.

**COURSE.** A term used in surveying, meaning the direction of a line with reference to a meridian.

---Course of business.---Commercial paper is said to be transferred, or sales alleged to have been fraudulent may be shown to have been made, "in the course of business," or "in the usual and ordinary course of business," when the circumstances of the transaction are such as usually and ordinarily attend dealings of the same kind and do not exhibit any signs of haste, secrecy, or fraudulent intention. Walburn v. Babbitt, 16 Wall. 581, 21 L. Ed. 488; Clough v. Patrick, 37 Vt. 423; Brooklyn, etc., R. Co. v. National Bank, 102 U. S. 14, 26 L. Ed. 61.

---Course of river.---The course of a river is a line parallel with its banks; the term is not synonymous with the "current" of the river. Attorney General v. Railroad Co., 9 N. J. 59, 137.---Course of the voyage.---By this term is understood the regular and customary track, if such there be, which a ship takes in going from one port to another, and the shortest way. Marsh. Ins. 185.---Course of trade. What is customarily or ordinarily done in the management of trade or business.

**COURT.** In legislation. A legislative assembly. Parliament is called in the old books a court of the king, nobility, and commons assembled. Finch, Law, b. 4, c. 1, p. 233; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 2.

This meaning of the word has been retained in the titles of some deliberative bodies, such as the general court of Massachusetts, (the legislature.)

In international law. The person and suite of the sovereign; the place where the sovereign sojourns with his regal retinue, wherever that may be. The English government is spoken of in diplomacy as the court of St. James, because the palace of St. James is the official palace.

In practice. An organ of the government, belonging to the judicial department, whose function is the application of the laws to controversies brought before it and the public administration of justice. White County v. Gwin, 193 Ind. 552, 30 N. E. 237, 22 L. R. A. 402.

The presence of a sufficient number of the members of such a body regularly convened in an authorized place at an appointed time, engaged in the full and regular performance of its functions. Brumley v. State, 20 Ark. 77.

A court may be more particularly described as an organized body with defined powers, meeting at certain times and places for the hearing and decision of causes and other matters brought before it, and aided in this, its proper business, by its proper officers, viz., attorneys and coun-
chancellor, apply the rules and principles of chancery law, and follow the procedure in equity; the latter, such as have no equitable powers, but administer justice according to the rules and practice of the common law.

As to the division of courts according to their jurisdiction, see Jurisdiction.

As to several names or kinds of courts not specifically described in the titles immediately following, see Archers Court, Appellate Court, Consistory Courts, County, Customary Court Baron, Ecclesiastical Courts, Federal Courts, High Commission Court, Instance Court, Justice Court, Justiciary Court, Maritime Court, Mayor's Court, Moot Court, Municipal Court, Orphans' Court, Police Court, Prerogative Court, Prize Court, Probate Court, Superior Courts, Supreme Court, and Surrogate's Court.

As to court-hand, court-house, court-lands, court rolls, see those titles in their alphabetical order infra.

—Court above, court below. In appellate practice, the "court above" is the one to which a cause is removed for review, whether by appeal, writ of error, or certiorari; while the "court below" is the one from which the case is removed. Going v. Schnell, 6 Ohio Dec. 933; Rev. St. Tex. 1893, art. 1386.—Court in bank. A meeting of all the judges of a court, usually for the purpose of hearing arguments on demurrers, points reserved, motions for new trial, etc., as distinguished from sessions of the same court presided over by a single judge or justice. —De facto court. One established, organized, and exercising its judicial functions under authority of a statute apparently valid, though such statute may be in fact unconstitutional and may be afterwards so adjudged; or a court established and acting under the authority of a de facto government. 1 Bl. J udg m. § 173; Burt v. Railroad Co., 31 Minn. 472, 18 N. W. 285.—Full court. A session of a court which is attended by all the judges or justices composing it. —Spiritual courts. In English law. The ecclesiastical courts, or courts Christian. See 3 Bl. Comm. 61.

COURT-BARON. In English law. A court which, although not one of record, is incident to every manor, and cannot be severed therefrom. It was ordained for the maintenance of the services and duties stipulated for by lords of manors, and for the purpose of determining actions of a personal nature, where the debt or damage was under forty shillings. Wharton.

Customary court-baron is one appertaining entirely to copyholders. 3 Bl. Comm. 33.

Freeholders' court-baron is one held before the freeholders who owe suit and service to the manor. It is the court-baron proper.

COURT CHRISTIAN. The ecclesiastical courts in England are often so called, as distinguished from the civil courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 83; 3 Bl. Comm. 64; 3 Steph. Comm. 450.

COURT FOR CONSIDERATION OF CROWN CASES RESERVED. A court established by St. 11 & 12 Vict. c. 78, composed of such of the judges of the superior courts of Westminster as were able to attend, for the consideration of questions of law reserved by any judge in a court of oyer and terminer, gaol delivery, or quarter sessions, before which a prisoner had been found guilty by verdict. Such question is stated in the form of a special case. Mozley & Whiteley; 4 Steph. Comm. 442.

COURT FOR DIVORCE AND MATRIMONIAL CAUSES. This court was established by St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, which transferred to it all jurisdiction then exercisable by any ecclesiastical court in England, in matters matrimonial, and also gave it new powers. The court consisted of the lord chancellor, the three chiefs, and three senior puisne judges of the common-law courts, and the judge ordinary, who together constituted, and still constitute, the "full court." The judge ordinary heard almost all matters in the first instance. By the judicature act, 1873, § 3, the jurisdiction of the court was transferred to the supreme court of judicature. Sweet.

COURT FOR THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS. The style of a court having jurisdiction for review, by appeal or writ of error. The name was formerly used in New York and South Carolina.

COURT FOR THE RELIEF OF INSOLVENT DEBTORS. In English law. A local court which has its sittings in London only, which receives the petitions of insolvent debtors, and decides upon the question of granting a discharge.

COURT FOR THE TRIAL OF IMPEACHMENTS. A tribunal empowered to try any officer of government or other person brought to its bar by the process of impeachment. In England, the house of lords constitutes such a court; in the United States, the senate; and in the several states, usually, the upper house of the legislative assembly.

COURT-HAND. In old English practice. The peculiar hand in which the records of courts were written from the earliest period down to the reign of George II. Its characteristics were great strength, compactness, and undeviating uniformity; and its use undoubtedly gave to the ancient record its acknowledged superiority over the modern, in the important quality of durability.

The writing of this hand, with its peculiar abbreviations and contractions, constituted, while it was in use, an art of no little importance, being an indispensable part of the profession of "clerkship," as it was called. Two sizes of it were employed, a large and a small hand; the former, called "great court-hand," being used for initial words or clauses, the pladta of records, etc. Burrill.
COURT-HOUSE.  The building occupied for the public sessions of a court, with its various offices. The term may be used of a place temporarily occupied for the sessions of a court, though not the regular courthouse.

COURT-LANDS.  Domains or lands kept in the lord's hands to serve his family.

COURT-LEASE.  The name of an English court of record held once in the year, and not oftener, within a particular hundred, lordship, or manor, before the steward of the leet; being the king's court granted by charter to the lords of those hundreds or manors. Its office was to view the frankpledges,—that is, the freemen within the liberty; to present by jury crimes happening within the jurisdiction; and to punish trivial misdemeanors. It has now, however, for the most part, fallen into total desuetude; though in some manors a court-leet is still periodically held for the transaction of the administrative business of the manor.

COURT-MARTIAL.  A military court, convened under authority of government and the articles of war, for trying and punishing military offenses committed by soldiers or sailors in the army or navy. People v. Van Allen, 55 N. Y. 31; Carver v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 361; U. S. v. Mackenzie, 30 Fed. Cas. 1160. See MILITARY COURT.

COURT OF ADMIRALTY.  A court having jurisdiction of causes arising under the rules of admiralty law. See ADJUDICATION.

COURT OF AUDIENCE.  An ecclesiastical court, composed of the primates and of two other bishops, or of a metropolitan and two other bishops, with the provost and other officers of the diocese. The court is held three times a year, and has jurisdiction in personal and real matters, and in cases of divorce and annulment. It is the highest ecclesiastical court of England, and is held at Westminster. See ECONOMY.

COURT OF ATTACHMENTS.  A court in which the primates once exercised the jurisdiction of the court of equity, and was continued by the court of chancery. The court is held at Westminster, and has jurisdiction in all cases in which the king is plaintiff, and where the defendant is resident within the jurisdiction of the court. The court is composed of the archbishop and the bishop of London, and is presided over by the archbishop. It is the highest court of equity in England, and is held at Westminster. See ECONOMY.

COURT OF APPEAL, HIS MAJESTY'S.  The chief appellate tribunal of England. It was established by the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875, and is invested with the jurisdiction formerly exercised by the court of appeal in chancery, the exchequer chamber, the judicial committee of the privy council in admiralty and lunacy appeals, and with general appellate jurisdiction from the high court of justice.

COURT OF APPEALS.  In American law. An appellate tribunal which, in Kentucky, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and New York, is the court of last resort. In Delaware and New Jersey, it is known as the "court of errors and appeals." In Virginia and West Virginia, the "supreme court of appeals." In Texas the court of appeals is inferior to the supreme court.

COURT OF ARBITRATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.  A court of arbitrators, created for the convenience of merchants in the city of New York, by act of the legislature of New York. It decides disputes between members of the chamber of commerce, and between members and outside merchants who voluntarily submit themselves to the jurisdiction of the court.

COURT OF ARCHEDEACON.  The most inferior of the English ecclesiastical courts, from which an appeal generally lies to that of the bishop.

COURT OF ASSISTANTS.  In Massachusetts during the early colonial period, this court was given to the chief or supreme judicial court, composed of the governor, his deputy, and certain assistants.

COURTS OF ASSIZE AND NISI PRIUS.  Courts in England composed of two or more commissioners, called "judges of assize," or "of assize and nisi prius," who are twice in every year sent by the king's special commission, on circuits all round the kingdom, to try, by a jury of the respective counties, all offenses which are not cases in point, or matters of fact as are there under dispute in the courts of Westminster Hall. See ECONOMY.

COURT OF ATTACHMENTS.  The lowest of the three courts held in the forests. It has fallen into total disuse.

COURT OF AUDIENCE.  Ecclesiastical courts, in which the primates once exercised jurisdiction in personal and real matters, and in cases of divorce and annulment. They seem to be now obsolete, or at least to be only used on the rare occurrence of the trial of a bishop. See ECONOMY.

COURT OF AUGMENTATION.  An English court created in the time of Henry VIII., with jurisdiction over the property and revenue of certain religious foundations, which had been made over to the king by act of parliament, and over suits relating to the same.

COURT OF AUGMENTATION.  In American law. An appellate tribunal which, in Kentucky, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and New York, is the court of last resort. In Delaware and New Jersey, it is known as the "court of errors and appeals." In Virginia and West Virginia, the "supreme court of appeals." In Texas the court of appeals is inferior to the supreme court.
COURT OF BANKRUPTCY. An English court of record, having original and appellate jurisdiction in matters of bankruptcy, and invested with both legal and equitable powers for that purpose. In the United States, the “courts of bankruptcy” include the district courts of the United States and of the territories, the supreme court of the District of Columbia, and the United States court of the Indian Territory and of Alaska. U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3419.

COURT OF BROTHERHOOD. An assembly of the mayors or other chief officers of the principal towns of the Cinque Ports in England, originally administering the chief powers of those ports, now almost extinct. Cent. Dict.

COURT OF CHANCERY. A court having the jurisdiction of a chancellor; a court administering equity and proceeding according to the forms and principles of equity. In England, prior to the judicature acts, the style of the court possessing the largest equitable powers and jurisdiction was the “high court of chancery.” In some of the United States, the title “court of chancery” is applied to a court possessing general equity powers, distinct from the courts of common law. Parmeter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 45, 35 Pac. 586.

The terms “equity” and “chancery,” “court of equity” and “court of chancery,” are constantly used as synonymous in the United States. It is presumed that this custom arises from the circumstance that the equity jurisdiction which is exercised by the courts of the various states is assimilated to that possessed by the English courts of chancery. Indeed, in some of the states it is made identical therewith by statute, so far as conformable to our institutions. Bouvier.

COURT OF CHIVALRY, or COURT MILITARY, was a court not of record, held before the lord high constable and earl marshal of England. It had jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, in deeds of arms and war, armorial bearings, questions of precedence, etc., and as a court of honor. It has long been disused. 3 Bl. Comm. 108; 3 Steph. Comm. 335, note 1.

COURTS OF CINQUE PORTS. In English law. Courts of limited local jurisdiction formerly held before the mayor and jurats (aldermen) of the Cinque Ports.

COURT OF CLAIMS. One of the courts of the United States, erected by act of congress. It consists of a chief justice and four associates, and holds one annual session. It is located at Washington. Its jurisdiction extends to all claims against the United States arising out of any contract with the government or based on an act of congress or regulation of the executive, and all claims referred to it by either house of congress, as well as to claims for exoneration by a disbursing officer. Its judgments are, in certain cases, reviewable by the United States supreme court. It has no equity powers. Its decisions are reported and published. This name is also given, in some of the states, either to a special court or to the ordinary county court sitting as a court of claims, having the special duty of auditing and ascertaining the claims against the county and expenses incurred by it, and providing for their payment by appropriations out of the county levy or annual tax. Meriweather v. Muhlenburg County Court, 120 U. S. 354, 7 Sup. Ct. 565, 30 L. Ed. 653.

COURT OF THE CLERK OF THE MARKET. An English court of inferior jurisdiction held in every fair or market in England, originally administering the chief powers of the Cinque Ports, now almost extinct. Its decisions are reported and published. Meriweather v. Muhlenburg County Court, 120 U. S. 354, 7 Sup. Ct. 565, 30 L. Ed. 653.

COURT OF COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS. The name of certain English courts created by commission under the great seal pursuant to the statute of sewers, (23 Hen. VIII. c. 5.)

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. The English court of common pleas was one of the four superior courts at Westminster, and existed up to the passing of the judicature acts. It was also styled the “Common Bench.” It was one of the courts derived from the breaking up of the aula regis, and had exclusive jurisdiction of all real actions and of communia placiis, or common pleas, 4. e., between subject and subject. It was presided over by a chief justice with four puisne judges. Appeals lay anciently to the king’s bench, but afterwards to the exchequer chamber. See 3 Bl. Comm. 37, et seq.

COURT OF CONVOCATION. In English ecclesiastical law. A court, or assembly,
comprising all the high officials of each province and representatives of the minor clergy. It is in the nature of an ecclesiastical parliament; and, so far as its judicial functions extend, it has jurisdiction of cases of heresy, schism, and other purely ecclesiastical matters. An appeal lies to the king in council.

COURT OF THE CORONER. In English law. A court of record, to inquire, when any one dies in prison, or comes to a violent or sudden death, by what manner he came to his end. 4 Steph. Comm. 323; 4 Bl. Comm. 274. See Coronor.

COURTS OF THE COUNTIES PALATINE. In English law. A species of private court which formerly appertained to the counties palatine of Lancaster and Durham.

COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. There is in each county of Alabama a court of record, styled the "court of county commissioners," composed of the judge of probate, as principal judge, and four commissioners, who are elected at the times prescribed by law, and hold office for four years. Code Ala. 1896, § 819.

COURT OF DELEGATES. An English tribunal composed of delegates appointed by royal commission, and formerly the great court of appeal in all ecclesiastical causes. The powers of the court were, by 2 & 3 Wm. IV. c. 92, transferred to the privy council. A commission of review was formerly granted by law, and hold office for four years. Code Ala. 1896, § 819.

COURT OF THE DUCHY OF LANCAS-TER. A court of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands holden of the king in right of the duchy of Lancaster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

COURT OF EQUITY. A court which has jurisdiction in equity, which administers justice and decides controversies in accordance with the rules, principles, and precedents of equity, and which follows the forms and procedure of chancery; as distinguished from a court having the jurisdiction, rules, principles, and practice of the common law. Thomas v. Phillips, 4 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 423.

COURT OF ERROR. An expression applied especially to the court of exchequer chamber and the house of lords, as taking cognizance of error brought. Mozley & Whitley. It is applied in some of the United States to the court of last resort in the state; and in its most general sense denotes any court having power to review the decisions of lower courts on appeal, error, certiorari, or other process.

COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS. The court of last resort in the state of New Jersey is so named. Formerly, the same title was given to the highest court of appeal in New York.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER. In English law. A very ancient court of record, set up by William the Conqueror as a part of the aula regis, and afterwards one of the four superior courts at Westminster. It was, however, inferior in rank to both the king's bench and the common pleas. It was presided over by a chief baron and four puisne barons. It was originally the king's treasury, and was charged with keeping the king's accounts and collecting the royal revenues. But pleas between subject and subject were formerly heard there, until this was forbidden by the Articula super Chartas, (1290) after which its jurisdiction as a court only extended to revenue cases arising out of the non-payment or withholding of debts to the crown. But the privilege of suing and being sued in this court was extended to the king's accountants, and later, by the use of a convenient fiction to the effect that the plaintiff was the king's debtor or accountant, the court was thrown open to all suitors in personal actions. The exchequer had formerly both an equity side and a common-law side, but its equity jurisdiction was taken away by the statute 5 Vict. c. 5, (1842,) and transferred to the court of chancery. The Judicature act (1873) transferred the business and jurisdiction of this court to the "Exchequer Division" of the "High Court of Justice."

In Scotch law. A court which formerly had jurisdiction of matters of revenue, and a limited jurisdiction over cases between the crown and its vassals where no questions of title were involved.

COURT OF EXCHEQUER CHAMBER. The name of a former English court of appeal, intermediate between the superior courts of common law and the house of lords. When sitting as a court of appeal from any one of the three superior courts of common law, it was composed of judges of the other two courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 56, 57; 3 Steph. Comm. 333, 396. By the Judicature act (1873) the jurisdiction of this court was transferred to the court of appeal.


In English law. A court of criminal jurisdiction, in England, held in each county once in every quarter of a year, but in the county of Middlesex twice a month. 4 Steph. Comm. 317-320.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS. The name given in some of the states (as
Courts of Inquiry. In English law. A court sometimes appointed by the crown to ascertain whether it be proper to resort to extreme measures against a person charged before a court-martial.

In American law. A court constituted by authority of the articles of war, invested with the power to examine into the nature of any transaction, accusation, or imputation against any officer or soldier. The said court shall consist of one or more officers, not exceeding three, and a judge advocate, or other suitable person, as a recorder, to reduce the proceedings and evidence to writing; all of whom shall be sworn to the performance of their duty. Rev. St. § 1342, arts. 115, 116 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 970, 971.)

Courts of Justice Seat. In English law. The principal of the forest courts.

Courts of Justiciary. A Scotch court of general criminal jurisdiction of all offenses committed in any part of Scotland, both to try causes and to review decisions of inferior criminal courts. It is composed of five lords of session with the lord president or justice-clerk as president. It also has appellate jurisdiction in civil causes involving small amounts. An appeal lies to the house of lords.

Court of King's Bench. In English law. The supreme court of common law in the kingdom, now merged in the high court of justice under the judicature act of 1873, § 16.

Court of Law. In a wide sense, any duly constituted tribunal administering the laws of the state or nation; in a narrower sense, a court proceeding according to the course of the common law and governed by its rules and principles, as contrasted with a "court of equity."

Court of Lodeinance. An ancient court of the Cinque Ports, having jurisdiction in maritime matters, and particularly over pilots (lodeinsen.)

Court of the Lord High Steward. In English law. A court instituted for the trial, during the recess of parliament, of peers indicted for treason or felony, or for misprision of either. This court is not a permanent body, but is created in modern times, when occasion requires, and for the time being, only; and the lord high steward, so constituted, with such of the temporal lords as may take the proper oath, and act, constitute the court.

Court of the Lord High Steward of the Universities. In English law. A court constituted for the trial of scholars or privileged persons connected with the university at Oxford or Cambridge who are indicted for treason, felony, or mayhem.

Court of Magistrates and Freeholders. In American law. The name of a court formerly established in South Carolina for the trial of slaves and free persons of color for criminal offenses.

Court of Marshalsea. A court which has jurisdiction of all trespasses com-
COURT OF NISI PRIUS. In American law. Though this term is frequently used as a general designation of any court exercising general, original jurisdiction in civil cases, (being used interchangeably with "trial-court") it belonged as a legal title only to a court which formerly existed in the city and county of Philadelphia, and which was presided over by one of the judges of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. This court was abolished by the constitution of 1874. See COURTS OF ASSIZE AND NISI PRIUS.

COURT OF ORDINARY. In some of the United States (e. g., Georgia) this name is given to the probate or surrogate's court, or the court having the usual jurisdiction in respect to the proving of wills and the administration of decedents' estates. Veach v. Rice, 131 U. S. 293, 9 Sup. Ct. 730, 33 L. Ed. 163.

COURT OF ORPHANS. In English law. The court of the lord mayor and aldermen of London, which has the care of those orphans whose parent died in London and was free of the city.

In Pennsylvania (and perhaps some other states) the name "orphans' court" is applied to that species of tribunal which is elsewhere known as the "probate court" or "surrogate's court."

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER. In English law. A court for the trial of cases of treason and felony. The commissioners of assize and nisi prius are judges selected by the king and appointed and authorized under the great seal, including usually two of the judges at Westminster, and sent out twice a year into most of the counties of England, for the trial (with a jury of the county) of causes then depending at Westminster, both civil and criminal. They sit by virtue of several commissions, each of which, in reality, constitutes them a separate and distinct court. The commission of oyer and terminer gives them authority for the trial of treasons and felonies; that of general gaol delivery empowers them to try every prisoner then in gaol for whatever offense; so that, altogether, they possess full criminal jurisdiction.

In American law. This name is generally used (sometimes, with additions) as the title, or part of the title, of a state court of criminal jurisdiction, or of the criminal branch of a court of general jurisdiction, being commonly applied to such courts as may try felonies, or the higher grades of crime.
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pality and the settling of its polity in the
reign of Henry VIII., were erected all over
the country. These courts, however, have
been abolished by 1 Wm. IV. c. 70; the
principal polity being now divided into two cir-
cuits, which the judges visit in the same man-
ner as they do the circuits in England,
for the purpose of disposing of those causes
which are ready for trial. Brown.

COURT OF PRIVATE LAND CLAIMS. A federal
court created by act of Congress in 1851 (26 Stat. 854) (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 765),
to hear and determine claims by
private parties to lands within the public
domain, where such claims originated under
Spanish or Mexican grants, and had not al-
ready been confirmed by Congress or other-
wise adjudicated. The existence and au-
thority of this court were to cease and de-
terminate at the end of the year 1853.

COURT OF PROBATE. In English
law. The name of a court established in
1857, under the probate act of that year, (20
& 21 Vict. c. 77,) to be held in London, to
which court was transferred the testamen-
tary jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts. 2 Steph. Comm. 192. By the judicature
acts, this court is merged in the high court
of justice.

In American law. A court having ju-
risdiction over the probate of wills, the
grant of administration, and the supervi-
sion of the management and settlement of
the estates of decedents, including the col-
clection of assets, the allowance of claims,
and the distribution of the estate. In some
states the probate courts also have juris-
diction of the estates of minors, including
the appointment of guardians and the set-
ttlement of their accounts, and of the es-
tates of lunatics, habitual drunkards, and
spendthrifts. And in some states these
courts possess a limited jurisdiction in civil and
criminal cases. They are also called
"orphans' courts" and "surrogate's courts."

COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS OF
THE PEACE. In American law. A court
of criminal jurisdiction in the state of Penn-
sylvania, having power to try misdemean-
ors, and exercising certain functions of an
administrative nature. There is one such
Court in each county of the state. Its ses-

COURT OF REGARD. In English law.
One of the forest courts, in England, held
every third year, for the lawing or expedita-
tion of dogs, to prevent them from running
after deer. It is now obsolete. 3 Steph.
Comm. 440; 3 Bl. Comm. 71, 72.

COURTS OF REQUEST. Inferior
courts, in England, having local jurisdic-
tion in claims for small debts, established in
various parts of the kingdom by special acts
of parliament. They were abolished in
1846, and the modern county courts (q. v.)
took their place. 3 Steph. Comm. 283.

COURT OF SESSION. The name of the
highest court of civil jurisdiction in Scot-
land. It was composed of fifteen judges, now
of thirteen. It sits in two divisions.
The lord president and three ordinary lords
form the first division; the lord justice clerk
and three other ordinary lords form the sec-
division. There are five permanent
lords ordinary attached equally to both di-
visions; the last appointed of whom offici-
ates on the bills, &c., petitions preferred to
the court during the session, and performs
the other duties of junior lord ordinary.
The chambers of the parliament house in
which the first and second divisions hold
their sittings are called the "inner house;"
those in which the lords ordinary sit as
single judges to hear motions and causes
are collectively called the "outer house."
The nomination and appointment of the
judges is in the crown. Wharton.

COURT OF SESSIONS. Courts of crim-
inal jurisdiction existing in California, New
York, and one or two other of the United
States.

COURT OF STANNARIES. In Eng-
lish law. A court established in Devonshire
and Cornwall, for the administration of jus-
tice among the miners and tinners, and that
they may not be drawn away from their
business to attend suits in distant courts.
The stannary court is a court of record, with
a special jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 79.

COURT OF STAR CHAMBER. This
was an English court of very ancient origin,
but new-modeled by St. 3 Hen. VII. c. 1, and
21 Hen. VIII. c. 20, consisting of divers
lords, spiritual and temporal, being privy
councillors, together with two judges of the
courts of common law, without the interven-
tion of any jury. The jurisdiction extended
legally over riots, perjury, misbehavior of
shers, and other misdemeanors contrary
to the laws of the land; yet it was after-
wards stretched to the asserting of all procl-
amations and orders of state, to the vindic-
tating of illegal commissions and grants of
monopolies; holding for honorable that
which it pleased, and for just that which it
profited, and becoming both a court of law

COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH. See
KING'S BENCH.

COURT OF RECORD. See COURT, su-
pra.
to determine civil rights and a court of revenue to enrich the treasury. It was finally abolished by St. 16 Car. I. c. 10, to the general satisfaction of the whole nation. Brown.

**COURT OF THE STEWARD AND MARSHAL.** A high court, formerly held in England by the steward and marshal of the king's household, having jurisdiction of all actions against the king's peace within the bounds of the household for twelve miles, which circuit was called the "verge." Crabb, Eng. Law, 156. It had also jurisdiction of actions of debt and covenant, where both the parties were of the household. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 235, 247.

**COURT OF THE STEWARD OF THE KING'S HOUSEHOLD.** In English law. A court which had jurisdiction of all cases of treason, misprision of treason, murder, manslaughter, bloodshed, and other malicious strikings whereby blood is shed, occurring in or within the limits of any of the palaces or houses of the king, or any other house where the royal person is abiding. It was created by statute 33 Hen. VIII. c. 12, but long since fell into disuse. 4 Bl. Comm. 276, 277, and notes.

**COURT OF SURVEY.** A court for the hearing of appeals by owners or masters of ships, from orders for the detention of unsafe ships, made by the English board of trade, under the merchant shipping act, 1876, § 6.

**COURT OF SWEINMOTE.** In old English law. One of the forest courts, having a somewhat similar jurisdiction to that of the court of attachments, (q. v.)

**COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES** comprise the following: The senate of the United States, sitting as a court of impeachment; the supreme court; the circuit courts; the circuit courts of appeals; the district courts; the supreme court and court of appeals of the District of Columbia; the territorial courts; the court of claims; the court of private land claims; and the customs court. See the several titles.

**COURTS OF THE UNIVERSITIES of Oxford and Cambridge have jurisdiction in all personal actions to which any member or servant of the respective university is a party, provided that the cause of action arose within the liberties of the university, and that the member or servant was resident in the university when it arose, and when the action was brought. 3 Steph. Comm. 239; St. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 26, § 12; St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 17. Each university court also has a criminal jurisdiction in all offenses committed by its members. 4 Steph. Comm. 323.

**COURT OF WARDS AND LIVERIES.** A court of record, established in England in the reign of Henry VIII. For the survey and management of the valuable fruits of tenure, a court of record was created by St. 32 Hen. VIII. c. 46, called the "Court of the King's Wards." To this was annexed, by St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 22, the "Court of Liveries;" so that it then became the "Court of Wards and Liveries." 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 258. This court was not only for the management of "wards," properly so called, but also of idiots and natural fools in the king's custody, and for licenses to be granted to the king's widows to marry, and fines to be made for marrying without his license. Id. 259. It was abolished by St. 12 Car. II. c. 24. Crabb, Eng. Law, 408.

**COURTS OF WESTMINSTER HALL.** The superior courts, both of law and equity, were for centuries fixed at Westminster, an ancient palace of the monarchs of England. Formerly, all the superior courts were held before the king's capital justiciary of England. In the *sua reip., or such of his palaces wherein his royal person resided, and removed with his household from one end of the kingdom to another. This was found to occasion great inconvenience to the suitors, to remedy which it was made an article of the great charter of liberties, both of King John and King Henry III., that "common pleas should no longer follow the king's court, but be held in some certain place," in consequence of which they have ever since been held (a few necessary removals in times of the plague excepted) in the palace of Westminster only. The courts of equity also sit at Westminster, nominally, during term time, although, actually, only during the first day of term, for they generally sit in courts provided for the purpose in, or in the neighborhood of, Lincoln's Inn. Brown.

**COURT ROLLS.** The rolls of a manor, containing all acts relating thereto. While belonging to the lord of the manor, they are not in the nature of public books for the benefit of the tenant.

**COURTESY.** See CURTESY.

**COUSIN.** Kindred in the fourth degree, being the issue (male or female) of the brother or sister of one's father or mother.

Those who descend from the brother or sister of the father of the person spoken of are called "paternal cousins;" "maternal cousins" are those who are descended from the brothers or sisters of the mother. Cousins-german are first cousins. Sanderson v. Bayley, 4 Myl. & C. 53.

In English writs, commissions, and other formal instruments issued by the crown, the word signifies any peer of the degree of an earl. The appellation is as ancient as the reign of Henry IV., who, being related or allied to every earl then in the kingdom, acknowledged that connec-
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tion in all his letters and public acts; from which the use has descended to his successors, though the reason has long ago failed. Mosley & Whitely.

—First cousins. Cousins-german; the children of one's uncle or aunt. Sanderson v. Bayley, 4 Mylne & C. 59. Second cousins. Persons who are related to each other by descending from the same great-grandfather or great-grandmother. The children of one's first cousins are his second cousins. These are sometimes called "first cousins once removed." Slade v. Fookes, 9 Sim. 387; Corporation of Bridgnorth v. Collins, 15 Sim. 541. Quater cousins. Properly, a cousin in the fourth degree; but the term has come to express any remote degree of relationship, and even to bear an ironical signification in which it denotes a very trifling degree of intimacy and regard. Often corrupted into "cater" cousin.

COUSINAGE. See COUSINAGE.

COUSTOUMIER. (Otherwise spelled "Coustumier" or "Coutumier"). In old French law. A collection of customs, unwritten laws, and forms of procedure. Two such volumes are of especial importance in juridical history, viz., the Grand Coutumier de Normandie, and the Coutumier de France or Grand Coutumier.

COUVERTURE, in French law, is the deposit ("margin") made by the client in the hands of the broker, either of a sum of money or of securities, in order to guaranty the broker for the payment of the securities which he purchases for the client. Bract. 1289; Spelman.

COVENABLE. A French word signifying convenient or suitable; as covenably endowed. It is anciently written "convenable." Termes de la Ley.

COVENANT. In practice. The name of a common-law form of action ex contractu, which lies for the recovery of damages for breach of a covenant, or contract under seal. Stickney v. Stickney, 21 N. H. 68.

In the law of contracts. An agreement, convention, or promise of two or more parties, by deed in writing, signed, sealed, and delivered, by which either of the parties pledges himself to the other that something is either done or shall be done, or stipulates for the truth of certain facts. Sahlin v. Hamilton, 2 Ark. 490; Com. v. Robinson, 1 Watts (Pa.) 160; Kent v. Edmondston, 49 N. C. 529.

An agreement between two or more parties, reduced to writing and executed by a sealing and delivery thereof, whereby some of the parties named therein engage, or one of them engages, with the other, or others, or some of them, therein also named, that some act hath or hath not already been done, or for the performance or non-performance of some specified duty. De Bolle v. Insurance Co., 4 Whart. (Pa.) 71, 33 Am. Dec. 33.

Classification. Covenants may be classified according to several distinct principles of division, but nothing being one or other of these is adopted, they are:

Express or implied; the former being those which are created by the express words of the parties to the deed declaratory of their intention, while implied covenants are those which are inferred by the law from certain words in a deed which imply (though they do not express) them. Express covenants are also called covenants "in deed," as distinguished from covenants "in law." McDonough v. Martin, 88 Ga. 675, 16 S. E. 39, 18 L. R. A. 343; Conrud v. Moreland, 80 N. C. 31; Geraghty v. Davenport, 90 Iowa, 359, 57 N. W. 876.

Dependent, concurrent, and independent. Covenants are either dependent, concurrent, or mutual and independent. The first depends upon a performance or non-performance of some future condition, and, until the condition is performed, the other party is not liable to an action on his covenant. In the second, mutual acts are to be performed at the same time; if the same time be not the party is ready, and offers to perform his part, and the other neglects or refuses to perform his, he who is ready and offers has fulfilled his engagement, and may maintain an action for the default of the other, though it is not certain that either is obliged to do the first act. The third is where either party may recover damages from the other for the injuries he may have received by a breach of the covenants in his favor; and it is no excuse for the defendant to allege a breach of the covenants on the part of the plaintiff. Bailey v. White, 3 Ala. 330; Tompkins v. Elliot, 5 Wend. (N. Y.) 497; Gray v. Smith (C. C.) 76 Fed. 534.

Principal and auxiliary; the former being those which relate directly to the principal matter of the contract entered into between the parties; while auxiliary covenants are those which do not relate directly to the principal matter of the contract between the parties, but to something connected with it.

Inherent and collateral; the former being such as immediately affect the particular property, while the latter affect some property collateral thereto or some matter collateral to the grant or lease. A covenant inherent is one which is conversant about the land, and knitted to the estate in the land; as, that the thing demised shall be quietly enjoyed, shall be kept in repair, or shall not be aliened. A covenant collateral is one which is conversant about some collateral thing that doth nothing at all, or not so immediately, concern the thing granted; as to pay a sum of money in gross, etc. Shep. Touch. 161.

Joint or several. The former bind both or all the covenantes together; the latter bind each of them separately. A covenant may be both joint and several at the same time, as regards the covenantes; but, as regards the covenants, they must be joint or several to the same extent. Stayt. (15 Coke, 130) must be either joint or several only. Covenants are usually joint or several according as the interests of the covenantes are one or more separate and distinct. Where there are but two or three covenantes, and the words of the covenant, where they are unambiguous, will decide, although, where they are ambiguous, the interest of the party being joint or several is left to decide. Brown, See
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Capen v. Barrows, 1 Gray (Mass.) 379; In re Slingby, 5 Coke, 158.

General or specific. The former relate to lands generally and place the covenantor in the position of a specialty creditor only; the latter relate to particular lands and give the covenanta lien thereon. Brown.

Executive or executory, the former being such as relate to an act already performed; while the latter are those whose performance is to be future. Shep. Touch. 161.

Affirmative or negative; the former being that which requires any undertaking to the existence of a present state of facts as represented or to the future performance of some act; while the latter are those in which the covenantor obliges himself not to do or perform some act.

Declaratory or obligatory; the former being those which serve to limit or direct uses; while the latter are those which are binding on the party himself. Piatt, Cov. 21.

Real and personal. A real covenant is one which binds the heirs of the covenantor and passes to assigns or purchasers; a covenant the obligation of which is so connected with the real estate that the land itself is either entitled to the benefit of it or is liable to perform it; a covenant which has for its object some thing annexed to, or inherent in, or connected with, land or other real property, and runs with the land, so that the grantee of the land is invested with it and may sue upon it for a breach happening in his time. Piatt, Cov.; Rawle, Cov. § 21; 2 Bl. Comm. 304; Chapman v. Holmes, 10 N. J. Law, 14; Skinner v. Mitchell, 5 Kan. App. 306, 48 Pac. 450; Oil Co. v. Hinson, 150 Ind. 396, 64 N. E. 224; Davis v. Lyman, 6 Conn. 249. In the old books, a real covenant is also defined to be a covenant by which a man binds himself to pass a thing real, as lands or tenements. Termes de la Ley; 3 Bl. Comm. 156; Chapman v. Hinson, 150 Ind. 396, 64 N. E. 224; Davis v. Lyman, 6 Conn. 249.

A personal covenant, on the other hand, is one which, instead of being a charge upon real estate, is personal to the covenantor, and the personal representatives of those the duty of performing which is limited to the covenantor or covenantee, as the case may be. Piatt, Cov.; Rawle, Cov. §§ 98, 99. See Sugd. Vend. 500; Armstrong v. Darby, 26 Mo. 520.—Covenant for quiet enjoyment. An undertaking, in the form of a covenant, on the part of the vendor of real estate to do much further, and for the same purpose, than is required by the purchaser's title as the latter may reasonably require. This covenant is deemed of great importance, since it relates both to the title of the vendor and to the instrument of conveyance. See Bank v. Parisette, 68 Ohio St. 450, 67 N. E. 896; Shearer v. Ranger, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 447; Staitford v. Wells, 12 Or. 301, 7 Pac. 324.

Covenant in consideration of incumbrances. One of the usual covenants, by which the covenantor is bound to convey a freehold estate in land free from incumbrances on the land conveyed; a stipulation against the consequences of a diminution of the value of the estate granted. Christmas v. Lafrance, 6 Ohio St. 178; Chestnut v. Tyson, 105 Ala. 149, 53 Am. St. Rep. 101; Christy v. Bedell, 10 Kan. App. 435, 61 Pac. 1095.

Usual covenants. An agreement on the part of the covenantor, to do those things at the election of the covenantee, as the case may be. Piatt, Cov.; Rawle, Cov. §§ 98, 99. See Sugd. Vend. 500; Armstrong v. Darby, 26 Mo. 520.—Covenant for quiet enjoyment. An assurance against incumbrances on the land conveyed; a stipulation against all rights to or interests in the land which may subsist in third persons to the diminution of the value of the estate granted. Shep. Touch. 161. A personal covenant, on the other hand, is one which binds the several covenantors each for himself, but not jointly. Shep. Touch. 161.

Covenants against incumbrances. A covenant that there are no incumbrances on the land conveyed; a stipulation against all rights to or interests in the land which may subsist in third persons to the diminution of the value of the estate granted. See Bank v. Parisette, 68 Ohio St. 450, 67 N. E. 896; Shearer v. Ranger, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 447; Staitford v. Wells, 12 Or. 301, 7 Pac. 324.

Specific covenants.—Covenant against incumbrances. An undertaking, in the form of a covenant, on the part of the vendor of real estate to do much further, and for the same purpose, than is required by the purchaser's title as the latter may reasonably require. This covenant is deemed of great importance, since it relates both to the title of the vendor and to the instrument of conveyance. See Bank v. Parisette, 68 Ohio St. 450, 67 N. E. 896; Shearer v. Ranger, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 447; Staitford v. Wells, 12 Or. 301, 7 Pac. 324. An assurance against the consequences of a defective title, and of any disturbances thereupon. Platt, Cov. 312; Rawle, Cov. 125. A covenant that the tenant or grantee of an estate shall enjoy the possession of the premises in peace and without disturbance by hostile claimants. Poposevitch v. Wyckoff, 68 Wis. 450, 66 Am. Rep. 35, 60 Am. Rep. 303; Stewart v. Drake, 9 N. J. Law, 141; Kane v. Mink, 64 Iowa, 84, 19 N. W. 852; Co. v. Col. v. Tyson, 210 N. Y. 149, 16 South. 422, 53 Am. St. Rep. 101; Christie v. Bedell, 10 Kan. App. 435, 61 Pac. 1065.

Covenants for title. Covenants usually inserted in a conveyance of land, on the part of the grantor, and binding him for the completeness, security, and continuance of the title transferred to the grantee. They comprise "covenants by the grantor that he has a right to convey, against incumbrances, or quiet enjoyment, sometimes for further assurance, and almost always of warranty?" Piatt, Cov.; Rawle, Cov. Such as do not run with the land.—Covenant not to sue. A covenant by one who had a right of action at the time of mak-
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COVENANTER. The party to whom a covenant is made. Shep. Touch. 160.

COVENANTOR. The party who makes a covenant. Shep. Touch. 160.

COVENANTS PERFORMED. In Pennsylvania practice. This is the name of a plea to the action of covenant whereby the defendant, upon informal notice to the plaintiff, may give anything in evidence which he might have pleaded. With the addition of the words "abque hoc" it amounts to a denial of the allegations of the declaration; and the further addition of "with leave," etc., imports an equitable defense, arising out of special circumstances, which the defendant means to offer in evidence. Zents v. Leguard, 70 Pa. 192; Stewart v. Bedell, 79 Pa. 336; Turnpike Co. v. McCullough, 25 Pa. 303.

COVERT. A contraction, in the old books, of the word "convent."

COVERTRY ACT. The name given to the statute 22 & 23 Car. II. c. 1, which provided for the punishment of assaults with intent to maim or disfigure a person. It was so named from its being occasioned by an assault on Sir John Coventry in the street. 4 Bl. Comm. 207; State v. Cody, 18 Or. 506, 23 Pac. 891.

COVER INTO. The phrase "covered into the treasury," as used in acts of congress and the practice of the United States treasury department, means that money has actually been paid into the treasury in the regular manner, as distinguished from merely depositing it with the treasurer. U.S. v. Johnston, 124 U. S. 236, 8 Sup. Ct. 446, 31 L. Ed. 389.

COVERT. Covered, protected, sheltered. A pound covert is one that is close or covered over, as distinguished from pound overt, which is open overhead. Co. Litt. 47b; 3 Bl. Comm. 12. A feme covert is so called, as being under the wing, protection, or cover of her husband. 1 Bl. Comm. 442.

—Covert baron, or covert de baron. Under the protection of a husband; married. 1 Bl. Comm. 442. La feme que est covert de baron, the woman which is covert of a husband. Litt. § 670.

COVERTURE. The condition or state of a married woman. Sometimes used elliptically to describe the legal disability arising from a state of coverture. Osborne v. Horine, 19 Ill. 124; Roberts v. Lund, 45 Vt. 86.

COVIN. A secret conspiracy or agreement between two or more persons to injure or defraud another. Mix v. Muzzy, 28 Conn. 191; Anderson v. Osceola (Ind. App.) 35 N. E. 707; Hyslop v. Clarke, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 465.

COVINOUS. Decentful; fraudulent; having the nature of, or tainted by, covin.

COWARDICE. Pusillanimity; fear; misbehavior through fear in relation to some duty to be performed before an enemy. O'Brien, Ct. M. 142; Coll v. State, 62 Neb. 15, 86 N. W. 925.

CRAFT. 1. A general term, now commonly applied to all kinds of sailing vessels, though formerly restricted to the smaller...
vessels. The Wenonah, 21 Grat. (Va.) 697; Reed v. Ingham, 3 El. & B. 598.

2. A trade or occupation of the sort requiring skill and training, particularly manual skill combined with a knowledge of the principles of the art; also the body of persons pursuing such a calling; a guild. Ganahl v. Shore, 24 Ga. 23.

3. Guile, artful cunning, trickiness. Not a legal term in this sense, though often used in connection with such terms as "Fraud" and "artifact."

CRANEAGE. A liberty to use a crane for drawing up goods and wares of burden from ships and vessels, at any creek of the sea, or wharf, unto the land, and to make a profit of doing so. It also signifies the money paid and taken for the service. Tomlins.

CRANK. A term vulgarly applied to a person of eccentric, ill-regulated, and unpractical mental habits; a person half-crazed; a monomaniac; not necessarily equivalent to "insane person," "lunatic," or any other term descriptive of complete mental derangement, and not carrying any implication of homicidal mania. Walker v. Tribune Co. (C. C.) 29 Fed. 827.

CRASSUS. Large; gross; excessive; extreme. Crassa ignorantta, gross ignorance. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 22, § 18.

CREANCE. In French law. A claim; a debt; also belief, credit, faith.

CREANCER. One who trusts or gives credit; a creditor. Britt cc. 28, 78.

CREANSOR. A creditor. Cowell.

CREATE. To bring into being; to cause to exist; to produce; as, to create a trust in lands, to create a corporation. Edwards v. Bibb, 54 Ala. 481; McClellan v. McClellan, 65 Me. 500.

To create a charter or a corporation is to make one which never existed before, while to renew one is to give vitality to one which has been forfeited or has expired; to extend one is to give an existing charter more time than originally limited. Moers v. Reading, 21 Pa. 189; Railroad Co. v. Orton (C. C.) 52 Fed. 473; Indianola v. Navin, 161 Ind. 138, 51 N. E. 59, 41 L. R. A. 344.

CREDENTIALS. In international law. The instruments which authorize and establish a public minister in his character with the state or prince to whom they are addressed. If the state or prince receive the minister, he can be received only in the quality attributed to him in his credentials. They are, as it were, his letter of attorney, his mandate patent, mandatum manifestum. Vattel, liv. 4, c. 6, § 76.

CREDIBLE. Worthy of belief; entitled to credit. See COMPETENCY.

—Credible person. One who is trustworthy and entitled to be believed; in law and legal proceedings, one who is entitled to have his oath or affidavit accepted as reliable, not only on account of his good reputation for veracity, but also on account of his intelligence, knowledge of the circumstances, and disinterested relation to the matter in question. Dunn v. State, 7 Tex. App. 605; Territory v. Leary, 8 N. M. 130, 48 Pac. 658; Peck v. Chambers, 44 W. Va. 270, 28 S. E. 706; Savage v. Bulger (Ky.) 77 S. W. 717; Amory v. Fellowes, 5 Mass. 223; Bacon v. Bacon, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 134; Robinson v. Savage, 124 Ill. 266, 15 N. E. 850.—Credibility. Worthiness of belief; that quality in a witness which renders his evidence worthy of belief. After the competence of a witness is allowed, the consideration of his credibility arises, and not before. 3 Bl. Comm. 369; 1 Burrows, 414, 417; Smith v. Jones, 68 Vt. 132, 34 Atl. 424. As to the distinction between competency and credibility, see COMPETENCY.

—Credibly informed. The statement in a pleading or affidavit that one is "credibly informed and verily believes" such and such facts, means that, having no direct personal knowledge of the matter in question, he has derived his information in regard to it from authentic sources or from the statements of persons who are not only "credible," in the sense of being trustworthy, but also informed as to the particular matter or conversant with it.

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time, in consequence of the favorable opinion held by the community, or by the particular lender, as to the success and reliability. People v. Wasservogel, 77 Cal. 173, 19 Pac. 270; Dry Dock Bank v. Trust Co., 3 N. Y. 356.

2. Time allowed to the buyer of goods by the seller, in which to make payment for them.

3. The correlative of a debt; that is, a debt considered from the creditor's standpoint, or that which is incoming or due to one.

4. That which is due to a merchant, as distinguished from debt, that which is due by him.

5. That influence connected with certain social positions. 20 Toullier, n. 18.

The credit of an individual is the trust reposed in him by those who deal with him that he is of ability to meet his engagements; and he is trusted because through the tribunals of the country an extent of credit may be made. The credit of a government is founded on a belief of its ability to comply with its engagements, and a confidence in its honor, that it will do that voluntarily which it cannot be compelled to do. Owen v. Branch Bank, 3 Ala. 258.

-Bill of credit. See BILL.—Letter of credit. An open or sealed letter, from a merchant in one place, directed to another, in another place or country, requiring him, if a person therein named, or the bearer of the letter, shall have occasion to buy commodities, or to want a sum of money on any account whatever, to procure the same or to pass his promise, bill, or bond for it, the writer of the letter undertaking to provide him the money for the goods, or to repay him by exchange, or to give him such satisfaction as he shall require, either for himself, or the bearer of the letter. 3 Chit. Com. Law, 336.

-Other compound and descriptive terms.

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CREDITOR. A person to whom a debt is owing by another person, called the “debtor.” Mohr v. Elevator Co., 40 Minn. 246, 41 N. E. 74; Cohen v. Swarts, 89 Cal. 83, 43 Ill. App. 424; Insurance Co. v. Meeker, 37 N. J. Law, 300; Walsh v. Miller, 51 Ohio St. 462, 38 N. E. 381. The foregoing is the strict legal sense of the term; but in a wider sense it means, one who has a legal right to demand and recover from another a sum of money on any account whatever, and hence may include the owner of any right of action against another, whether arising on contract or for a tort, a penalty, or a forfeiture. Keith v. Hiner, 63 Ark. 244, 38 S. W. 985; Wood v. Bill, 25 Am. Rep. 278; Chalmers v. Sheeshy, 132 Cal. 459, 64 Pac. 709, 84 Am. St. Rep. 62; Pierstoff v. Jorges, 86 Wis. 128, 56 N. W. 735, 39 Am. St. Rep. 881.

Classification. A creditor is called a “simple contract creditor,” a “specialty creditor,” a “bond creditor,” or otherwise, according to the nature of his security. 2 Am. & Eng. Lex. Bank v. Gurney, 304, 313.

Other compound and descriptive terms.

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-Attaching creditor. One who has caused an attachment to be issued and levied on property of his debtor. A creditor. In Scotch law, one whose debt is secured on all or on several distinct parts of the debtor's property. The contrasted term (designating one who is not so secured) is “secondary creditor.”

-Certificate creditor. A creditor of a municipal corporation who receives a certificate of indebtedness for the amount of his claim, there being no funds on hand to pay him. Johnson v. New Orleans, 46 La. Ann. 714, 15 South. 100.—Confidential creditor. A term sometimes applied to creditors of a failing debtor who furnished him with the means of obtaining credit to which his real circumstances did not entitle him, those involvings loss to other creditors, not in his confidence. Gay v. Strickland, 112 Ala. 370.

-Credit foncier. A company or corporation formed for carrying on railway, bridge, and other public works, building of railroads, operation of mines, or other such enterprises, by means of loans or advances on the security of personal property. Barrett v. Savings Inst., 54 N. J. Eq. 425, 54 Atl. 543.

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CREDIT. Fr. Credit In the English sense of the term, or more particularly, the security for a loan or advancement.

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debtor has his domicile or his property.—General creditor. A creditor at large (aspara), or one who has no lien or security for the payment of his debt or claim. King v. Fraser, 23 S. C. 543; Welcott v. Ashenfelter, 5 N. M. 442, 23 Pac. 790, 8 L. R. A. 691.—Joint creditors. Parties jointly entitled to require satisfaction of the same debt or demand.—Judgment creditor. One who has obtained a judgment against his debtor, under which he can enforce execution. King v. Fraser, 23 S. C. 543; Baxter v. Moses, 77 Me. 465, 1 Atl. 350, 52 Am. Rep. 783; Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1809, § 3345.—Junior creditor. One whose claim or demand accrued at a date later than that of a claim or demand held by another creditor, who is called correspondently the "senior" creditor.—Lien creditor. See LIEN.—Preferred creditor. See Preferred.—Principal creditor. One whose claim or demand very greatly exceeds the claims of all other creditors in amount is sometimes so called. See in re Sullivan's Estate, 25 Wash. 439, 65 Pac. 793.—Secured creditor. See SECURED.—Subsequent creditor. One whose claim or demand accrued or came into existence after a given fact or transaction, such as the recording of a deed or mortgage or the execution of a voluntary conveyance. McFee v. Wells, 57 S. C. 280, 35 S. E. 529, 76 Am. St. Rep. 567; Evans v. Lewis, 30 Ohio St. 14.—Warrant creditor. A creditor of a municipal corporation to whom a warrant is given a municipal warrant for the amount of his claim, because there are no funds in hand to pay it. Johnson v. New Orleans, 45 La. Ann. 714, 15 South. 100.

Creditor's Bill. In English practice. A bill in equity, filed by one or more creditors, for an account of the assets of a deceased, and a legal settlement and distribution of his estate among themselves and such other creditors as may come in under the decree.

In American practice. A proceeding to enforce the security of a judgment creditor against the property or interests of his debtor. This action proceeds upon the theory that the judgment is in the nature of a lien, such as may be enforced in equity. Hudson v. Wood (C. C.) 119 Fed. 775; Pink v. Patterson (C. C.) 21 Fed. 602; Gould v. Torrance, 19 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 500; McCartney v. Bostwick, 32 N. Y. 57.

A creditor's bill, strictly, is a bill by which a creditor seeks to satisfy his debt out of some equitable estate of the defendant, which is not liable to levy and sale under an execution at law. But there is another sort of a creditors' bill, very nearly allied to the former, by means of which a party seeks to remove a fraudulent conveyance out of the way of his execution. But a naked bill to set aside a fraudulent deed, which seeks no discovery of any property, chose in action, or other thing alleged to belong to the defendant, and which ought to be subjected to the payment of the judgment, is not a creditors' bill. Newman v. Willetts, 52 Ill. 98.

Creditorum appellatione non hi tanti tum accipiantur qui pecuniam crediderunt, sed omnes quibus ex qualibet causa debetur. Under the head of "creditors" are included, not alone those who have lented money, but all to whom from any cause a debt is owing. Dig. 50, 16, 11.

Creditrix. A female creditor.

Creek. In maritime law. Such little inlets of the sea, whether within the precinct or extent of a port or without, as are narrow passages, and have shore on either side of them. Call. Sew. 56.


The term imports a recess, cove, bay, or inlet in the shore of a river, and not a separate or independent stream; though it is sometimes used in the latter meaning. Schermerhorn v. Railroad Co., 38 N. Y. 106.

Cremamentum Comitatü. The increase of a county. The sheriffs of counties anciently answered in their accounts for the improvement of the king's rents, above the viscontei rents, under this title.

Crepare Oculum. In Saxon law. To put out an eye; which had a pecuniary punishment of fifty shillings annexed to it.

Crepusulum. Twilight. In the law of burglary, this term means the presence of sufficient light to discern the face of a man; such light as exists immediately before the rising of the sun or directly after its setting.

Crepusculum. In medical jurisprudence. A form of imperfect or arrested mental development which may amount to idiocy, with physical degeneracy or deformity or lack of development; endemic in Switzerland and some other parts of Europe, but the term is applied to similar states occurring elsewhere.

Cretius. In old records. A sudden stream or torrent; a rising or inundation.

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Cretus. Lat. In the civil law. A certain number of days allowed an heir to deliberate whether he would take the inheritance or not. Calvin.

Crew. The aggregate of seamen who man a ship or vessel, including the master and officers; or it may mean the ship's company, exclusive of the master, or exclusive of the master and all other officers. See U. S. v. Winn, 3 Sumn. 209, 25 Fed. Cas. 733; Millaudon v. Martin, 6 Rob. (La.) 540; U. S. v. Hoff (C. C.) 13 Fed. 630.

Crew List. In maritime law. A list of the crew of a vessel; one of a ship's papers. This instrument is required by act of congress, and
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CRIER. An officer of a court, who makes proclamations. His principal duties are to announce the opening of the court and its adjournment and the fact that certain special matters are about to be transacted, to announce the admission of persons to the bar, to call the names of jurors, witnesses, and parties, to announce that a witness has been sworn, to proclaim silence when so directed, and generally to make such proclamations of a public nature as the judges order.

CRIZ LA PEZZ. Rehearse the concord, or peace. A phrase used in the ancient proceedings for levying fines. It was the form of words by which the justice before whom the parties appeared directed the serjeant or quorum in attendance to recite or read aloud the concord or agreement between the parties, as to the lands intended to be conveyed. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 224, 225.


CRIME. A crime is an act committed or omitted, in violation of a public law, either forbidding or commanding it; a breach or violation of some public right or duty due to a whole community, considered as a community in its social aggregate capacity, as distinguished from a civil injury. Wilkins v. U. S., 96 Fed. 837, 37 C. C. A. 588; Found­er v. Ashe, 36 Neb. 564, 54 N. W. 847; State v. Bishop, 7 Conn. 183; In re Bergin, 31 Wis. 386; State v. Brazier, 27 Ohio St. 78; People v. Williams, 24 Mich. 163, 9 Am. Rep. 119; In re Clark, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 212. "Crime" and "misdemeanor," properly speaking, are synonymous terms; though in common usage "crime" is made to denote such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye. 4 Bl. Comm. 5.

A crime may be defined to be any act done in violation of those duties which an individual owes to the community, and for the breach of which the law has provided that the offender shall make satisfaction to the public. Bell.

A crime or public offense is an act committed or omitted in violation of a law forbidding or commanding it, and to which is annexed, upon conviction, either of the following punishments: (1) Death; (2) imprisonment; (3) fine; (4) removal from office; or (5) disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit in this state. Pen. Code Cal. § 35.

A crime or misdemeanor shall consist in a violation of a public law, in the commission of which there shall be a union or joint operation of act and intention, or criminal negligence. Code Ga. 1852, § 4292.

Synonyms. According to Blackstone, the word "crime" denotes such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye, while smaller faults and omissions of less consequence are called "misdemeanors." But the better use appears to be to make crime a term of broad and general application, including both crimes and misdemeanors, and hence covering all infractions of the criminal law. In this sense it is not a technical phrase, strictly speaking, (as "felony" and "misdemeanor" are,) but a convenient general term. In this sense, also, "offense" or "public offense" should be used as synonymous with crime.

The distinction between a crime and a tort or civil injury is that the former is a breach and violation of the public right and of duties due to the whole community considered as such, in its social and aggregate capacity; whereas the latter is an infringement or privation of the civil rights of individuals as such. A crime is opposed to a civil injury, is the violation of a right, considered in reference to the evil tendency of such violation, as regards the community at large. 4 Steph. Comm. 4.

Varieties of crimes—Capital crime. One for which the punishment of death is prescribed and inflicted. Walker v. State, 26 Tex. App. 503, 13 S. W. 899; Ex parte Duesbery, 97 Mo. 301, 37 L. W. 217.—Common-law crimes. Such crimes as are punishable by the force of the common law, as distinguished from crimes created by statute. Wilkins v. U. S., 96 Fed. 837, 37 C. C. A. 588; P. Greene, C. C. 52 Fed. 111. These decisions (and many others) hold that there are no common-law crimes against the United States.—Con­structive crime. See CONSTRUCTIVE.—Contin­uous crime. One consisting of a continuous series of acts which endures after the period of consummation, as, the offense of carrying concealed weapons. In the case of instantaneous crimes, the statute of limitations begins to run with the consummation, while in the case of continuous crimes it only begins with the cessation of the criminal conduct or act. U. S. v. Owen (C. C.) 32 Fed. 537.~Crime against the offense. The offense is committed by sodomy. State v. Vicknair, 52 La. Ann. 1921, 28 South. 273; Ausman v. Veal, 10 Ind. 393, 71 Am. Dec. 35; People v. Wint, 32 Cal. 397.—High crimes. High crimes and misdemeanors are such immoral and unlawful acts as are nearly allied and equal in guilt to felony, yet, owing to some technical circumstance, do not fall within the definition of "felony." State v. Knapp, 6 Conn. 147, 16 Am. Dec. 68.—Infamous crime. A crime which entails infamy upon one who has committed it. Butler v. Wentworth, 84 Me. 25, 24 Atl. 456, 17 L. R. A. 764. The term "infamous"—i. e., without fame or good report—was applied at common law to certain crimes, upon the conviction of which a person became incompetent to testify as a witness, upon the theory that a person who would not commit so heinous a crime not heinous so heinous a crime would not commit so heinous a crime unless he was so depraved as to be unworthy of credit. These crimes are treason, felony, and the crim­es felatia. The crime punishable by imprisonment in the state prison or penitentiary, with or without hard labor, is an infamous crime, without the provision of the fifth amendment of the constitution that "no person shall be held to answer for a capital or otherwise infamous crime unless on a presentment or in­dictment by grand jury," 117 U. S. 348, 6 Sup. Ct. 777, 29 L. Ed. 909.
"Infamous," as used in the fifth amendment to the United States constitution, in reference to crimes, includes those only of the class called "crimen falsi," which both involve the charge of falsehood, and may also injuriously affect the public administration of justice by introducing falsehood and fraud. U. S. v. Block, 15 N. E. R. 325, Fed. Cas. No. 14,600. By the Revised Statutes of New York the term "infamous crime" when used in any statute, is directed to be construed as including every offense punishable with death or by imprisonment in a prison for life. 2 Rev. St. 908, 909; 902, 903; 831, p. 587, § 32.—Quasi crimes. This term embraces all offenses not crimes or misdemeanors, but that are in the nature of crimes—a class of offenses against the public which have not been declared crimes, but wrongs against the general or local public which it is proper should be repressed or punished by forfeitures and penalties. This would embrace all qui tam actions and forfeitures imposed for the neglect or violation of a public duty. A quasi crime would not embrace an indictable offense, whatever might be its grade, but simply forfeitures for a wrong done to the public, whether voluntary or involuntary, where a penalty is given, whether recoverable by criminal or civil process. Wiggins v. Chicago, 63 Ill. 375.—Statutory crimes. Those created by statutes, as distinguished from such as are known to, or cognizable by, the common law. C"amen. Lat. Crime. Also an accusation or charge of crime. —Crimen furti. The crime or offense of theft.—Crimen incendi. The crime of burning, which included not only the modern crime of arson, but also the burning of a man, a beast, or other chattel. Brit. c. 9; Crabb, Eng. Law, 305.—Crimen falso obsatum. The crime of false evidence; the crime against nature: sodomy orbuggery.—Crimen raptus. The crime of rape.—Crimen roberiae. The offense of robbery. —Flagrant crimen; Locus eriminis; Particeps criminis. See those titles.

CRIMEN FALSI. In the civil law. The crime of falsifying; which might be committed either by writing, as by the forgery of a will or other instrument; by words, as by bearing false witness, or perjury; and by acts, as by counterfeiting or adulterating the public money, dealing with false weights and measures, counterfeiting seals, and other fraudulent and deceitful practices. Dig. 48, 10; Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 12, nn. 56-59.

In Scotch law. It has been defined: "A fraudulent imitation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another." Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 66.

At common law. Any crime which may injuriously affect the administration of justice, by the introduction of falsehood and fraud. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 373.

In modern law. This phrase is not used as a designation of any specific crime, but as a general designation of a class of offenses, including all such as involve deceit or falsification; e. g., forgery, counterfeiting, using false weights or measures, perjury, etc.


CRIMEN FALSI dictur, cum quis illicitus, cui non fuerit ad haec data auctoritas, de sigillo regis, rapto vel invento, brevia, cartasve consignaverit. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 23. The crime of forgery is when any one illicitly, to whom power has not been given for such purposes, has signed writs or charters with the king's seal, either stolen or found.

CRIMEN LSE MAJESTATIS. In criminal law. The crime of lse-majesty, or injuring majesty or royalty; high treason. The term was used by the older English law-writers to denote any crime affecting the king's person or dignity.

It is borrowed from the civil law, in which it signified the undertaking of any enterprise against the emperor or the republic. Inst. 4, 18, 3.

Crimen lesse majestatis omnia alla crimina excedit quoad punam. 3 Inst. 210. The crime of treason exceeds all other crimes in its punishment.


Crimen transit personam. The crime carries the person, (i.e., the commission of a crime gives the courts of the place where it is committed jurisdiction over the person of the offender.) People v. Adams, 3 Denio (N. Y.) 190, 210, 45 Am. Dec. 468.

Crimina morte extinguentur. Crimes are extinguished by death.

CRIMINAL, n. One who has committed a criminal offense; one who has been legally convicted of a crime; one adjudged guilty of crime. Molineux v. Collins, 177 N. Y. 395, 69 N. E. 727, 65 L. R. A. 104.

CRIMINAL, adj. That which pertains to or is connected with the law of crimes, or the administration of penal justice, or which relates to or has the character of crime. Charleston v. Beiler, 45 W. Va. 44, 30 S. E. 152; State v. Burton, 113 N. C. 655, 18 S. E. 657.

—Criminal act. A term which is equivalent to crime; or is sometimes used with a slight softening or glossing of the meaning, as importing a possible question of the legal guilt of the deed.—Criminal action. The proceeding by which a party charged with a public offense is accused and brought to trial and punishment is known as a "criminal action." Pen.
A criminal action is (1) an action prosecuted by the state as a party, against a person charged with a public offense, for the purpose of convicting and punishing the person prosecuted by the state, at the instance of an individual, to prevent an apprehended crime, against his person or property. Code N. C. 1883, § 1293.

The difference between a tenant and a cropper. A cropper has no estate in the crops. Until division, the right of property and of possession in the whole is in the lord, who must divide off to the cropper his share. Harrison v. Ricks, 71 N. C. 7.

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CROSS. A mark made by persons who are unable to write, to stand instead of a signature; usually made in the form of a Maltese cross.

As an adjective, the word is applied to various demands and proceedings which are connected in subject-matter, but opposite or contradictory in purpose or object.

—Cross-action. An action brought by one who is defendant in a suit against the party who is plaintiff in such suit, whether he be a contract or tort.—Cross-demand. Where a person against whom a demand is made by another, in his turn makes a demand against that other, these mutual demands are called "cross-demands". A set-off is a familiar example. Musselman v. Gallagher, 32 Iowa, 385.—Cross-errors. Errors being assigned by the respondent as a writ of error, the errors assigned on both sides are called "cross-errors".


CROWN. The sovereign power in a monarchy, especially in relation to the punishment of crimes. "Felony is an offense of the crown." Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 16.

An ornamental badge of regal power worn on the head by sovereign princes. The word is frequently used when speaking of the sovereign himself, or the rights, duties, and prerogatives belonging to him. Also a silver coin of the value of five shillings. Wharton.

—Crown cases. In English law. Criminal prosecutions on behalf of the crown as representing the public; causes in the criminal courts.—Crown cases reserved. In English law. Questions of law arising in criminal trials at the assizes which, whether it be a contract or tort, are to be left for the consideration of the court of criminal appeal.—Crown court. In English law. The court in which the crown cases, or criminal business, of the assizes is transacted.—Crown debts. In English law. Debts due to the crown, which are put, by various statutes, on a different footing from those due to a subject.—Crown lands. The demesne lands of the crown.—Crown law. Criminal law in England is sometimes so termed, the crown being always the prosecutor in criminal proceedings.

4 Bl. Comm. 2.—Crown office. The criminal side of the court of king's bench. The king's attorney in this court is called "master of the crown office." 4 Bl. Comm. 208.—Crown office in chancery. One of the offices of the English high court of chancery, now transferred to the high court of justice. The principal official, the clerk of the crown, is an officer of parliament, and of the lord chancellor, in his judicial capacity; and that in the courts of law.—Crown paper. A paper containing the list of criminal cases which await the hearing or decision of the court, and particularly of the court of king's bench; and it then includes all cases arising from informations quo warranto, criminal informations, criminal cases brought up from inferior courts by special letters of conviction or other of the same nature. Brown.—Crown side. The criminal department of the court of king's bench; the civil department or branch being called the "plea side." 4 Bl. Comm. 225.—Crown solicitor. In England, the solicitor of the crown in state prosecutions, as solicitor for the crown in preparing the prosecution. In Ireland there are officers called "crown solicitors" attached to each circuit, whose duty it is to get up every case for the crown in criminal prosecutions. They are paid by salaries. There is no such system in England, where prosecutions are conducted by solicitors appointed by the parish, or other persons bound over to prosecute by the magistrates on each committal; but in Ireland the still better plan exists of a crown prosecutor (called the "procurator-fiscal," and being a subordinate of the lord-advocate) in every county, who prepares every criminal prosecution. Wharton.


CRUCE SIGNATI. In old English law. Signed or marked with a cross. Pilgrims to the holy land, or crusaders; so called because they wore the sign of the cross upon their garments. Spelman.

CRUELTY. The intentional and malicious infliction of physical suffering upon living creatures, particularly human beings; or, as applied to the latter, the wanton, malicious, and unnecessary infliction of pain upon the body, or the feelings and emotions; abusive treatment; inhumanity; outrage.


As between husband and wife. Those acts which affect the life, the health, or even the comfort, of the party aggrieved and give a reasonable apprehension of bodily hurt, are called "cruelty." What merely wounds the feelings is seldom admitted to be cruelty, unless the act be accompanied with bodily injury, either actual or menaced. Mere austerity of temper, petulance of manners, rudeness of language, a want of civil attention and accommodation, even occasional sallies of passion, will not amount to "cruelty." As to "cruelty" in this sense, see May v. May, 62 Pa. 296; Waldron v. Waldron, 85 Cal. 251, 24 Pac. 649, 9 L. R. A. 487; Ring v. Ring, 118 Ga. 188, 43 S. E. 188; Sharp v. Sharp, 16 L. R. A. 785; Sharp v. Sharp, 16 Ill. App. 348; Myrick v. Myrick, 67 Ga. 771; Shell v. Shell, 2 Sneed (Tenn.) 716; Vignos v. Vignos, 15 Ill. 186; Poor v. Poor, 8 N. H. 307, 29 Am. Dec. 646; Goodrich v. Goodrich, 44 Ala. 670; Bailey v. Bailey, 97 Mass. 573; Close v. Close, 25 N. J. Eq. 526; Cole v. Cole, 23 Iowa, 433; Turner v. Turner, 122 Iowa, 113, 97 N. W. 997; Levin v. Levin, 68 S. C. 123, 46 S. E. 945.

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Cruelty includes both willfulness and malicious temper of mind with which an act is done, as well as a high degree of pain inflicted. Acts merely accidental, though they inflict great pain, are not "cruel" in the sense in which the word is used in statutes against cruelty. Comm. v. McClintick, 101 Mass. 34.

—Cruelty to animals. The infliction of physical pain, suffering, or death upon an animal, when not necessary for purposes of training or discipline or (in the case of death) to procure food or to release the animal from incurable suffering, but done wantonly, for mere sport, for the indulgence of a cruel and vindictive temper, or with reckless indifference to the pain. Com. v. Lufkin, 7 Allen (Mass.) 581; State v. Avery, 44 N. H. 392; Paine v. Bergh, 1 City Ct R. (N. Y.) 160; State v. Porter, 112 N. C. 887, 16 S. E. 915; State v. Bosworth, 54 Conn. 1, 4 Atl. 248; McKinnis v. State, 81 Ga. 164, 9 S. E. 1091; Waters v. People, 23 Colo. 33, 46 Pac. 112, 33 L. R. A. 220.

CRIER. A term of French maritime law. See A CUEILLETTE.

CUI ANTE DIVORTIUM. (To whom before divorce.) A writ for a woman divorced from her husband to recover her lands and tenements which she had in fee-simple or in tail, or for life, from him to whom her husband alienated them during the marriage, when she could not gain an entry. Reg. Orig. 233.

CUI BONO. For whose good; for whose use or benefit. "Cui bono is ever of great weight in all agreements." Parker, C. J., 10 Mod. 133. Sometimes translated, for what good, for what useful purpose.

Cuiunque aliquis quid concedit concedere videtur et id, sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit. 11 Coke, 52. Whoever grants anything to another is supposed to grant that also without which the thing itself would be of no effect.

CUI IN VITA. (To whom in life.) A writ of entry for a widow against him to whom her husband alienated her lands or tenements in his life-time; which must contain in that during his life she could not withstand it. Reg. Orig. 232; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 138.

Cui jurisdictio data est, ea quoque concessa esse videntur, sine quibus jurisdiccti expilare non potest. Whosoever a jurisdiction is given, those things also are supposed to be granted, without which the jurisdiction cannot be exercised. Dig. 2, 1, 2. The grant of jurisdiction implies the grant of all powers necessary to its exercise. 1 Kent, Comm. 339.

Cui jus est donandi, eadem et vendendi et concedendi jus est. He who has the right of giving has also the right of selling and granting. Dig. 50, 17, 163.

Cui in arte sua perito est credendum. Any person skilled in his peculiar art or profession is to be believed, [i. e., when he speaks of matters connected with such art.] Co. Litt. 126a; Shelf. Mar. & Div. 206. Credence should be given to one skilled in his peculiar profession. Broom, Max. 332.

Saxon language is said to signify the scolding-stool, though now it is frequently corrupted into ducking-stool, because the judgment was that, when the woman was placed therein, she should be plunged in the water for her punishment. It was also variously called a "trebucket," "tumbrel," or "castigatory." 3 Inst. 219; 4 Bl. Comm. 169; Brown. James v. Comm., 12 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 220.
CULIBET LICET JURI PRO SE

Culibet licet juri pro se introducto renunciare. Any one may waive or renounce the benefit of a principle or rule of law that exists only for his protection.

Cul licet quod majus, non debet quod minus est non licere. He who is allowed to do the greater ought not to be prohibited from doing the less. He who has authority to do the more important act ought not to be debarred from doing what is of less importance. 4 Coke, 22.

Cui pater est populus non habet ille patrem. He to whom the people is father has not a father. Co. Litt. 123.

Cunque in sua arte credendum est. Every one is to be believed in his own art. Dickinson v. Barber, 9 Mass. 227, 6 Am. Dec. 58.

Cujus est commodum ejus debet esse incommodum. Whose is the advantage, his also should be the disadvantage.

Cujus est dare, ejus est disponere. Whose it is to give, his it is to dispose; or, as Broom says, “the bestower of a gift has a right to regulate its disposal.” Broom, Max. 469, 461, 463, 464.

Cujus est divisio, alterius est electio. Whichever [of two parties] has the division, [of an estate,] the choice [of the shares] is the other’s. Co. Litt. 1666. In partition between coparceners, where the division is made by the eldest, the rule in English law is that she shall choose her share last. Id.; 2 Bl. Comm. 180; 1 Steph. Comm. 323.

Cujus est dominium ejus est periculum. The risk lies upon the owner of the subject. Tray. Lat. Max. 114.

Cujus est institutum, ejus est abrogare. Whose right it is to institute, his right it is to abrogate. Broom, Max. 575, note.

Cujus est solum ejus est usque ad oceum. Whose is the soil, it is up to the sky. Co. Litt. 4a. He who owns the soil, or surface of the ground, owns, or has an exclusive right to, everything which is upon or above it to an indefinite height. 9 Coke, 54; Shep. Touch. 90; 2 Bl. Comm. 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 217; Broom, Max. 395.

Cujus est solum, ejus est usque ad oceanum et ad inferos. To whomsoever the soil belongs, he owns also to the sky and to the depths. The owner of a piece of land owns everything above and below it to an indefinite extent. Co. Litt. 4.

Cujus juris (i. e., jurisdictionis) est principale, ejusdem juris et accessorium. 2 Inst. 452. An accessory matter is subject to the same jurisdiction as its principal.

Cujus per errorem dati repetitio est, ejus consulto dati donatio est. He who gives a thing by mistake has a right to recover it back; but, if he gives designedly, it is a gift. Dig. 50, 17, 53.

Cujusque rei potissima pars est principium. The chiefest part of everything is the beginning. Dig. 1, 2, 1; 10 Coke, 49a.

CUL DE SAC. (Fr. the bottom of a sack.) A blind alley; a street which is open at one end only. Bartlett v. Bangor, 67 Me. 467; Perrin v. Railroad Co., 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 65; Talbott v. Railroad Co., 31 Grat. (Va.) 691; Hickok v. Plattsburg, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 135.

CULAGIUM. In old records. The laying up a ship in a dock, in order to be repaired. Cowell; Blount.

CULPA. Lat. A term of the civil law, meaning fault, neglect or negligence. There are three degrees of culpa,—lata culpa, gross fault or neglect; levis culpa, ordinary fault or neglect; levisima culpa, slight fault or neglect,—and the definitions of these degrees are precisely the same as those in our law. Story, Bailm. § 18. This term is to be distinguished from dolus, which means fraud, guile, or deceit.

Culpa caret qui scit sed prohibere non potest. He is clear of blame who knows, but cannot prevent. Dig. 50, 17, 50.

Culpa est immiscere se rei ad se non pertinent. It is a fault for any one to meddle in a matter not pertaining to him.

Culpa lata dolo equi paratur. Gross negligence is held equivalent to intentional wrong.

Culpa tenet [teneat] suos anctores. Misconduct binds [should bind] its own authors. It is a never-failing axiom that every one is accountable only for his own delicts. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 14.

CULPABILIS. Lat. In old English law. Guilty. Culpabilita de intrusione,—guilty of intrusion. Pleta, lib. 4, c. 30, § 11. Non culpabilita, (abbreviated to non cul.) In criminal procedure, the plea of “not guilty.” See CULPIT.

CULPABLE. Blamable; censurable; involving the breach of a legal duty or the commission of a fault. The term is not necessarily equivalent to “criminal,” for, in present use, and notwithstanding its derivation, it implies that the act or conduct spoken of is reprehensible or wrong but not that it involves malice or a guilty purpose. “Culpable” in fact connotes fault rather than guilt.
Railway Co. v. Clayberg, 107 Ill. 651; Bank v. Wright, 8 Allen (Mass.) 121.

As to culpable "Homicide," "Neglect," and "Negligence," see those titles.

Culpae poena par esto. Poena ad men-suram delicti statuenda est. Let the punishment be proportioned to the crime. Punishment is to be measured by the extent of the offense.

CULPRIT. A person who is indicted for a criminal offense, but not yet convicted. It is not, however, a technical term of the law; and in its vernacular usage it seems to imply only a light degree of censure or moral reprobation.

Blackstone believes it an abbreviation of the old forms of arraignment, whereby, on the prison-er's pleading not guilty, the clerk would re-spond, "culpabila, proit," i.e., he is guilty and the crown is ready. It was (he says) the voca-voce replication, by the clerk, on behalf of the crown, to the prisoner's plea of non culpabila; proit, being a technical word, anciently in use in the formula of joining issue. 4 Bl. Comm. 339.

But a more plausible explanation is that given by Donaldson, (cited Whart. Lex.,) as follows: The clerk asks the prisoner, "Are you guilty, or not guilty?" Prisoner "Not guilty." Clerk, "Qu'il parott, [may it prove so.] How will you be tried?" Prisoner, "By God and my coun-try." These words being hurried over, came to sound, "culprit, how will you be tried?" The ordinary derivation is from culpa.

CULRACH. In old Scottish law. A speci-ies of pledge or cautioner, (ScotticS, back borgh,) used in cases of the replevin of per-sons from one man's court to another's. Skene.

CULTIVATED. A field on which a crop of wheat is growing is a cultivated field, al-though not a stroke of labor may have been done in it since the seed was put in the ground, and it is a cultivated field after the crop is removed. It is, strictly, a cultivated piece of ground. State v. Allen, 35 N. C. 36.

CULTURA. A parcel of arable land. Blount.

CULVERTAGE. In old English law. A base kind of slavery. The confiscation or for-closure which takes place when a lord seizes his tenant's estate. Blount; Du Cange.

Cum actio fuerit mere criminalis, in-stitui poterit ab initio criminaliter vel civlitter. When an action is merely criminal, it can be instituted from the beginning either criminally or civilly. Bract. 102.

Cum aduant testimonia rerum, quid opus est verba? When the proofs of facts are present, what need is there of words? 2 Bulst. 68.

Cum aliquis renunciaverit societati, solvitur societas. When any partner re-nounces the partnership, the partnership is dissolved. Tray. Lat. Max. 118.

Cum confitente sponte mitius est agen-dum. 4 Inst. 66. One confessing willingly should be dealt with more leniently.

CUM COPULA. Lat. With copulation, 

CUM GRANO SALIS. (With a grain of salt.) With allowance for exaggeration.

CUM legum delectum est duorum, me-lior est causa possessivis. When the ques-tion is as to the gain of two persons, the cause of him who is in possession is the better. Dig. 50, 17, 126.

Cum duo inter se pugnantia reperium-tur in testamento, ultimum ratum est. Where two things repugnant to each other are found in a will, the last shall stand. Co. Litt. 1129; Shep. Touch. 451; Broom, Max. 583.

Cum duo jura concurrent in una per-sona sequum est as si essent in duobus. When two rights meet in one person, it is the same as if they were in two persons.

CUM GRANO SALIS. (With a grain of salt.) With allowance for exaggeration.

CUM in corpore dissentitur, apparat nullam esse acceptio-nem. When there is a disagreement in the substance, it appears that there is no acceptance. Gardner v. Lane, 12 Allen (Mass.) 44.

Cun in testamento ambigue aut eti-am perperam scriptum est benigne in-terpretari et secundum id quod credi-bile est cogitatum credendum est. Dig. 34, 5, 24. Where an ambiguous, or even an erroneous, expression occurs in a will, it should be construed liberally, and in accord-ance with the testator's probable meaning. Broom, Max. 568.

CUM legitima nuptiae factae sunt, pa-trem liberi sequuntur. Children born un-der a legitimate marriage follow the condi-tion of the father.

CUM ONERE. With the burden; sub-ject to an incumbrance or charge. What is taken cum onere is taken subject to an exist-ing burden or charge.

CUM PAR DELICTUM. Semper oneratur petitor et melior habetur pos-sessivis causa. Dig. 50, 17, 164. When both parties are in fault the plaintiff must always fall, and the cause of the person in possession be preferred.
CUM PERA ET LOCULO. With satchel and purse. A phrase in old Scotch law.

CUM PERTINENTIS. With the appurtenances. Bract. fol. 733.

CUM PRIVILEGIO. The expression of the monopoly of Oxford, Cambridge, and the royal printers to publish the Bible.

Cump quad ago non valet ut ago, valeat quantum valere potest. 4 Kent, Comm. 493. When that which I do is of no effect as I do it, it shall have as much effect as it can; i.e., in some other way.

CUM TESTAMENTO ANNOX. L. Lat. With the will annexed. A term applied to administration granted where a testator makes an incomplete will, without naming any executors, or where he names incapable persons, or where the executors named refuse to act. 2 Bl. Comm. 508, 504.

CUMULATIVE. Additional; heaping up; increasing; forming an aggregate. The word signifies that two things are to be added together, instead of one being a repetition or in substitution of the other. People v. Superior Court, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 283; Regina v. Eastern Archipelago Co., 18 Eng. Law & Eq. 183.

—Cumulative dividend. See Stock.—Cumulative offense. One which can be committed only by a repetition of acts of the same kind but committed on different days. The offense of being a "common seller" of intoxicating liquors is an example. Wells v. Com., 12 Gray (Mass.) 328.—Cumulative punishment. An increased punishment inflicted for a second or third conviction of the same offense, under the statutes relating to intoxicating liquors. People v. Hambly, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614. To be distinguished from a "cumulative sentence," as to which see SENTENCE.—Cumulative remedy. A remedy created by statute in addition to one which still remains in force. Railway Co. v. Chicago, 148 111. 141, 35 N. E. 881.—Cumulative voting. A system of voting, by which the elector, having a number of votes equal to the number of officers to be chosen, is allowed to concentrate the whole number of his votes upon one person, or to distribute them as he may see fit. For example, if ten directors of a corporation are to be elected, then, under this system, the voter may cast ten votes for one person, or five votes for each of two persons, etc. It is intended to secure representation of a minority.

As to cumulative "Evidence," "Legacies," and "Sentences," see those titles.

CUNADES. In Spanish law. Affinity; alliance; relation by marriage. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 6, 1, 5.

CUNEAATOR. A coiner. Du Cange. Cuneaare, to coin. Cuneata, the die with which to coin. Cuneata, coined. Du Cange; Spelman.

CUNTEY-CUNTEY. In old English law. A kind of trial, as appears from Bract. lib. 4, tract 3, ca. 18, and tract 4, ca. 2, where it seems to mean, one by the ordinary jury.

CUR. A common abbreviation of curia.

CURA. Lat. Care; charge; oversight; guardianship.

CURATE. In ecclesiastical law. Properly, an incumbent who has the care of souls, but now generally restricted to signify the spiritual assistant of a rector or vicar in his care. An officiating temporary minister in the English church, who represents the proper incumbent; being regularly employed either to serve in his absence or as his assistant, as the case may be. 1 Bl. Comm. 393; 3 Steph. Comm. 88; Brande.

—Perpetual curacy. The office of a curate in a parish where there is no spiritual rector or vicar, but where a clerk (curate) is appointed to officiate there by the impropritor. 2 Burn, Ecc. Law, 55. The church or benefice filled by a curate under these circumstances is also so called.

CURATEUR. In French law. A person charged with supervising the administration of the affairs of an emancipated minor, of giving him advice, and assisting him in the important acts of such administration. Duverger.

CURATIO. In the civil law. The power or duty of managing the property of him who, either on account of infancy or some defect of mind or body, cannot manage his own affairs. The duty of a curator or guardian. Calvin.

CURATIVE. Intended to cure (that is, to obviate the ordinary legal effects or consequences) of defects, errors, omissions, or irregularities. Applied particularly to statutes, a "curative act" being a retrospective law passed in order to validate legal proceedings, the acts of public officers, or private deeds or contracts, which would otherwise be void for defects or irregularities or for want of conformity to existing legal requirements. Melges v. Roberts, 162 N. Y. 371, 56 N. E. 528, 76 Am. St. Rep. 322.

CURATOR. In the civil law. A person who is appointed to take care of anything for another. A guardian. One appointed to take care of the estate of a minor above a certain age, a lunatic, a spendthrift, or other person not regarded by the law as competent to administer it for himself. The
CURATURA. In old European law. A court. The palace, household, or retinue of a sovereign. A judicial tribunal or court held in the sovereign's palace. A court of justice. The civil power, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical. A manor; a nobleman's house; the hall of a manor. A piece of ground attached to a house; a yard or court-yard. Spelman. A lord's court held in his manor. The tenants who did suit and service at the lord's court. A manse. Cowell.

In Roman law. A division of the Roman people, said to have been made by Romulus. They were divided into three tribes, and each tribe into ten curia, making thirty curia in all. Spelman.

The place or building in which each curia assembled to offer sacred rites.

The place of meeting of the Roman senate; the senate house.

The senate house of a province; the place where the decreiones assembled. Cod. 10, 31, 2. See Decuries.

-Curia ad hoc. In the civil law. A guardian for this purpose; a special guardian.

-Curia ad litem. Guardian for the suit. In English law, the corresponding phrase is "guardian ad litem."—Curator bonis. In the civil law. A guardian or trustee appointed to take care of property in certain cases; as for the benefit of creditors. Dig. 42, t. 1. In Scotch law. The term is applied to guardians for minors, lunatics, etc.—Curatores viarum. Surveyors of the highways.

CURATORSHIP. The office of a curator. Curatorship differs from tutorship, (q. v.) in this; that the latter is instituted for the protection of property in the first place, and, secondly, of the person; while the former is intended to protect, first, the person, and secondly, the property. 1 Lec. El. Dr. Civ. Rom. 241.

CURATRIX. A woman who has been appointed to the office of curator; a female guardian. Cross' Curatrix v. Cross' Legatees, 4 Grat. (Va.) 257.

Curatus non habet titulum. A curate has no title, [to tithes.] 3 Bulst. 510.

CURE BY VERDICT. The rectification or rendering nugatory of a defect in the pleadings by the rendition of a verdict; the court will presume, after a verdict, that the particular thing omitted or defectively stated in the pleadings was duly proved at the trial.


CURE OF SOULS. In ecclesiastical law. The ecclesiastical or spiritual charge of a parish, including the usual and regular duties of a minister in charge. State v. Bray, 35 N. C. 290.

CURFEW. An institution supposed to have been introduced into England by order of William the Conqueror, which consisted in the ringing of a bell or bells at eight o'clock at night, at which signal the people were required to extinguish all lights in their dwellings, and to put out or rake up their fires, and retire to rest, and all companies to disperse. The word is probably derived from the French couvre feu, to cover the fire.
CURIA CLAUDENDA. The name of a writ to compel another to make a fence or wall, which he was bound to make, between his land and the plaintiff's. Reg. Orig. 158. Now obsolete.

Curia parlamenti sui propriis legibus subsistit. 4 Inst. 50. The court of parliament is governed by its own laws.

CURIALITY. In Scotch law. Curtesy. Also the privileges, prerogatives, or, perhaps, retinue, of a court.

Curiosa et captiosa interpretation in lege reprobatur. A curious (overnice or subtle) and captious interpretation is reprobated in law. 1 Bulst. 6.

CURNOCK. In old English law. A measure containing four bushels or half a quarter of corn. Cowell; Blount.

CURRENCY. Coined money and such bank-notes or other paper money as are authorized by law and do in fact circulate from hand to hand as the medium of exchange. Griswold v. Hepburn, 2 Duiv. (Ky.) 33; Leonard v. State, 115 Ala. 80, 22 South. 564; Insurance Co. v. Kelron, 27 Ill. 508; Insurance Co. v. Kupfer, 28 Ill. 332, 81 Am. Dec. 284; Lackey v. Miller, 61 N. C. 23.

CURRENT. Running; now in transit; whatever is at present in course of passage; as "the current month." When applied to money, it means "lawful;" current money is equivalent to lawful money. Wharton v. Morris, 1 Dall. 124, 1 L. Ed. 65.


—Current expenses. Ordinary, regular, and continuing expenditures for the maintenance of property, the carrying on of an office, municipal, political, government, etc. Sheldon v. Purdy, 17 Wash. 135, 49 Pac. 228; State v. Board of Education, 68 N. J. Law, 496, 53 Atl. 286; Babcock v. Goodrich, 47 Cal. 510. Current funds. This phrase means gold or silver, or something equivalent thereto, and convertible at pleasure into coined money. Bull v. Bank, 122 U. S. 105, 8 Sup. Ct. 62, 31 L. Ed. 97; Lacy v. Holbrook, 4 Ala. 90; Haddock v. Woods, 48 Iowa, 433. Current money. The currency of the country; whatever is intended to and does actually circulate as currency; every species of coin or currency. Miller v. McKinney, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 96. In this phrase the adjective "current" is not synonymous with "convertible." It is employed to describe money which passes from hand to hand, from person to person, and circulates through the community, and is generally received. Money is current which is received as money in the common business transactions, and is the common medium in barter and trade. Stalworth v. Blum, 41 Ala. 321. Current price. This term means the same as "market value." Cases of Champagne, 23 Fed. Cas. 1165. Current value. The current value of the common market price at the place of exportation, without reference to the price actually paid by the importer. Tappan v. U. S., 22 Fed. Cas. 690. Current wages. Such as are paid periodically, or from time to time as the services are rendered or the work is performed; more particularly, wages for the current period, hence not including such as are past due. Sydnor v. Galveston (Tex. App.) 15 S. W. 202; Bank v. Graham (Tex. App.) 22 S. W. 1101; Bell v. Live Stock Co. (Tex.) 11 S. W. 346, 3 L. R. A. 642. Current year. The year now running. Doe v. Dobell, 1 Adol. & Ed. 506; Clark v. Lancaster County, 69 Neb. 117, 96 N. W. 583.

CURRENNY. The year; of the course of a year; the set of studies for a particular period, appointed by a university.

CURRIT QUATUOR PEDIBUS. Lat. It runs upon four feet; or, as sometimes expressed, it runs upon all fours. A phrase used in arguments to signify the entire and exact application of a case quoted. "It does not follow that they run quatuor pedibus." 1 W. Bl. 145.

Curtit tempus contra desides et sui juris contemtiores. Time runs against the slothful and those who neglect their rights. Bract. folio 1008, 101.

CURSITOR BARON. An officer of the court of exchequer, who is appointed by patent under the great seal to be one of the barons of the exchequer. The office was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 86.

CURSITORS. Clerks in the chancery office, whose duties consisted in drawing up those writs which were of course, de cursu, whence their name. They were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 82. Spence, Eq. Jur. 228; 4 Inst. 82.


CURSOR. An inferior officer of the papal court.

Cursus curiae est lex curiae. 3 Bulst. 53. The practice of the court is the law of the court.

CUTRESEY. The estate to which by common law a man is entitled, on the death of his wife, in the lands or tenements of which she was seised in possession in fee-simple or in tail during her coverture, provided they have had lawful issue born alive which might have been capable of inheriting the estate. It is a freehold estate for the term of his natural life. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 127; 2 Bl. Comm. 120; Co. Litt. 304; Dozier v. Toalson, 180 Mo. 546, 79 S. W. 420, 103 Am. St. Rep. 586; Valentine v. Hutchinson, 43 Misc. Rep. 314, 88 N. Y. Supp. 682; Redus v. Hayden, 45 Miss. 614; Billings v. Baker, 28 Barb. (N. Y.) 945; Templeton v. Twitty, 88 Tenn. 595, 14 S. W. 436; Jackson v. Joho-
son, 5 Cow. (N. Y.) 74, 15 Am. Dec. 433; Ryan v. Freeman, 36 Miss. 175.

Initiate and consummating. Curtesy initiate is the interest which a husband has in his wife's estate after the birth of issue capable of inheriting, and before the death of the wife; after her death, it becomes an estate "by the curtesy consummating." Wait v. Wait, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 205; Churchill v. Hudson (C. C.) 34 Fed. 14; Turner v. Heineberg, 39 Ind. App. 615, 65 N. E. 294.

CURTEYN. The name of King Edward the Confessor's sword. It is said that the point of it was broken, as an emblem of mercy. (Mat. Par. in Hen. III.) Wharton.

CURTILAGE. The inclosed space of ground and buildings immediately surrounding a dwelling-house.

In its most comprehensive and proper legal signification, it includes all that space of ground and buildings thereon which is usually inclosed within the general fence immediately surrounding a principal messuage and outbuildings, and yard which is adjoining to a dwelling-house, but it may be large enough for cattle to be levant and couchant therein. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 175.

The curtilage of a dwelling-house is a space, necessary and convenient and habitually used for the family purposes, and the carrying on of domestic employments. It includes the garden, if there be one, and it need not be separated from other lands by fence. State v. Shaw, 31 Me. 623; Com. v. Barney, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 490; Derrickson v. Edwards, 29 N. J. Law, 474, 80 Am. Dec. 220.

The curtilage is the court-yard in the front or rear of a house, or at its side, or any piece of ground lying near, inclosed and used with the house, and necessary for the convenient occupation of the house. People v. Gedney, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 154.

In Michigan the meaning of curtilage has been extended to include more than an inclosure near the house. People v. Taylor, 2 Mich. 250.


CURTILLIUM. A curtilage; the area or space within the inclosure of a dwelling-house. Spelman.

CURTIS. A garden; a space about a house; a house, or manor; a court, or palace; a court of justice; a nobleman's residence. Spelman.

CUSSORE. A term used in Hindostan for the discount or allowance made in the exchange of rupees, in contradistinction to batta, which is the sum deducted. Enc. Loud.

CUSTA, CUSTAGIUM, CUSTANTIÆ. Costs.

CUSTODE ADMITTENDO, CUSTODE AMOVENDO. Writs for the admitting and removing of guardians.

CUSTODES. In Roman law. Guardians; observers; inspectors. Persons who acted as inspectors of elections, and who counted the votes given. Tyl. Civil Law, 193.

In old English law. Keepers; guardians; conservators.

CUSTODES PACIS, guardians of the peace. 1 Bl. Comm. 349.

CUSTODES LIBERTATIS ANGLIE AUCTORITATE PARLIAMENTI. The style in which writs and all judicial process were made out during the great revolution, from the execution of King Charles I. till Oliver Cromwell was declared protector.

CUSTODIA LEGIS. In the custody of the law. Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 313, 32 Atl. 528.

CUSTODIAM LEASE. In English law. A grant from the crown under the exchequer seal, by which the custody of lands, etc., seized in the king's hands, is demised or committed to some person as custodee or lessee thereof. Wharton.

CUSTODY. The care and keeping of anything; as when an article is said to be "in the custody of the court." People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 296; Emmerson v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 59, 25 S. W. 290; Roe v. Irwin, 32 Ga. 39. Also the detainer of a man's person by virtue of lawful process or authority; actual imprisonment. In a sentence that the defendant "be in custody until," etc., this term imports actual imprisonment. The duty of the sheriff under such a sentence is not performed by allowing the defendant to go at large under his general watch and control, but so doing renders him liable for an escape. Smith v. Com., 59 Pa. 220; Wilkes v. Slaughter, 10 N. C. 216; Tower v. Person, 49 N. C. 531; Ex parte Powers (D. C.) 129 Fed. 985.

—Custody of the law. Property is in the custody of the law when it has been lawfully taken by authority of legal process, and remains in the possession of a public officer (as, a sheriff) or an officer of a court (as, a receiver) empowered by law to hold it. Gilman v. Williams, 7 Wis. 534, 78 Am. Dec. 219; Weaver v. Duncan (Tenn. Ch. App.) 56 S. W. 41; Carriage Co. v. Solanes (C. C.) 106 Fed. 532; Stockwell v. Robinson, 9 Houst. (Del.) 313, 32 Atl. 528; In re Receivership, 100 La. 875, 55 South. 905.


A law not written, established by long usage, and the consent of our ancestors.
CUSTOM

Terme de la Ley; Cowell; Bract. fol. 2. If it be universal, it is common law; if particular to this or that place, it is then properly custom. 3 Salk. 112.

Custom is derived from a long series of actions constantly repeated, which have, by such repetition, and by uninterrupted accumulated acceptance, acquired the force of a tacit and common consent. Civil Code La. art. 3.

It differs from prescription, which is personal and is annexed to the person of the owner of a particular estate; while the other is local, and relates to a particular district. An instance of the latter occurs where the question is upon the manner of conducting a particular branch of trade at a certain place; of the former, where a certain person and his assigns, or those whose estates he has, have been entitled to a certain advantage or privilege, and which, if withheld, the lord might, anciently, does not extend throughout the entire realm, but is confined to some particular districts for the subtraction. Brown.—Special

A particular or local custom; one which, in respect to the sphere of its observance, does not extend throughout the entire state, but is bounded by a particular district or locality. Bodfish v. Fox, 23 Me. 36; 39 Am. Dec. 611.

Custom is the best interpreter of the law. 4 Inst. 75; 2 Eden, 74; McKeen v. Delancy, 5 C. N. Y. 32, 3 L. Ed. 25; McFerran v. Powers, 1 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 106.

CUSTOMARY. According to custom or usage; founded on, or growing out of, or dependent on, a custom, (q. v.)

—Customary Court-Baron. See Court-Baron.—Customary estates. Estates which owe their origin and existence to the custom of the place in which the land is held. 2 Bl. Comm. 149.—Customary freehold. In English law. A variety of copyhold estate, the evidences of the title to which are found in the court rolls; the entries declaring the holding to be according to the custom of the manor, but it is not said to be at the will of the lord. The incidents are similar to those of common or pure copyhold. 1 Steph. Comm. 212, 213, and note.—Customary interpretation. See Interpretation.—Customary services. Such as are due by ancient custom or prescription only.—Customary tenants. Tenants holding by custom of the manor.

Customs eram prise stricte. Custom shall be taken [is to be construed] strictly. Jenk. Cent. 83.

CUSTOMS. This term is usually applied to those taxes which are payable upon goods and merchandise imported or exported. Story, Const. § 490; Pollock v. Trust Co., 158 U. S. 601, 15 Sup. Ct. 112; 39 L. Ed. 1108; Marriott v. Brune, 9 How. 632, 13 L. Ed. 282.

The duties, toll, tribute, or tariff payable upon merchandise exported or imported. These are called "customs" from having been paid from time immemorial. Expressed in law by customs, as distinguished from consuetudines, which are usages merely. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

—Customs consolidation act. The statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, which has been frequently amended. See 2 Steph. Comm. 563.

CUSTOMS COURT. A court of the United States, created by act of congress in 1860, to hear and determine appeals from the decisions of the revenue officers in the imposition and collection of customs-duities. It is composed of a chief judge and four associates, and sits at Washington.

CUSTOMS. Lat. A custodian, guard, keeper, or warden; a magistrate.

—Customs brevium. The keeper of the writ. A principal clerk belonging to the courts of
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queen's bench and common pleas, whose office it was to keep the writs returnable into those courts. The office was abolished by 1 Wm. IV. c. 5.—Custos ferrarum. A gamekeeper. Townsend, Pl. 295.—Custos horrei regii. Protector of the royal granary. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.—Custos marei. In old English law. Warden of the sea. The title of a high naval officer among the Saxons and after the Conquest, corresponding with admiral.—Custos morum. The guardian of morals. The court of queen's bench has been so styled. 4 Steph. Comm. 377.—Custos plaeatorum coronae. In old English law. Keeper of the pleas of the crown. Bract, fol. 145. Cowell supposes this office to have been the same with the custos rotulorum. But it seems rather to have been another name for "coroner." Crabb, Eng. Law, 150; Bract, fol. 1369.—Custos rotulorum. Keeper of the rolls. An officer in England who has the custody of the rolls or record of the sessions of the peace, and also of the commission of the peace itself. He is always a justice of the quorum in the county where appointed and is the principal civil officer in the county. 1 Bl. Comm. 349; 4 Bl. Comm. 272.—Custos spiritualium. In English ecclesiastical law. Keeper of the spiritualities. He who exercises the spiritual jurisdiction of a diocese during the vacancy of the see. Cowell.—Custos temporallium. In English ecclesiastical law. The person to whom a vacant see or abbey was given by the king, as supreme lord. His office was, as steward of the goods and profits, to give an account to the exchequer, who did the like to the exchequer.—Custos terrae. In old English law. Guardian, warden, or keeper of the land.

Custos statum hereditis in custodia existentis meliorem, non deteriorem, facere potest. 7 Coke, 7. A guardian can make the estate of an existing heir under his guardianship better, not worse.

CUSTUMA ANTIQUA SIVE MAGNA. (Lat. Ancient or great duties.) The duties on wool, sheep-skin, or wool-pelts and leather exported were so called, and were payable by every merchant, stranger as well as native, with the exception that merchant strangers paid one-half as much again as natives. 1 Bl. Comm. 314.

CUSTUMA PARVA ET NOVA. (Small and new customs.) Imposts of 3d. in the pound, due formerly in England from merchant strangers only, for all commodities, as well imported as exported. This was usually called the "aliens duty," and was first granted in 31 Edw. I. 1 Bl. Comm. 314; 4 Inst. 29.


CUTCHERRY. In Hindu law. Corrupt ed from Kachari. A court; a hall; an office; the place where any public business is transacted.

CUTH, COUTH. Sax. Known, knowing, Uncouth, unknown. See CUTHKLUGH, UNCUity.

CUTHRED. A knowing or skillful counsel lor.

CUTPURSE. One who steals by the method of cutting purses; a common practice when men wore their purses at their girdles, as was once the custom. Wharton.

CUTTER OF THE TALLIES. In old English law. An officer in the exchequer, to whom it belonged to provide wood for the tallies, and to cut the sum paid upon them, etc.

CUTWAL, Katwai. The chief officer of police or superintendent of markets in a large town or city in India.

CWT. A hundred-weight; one hundred and twelve pounds. Helm v. Bryant, 11 B. Mon. (Ky.) 64.

CY. In law French. Here. (Cy-apres, hereafter; cy-devant, heretofore.) Also as, so.

CYCLE. A measure of time; a space in which the same revolutions begin again; a periodical space of time. Enc. Lond.

CYNE-BOT, or CYNE-GILD. The portion belonging to the nation of the mulct for slaying the king, the other portion or were being due to his family. Blount.

CYNEBOTE. A mulct anciently paid by one who killed another, to the kindred of the deceased. Spelman.

CYPHONISM. That kind of punishment used by the ancients, and still used by the Chinese, called by Staunton the "wooden collar," by which the neck of the malefactor is bent or weighed down. Enc. Lond.

CY-PRES. As near as [possible.] The rule of cy-pres is a rule for the construction of instruments in equity, by which the intention of the party is carried out as near as may be, when it would be impossible or illegal to give it literal effect. Thus, where a testator attempts to create a perpetuity, the court will endeavor, instead of making the devise entirely void, to explain the will in such a way as to carry out the testator's general intention as far as the rule against perpetuities will allow. So in the case of bequests to charitable uses; and particularly where the language used is so vague or uncertain that the testator's design must be sought by construction. See 6 Cruise, Dig. 165; 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 532; Taylor v. Keep, 2 Ill. App. 383; Beekman v. Bonsor, 23 N. Y. 308, 80 Am. Dec. 269; Jackson v. Brown, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 445; Doyle v. Whalen, 87

**CYRCE.** In Saxon law. A church.

—Cyricbryce. A breaking into a church. Blount.—Cyricsceat. (From oyric, church, and sceat, a tribute.) In Saxon law. A tribute or payment due to the church. Cowell.

**CYROGRAPHARIUS.** In old English law. A cyrographer; an officer of the benos, or court of common bench. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 36.

**CYROGRAPHUM.** A chirograph, (which see.)

**CZAR.** The title of the emperor of Russia, first assumed by Basil, the son of Basilides, under whom the Russian power began to appear, about 1740.

**CZARINA.** The title of the empress of Russia.

**CZAROWITZ.** The title of the eldest son of the czar and czarina.
D. The fourth letter of the English alphabet. It is used as an abbreviation for a number of words, the more important and usual of which are as follows:

1. Digestum, or Digesta, that is, the Digest or Pandects in the Justinian collections of the civil law. Citations to this work are sometimes indicated by this abbreviation, but more commonly by "Dig."

2. Dictum. A remark or observation, as in the phrase "obiter dictum," (q. v.)

3. Demissione. "On the demise." An action of ejectment is entitled "Doe d. Stiles v. Roe;" that is, "Doe, on the demise of Stiles, against Roe."


6. "Dialogue." Used only in citations to the work called "Doctor and Student."

D. In the Roman system of notation, this letter stands for five hundred; and, when a horizontal dash or stroke is placed above it, it denotes five thousand.

D. B. E. An abbreviation for de bene esse, (q. v.)

D. B. N. An abbreviation for de bonis non, descriptive of a species of administration.

D. C. An abbreviation standing either for "District Court," or "District of Columbia."

D. E. R. I. C. An abbreviation used for De ea re ita censuere, (concerning that matter have so decreed,) in recording the decrees of the Roman senate. Tayl. Civil Law, 564, 566.

D. J. An abbreviation for "District Judge."

D. P. An abbreviation for Domus Procerum, the house of lords.

D. S. An abbreviation for "Deputy Sheriff."

D. S. B. An abbreviation for debitum sine breve, or debit sans breve.

Da tua dum tua sunt, post mortem tua non sunt. 3 Bulst. 18. Give the things which are yours whilst they are yours; after death they are not yours.

DABIS? DABO. Lat. (Will you give? I will give.) In the Roman law. One of the forms of making a verbal stipulation. Inst. 3, 15, 1; Bract. fol. 15b.

DACION. In Spanish law. The real and effective delivery of an object in the execution of a contract.

DAGGE. A kind of gun. 1 How. State Tr. 1124, 1125.

DAGUS, or DAISS. The raised floor at the upper end of a hall.

DAILY. Every day; every day in the week; every day in the week except one. A newspaper which is published six days in each week is a "daily" newspaper. Richardson v. Tobin, 45 Cal. 30; Tribune Pub. Co. v. Duluth, 45 Minn. 27, 47 N. W. 309; Kingman v. Waugh, 139 Mo. 360, 40 S. W. 884.

DAKER, or DIKER. Ten hides. Blount.

DALE and SALE. Fictitious names of places, used in the English books, as examples. "The manor of Dale and the manor of Sale, lying both in Vale."

DALUS, DAILUS, DAILIA. A certain measure of land; such narrow slips of pasture as are left between the plowed furrows in arable land. Cowell.

DAM. A construction of wood, stone, or other materials, made across a stream for the purpose of penning back the waters. This word is used in two different senses. It properly means the work or structure, raised to obstruct the flow of the water in a river; but, by a well-settled usage, it is often applied to designate the pond of water created by this obstruction. Burnham v. Kempston, 44 N. H. 89; Colwell v. Water Power Co., 19 N. J. Eq. 248; Mining Co. v. Hancock, 101 Cal. 42, 31 Pac. 112.

DAMAGE. Loss, injury, or deterioration, caused by the negligence, design, or accident of one person to another, in respect of the latter's person or property. The word is to be distinguished from its plural,—"damages,"—which means a compensation in money for a loss or damage.

An injury produces a right in them who have suffered any damage by it to demand reparation of such damage from the authors of the injury. By damage, we understand every loss or diminution of what is a man's own, occasioned by the fault of another. 1 Ruth. Inst. 390.

—Damage-cleer. A fee assessed of the tenth part in the common pleas, and the twentieth part in the queen's bench and exchequer, out of all damages exceeding five marks recovered in
those courts, in actions upon the case, covenant, trespass, etc., were uncertain; which the plaintiff was obliged to pay to the prothonotary or the officer of the court wherein he recovered, before he could have execution. This was taken away by statute, since which, if any officer in these courts took any money in the name of damage-clear, or anything in lieu thereof, he forfeited treble the value. Wharton.— _Damages_.

-Damages_.

A term applied to a person's cattle or beasts found upon another's land, doing damage. Term also applied to the injury, or such as necessarily result from the wrong complained of, for the law itself implies or presumes to have accorded. 10 Coke, 116, 117; Crabb, Enc. Law 392.—_Damaged goods_. Goods, subject to duties, which have received some injury either in the voyage home or while bonded in warehouse.

**DAMAGES.** A pecuniary compensation or indemnity, which may be recovered in the courts by any person who has suffered loss, detriment, or injury, whether to his person, property, or rights, through the unlawful act or omission or negligence of another. Scott v. Donald, 163 U. S. 58, 17 Sup. Ct. 265, 41 L. Ed. 652; Crane v. Peer, 43 N. J. Eq. 553, 4 Atl. 72; Cincinnati v. Hafer, 49 Ohio St. 60, 30 N. E. 197; Wainscott v. Loan Ass'n, 99 Cal. 235, 58 Pac. 48; Carvill v. Jacks, 43 Ark. 449; Collins v. Railroad Co., 9 Helsk. (Tenn.) 850; New York v. Lord, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 293; O'Connor v. Dils, 48 W. Va. 54, 26 S. E. 354.

A sum of money assessed by a jury, on finding for the plaintiff or successful party in an action, as a compensation for the injury sustained, and is intended to solace the plaintiff for mental wrong, or else to punish the defendant for degradation, or other aggravations of the original injury. Scott v. Donald, 165 U. S. 58, 17 Sup. Ct. 265, 41 L. Ed. 652; Crane v. Peer, 43 N. J. Eq. 553, 4 Atl. 72; Cincinnati v. Hafer, 49 Ohio St. 60, 30 N. E. 197; Wainscott v. Loan Ass'n, 99 Cal. 235, 58 Pac. 48; Carvill v. Jacks, 43 Ark. 449; Collins v. Railroad Co., 9 Helsk. (Tenn.) 850; New York v. Lord, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 293; O'Connor v. Dils, 48 W. Va. 54, 26 S. E. 354.

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In the ancient usage, the word "damages" was employed in two significations. According to Coke, its proper and general sense included the costs of suit, while its strict or relative sense was exclusive of costs. 10 Coke, 116, 117; Co. Litt. 257a; 2 Tidd, Pr. 869, 870.

Every person who suffers detriment from the unlawful act or omission of another may recover from the person in fault a compensation for the injury, or such as did in fact accrue to any person similarly injured, while special damages are such as did in fact accrue to the particular individual by reason of the particular wrong complained of. The plaintiff in an action for indemnity v. Ah Sam, 71 Cal. 197, 12 Pac. 46, 60 Am. Rep. 584; Manufacturing Co. v. Gridley, 28 Conn. 212; Jones v. City, 44 Kan. 770; Kick v. Abbott, 14 G. A. 27, 26 L. R. A. 167; Roberts v. Graham, 6 Wall. 579, 18 L. Ed. 791; Fry v. McCord, 96 Tenn. 678, 33 S. W. 668.

**Direct and consequential.** Direct damages are such as follow immediately upon the act done; while consequential damages are the necessary and connected effect of the wrongful act, flowing from some of its consequences or results, though to some extent depending on other circumstances. Civ. Code Ga. 1893, § 3911; Pearson v. Spartannburg County, 51 S. C. 440, 29 S. E. 193; Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

**Liquidated and unliquidated.** The former term is applicable when the amount of the damages has been ascertained by the judgment in the suit, or when a specific sum of money has been expressly stipulated by the parties to a bond or other contract as the amount of damages. Substantial damages are such as will simply make good the loss caused by the wrong or in respect of which the plaintiff's evidence entirely fails to show its amount. Mahler v. Wilson, 123 Cal. 514, 73 Pac. 418; Stanton v. Railroad Co., 59 Conn. 272, 22 Atl. 299; S. C. v. Ritter, 148 U. S. 312, 13 Sup. Ct. 622, 37 L. Ed. 463; Wade v. Power Co., 51 S. C. 296, 47 Atl. 970; Reid v. Terwilliger, 116 N. Y. 350, 22 N. E. 1091; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 157 U. S. 367, 24 L. Ed. 877, 34 Am. St. Rep. 164.

**Nominal and substantial.** Nominal damages are a trifling sum awarded to a plaintiff in an action, where there is no substantial loss or injury to be compensated, but still the law recognizes a technical invasion of his rights or a breach of the defendant's duty, or in cases where the mere loss of a right or interest is involved. Although there has been a real injury, the plaintiff's evidence entirely fails to show its amount. Mahler v. Wilson, 123 Cal. 514, 73 Pac. 418; Stanton v. Railroad Co., 59 Conn. 272, 22 Atl. 299; S. C. v. Ritter, 148 U. S. 312, 13 Sup. Ct. 622, 37 L. Ed. 463; Wade v. Power Co., 51 S. C. 296, 47 Atl. 970; Reid v. Terwilliger, 116 N. Y. 350, 22 N. E. 1091; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 157 U. S. 367, 24 L. Ed. 877, 34 Am. St. Rep. 164.

**Compensatory and exemplary.** Compensatory damages are such as will compensate the injured party for the injury sustained, and nothing more; such as will simply make good the loss caused by the wrong or injury. Knight v. Denny, 198 Pa. 225, 47 Atl. 970; Reid v. Terwilliger, 116 N. Y. 350, 22 N. E. 1091; Monongahela Nav. Co. v. U. S., 157 U. S. 367, 24 L. Ed. 877, 34 Am. St. Rep. 164. Substantial damages are considerable in amount, and intended as a real compensation for a real injury.
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Proximate and remote. Proximate damages are the immediate and direct damages and not remote results of the act complained of, and such as are usual and might have been expected. Remote damages are those attributable im- mediately to the act complained of, though it forms a link in an unbroken chain of causation, so that the remote damage would not have occurred if its elements had not been set in motion by the actual act or event. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 60 Cal. 183; Kuhn v. Jewett, 32 N. J. En. 649; Pielke v. Railroad Co., 5 Dak. 444, 41 N. W. 669. The terms "remote dam- ages" may recover, which may not be anom- nymous, nor be used interchangeably; all remote damage is consequential, but it is not made the basis of a cause of action, but which depend upon future developments which are contingent, conjectural, or speculative, and for which no legal measure of compensation is provided by law. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 61 N. H. 511, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

Other compound and descriptive terms. —Actual damages are real, substantial and just loss or injury to a person; the sum of the developments which are contingent, conjectural, or speculative, and for which no legal measure of compensation is provided by law. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 61 N. H. 511, 12 Am. Rep. 147.

In old English law. DAMNI INJURIA ACTIO.

In old English law. Con- DAMNATUS.

In old English law. The legal des- DAME.

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In old English law. Conce- DAMNATUS.
by one who intentionally injured the slave or beast of another. Calvin.

**DAMNIFICATION.** That which causes damage or loss.

**DAMNIFY.** To cause damage or injurious loss to a person or put him in a position where he must sustain it. A surety is "damnified" when a judgment has been obtained against him. McLean v. Bank, 16 Fed. Cas. 278.

**DAMNOSA HEREDITAS.** In the civil law. A losing inheritance; an inheritance that was a charge, instead of a benefit. Dig. 50, 16, 119.

The term has also been applied to that species of property of a bankrupt which, so far from being valuable, would be a charge to the creditors; for example, a term of years where the rent would exceed the revenue. 7 East, 342; 3 Camp. 340; 1 Esp. N. F. 224; Provident L. & Trust Co. v. Fidelity, etc., Co., 203 Pa. 92, 52 Atl. 94.

**DAMNUM. Late in the civil law.** Damage; the loss or diminution of what is a man's own, either by fraud, carelessness, or accident.

In pleading and old English law. Damage; loss.

---Damnum fatale. Fatal damage; damage from fate; loss happening from a cause beyond human control, (quod ex fato contingit,) or an act of God, and for which ballees are not liable; such as shipwreck, lightning, and the like. Dig. 4, 9, 3, 1; Story, Bailm. § 446. The civilians included in the phrase "damnum fatale" all those accidents which are summed up in the common-law expression, "Act of God or public enemies;" though, perhaps, it embraced some which would not now be admitted as occurring from an irresistible force. Amstelredam v. Heckard, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 535.—*Damnum infec-

**DAMNIFICATION.** In the civil law. Damage not yet committed, but threatened or impending. A preventive interdict might be obtained to prevent any such damage from happening; and it was treated as a quasi-delict, because of the imminence of the danger.—**Damnum rei amissse.** In the civil law. A loss arising from a payment made by a party in consequence of an error of law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178.

**DAMNABUS ABSQUE INJURIA.** Loss, hurt, or harm without injury in the legal sense, that is, without such an invasion of rights as is redressable by an action. A loss which does not give rise to an action of damages against the person causing it; as where a person blocks up the windows of a new house overlooking his land, or injures a person's trade by setting up an establishment of the same kind in the neighborhood. Broom, Com. Law, 75; Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 164, 2 L. Ed. 60; West Virginia Transp. Co. v. Standard Oil Co., 50 W. Va. 611, 40 S. E. 591, 55 L. R. A. 804, 85 Am. St. Rep. 895; Irwin v. Askew, 74 Ga. 551; Chase v. Silverstone, 62 Mo. 175, 18 Am. Rep. 419; Lumber Co. v. U. S., 69 Fed. 529, 18 C. C. A. 490.

**DAMNABUM SINE INJURIA CASE PETIT.** Loft, 112. There may be damage or injury inflicted without any act of injustice.

**DAN.** Anciently the better sort of men in England had this title; so the Spanish Don. The old term of honor for men, as we now say Master or Mister. Wharton.

**DANGELGELT, DANGELGED.** A tribute of 1s. and afterwards of 2s. upon every hide of land through the realm, levied by the Anglo-Saxons, for maintaining such a number of forces as were thought sufficient to clear the British seas of Danish pirates, who greatly annoyed their coasts. It continued a tax until the time of Stephen, and was one of the rights of the crown. Wharton.

**DANELAGE.** A system of laws introduced by the Danes on their invasion and conquest of England, and which was principally maintained in some of the midland counties and also on the eastern coast. 1 Bl. Comm. 65; 4 Bl. Comm. 411; 1 Steph. Comm. 42.

**DANGER.** Jeopardy; exposure to loss or injury; peril. U. S. v. Mays, 1 Idaho, 770.

---Dangers of navigation. The same as "danger of the sea" or "perils of the sea." See infra.—*Dangers of the river.** This phrase, as used in bills of lading, means only the natural accidents incident to river navigation, and does not embrace such as may be avoided by the exercise of that skill, judgment, or foresight which are demanded from persons in a particular occupation. 35 Mo. 213. It includes dangers arising from unknown reefs which have suddenly formed in the channel, and are not discoverable by care and skill. Hill v. Sturgeon, 36 Minn. 213, 56 Am. Dec. 149; Garrison v. Insurance Co., 19 How. St. 322. 15 L. Ed. 656; Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Transp. Co., 120 U. S. 116, 17 Sup. Ct. 550, 50 L. Ed. 621; Johnson v. Friar, 4 Yerg. 48, 26 Am. Dec. 215.—**Dangers of the road.** This phrase, in a bill of lading, when it refers to inland transportation, means such dangers as are immediately caused by roads, as the overturning of carriages in rough and precipitous places. 7 Exch. 743. *—Dangers of the sea.* The expression "danger of the sea" means those accidents peculiar to navigation that are of an extraordinary nature, or arise from irresistible force or overwhelming power, which cannot be guarded against by the ordinary exertions of human skill and prudence. Walker v. Western Transp. Co., 3 Wall. 150, 18 L. Ed. 172; The Portsmouth, 9 Wall. 482, 19 L. Ed. 754; Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Transp. Co., 120 U. S. 166, 7 Sup. Ct. 550, 50 L. Ed. 621; Hill v. Sturgeon, 28 Mo. 327.

**DANGERIA.** In old English law. A money payment made by forest-tenants, that they might have liberty to plow and sow in time of pannage, or mast feeding.

**DANGEROUS WEAPON.** One dangerous to life; one by the use of which a fatal wound may probably or possibly be given.
As the manner of use enters into the consideration as well as other circumstances, the question is for the jury. U. S. v. Reeves, (C. C.) 33 Fed. 404; State v. Hammond, 14 S. D. 545, 86 N. W. 627; State v. Lynch, 38 Me. 195, 33 Atl. 978; State v. Scott, 39 La. Ann. 943, 3 South. 83.

**DANISM.** The act of lending money on usury.

**DANO.** In Spanish law. Damage; the deterioration, injury or destruction which a man suffers with respect to his person or his property by the fault (culpa) of another. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, c. 3, § 1.

Dans et retiens, nihil dat. One who gives and yet retains does not give effectually. Tray. Lat. Max. 129. Or, one who gives, yet retains, [possession,] gives nothing.

**DAPIFER.** A steward either of a king or lord. Spelman.

**DARE.** Lat. In the civil law. To transfer property. When this transfer is made in order to discharge a debt, it is *datio solvendi animo*; when in order to receive an equivalent, to create an obligation, it is *datio contrahendi animo*; lastly, when made *donandi animo,* from mere liberality, it is a gift, *dono dato.*

**DATE AD REMANENTIAM.** To give away in fee, or forever.

**DARRAIGN.** To clear a legal account; to answer an accusation; to settle a controversy.

**DARREIN.** L. Fr. Last.

---Darrein continuance. The last continuance. In old English law. The last presentment. See *Assize of Darrein Presentment.*—Darrein seisin. Last seisin. A plea which lay in some cases for the tenant; in a writ of right. See 1 Rosc. Real Act. 206.

**DATA.** In old practice and conveyancing. The date of a deed; the time when it was given; that is, executed.

Grounds whereon to proceed; facts from which to draw a conclusion.

**DATE.** The specification or mention, in a written instrument, of the time (day and year) when it was made. Also the time so specified.

That part of a deed or writing which expresses the day of the month and year in which it was made or given. 2 Bl. Comm. 304; Tomlins.

The primary significance of date is not time in the abstract, nor time taken absolutely, but time given or specified; time in some way ascertained and fixed. When we speak of the date of a deed, we do not mean the time when it was actually executed, but the time of its execution, as given or stated in the deed itself. The date of an item, or of a charge in a book-account, is not necessarily the time when the article charged was, in fact, furnished, but rather the time given or set down in the account, in connection with such charge. And so the expression "the date of the last work done, or materials furnished," in a mechanic's lien law, may be taken, in the absence of anything in the act indicating a different intention, to mean the time when such work was done or materials furnished, as specified in the plaintiff's written claim. Bement v. Manufacturing Co., 32 N. J. Law, 513.

**DATE CERTAINE.** In French law. A deed is said to have a *date certaine* (fixed date) when it has been subjected to the formality of registration; after this formality has been complied with, the parties to the deed cannot by mutual consent change the date thereof. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 535.

**DATIO.** In the civil law. A giving, or act of giving. *Datio in solutum,* a giving in payment; a species of accord and satisfaction. Called, in modern law, "dation."

---Dation en paiement. In French law. A giving by the debtor and receipt by the creditor of something in payment of a debt, instead of a sum of money. It is somewhat like the accord and satisfaction of the common law. 16 Toul. no. 45; Poth. Vente, no. 601.

**DATIVE.** A word derived from the Roman law, signifying "appointed by public authority." Thus in Scotland, an executor-dative is an executor appointed by a court of justice, corresponding to an English administrator. Mozley & Whitley.

---In old English law. In one's gift; that may be given and disposed of at will and pleasure.

**DATUM.** A first principle; a thing given; a date.

**DATUR DIGNIORI.** It is given to the more worthy. 2 Vent. 263.


**DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.** The wife of one's son.

**DAUPHIN.** In French law. The title of the eldest sons of the kings of France. Disused since 1830.

**DAY.** 1. A period of time consisting of twenty-four hours and including the solar
day and the night. Co. Litt. 135a; Fox v. Abel, 2 Conn. 541.


3. That portion of time during which the sun is above the horizon, and, in addition, that part of the morning and evening during which there is sufficient light for the features of a man to be reasonably discerned. 3 Inst. 63; Nicholls v. State, 68 Wis. 416, 32 N. W. 543, 60 Am. Rep. 870; Trull v. Wilson, 9 Mass. 154; State v. McKnight, 111 N. C. 690, 16 S. E. 319.

4. An artificial period of time, computed from one fixed point to another twenty-four hours later, without any reference to the prevalence of light or darkness. Fuller v. Schroeder, 20 Neb. 631, 31 N. W. 109.

5. The period of time, within the limits of a natural day, set apart either by law or by common usage for the transaction of particular business or the performance of labor; as in banking, in laws regulating the hours of labor, in contracts for so many "days' work," and the like, the word "day" may signify six, eight, ten, or any number of hours. Hinton v. Locke, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 439; Fay v. Brown, 96 Wis. 434, 71 N. W. 856; Mc Culsky v. Klosterman, 20 Or. 108, 25 Pac. 366, 10 L. R. A. 785.

6. In practice and pleading. A particular time assigned or given for the appearance of parties in court, the return of writs, etc.

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Astronomical day. The period of twenty-four hours beginning at noon at any given place.

Artificial day. The time between the rising and setting of the sun; that is, day or day-time as properly it is the time between two complete (apparent) revolutions of the sun, or between two consecutive positions of the sun over any given terrestrial meridian, and hence, according to the usual method of reckoning, from noon to noon at any given place.

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DAY-BOOK. A tradesman's account book; a book in which all the occurrences of the day are set down. It is usually a book of original entries.

DAY-RULE, or DAY-WRIT. In English law. A permission granted to a prisoner to go out of prison, for the purpose of transacting his business, as to hear a case in
which he is concerned at the assizes, etc.
Abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, § 12.

DAYERIA. A dairy. Cowell.

DAYLIGHT. That portion of time before-sunrise, and after sunset, which is accounted part of the day, (as distinguished from night,) in defining the offense of burglary. 4 Bl. Comm. 224; Cro. Jac. 108.

DAYSMAI. An arbitrator, umpire, or elected judge. Cowell.

DAYWERE. In old English law. A term applied to land, and signifying as much arable ground as could be plowed up in one day's work. Cowell.

DE. A Latin preposition, signifying of; by; from; out of; affecting; concerning; respecting.

DE ACQUIRENDO RERUM DOMINIO. Of (about) acquiring the ownership of things. Dig. 41, 1; Bract. lib. 2, fol. 8b.

DE ADMENSURATIONE. Of measurement. Thus, de admensurazione dottis was a writ for the measurement of dower, and de admensurazione pasturce was a writ for the measurement of pasture.

DE ADVISAMENTO CONSILI nostri. L. Lat. With or by the advice of our council. A phrase used in the old writs of summons to parliament. Crabb, Eng. Law, 240.

DE AEGIQUITATE. In equity. De jure stricto, nihil possum vendicare, de aequitate tamen, nullo modo hoc obtinet; in strict law, I can claim nothing, but in equity this by no means obtains. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 2, § 10.

DE ESTIMATIONE. In Roman law. One of the nominate contracts, and, in effect, a sale of land or goods at a price fixed, (estimato,) and guarantied by some third party, who undertook to find a purchaser.

DE ESTATE PROBANDA. For proving age. A writ which formerly lay to summon a jury in order to determine the age of the heir of a tenant in capite who claimed his estate as being of full age. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 257; Reg. Orig. 294.

DE ALEATORIBUS. About gamsters. The name of a title in the Pandecta. Dig. 11, 5.

DE ALLOCATIONE FACIENDA. Breve. Writ for making an allowance. An old writ directed to the lord treasurer and barons of the exchequer, for allowing certain officers (as collectors of customs) in their accounts certain payments made by them. Reg. Orig. 199.

DE ALTO ET BASSO. Of high and low. A phrase anciently used to denote the absolute submission of all differences to arbitration. Cowell.

DE AMBITU. Lat. Concerning bribery. A phrase descriptive of the subject-matter of several of the Roman laws; as the Lex Aufidia, the Lex Pompeia, the Lex Tullia, and others. See AMBITUS.

DE AMPLIORI GRATIA. Of more abundant or especial grace. Townsh. Pl. 18.

DE ANNO BISSEXTIL. Of the bissextile or leap year. The title of a statute passed in the twenty-first year of Henry III., which in fact, however, is nothing more than a sort of writ or direction to the justices of the bench, instructing them how the extraordinary day in the leap year was to be reckoned in cases where persons had a day to appear at the distance of a year, as on the essoin de maio lecti, and the like. It was thereby directed that the additional day should, together with that which went before, be reckoned only as one, and so, of course, within the preceding year. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 266.

DE ANNUA PENSIIONE. Breve. Writ of annual pension. An ancient writ by which the king, having a yearly pension due him out of an abbey or priory for any of his chaplains, demanded the same of the abbot or prior, for the person named in the writ. Reg. Orig. 2555, 307; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 231 G.

DE ANNUO REDITU. For a yearly rent. A writ to recover an annuity, no matter how payable, in goods or money. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 253.

DE APOSTATA CAPIENDO. Breve. Writ for taking an apostate. A writ which anciently lay against one who, having entered and professed some order of religion, left it and wandered up and down the country, contrary to the rules of his order, commanding the sheriff to apprehend him and deliver him again to his abbot or prior. Reg. Orig. 71b, 267; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 233, 234.

DE ARBITRATIONE FACTA. (Lat. Of arbitration had.) A writ formerly used when an action was brought for a cause which had been settled by arbitration. Wats. Arb. 256.

DE ARRESTANDIS BONIS NE DISSEPENTUR. An old writ which lay to seize goods in the hands of a party during the pendency of a suit, to prevent their being made away with. Reg. Orig. 126b.

DE ARRESTANDO IPSUM QUI PECUNIAM RECEPIAT. A writ which lay for the arrest of one who had taken the
king's money to serve in the war, and hid himself to escape going. Reg. Orig. 244.

DE ARTE ET PARTE. Of art and part. A phrase in old Scotch law.

DE ASPORTATIS RELIGIOSORUM. Concerning the property of religious persons carried away. The title of the statute 35 Edward I. passed to check the abuses of clerical possessions, one of which was the waste they suffered by being drained into foreign countries. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 157; 2 Inst. 580.

DE ASSISA PROROGANDA. (Lat. For proroguing assise.) A writ to put off an assise, issuing to the justices, where one of the parties is engaged in the service of the king.

DE ATTORNATO RECIPIENDO. A writ which lay to the judges of a court, requiring them to receive and admit an attorney for a party. Reg. Orig. 172; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 156.

DE AUDIENDO ET TERMINANDO. For hearing and determining; to hear and determine. The name of a writ, or rather commission granted to certain justices to hear and determine cases of heinous misde­meanor, trespass, riotous breach of the peace, etc. Reg. Orig. 123, et seq.; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 110 B. See OTES AND TERMINES.

DE AVERIIS CAPTIS IN WITHER­NAMUM. Writ for taking cattle in withernam. A writ which lay where the sheriff returned to a pluries writ of replevin that the cattle or goods, etc., were eloned, etc.; by which he was commanded to take the cattle of the defendant in withernam, (or re­prisal,) and detain them until he could replyev the other cattle. Reg. Orig. 82; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 73, B. F. See WITHERNAM.

DE AVERIIS REPLEGIANDIS. A writ to replyev beasts. 3 Bl. Comm. 149.

DE AVERIIS RETURNANDIS. For returning the cattle. A term applied to pledges given in the old action of replevin. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 177.

DE BANCO. Of the bench. A term formerly applied in England to the justices of the court of common pleas, or "bench," as it was originally styled.

DE BENE ESSE. Conditionally; provisionally; in anticipation of future need. A phrase applied to proceedings which are taken ex parte or provisionally, and are allowed to stand as well done for the present, but which may be subject to future exception or challenge, and must then stand or fall according to their intrinsic merit and regularity.

Thus, "in certain cases, the courts will allow evidence to be taken out of the regular course, in order to prevent the evidence being lost by the death or the absence of the witness. This is called 'taking evidence de bene esse,' and is looked upon as a temporary and conditional ex­amination, to be used only in case the witness cannot afterwards be examined in the suit in the regular way." Hunt, Eq. 75; Haynes, Eq. 183; Mitf. Eq. Pl. 52, 149.

DE BIEN ET DE MAL. L. Fr. For good and evil. A phrase by which a party accused of a crime anciently put himself upon a jury, indicating his entire submission to their verdict.

DE BIENS LE MORT. L. Fr. Of the goods of the deceased. Dyer, 32.

DE BIGAMIS. Concerning men twice married. The title of the statute 4 Edw. L St 3; so called from the initial words of the fifth chapter. 2 Inst 272; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 142.

DE BONE MEMORIE. L. Fr. Of good memory; of sound mind. 2 Inst 510.

DE BONIS ASPORTATIS. For goods taken away; for taking away goods. The action of trespass for taking personal property is technically called "trespass de bonis asportatis." 1 Tidid, Fr. 8.

DE BONIS NON. An abbreviation of De bonis non administratis, (q. v.) 1 Strange, 34.

DE BONIS NON ADMINISTRATIS. Of the goods not administered. When an administrator is appointed to succeed another, who has left the estate partially un­settled, he is said to be granted "administration de bonis non," that is, of the goods not already administered.

DE BONIS NON AMOVENDIS. Writ for not removing goods. A writ anciently directed to the sheriffs of London, command­ing them, in cases where a writ of error was brought by a defendant against whom a judgment was recovered, to see that his goods and chattels were safely kept without being removed, while the error remained un­determined, so that execution might be had of them, etc. Reg. Orig. 131b; Termes de la Ley.

DE BONIS PROPRIIS. Of his own goods. The technical name of a judgment against an administrator or executor to be satisfied from his own property, and not from the estate of the deceased, as in cases where he has been guilty of a devestavit or of a false plea of plene administravit.
DE BONIS TESTATORIS, or INTER­
STATE. Of the goods of the testator, or In­
testate. A term applied to a judgment awarding execution against the property of a testator or intestate, as distinguished from the individual property of his executor or administrator. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 149, 149.

DE BONIS TESTATORIS AC SI. (Lat. From the goods of the testator, if he has any, and, if not, from those of the execu­tor.) A judgment rendered where an executor falsely pleads any matter as a release, or, generally, in any case where he is to be charged in case his testator's estate is insuffi­cient. 1 Williams' Saund. 336; Bac. Abr. "Executor," B, 3; 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 148.

DE BONO ET MALO. "For good and ill." The Latin form of the law French phrase "De bien et de mal." In ancient criminal pleading, this was the expression with which the prisoner put himself upon a jury, indicating his absolute submission to their verdict.

This was also the name of the special writ of jail delivery formerly in use in England, which issued for each particular prisoner, of course. It was superseded by the general commission of jail delivery.

DE BONO GESTU. For good behavior; for good abearance.

DE CETERO. Henceforth.

DE CALCETO REPARANDO. Writ for repairing a causeway. An old writ by which the sheriff was commanded to restrain the inhabitants of a place to repair and maintain a causeway, etc. Reg. Orig. 154.

DE CAPITALIBUS DOMINIS FEODI. Of the chief lords of the fee.

DE CAPITE MINUTIS. Of those who have lost their status, or civil condition. Dig. 4, 5. The name of a title in the Pan­dects. See CAPITIS DEMINUTIO.

DE CARTIS REDDENDIS. (For restor­ing charters.) A writ to secure the delivery of charters or deeds; a writ of detinue. Reg. Orig. 156.

DE CATILLIS REDDENDIS. (For re­storing chattels.) A writ to secure the return specifically of chattels detained from the owner. Cowell.

DE CAUTELAE ADMITTENDA. Writ to take caution or security. A writ which anciently lay against a bishop who held an excommunicated person in prison for his contempt, notwithstanding he had offered sufficient security (idoneam cautionem) to obey the commands of the church; com­manding him to take such security and re­lease the prisoner. Reg. Orig. 66; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 63, C.

DE CERTIFICANDO. A writ requiring a thing to be certified. A kind of cer­tiiorari. Reg. Orig. 151, 152.

DE CERTIORANDO. A writ for cer­tifying. A writ directed to the sheriff, re­quiring him to certify to a particular fact. Reg. Orig. 24.


DE CHAR ET DE SANK. L. Fr. Of flesh and blood. Affaire rechat de char et de sank. Words used in claiming a person to be a villein, in the time of Edward II. Y. B. P. 1 Edw. II. p. 4.

DE CHIMINO. A writ for the enforce­ment of a right of way. Reg. Orig. 155.

DE CIBARIIS UTENDIS. Of victuals to be used. The title of a sumptuary statute passed 10 Edw. III. St. 3, to restrain the expense of entertainments. Barring. Ob. St. 240.

DE CLAMEA ADMITTENDA IN ITINERE PER ATTORNATUM. See CLAMEA ADMITTENDA, etc.

DE CLARO DIE. By daylight. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 76, § 8.

DE CLAUDIO FRACTO. Of close bro­ken; of breach of close. See CLAUDIUM FREGIT.

DE CLERICO ADMITTENDO. See ADMITTENDO CLERICO.

DE CLERICO CAPTO PER STATU­TUM MERCATORIUM DELIBERAN­DO. Writ for delivering a clerk arrested on a statute merchant. A writ for the deliv­ery of a clerk out of prison, who had been taken and imprisoned upon the breach of a statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 1476.

DE CLERICO CONVICTO DELIBERAN­DO. See CLERICO CONVIETO, etc.

DE CLERICO INFRA SACROS ORD­INES CONSTITUTO NON ELIGENDO IN OFFICIUM. See CLERICO INFRA SACROS, etc.

DE CLERO. Concerning the clergy. The title of the statute 25 Edw. III. St. 3; contain­ing a variety of provisions on the sub­ject of presentations, indictment of spir­itual persons, and the like. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 278.

DE COMMUNI DIVIDUNDO. For dividing a thing held in common. The name of an action given by the civil law. Mackell, Rom. Law, § 499.

DE COMMUNI DROIT. L. Fr. Of common right; that is, by the common law. Co. Litt. 142a.


DE CONCILIO CURIAE. By the advice (or direction) of the court.

DE CONFLICTU LEGUM. Concerning the conflict of laws. The title of several works written on that subject. 2 Kent, Comm. 455.

DE CONJUNCTIM FEOFFATIS. Concerning persons jointly enfeoffed, or seised. The title of the statute 34 Edw. I., which was passed to prevent the delay occasioned by tenants in novel disseisin, and other writs, pleading that some one else was seised jointly with them. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 243.

DE CONSANGUINEO, and DE CONSANGUINITATE. Writs of cosinage, (q.v.)

DE CONSILIO. In old criminal law. Of counsel; concerning counsel or advice to commit a crime. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8.

DE CONSILIO CURIE. By the advice or direction of the court. Bract. fol. 345b.

DE CONTINUANDO ASSISAM. Writ to continue an assise. Reg. Orig. 217b.

DE CONTUMACE CAPIENDO. Writ for taking a contumacious person. A writ which issues out of the English court of chancery, in cases where a person has been proclaimed by an ecclesiastical court to be contumacious, and in contempt. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 494-496, and notes. It is a commitment for contempt. Id.

DE COPIA LIBELLI DELIBERANDA. Writ for delivering the copy of a libel. An ancient writ directed to the judge of a spiritual court, commanding him to deliver to a defendant a copy of the libel filed against him in such court. Reg. Orig. 68. The writ in the register is directed to the Dean of the Arches, and his commissary. Id.

DE CORONATORE ELIGENDO. Writ for electing a coroner. A writ issued to the sheriff in England, commanding him to proceed to the election of a coroner which is done in full county court, the freeholders being the electors. Sewell, Sheriffs, 372.


DE CURIA CLAUDENDA. An obsolete writ to require a defendant to fence in his court or land about his house, where it was left open to the injury of his neighbor's freehold. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 314; Rust v. Low, 6 Mass. 90.

DE CURSU. Of course. The usual, necessary, and formal proceedings in an action are said to be de cursu; as distinguished from summary proceedings, or such as are incidental and may be taken on summons or motion. Writs de cursu are such as are issued of course, as distinguished from prerogative writs.

DE CUSTODE ADMITTENDO. Writ for admitting a guardian. Reg. Orig. 93b, 198.


DE CUSTODIA TERRÆ ET HÆRE-DIS, Breve. L. Lat. Writ of ward, or writ of right of ward. A writ which lay for a guardian in knight's service in order to recover the possession and custody of the infant, or the wardship of the land and heir. Reg. Orig. 161b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 139, B; 3 Bl. Comm. 141.

DE DEBITO. A writ of debt. Reg. Orig. 139.

DE DEBITORE IN PARTES SECANDO. In Roman law. "Of cutting a debtor
In pieces." This was the name of a law contained in the Twelve Tables, the meaning of which has occasioned much controversy. Some commentators have concluded that it was literally the privilege of the creditors of an insolvent debtor (all other means failing) to cut his body into pieces and distribute it among them. Others contend that the language of this law must be taken figuratively, denoting a cutting up and apportionment of the debtor's estate.

The latter view has been adopted by Montesquieu, Bynkershoek, Heineccius, and Taylor. (Esprit des Lois, liv. 29, c. 2; Bynk. Obs. Jur. Rom. I, c. 1; Heinecc. Ant. Rom. lib. 3, tit. 30, § 4; Tayl. Comm. in Leg. Decemv.) The literal meaning, on the other hand, is advocated by Aulus Gellius and other writers of antiquity, and receives support from an expression (semelotum omni cruciatus) in the Roman code itself. (Aul. Gel. Noctes Atticae, lib. 20, c. 1; Code, 7, 7, 8.)


DE DECEPTIONE. A writ of deceit which lay against one who acted in the name of another whereby the latter was dammified and deceived. Reg. Orig. 112.

DE DEONERANDA PRO RATA PORTIONIS. A writ that lay where one was distrained for rent that ought to be paid by others proportionably with him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 234; Termes de la Ley.

DE DIE IN DIEM. From day to day. Bract. fol. 205b.

DE DIVERSIS REGULIS JURIS ANTIQUI. Of divers rules of the ancient law. A celebrated title of the Digests, and the last in that collection. It consists of two hundred and eleven rules or maxims. Dig. 50, 17.

DE DOLO MALO. Of or founded upon fraud. Dig. 4, 3. See ACTIO DE DOLO MALO.

DE DOMO REPARANDA. A writ which lay for one tenant in common to compel his co-tenant to contribute towards the repair of the common property.

DE DONIS. Concerning gifts, (or more fully, de donis conditionales, concerning conditional gifts.) The name of a celebrated English statute, passed in the thirteenth year of Edw. I., and constituting the first chapter of the statute of Westm. 2, by virtue of which estates in fee-simple conditional (formerly known as "dona conditionalia") were converted into estates in fee-tail, and which, by rendering such estates inalienable, introduced perpetuities, and so strengthened the power of the nobles. See 2 Bl. Comm. 112.

DE DOTI ASSIGNANDA. Writ for assigning dower. A writ which lay for the widow of a tenant in capite, commanding the king's escheater to cause her dower to be assigned to her. Reg. Orig. 297; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 265, C.

DE DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ of dower which lay for a widow where no part of her dower had been assigned to her. It is now much disused; but a form closely resembling it is still sometimes used in the United States. 4 Kent, Comm. 63; Stearns, Real Act. 302; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 220.

DE EJECTIONE CUSTODIE. A writ which lay for a guardian who had been forcibly ejected from his wardship. Reg. Orig. 162.

DE EJECTIONE FIRMÆ. A writ which lay at the suit of the tenant for years against the lessor, reversioner, remainder-man, or stranger who had himself deprived the tenant of the occupation of the land during his term. 3 Bl. Comm. 199.

By a gradual extension of the scope of this form of action its object was made to include not only damages for the unlawful detainer, but also the possession for the remainder of the term, and eventually the possession of land generally. And, as it turned on the right of possession, this involved a determination of the right of property, or the title, and thus arose the modern action of ejectment.

DE ESCÀTA. Writ of escheat. A writ which a lord had, where his tenant died without heir, to recover the land. Reg. Orig. 164b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 143, 144, B.

DE ESCAMBIQ MONETÆ. A writ of exchange of money. An ancient writ to authorize a merchant to make a bill of exchange. (literas cambiatorias facere.) Reg. Orig. 194.

DE ESSE IN PEREGRINATIONE. Of being on a journey. A species of essoin. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 119.

DE ESSENDO QUIETUM DE TOLONIO. A writ which lay for those who were by privilege free from the payment of toll, on their being molested therein. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 226; Reg. Orig. 293b.

DE ESSONIO DE MALO LECTI. A writ which issued upon an essoin of malum lecti being cast, to examine whether the party was in fact sick or not. Reg. Orig. 8b.

DE ESSEVERIS HABENDIS. Writ for having estovers. A writ which lay for a wife divorced a menaa et thoro, to recover her alimony or estovers. 1 Bl. Comm. 441; 1 Lev. 6.
DE ESTREPAMENTO. A writ which lay to prevent or stay waste by a tenant, during the pendency of a suit against him to recover the lands. Reg. Orig. 76 b. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 60.

DE EU ET TRENE. L. Fr. Of water and whip of three cords. A term applied to a neife, that is, a bond woman or female villein, as employed in servile work, and subject to corporal punishment. Co. Litt. 259.

DE ETJ ET TRENE, L. Fr. Of water and whip of three cords. A term applied to a neife, that is, a bond woman or female villein, as employed in servile work, and subject to corporal punishment. Co. Litt. 259.

DE EVE ET DE TREVE. A law French phrase, equivalent to the Latin de avo et de tritavo, descriptive of the ancestral rights of lords in their villeins. Literally, "from grandfather and from great-grandfather's great-grandfather." It occurs in the Year Books.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. A writ commanding the sheriff to arrest one who was excommunicated, and imprison him till he should become reconciled to the church. 3 Bl. Comm. 102. Smith v. Nelson, 18 Vt. 511.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A writ to deliver an excommunicated person, who has made satisfaction to the church, from prison. 3 Bl. Comm. 102.

DE EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. Writ for retaking an excommunicated person, where he had been liberated from prison without making satisfaction to the church, or giving security for that purpose. Reg. Orig. 67.

DE EXCUSATIONIBUS. "Concerning excuses." This is the title of book 27 of the Pandects, (in the Corpus Juris Civilis.) It treats of the circumstances which excuse one from filling the office of tutor or curator. The bulk of the extracts are from Modestinus.

DE EXECUTIONE FACIENDA IN WITHERNAMUM. Writ for making execution in withernam. Reg. Orig. 82 b. A species of capias in withernam.

DE EXECUTIONE JUDICII. A writ directed to a sheriff or bailiff, commanding him to do execution upon a judgment. Reg. Orig. 18; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.

DE EXEMPLIFICATIONE. Writ of exemplification. A writ granted for the exemplification of an original. Reg. Orig. 29 b.

DE EXONERATIONE SECTAE. Writ for exonerations of suit. A writ that lay for the king's ward to be discharged of all suit to the county court, hundred, leet, or court-baron, during the time of his wardship. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 18 b; New Nat. Brev. 352.

DE EXPENSIS CIVITUM ET BURGENSENIUM. An obsolete writ addressed to the sheriff to levy the expenses of every citizen and burgess of parliament. 4 Inst. 48.

DE EXPENSIS MILITUM LEVANDIS. Writ for levying the expenses of knights. A writ directed to the sheriff for levying the allowance for knights of the shire in parliament. Reg. Orig. 191 b, 192.

DE FACTO. In fact, in deed, actually. This phrase is used to characterize an officer, a government, a past action, or a state of affairs which exists actually and must be accepted for all practical purposes, but which is illegal or illegitimate. In this sense it is the contrary of de jure, which means rightful, legitimate, just, or constitutional. Thus, an officer, king, or government de facto is one who is in actual possession of the office or supreme power, but by usurpation, or without respect to lawful title; while an officer, king, or governor de jure is one who has just claim and rightful title to the office or power, but who has never had plenary possession of the same, or is not now in actual possession. 4 Bl. Comm. 77, 78. So a wife de facto is one whose marriage is voidable by decree, as distinguished from a wife de jure, or lawful wife. 4 Kent, Comm. 36.

But the term is also frequently used independently of any distinction from de jure; thus a blockade de facto is a blockade which is actually maintained, as distinguished from a mere paper blockade. As to de facto "Corporation," "Court," "Domicile," "Government," and "Officer," see those titles.

In old English law. De facto means respecting or concerning the principal act of a murder, which was technically denominated factum. See Fleta, lib. 1, c. 27, § 18.


DE FAIRE ECHEIXE. In French law. A clause commonly inserted in policies of marine insurance, equivalent to a license to touch and trade at intermediate ports. American Ins. Co. v. Griswold, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 491.


DE FALSO MONETA. Of false money. The title of the statute 27 Edw. I. ordaining that persons importing certain coins, called "pollards," and "crokards," should forfeit their lives and goods, and everything they could forfeit. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 229, 229.

De fide et officio judicis non recipitur quæstio, sed de scientia, sive sit error
Concerning the fidelity and official conduct of a judge, no question is entertained; but concerning his knowledge, whether the error committed be of law or of fact. Bac. Max. 68, reg. 17. The bona fides and honesty of purpose of a judge cannot be questioned, but his decision may be impugned for error either of law or fact. Broom, Max. 85. The law doth so much respect the certainty of judgments, and the credit and authority of judges, that it will not permit any error to be assigned which impeacheth them in their trust and office, and in willful abuse of the same; but only in ignorance and mistaking either of the law, or of the case, and matter of fact. Bac. Max. ubi supra. Thus, it cannot be assigned for error that a judge did that which he ought not to do; as that he entered a verdict for the plaintiff, where the jury gave it for the defendant. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20, 21; Bac. Max. ubi supra; Hardr. 127, arg.

DE FIDEI LESIONE. Of breach of faith or fidelity. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 99.


DE FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PULCHRE FLACITANDO. A writ prohibiting the taking of fines for beau pleader. Reg. Orig. 179.

DE FINE PRO REDISSEISINA CAPIENDO. A writ which lay for the release of one imprisoned for a re-disseisin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 2226.

DE FINIBUS LEVATIS. Concerning fines levied. The title of the statute 27 Edw. I. requiring fines thereafter to be levied, to be read openly and solemnly in court. 2 Inst. 521.


DE FRANGENTIBUS PRISONAM. Concerning those that break prison. The title of the statute 1 Edw. II. ordaining that none from thenceforth who broke prison should have judgment of life or limb for breaking prison only, unless the cause for which he was taken and imprisoned required such a judgment if he was lawfully convicted thereof. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 290; 2 Inst. 689.


DE GESTU ET FAMA. Of behavior and reputation. An old writ which lay in cases where a person’s conduct and reputation were impeached.

DE GRATIA. Of grace or favor, by favor. De speciali gratia, of special grace or favor.

De gratia speciali certa scientia et mero motu, talis clausula non valet in his in quibus præsumitur principem esse ignorantem. 1 Coke, 53. The clause “of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion,” is of no avail in those things in which it is presumed that the prince was ignorant.

De grossis arboribus decime non dabuntur sed de sylvia cæduna decime dabuntur. 2 Rolle, 123. Of whole trees, tithes are not given; but of wood cut to be used, tithes are given.

DE HÆREDE DELIBERANDO ILLI QUI HABET CUSTODIAM TERRÆ. Writ for delivering an heir to him who has wardship of the land. A writ directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of him that was ward to another to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

DE HÆREDE RAPTO ET ABDUCTO. Writ concerning an heir ravished and carried away. A writ which anciently lay for a lord who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age could not obtain his body, the same being carried away by another persons. Reg. Orig. 163; Old Nat. Brev. 83.

DE HÆRETICO COMBURENDO. (Lat. For burning a heretic.) A writ which lay where a heretic had been convicted of heresy, had abjured, and had relapsed into heresy. It is said to be very ancient. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 290; 4 Bl. Comm. 46.

DE HOMAGIO RESPECTUANDO. A writ for respiting or postponing homage. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 269, A.

DE HOMINE CAPTO IN WITHERNAM. (Lat. For taking a man in withernam.) A writ to take a man who had carried away a bondman or bondwoman into another country beyond the reach of a writ of replevin.

DE HOMINE REPLEGIANDO. (Lat. For replying a man.) A writ which lies to replevy a man out of prison, or out of the custody of a private person, upon giving security to the sheriff that the man shall be forthcoming to answer any charge against him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 66; 3 Bl. Comm. 129.

This writ has been superseded almost wholly, in modern practice, by that of habeas corpus; but it is still used, in some of the states, in an amended and altered form. See 1 Kent, Comm. 404n; 34 Me. 136.
DE IDENTITATE NOMINIS. A writ which lay for one arrested in a personal action and committed to prison under a mistake as to his identity, the proper defendant bearing the same name. Reg. Orig. 194.

DE IDIOTA INQUIRENDO. An old common-law writ, long obsolete, to inquire whether a man be an idiot or not. 2 Steph. Comm. 509.


DE INCREMENTO. Of increase; in addition. Costs de incremento, or costs of increase, are the costs adjudged by the court in addition to the damages and nominal costs found by the jury. Gilb. Com. Pl. 260.

DE INFIRMitate. Of infirmity. The principal essoin in the time of Glanville; afterwards called "de malo." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 115. See DE MALO; ESSOIN.

DE INGRESSU. A writ of entry. Reg. Orig. 227&., et seq.

DE INJURIA. Of [his own] wrong. In the technical language of pleading, a replication de injuria is one that may be made in an action of tort where the defendant has admitted the acts complained of, but alleges, in his plea, certain new matter by way of justification or excuse; by this replication the plaintiff avers that the defendant committed the grievances in question "of his own wrong, and without any such cause," or motive or excuse, as that alleged in the plea, (de injuria sua propria absum tali causa;) or, admitting part of the matter pleaded, "without the rest of the cause" alleged, (absum residuo causa.)

In form it is a species of traverse, and it is frequently used when the pleading of the defendant, in answer to which it is directed, consists merely of matter of excuse of the alleged trespass, grievance, breach of contract, or other cause of action. Its comprehensive character in putting in issue all the material facts of the defendant's plea has also obtained for it the title of the general replication. Holthouse.

DE INOFFICIOSO TESTAMENTO. Concerning an inofficious or undutiful will. A title of the civil law. Inst. 2, 18.

DE INTEGRO. Anew; a second time. As it was before.

DE INTRUSIONE. A writ of intrusion; where a stranger entered after the death of the tenant, to the injury of the reverserioner. Reg. Orig. 2333.

DE JACTURA EVITANDA. For avoiding a loss. A phrase applied to a defendant, as de lucro capitando is to a plaintiff. Jones v. Seyjer, 1 Litt. (Ky.) 61, 13 Am. Dec. 218.

DE JUDAISMO, STATUTUM. The name of a statute passed in the reign of Edward I. which enacted severe and arbitrary penalties against the Jews.

DE JUDICATO SOLVENDO. For payment of the amount adjudged. A term applied in the Scotch law to bail to the action, or special bail.

DE JUDICIIS. Of judicial proceedings. The title of the second part of the Digests or Pandects, including the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh books. See Dig. proem. § 3.

DE JUDICIO SISTI. For appearing in court. A term applied in the Scotch and admiralty law, to bail for a defendant's appearance.

DE JURE. Of right; legitimate; lawful; by right and just title. In this sense it is the contrary of de facto, (which see.) It may also be contrasted with de gratia, in which case it means "as a matter of right," as de gratia means "by grace or favor." Again it may be contrasted with de aqutate; here meaning "by law," as the latter means "by equity." See GOVERNMENT.

De jure declmaxam, originem dncens de jure patronatus, tunc cognizatio spec-tat at legem civilen, i. e., communem. Godb. 63. With regard to the right of tines, deducting its origin from the right of the patron, then the cognizance of them belongs to the civil law; that is, the common law.

DE LA PLUS BEALE, or BELLE. L. Fr. Of the most fair. A term applied to a species of dower, which was assigned out of the fairest of the husband's tenements. Litt. § 48. This was abolished with the military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 132; 1 Steph. Comm. 252.

DE LATERE. From the side; on the side; collaterally; of collaterals. Cod. 5, 6.

DE LEGATIS ET FIDEI COMMISSIS. Of legacies and trusts. The name of a title of the Pandects. Dig. 30.

DE LEPROSO AMOVENDO. Writ for removing a leper. A writ to remove a leper who thrust himself into the company of his


DE LIBERTATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving liberty. A writ which lay for such as, being demanded for villeins or nefs, offered to prove themselves free. Reg. Orig. 876; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 77, F.

DE LIBERTATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ of various forms, to enable a citizen to recover the liberties to which he was entitled. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 229; Reg. Orig. 262.

DE LICENTIA TRANSFRETANDI. Writ of permission to cross the sea. An old writ directed to the wardens of the port of Dover, or other seaport in England, commanding them to permit the persons named in the writ to cross the sea from such port, on certain conditions. Reg. Orig. 1936.

DE LUNATICO INQUIRENDO. The name of a writ directed to the sheriff, directing him to inquire by good and lawful men whether the party charged is a lunatic or not.

DE MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA. A writ by which the grand assise was chosen and summoned. Reg. Orig. 8; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 4.

De majori et minori non variant jura. Concerning greater and lesser laws do not vary. 2 Vern. 552.

DE MALO. Of illness. This phrase was frequently used to designate several species of essoin, (q. v.) such as de malo lecti, of illness in bed; de malo venendi, of illness (or misfortune) in coming to the place where the court sat; de malo villa, of illness in the town where the court sat.

DE MANUCAPTIONE. Writ of manucaption, or mainprise. A writ which lay for one who, being taken and imprisoned on a charge of felony, had offered bail, which had been refused; requiring the sheriff to discharge him on his finding sufficient mainpernals or bail. Reg. Orig. 268b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 249, G.

DE MANUTENENDO. Writ of maintenance. A writ which lay against a person for the offense of maintenance. Reg. Orig. 189, 1825.

DE MEDIETATE LINGUÆ. Of the half tongue; half of one tongue and half of another. This phrase describes that species of jury which, at common law, was allowed in both civil and criminal cases where one of the parties was an alien, not speaking or understanding English. It was composed of six English denizens or natives and six of the alien's own countrymen.

DE MEDIO. A writ in the nature of a writ of right, which lay where upon a subinfeudation the mesne (or middle) lord suffered his under-tenant or tenant paravall to be distraint upon by the lord paramount for the rent due him from the mesne lord. Booth, Real Act. 136.

DE MELIORIBUS DAMNIS. Of or for the better damages. A term used in practice to denote the election by a plaintiff against which of several defendants (where the damages have been assessed separately) he will take judgment. 1 Arch. Pr. K. B. 219; Knickerbacker v. Colver, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 111.

DE MERCATORIBUS. "Concerning merchants." The name of a statute passed in the eleventh year of Edw. I. (1233,) more commonly called the "Statute of Acton Bur- 

DE MINIS. Writ of threats. A writ which lay where a person was threatened with personal violence, or the destruction of his property, to compel the offender to keep the peace. Reg. Orig. 88b, 89; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 73, G. 80.

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Iff, commanding him to take a moderate amercement of the party. Reg. Orig. 86; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 75, 76.

DE MODO DECIMANDI. Of a modus of tithing. A term applied in English ecclesiastical law to a prescription to have a special manner of tithing. 2 Bl. Comm. 29; 3 Steph. Comm. 190.


De morte hominis nulla est cunctatio longa. Where the death of a human being is concerned, [in a matter of life and death.] no delay is [considered] long. Co. Litt 134.

DE NATIVO HABENDO. A writ which lay for a lord directed to the sheriff, commanding him to apprehend a fugitive villein, and restore him, with all his chattels, to the lord. Reg. Orig. 87; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 77.

De nomine proprio non est enrandnm cum in substantia non erretur; quia Bomina mutabilia sunt, res autem im­ mobiles. 6 Coke, 66. As to the proper name, it is not to be regarded where it errs not in substance, because names are change­ able, but things Immutable.

De non apparentibus, et non existenti­ bus, eadem est ratio. 5 Coke, 6. As to things not apparent, and those not existing, the rule is the same.

DE NON DECIMANDO. Of not pay­ ling tithes. A term applied in English ec­ clesiastical law to a prescription or claim to be entirely discharged of tithes, and to pay no compensation in lieu of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 31.

DE NON PROCEDENDO AD ASSIS­ TAM. A writ forbidding the justices from holding an assize in a particular case. Reg. Orig. 221.

DE NON RESIDENTIA CLERICI REGIS. An ancient writ where a parson was employed in the royal service, etc., to ex­ cuse and discharge him of non-residence. 2 Inst. 264.

DE NON SANE MEMORIE. L. Fr. Of unsound memory or mind; a phrase syn­ onymous with non compos mentis.

DE NOVI OPERIS NUNCIATIONE. In the civil law. A form of interdict or in­ junction which lies in some cases where the defendant is about to erect a “new work” (q. v.) in derogation or injury of the plain­ tiff’s rights.

DE NOVO. Anew; afresh; a second time. A venire de novo is a writ for sum­ moning a jury for the second trial of a case which has been sent back from above for a new trial.

De nullo, quod est sua natura indivisibile, et divisionem non patitur, nul­ lam partem habebit vidua, sed satis­ faniat ei ad valentiam. Co. Litt 32. A widow shall have no part of that which is its own nature is indivisible, and is not sus­ ceptible of division, but let the heir satisfy her with an equivalent.

De nullo tenetur ad terminum, fit homaggi, fit tamen inde fidelitatis sacramento. In no tenement which is held for a term of years is there an avail of homage; but there is the oath of fealty. Co. Litt. 679.

DE ODIO ET ATIA. A writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to inquire whether a prisoner charged with murder was committed upon just cause of suspicion, or merely propter odium et atiam, (through hate and ill will;) and if, upon the inquisi­ tion, due cause of suspicion did not appear, then there issued another writ for the sher­iff to admit him to bail. 3 Bl. Comm. 128.

DE OFFICE. L. Fr. Of office; in virtue of office; officially; in the discharge of or­ dinary duty.

DE ONERANDO PRO RATA POR­ TIONE. Writ for charging according to a rateable proportion. A writ which lay for a joint tenant, or tenant in common, who was distrained for more rent than his proportion of the land came to. Reg. Orig. 182; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 234, H.

DE PACE ET LEGALITATE TENEN­ DA. For keeping the peace, and for good behavior.


DE PARCO FRACTO. A writ or actio for damages caused by a pound-breach, (q. v.) It has long been obsolete. Co. Litt. 47b; 3 Bl. Comm. 146.
DE PARTITIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay to make partition of lands or tenements held by several as coparceners, tenants in common, etc. Reg. Orig. 76; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 61, r; Old Nat. Brev. 142.

DE PERAMBULATIONE FACIENDA. A writ which lay where there was a dispute as to the boundaries of two adjacent lordships or towns, directed to the sheriff, commanding him to take with him twelve discreet and lawful knights of his county and make the perambulation and set the bounds and limits in certainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 309, D.

DE PIGNORE SURREPTO FURTI, ACTIO. In the civil law. An action to recover a pledge stolen. Inst. 4, 1, 14.


DE PLACITO. Of a plea; of or in an action. Formal words used in declarations and other proceedings, as descriptive of the particular action brought.

DE PLAGIS ET MAHEMIO. Of wounds and mayhem. The name of a criminal appeal formerly in use in England, in cases of wounding and maiming. Bract, fol. 144b; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 34. See APPEAL.

DE PLANIO. Lat. On the ground; on a level. A term of the Roman law descriptive of the method of bearding causes, when the praetor stood on the ground with the suitors, instead of the more formal method when he occupied a bench or tribunal; hence informal, or summary.

DE PLEGIIS ACQUIETANDIS. Writ for acquitting or releasing pledges. A writ that lay for a surety, against him for whom he had become surety for the payment of a certain sum of money at a certain day, where the latter had not paid the money at the appointed day, and the surety was compelled to pay it. Reg. Orig. 158; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 197, C; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 65.

DE PONENTE SIGILLUM, AD EXCEPTIONEM. Writ for putting a seal to an exception. A writ by which justices were formerly commanded to put their seals to exceptions taken by a party in a suit. Reg. Orig. 182.

DE POST DISSEISINA. Writ of post disseisin. A writ which lay for him who, having recovered lands or tenements by præclipe quod reddat, on default, or redemption, was again disseised by the former disseisor. Reg. Orig. 208; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 190.

DE PRÆROGATIVA REGIS. The statute 17 Edw. I., St. 1, c. 9, defining the prerogatives of the crown on certain subjects, but especially directing that the king shall have ward of the lands of idiots, taking the profits without waste, and finding them necessaries. 2 Steph. Comm. 529.

DE PRESENTI. Of the present; in the present tense. See PER VEBRA DE PRESENTI.

DE PROPRIETATE PROBANDA. Writ for proving property. A writ directed to the sheriff, to inquire of the property or goods distrained, where the defendant in an action of replevin claims the property. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; Reg. Orig. 859.

DE QUARANTINA HABENDA. At common law, a writ which a widow entitled to quarantine might sue out in case the heir or other persons ejected her. It seems to have been a summary process, and required the sheriff, if no just cause were shown against it, speedily to put her into possession. Alken v. Alken, 12 Or. 203, 6 Pac. 682.

DE QUIBUS SUR DISSEISIN. An ancient writ of entry.

DE QUO, and DE QUIBUS. Of which. Formal words in the simple writ of entry, from which it was called a writ of entry "in the quo," or "in the quibus." 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 33.

DE QUOTA LITIS. In the civil law. A contract by which one who has a claim difficult to recover agrees with another to give a part, for the purpose of obtaining his services to recover the rest. 1 Duval, note 201.


DE RATIONABILI PARTE BONORUM. A writ which lay for the wife and children of a deceased person against his executors, to recover their reasonable part or share of his goods. 2 Bl. Comm. 492; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, L; Hopkins v. Wright, 17 Tex. 30.

DE REBUS. Of things. The title of the third part of the Digests or Pandects, comprising books 12-19, inclusive.

DE REBUS DUBIIS. Of doubtful things or matters. Dig. 34, 5.

DE RECORDO ET PROCESSU MITTENDIS. Writ to send the record and process of a cause to a superior court; a species of writ of error. Reg. Orig. 209.

DE RECTO. Writ of right. Reg. Orig. 1, 2; Bract. fol. 327b. See Writ of Right.

DE RECTO DE ADVOCATIONE. Writ of right of advowson. Reg. Orig. 386. A writ which lay for one who had an estate in an advowson to him and his heirs in fee-simple, if he were disturbed to present. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 30, B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE RECTO DE RATIONABILI PARTE. Writ of right of reasonable part. A writ which lay between privies in blood, as between brothers in gavelkind, or between sisters or other coparceners for lands in fee-simple, where one was deprived of his or her share by another. Reg. Orig. 3b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 9, B. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.


DE REDISSEISINA. Writ of redisseisin. A writ which lay where a man recovered by assise of novel disseisin land, rent, or common, and the like, and was put in possession thereof by verdict, and afterwards was disseised of the same land, rent, or common, by him by whom he was disseised before. Reg. Orig. 206b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 188, B.

DE REPARATIONE FACIENDA. A writ by which one tenant in common seeks to compel another to aid in repairing the property held in common. 8 Barn. & C. 269.

DE RESCUSSU. Writ of rescue or rescous. A writ which lay where cattle distracted, or persons arrested, were rescued from those taking them. Reg. Orig. 117, 118; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 101, C, G.

DE RETORNO HABENDO. For having a return; to have a return. A term applied to the judgment for the defendant in an action of replevin, awarding him a return of the goods replevied; and to the writ or execution issued thereon. 2 Tidd, Pr. 968, 1038; 3 Bl. Comm. 149. Applied also to the sureties given by the plaintiff on commencing the action. Id. 147.

DE RIEN CULPABLE. L. Fr. Guilty of nothing; not guilty.

DE SA VIE. L. Fr. Of his or her life; of his own life; as distinguished from pur autre vie, for another's life. Litt. §§ 35, 36.

DE SALVA GARDIA. A writ of safeguard allowed to strangers seeking their rights in English courts, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property. Reg. Orig. 26.


DE SCACCARIO. Of or concerning the exchequer. The title of a statute passed in the fifty-first year of Henry III. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 61.

DE SCUTAGIO HABENDO. Writ for having (or to have) escuage or scutage. A writ which anciently lay against tenants by knight-service, to compel them to serve in the king's wars or send substitutes or to pay escuage; that is a sum of money. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, C. The same writ lay for one who had already served in the king's army, or paid a fine instead, against those who held of him by knight-service, to recover his escuage or scutage. Reg. Orig. 88; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83, D, F.

DE SE BENE GERENDO. For behaving himself well; for his good behavior Yelv. 90, 154.

DE SECTA AD MOLENDINUM. Of suit to a mill. A writ which lay to compel one to continue his custom (of grinding) at a mill. 3 Bl. Comm. 235; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, M.

De similibus ad similia cadem ratione procedendum est. From like things to like things we are to proceed by the same rule or reason. [i.e., we are allowed to argue from the analogy of cases.] Branch, Princ.

De similibus idem est judicandum. Of [respecting] like things, [in like cases,] the judgment is to be the same. 7 Coke, 18.

DE SON TORT. L. Fr. Of his own wrong. A stranger who takes upon him to act as an executor without any just authority is called an “executor of his own wrong.” (de son tort.) 2 Bl. Comm. 507; 2 Steph. Comm. 244.

DE SON TORT DEMESNE. Of his own wrong The law French equivalent of the Latin phrase de injuria, (q. v.)

DE STATUTO MERCATORIO. The writ of statute merchant. Reg. Orig. 146b.

DE STATUTO STAPULÆ. The writ of statute staple. Reg. Orig. 151.
DE SUPERONERATIONE PASTURE. Writ of surcharge of pasture. A judicial writ which lay for him who was impleaded in the county court, for surcharging a common with his cattle, in a case where he was formerly impleaded for it in the same court, and the cause was removed into one of the courts at Westminster. Reg. Jud. 366.

DE TABULIS EXHIBENDIS. Of showing the tablets of a will. Dig. 43, 5.

DE TALLAGIO NON CONCEDENDO. Of not allowing talliage. The name given to the statutes 25 and 34 Edw. I., restricting the power of the king to grant talliage. 2 Inst. 532; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 104.

DE TEMPORE CUJUS CONTRARIUM HOMINUM NON EXISTIT. From time whereof the memory of man does not exist to the contrary. Litt. § 170.

DE TEMPORE IN TEMPUS ET AD OMNIA TEMPORA. From time to time, and at all times. Townsh. Pl. 17.

DE TEMPS DONT MEMORIE NE COURT. L. Fr. From time whereof memory runneth not; time out of memory of man. Litt. §§ 143, 145, 170.

DE TESTAMENTIS. Of testaments. The title of the fifth part of the Digests or Pandects; comprising the twenty-eighth to the thirty-sixth books, both inclusive.

DE THEOLONIO. A writ which lay for a person who was prevented from taking toll. Reg. Orig. 103.


DE TRANSGRESSIONE, AD AUDIENDUM ET TERMINANDUM. A writ or commission for the hearing and determining any outrage or misdemeanor.

DE UNA PARTE. A deed de una parte is one where only one party grants, gives, or binds himself to do a thing to another. It differs from a deed inter partes, (q. v.) 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2001.

DE UXORE RAPTA ET ABDUCTA. A writ which lay where a man's wife had been ravished and carried away. A species of writ of trespass Reg. Orig. 97; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 89, O; 3 Bl. Comm. 139.

DE VASTO. Writ of waste. A writ which might be brought by him who had the immediate estate of inheritance in reversion or remainder, against the tenant for life, in dower, by curtesy, or for years, where the latter had committed waste in lands; calling upon the tenant to appear and show cause why he committed waste and destruction in the place named, to the disinheritson (ad exhaereditationem) of the plaintiff. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 55, C; 3 Bl. Comm. 227, 228. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 506.

DE VENTRE INSPICIENDO. A writ to inspect the body, where a woman felagis to be pregnant, to see whether she is with child. It lies for the heir presumptive to examine a widow suspected to be feigning pregnancy in order to enable a supposititious heir to obtain the estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 459; 2 Steph. Comm. 287.

DE VERBO IN VERBUM. Word for word. Bract. fol. 138b. Literally, from word to word.

DE VERBORUM SIGNIFICATION. Of the signification of words. An important title of the Digests or Pandects, (Dig. 50, 16,) consisting entirely of definitions of words and phrases used in the Roman law.

DE VI LAICA AMOVENDA. Writ of (or for) removing lay force. A writ which lay where two parsons contended for a church, and one of them entered into it with a great number of laymen, and held out the other vi et armis; then he that was holden out had this writ directed to the sheriff, that he remove the force. Reg. Orig. 59; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 64, D.

DE VICINETO. From the neighborhood, or vicinage. 3 Bl. Comm. 360. A term applied to a jury.

DE WARRANTIA CHARTS. Writ of warranty of charter. A writ which lay for him who was enfeoffed, with clause of warranty, in the charter of feoffment, and was afterwards impleaded in an assise or other action, in which he could not touch or call to warranty; in which case he might have this writ directed to the sheriff, that he remove the force. Reg. Orig. 157b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 134, D. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

DE WARRANTIA DIEI. A writ that lay where a man had a day in any action to appear in proper person, and the king at that day, or before, employed him in some service, so that he could not appear at the day in court. It was directed to the justices, that they should not record him to be in default for his not appearing. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 17, A; Termes de la Ley.

DEACON. In ecclesiastical law. A minister or servant in the church, whose office is
DEAD BODY


DEAD FREIGHT. When a merchant who has chartered a vessel puts on board a part only of the intended cargo, but yet, having chartered the whole vessel, is bound to pay freight for the unoccupied capacity, the freight thus due is called "dead freight." Gray v. Carr, L. R. 6 Q. B. 523; Phillips v. Hodle, 15 East. 547.

DEAD LETTERS. Letters which the postal department has not been able to deliver to the persons for whom they were intended. They are sent to the "dead-letter office," where they are opened, and returned to the writer if his address can be ascertained.

DEAD MAN'S PART. In English law. That portion of the effects of a deceased person which, by the custom of London and York, is allowed to the administrator; being, where the deceased leaves a widow and children, one-third; where he leaves only a widow or only children, one-half; and, where he leaves neither, the whole. This portion the administrator was wont to apply to his own use, till the statute 1 Jac. II. c. 17, declared that the same should be subject to the statute of distributions. 2 Bl. Comm. 518; 2 Steph. Comm. 254; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 83.

A similar portion in Scotch law is called "dead's part," (q. v.)

DEAD-PLEDGE. A mortgage; mortuum vadium.

DEAD RENT. In English law. A rent payable on a mining lease in addition to a royalty, so called because it is payable although the mine may not be worked.

DEAD USE. A future use.

DEADHEAD. This term is applied to persons other than the officers, agents, or employees of a railroad company who are permitted by the company to travel on the road without paying any fare therefor. Gardner v. Hall, 61 N. C. 21.

DEADLY FEUD. In old European law. A profession of irreconcilable hatred till a person isrevenged even by the death of his enemy.

DEADLY WEAPON. Such weapons or instruments as are made and designed for offensive or defensive purposes, or for the destruction of life or the infliction of injury. Com. v. Branham, 6 Bush (Ky.) 387.

A deadly weapon is one likely to produce death or great bodily harm. People v. Fuqua, 58 Cal. 246.

A deadly weapon is one which in the manner used is capable of producing death, or of inflicting great bodily injury, or seriously wounding. McReynolds v. State, 4 Tex. App. 327.

DEAD'S PART. In Scottish law. The part remaining over beyond the shares secured to the widow and children by law. Of this the testator had the unqualified disposal. Bell.

DEAF AND DUMB. A man that is born deaf, dumb, and blind is looked upon by the law as in the same state with an idiot, he being supposed incapable of any understanding. 1 Bl. Comm. 304. Nevertheless, a deaf and dumb person may be tried for felony if the prisoner can be made to understand by means of signs. 1 Leach, C. L. 102.

DEAFOREST. In old English law. To discharge from being forest. To free from forest laws.

DEAL. To traffic; to transact business; to trade. Makers of an accommodation note are deemed dealers with whoever discounts it. Vernon v. Manhattan Co., 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 524.

-Dealer. A dealer in the popular, and therefore in the statutory, sense of the word, is not one who buys to keep, or makes to sell, but one who buys to sell again. Norris v. Com., 27 Pa. 496; Com. v. Campbell, 33 Pa. 380.—Dealers' Transactions in the course of trade or business. Held to include payments to a bankrupt. Moody & M. 137; 3 Car. & P. 85.—Dealers' talk. The puffing of goods to induce the sale thereof; not regarded in law as fraudulent unless accompanied by some artifice to deceive the purchaser and throw him off his guard or some concealment of intrinsic defects not easily discoverable. Kimball v. Bangs. 144 Mass. 321, 11 N. E. 113; Reynolds v. Palmer (C. C.) 21 Fed. 496.

-Dean. In English ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical dignitary who presides over the chapter of a cathedral, and is next in rank to the bishop. So called from having been originally appointed to superintend ten canons or prebendaries. 1 Bl. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 98; Spelman.

There are several kinds of deans, namely: Deans of chapters; deans of peculiar; rural deans; deans in the colleges; honorary deans; deans of provinces.

-Dean and chapter. In ecclesiastical law. The council of a bishop, to assist him with their advice in the religious and also in the temporal affairs of the see. 3 Coke, 75; 1 Bl. Comm. 382; Co. Litt. 108, 300.—Dean of the arches. The presiding Judge of the Court of Arches. He is also an assistant judge in the court of admiralty. 1 Kent, Comm. 371; 3 Steph. Comm. 727.

DEATH. The extinction of life; the departure of the soul from the body; defined by physicians as a total stoppage of the circulation of the blood, and a cessation of the...
animal and vital functions consequent thereon, such as respiration, pulsation, etc.

In legal contemplation, it is of two kinds: (1) Natural death, i.e., the extinction of life; (2) Civil death, which is that change in a person’s legal and civil condition which deprives him of civil rights and juridical capacities and qualifications, as natural death extinguishes his natural condition. It follows as a consequence of being attained of treason or felony, in English law, and anciently of entering a monastery or abjuring the realm. The person in this condition is said to be civiliter mortuus, civilly dead, or dead in law. Baltimore v. Chester, 53 VT. 319, 38 Am. Rep. 677; Avery v. Everett, 110 N. Y. 317, 18 N. E. 148, 1 L. R. A. 264, 6 Am. St. Rep. 368; In re Donnelly’s Estate, 125 Cal. 241, 58 Pac. 61, 73 Am. St. Rep. 62; Troup v. Wood, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 248; Coffee v. Haynes, 124 Cal. 561, 57 Pac. 482, 71 Am. St. Rep. 99.

“Natural” death is also used to denote a death which occurs by the unassisted operation of natural causes, as distinguished from a “violent” death, or one caused or accelerated by the interference of human agency.

Death warrant. A warrant from the proper executive authority appointing the time and place for the execution of the sentence of death upon a convict judicially condemned to suffer that penalty.

Death watch. A special guard set to watch a prisoner condemned to death, for some days before the time for the execution, the special purpose being to prevent any escape or any attempt to anticipate the sentence.


—Death-bed deed. In Scotch law. A deed made by a person while laboring under a disposure of which he afterwards died. Ersk. Inst. 3, 8, 96. A deed is understood to be in death-bed, if, before signing and delivery thereof, the grantor was sick, and never convalesced thereafter. 1 Forbes, Inst. pt. 3, b. 2, c. 4, tit. 1, § 1. But it is not necessary that he should be actually confined to his bed at the time of making the deed. Bell.

DEATH’S PART. See DEAD’S PART; DEAD MAN’S PART.

DEATHSMAN. The executioner; hangman; he that executes the extreme penalty of the law.

DEBAUCH. To entice, to corrupt, and, when used of a woman, to seduce. Originally, the term had a limited signification, meaning to entice or draw one away from his work, employment, or duty; and from this sense its application has enlarged to include the corruption of manners and violation of the person. In its modern legal sense, the word carries with it the idea of “carnal knowledge,” aggravated by assault, violent seduction, ravishment. Koenig v. Nott, 2 Hilt. (N. Y.) 323. And see Wood v. Mathews, 47 Iowa, 410; State v. Curran, 51 Iowa, 112, 49 N. W. 1006.

DEBENTURE. A certificate given by the collector of a port, under the United States customs laws, to the effect that an importer of merchandise therein named is entitled to a drawback, (q. v.), specifying the amount and time when payable. See Act Cong. March 2, 1799, § 80.

In English law. A security for a loan of money issued by a public company, usually creating a charge on the whole or a part of the company’s stock and property, though not necessarily in the form of a mortgage. They are subject to certain regulations as to the mode of transfer, and ordinarily have coupons attached to facilitate the payment of interest. They are generally issued in a series, with provision that they shall rank pari passu in proportion to their amounts. See Bank v. Atkins, 72 VT. 33, 47 Atl. 179.

An instrument in use in some government departments, by which government is charged to pay to a creditor or his assigns the sum found due on auditing his accounts. Brande; Blount.

DEBENTURE STOCK. A stock or fund representing money borrowed by a company or public body, in England, and charged on the whole or part of its property.

Debet esse finis litium. There ought to be an end of suits; there should be some period put to litigation. Jenk. Cent. 61.

DEBET ET DETINET. He owes and detains. Words anciently used in the original writ, (and now, in English, in the plaintiff’s declaration,) in an action of debt, where it was brought by one of the original contracting parties who personally gave the credit, against the other who personally incurred the debt, or against his heirs, if they were bound to the payment; as by the obligee against the obligor, by the landlord against the tenant, etc. The declaration, in such cases, states that the defendant “owes to,” as well as “detains from,” the plaintiff the debt or thing in question; and hence the action is said to be in the debet et detinet. Where the declaration merely states that the defendant detains the debt, (as in actions by and against an executor for a debt due to or from the testator,) the action is said to be “in the detinet” alone. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 119, G.; 3 Bl. Comm. 155.

DEBET ET SOLET. (Lat. He owes and is used to.) Where a man sues in a writ of right or to recover any right of which he is for the first time seized, as of a suit at a mill or in case of a writ of quod permittai,
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**Debet quis juri subjacere ubi delin-**

*Debet quis juri subjacere ubi delinquit.* One [every one] ought to be subject to the law [for the place] where he offends. 3 Inst. 54. This maxim is taken from Bracton. Bract. fol. 154b.

**Debet suae unique domus esse perfugium tutissimum.** Every man's house should be a perfectly safe refuge. Clason v. Shotwell, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 31, 54.

**Debile fundamentum fallit opus.** A weak foundation frustrates [or renders vain] the work [built upon it.] Shep. Touch. 60; Noy, Max. 5, max. 12; Finch, Law. b. 1, ch. 3. When the foundation fails, all goes to the ground; as, where the cause of action fails, the action itself must of necessity fail. Wing, Max. 113, 114, max. 40; Broom, Max. 180.

**DEBIT.** A sum charged as due or owing. The term is used in book-keeping to denote the charging of a person or an account with all that is supplied to or paid out for him or for the subject of the account.


**DEBITA LAICORUM.** L. Lat. In old English law. Debts of the laity, or of lay persons. Debts recoverable in the civil courts were anciently so called. Crabb, Eng. Law, 107.

**Debita sequuntur personam debitoris.** Debts follow the person of the debtor; that is, they have no locality, and may be collected wherever the debtor can be found. 2 Kent, Comm. 429; Story, Conf. Laws, § 362.

**DEBITOR.** In the civil and old English law. A debtor.

**Debitor non presumitur donare.** A debtor is not presumed to make a gift. Whatever disposition he makes of his property is supposed to be in satisfaction of his debts. 1 Kames, Eq. 212. Where a debtor gives money or goods, or grants land to his creditor, the natural presumption is that he means to get free from his obligation, and not to make a present, unless donation be expressed. Ersk. Inst. 3, 3, 93.

**Debitorum pactiobus creditorum petitio nec tolli nec minui potest.** 1 Poth. Obl. 108; Broom, Max. 697. The rights of creditors can neither be taken away nor diminished by agreements among the debtors.

**DEBITRIX.** A female debtor.

**DEBITUM.** Something due, or owing; a debt.

**Debitum et contractus sunt nullius loci.** Debt and contract are of [belong to] no place; have no particular locality. The obligation in these cases is purely personal, and actions to enforce it may be brought anywhere. 2 Inst. 231; Story, Conf. Laws, § 362; 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 340, 363.

**DEBITUM IN PRESENTI SOLVEN-**

**DEBITUM IN PRESENTI SOLVENTUM IN FUTURO.** A debt or obligation complete when contracted, but of which the performance cannot be required till some future period.

**DEBITUM SINE BREVI.** L. Lat. Debt without writ; debt without a declaration. In old practice, this term denoted an action begun by original bill, instead of by writ. In modern usage, it is sometimes applied to a debt evidenced by confession of judgment without suit. The equivalent Norman-French phrase was "debit sans breve." Both are abbreviated to d. s. b.

**DEBT.** A sum of money due by certain and express agreement; as by bond for a determination sum, a bill or note, a special bargain, or a rent reserved on a lease, where the amount is fixed and specific, and does not depend upon any subsequent valuation to settle it. 3 Bl. Comm. 154; Camden v. Allen, 26 N. J. Law, 398; Appeal of City of Erie, 91 Pa. 398; Dickey v. Leonard, 77 Ga. 151; Hagar v. Reclamation Dist., 111 U. S. 701, 4 Sup. Ct. 663, 28 L. Ed. 569; Appeal Tax Court v. Rice, 50 Md. 302.

A debt is a sum of money due by contract. It is most frequently due by a certain and express agreement, which fixes the amount, independent of extrinsic circumstances. It is not essential that the contract should be express, or that it should fix the precise amount to be paid. U. S. v. Colt, 1 Pet. C. C. 145, Fed. Cas. No. 14,839.

Standing alone, the word "debt" is as applicable to a sum of money which has been promised at a future date, as to a sum of money now due and payable. To distinguish between the two, it may be said of the former that it is a debt owing, and of the latter that it is a debt due. Whether a claim or demand is a debt or not is in no respect determined by a reference to the time of payment. A sum of money which is certainly and in all events payable is a debt, without regard to the fact whether it be payable now or at a future time. A sum payable upon a contingency, however, is not a debt, or does not become a debt until the contingency has happened. People v. Arguello, 37 Cal. 624.

The word "debt" is of large import, owing to the different subject-matter of the statutes in which it has been used. Ordinarily, it imports
a sum of money arising upon a contract, express or implied. In its more general sense, it is defined to be a sum of money due to another, whether money, goods, or services; that which one person is bound to pay or perform to another. Under the legal-tender statute, the term "debt" includes any obligation by way of contract, express or implied, which may be discharged by money through the voluntary action of the party bound. Wherever he may be at liberty to perform his obligation by the payment of a specific sum of money, the party owing the obligation is subject to what, in these statutes, is termed "debt."—Kimpton v. Bronson, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 618.

The word is sometimes used to denote an aggregate of separate debts, or the total sum of the existing claims against a person or company. Thus we speak of the "national debt," the "bonded debt" of a corporation, etc.

**Synonyms.** The term "demand" is of much broader import than "debt," and embraces rights of action belonging to the debtor or beyond those which could appropriately be called "debts." In this respect the term "demand" is one of very extensive import. In re Denny, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 223.

The words "debt" and "liability" are not synonymous. As applied to the pecuniary relations of parties, liability is a term of broader significance than debt. The legal acceptance of debt is a sum of money due by certain and express agreement. Liability is responsibility; the state of one who is bound in law and justice to do something which may be enforced by action. This liability may arise from contracts either express or implied, or in consequence of torts committed. McElfresh v. Kirkendall, 36 Iowa, 226.

"Debt" is not exactly synonymous with "duty." A debt is a legal liability to pay a specific sum of money; a duty is a legal obligation to perform some act. Allen v. Dickson, Minor (Ala.) 120.

**In practice.** The name of a common-law action, which lies to recover a certain specific sum of money, or a sum that can readily be reduced to a certainty. 3 Bl. Comm. 164; 3 Steph. Comm. 401; 1 Tidd. Pr. 3.

It is said to lie in the debt and detinet, (when it is stated that the defendant owes and detains,) or in the detinet, (when it is stated merely that he detains.) Debt in the detinet for goods differs from detinue, because it is not essential in this action, as in detinue, that the specific property in the goods should have been vested in the plaintiff at the time the action is brought. Dyer, 245.

—**Debt by simple contract.** A debt or demand founded upon a verbal or implied contract, or upon any written agreement that is not under seal.—**Debt by specialty.** A debt due, or acknowledged to be due, by some deed or instrument under seal; as a deed of covenant or sale, a lease retaining rent, or a bond or obligation. 4 Bl. Comm. 495; Kerr v. Lydecker, 5 Ohio St. 240, 37 N. B. 297, 25 L. R. A. 842; Marriott v. Thompson, Willes, 189. —**Debt ex mutuo.** A species of debt or obligation mentioned by Glanville and Bracton, and which arose ex mutuo, out of a certain kind of loan. Glan. lib. 10, c. 3; Bract. fol. 99. See MUTUUM; EX MUTUO.—**Debt of record.** A
DECANIA. The office, jurisdiction, terri-
tory, or command of a decanus, or dean. 
Spelman.

DECANUS. In ecclesiastical and old 
European law. An officer having super-
vision over ten; a dean. A term applied not 
only to ecclesiastical, but to civil and mil-
itary, officers. Decanus monasticus; a mo-
nastic dean, or dean of a monastery; an 
officer over ten monks. Decanus in major;
dean of a cathedral church, pre-
siding over ten prebendaries. Decanus epis-
copi; a bishop's or rural dean, presiding over 
ten clerks or parishes. Decanus fribor-
ii; dean of a frieborg. An officer among the Sax-
ons who presided over a frieborg, tithing, 
decennary, or association of ten inhabitants; 
otherwise called a "tithing man," or "bore-
holder." Decanus militaris; a military offi-
cer, having command of ten soldiers. Spel-
man.

In Roman law. An officer having the 
command of a company or "miles" of ten 
soldiers. Also an officer at Constantinople 
having charge of the burial of the dead.

DECAPITATION. The act of behead-
ing. A mode of capital punishment by cut-
ting off the head.

DECEASE, n. Death; departure from 
life, not including civil death, (see DEATH.) 
In re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun, 623, 3 N. Y. 
Supp. 460.

DECEASE, v. To die; to depart life, or 
from life. This has always been a common 
term in Scotch law. "Gif ane man deceas-
tis." Skene.

DECEDENT. A deceased person; one 
who has lately died. Etymologically the 
word denotes a person who is dying, but 
its has come to be used in law as signifying 
any defect person, (testate or intestate), 
but always with reference to the settlement 
of his estate or the execution of his will. In 
re Zeph's Estate, 50 Hun, 623, 3 N. Y. Supp. 
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DECEIT. A fraudulent and cheating mis-
representation, artifice, or device, used by 
one or more persons to deceive and trick an-
other, who is ignorant of the true facts, to 
the prejudice and damage of the party im-
posed upon. People v. Chadwick, 143 Cal. 
116, 76 Pac. 884; Reynolds v. Palmer (C. C.) 
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The word "deceit," as well as "fraud," ex-
cludes the idea of mistake, and imports knowl-
gedge that the artifice or device used to deceive 
or defraud is untrue. Farwell v. Metcaif, 61 Ill. 
373.

In old English law. The name of an 
original writ, and the action founded on it, 
which lay to recover damages for any injury 
committed deceitfully, either in the name of 
another, (as by bringing an action in anoth-
er's name, and then suffering a nonsuit, 
whereby the plaintiff became liable to costs,) 
or by a fraudulent warranty of goods, or 
other personal injury committed contrary to 
good faith and honesty. Reg. Orig. 112-116; 

Also the name of a judicial writ which 
formerly lay to recover lands which had 
been lost by default by the tenant in a real 
action, in consequence of his not having been 
summoned by the sheriff, or by the collision 
Comm. 166.

—Deceitful plea. A sham plea; one alleging 
as facts things which are obviously false on the 
face of the plea. Gray v. Gidiere, 4 Strob. (S. 
C.) 443.

DECEMVIRI LITIBUS JUDICANDIS. 
Lat. In the Roman law. Ten persons (five 
senators and five equites) who acted as the 
council or assistants of the praetor, when he 
declared on matters of law. Hallifax, Civil 
Law, b. 3, c. 8. According to others, they 
were themselves judges. Calvin.

DECELA. In old English law. A tith-
ing or decennary; the precinct of a frank-
pledge; consisting of ten freeholders and 
their families. Spelman.

DECENNARIUS. Lat. One who held 
one-half a virgate of land. Du Cange. One 
of the ten freeholders in a decennary. Id.; 
Calvin. Decennius. One of the decennarii, 
or ten freeholders making up a tithing. Spel-
man.

DECENNARY. A tithing, composed of 
ten neighboring families. 1 Reeve, Eng. 
Law, 13; 1 Bl. Comm. 114.

Deceptis non deciplentibus, jura sub-
ventunt. The laws help persons who are 
deceived, not those deceiving. Tray. Lat. 
Max. 149.

DECERN. In Scotch law. To decree. "Decernit and ordainit." 1 How. State Tr. 
927. "Decerns." Shaw, 16.
DECESSUS. In the civil and old English law. Death; departure.

Decet tamen princedem servare leges quibus ipsæ servatus est. It behoves, indeed, the prince to keep the laws by which he himself is preserved.

DECIDE. To decide includes the power and right to deliberate, to weigh the reasons for and against, to see which shall prevail, and to be governed by that preponderance. Darden v. Lines, 2 Fla. 571; Com. v. Anthes, 5 Gray (Mass.) 253; In re Milford & M. R. Co., 58 N. H. 570, 36 Atl. 545.

DECIES TANTUM. (Ten times as much.) The name of an ancient writ that was used against a juror who had taken a bribe in money for his verdict. The injured party could thus recover ten times the amount of the bribe.

DECIEM. In ecclesiastical law. Tenths, or tithes. The tenth part of the annual profit of each living, payable formerly to the pope. There were several valuations made or tithes. The tenth part of the annual profit is given for tithes.

Tithes due to the parish priest. Of these livings at different times. The decision of each living, payable formerly to the party, could thus recover ten times the amount of the bribe.

It behoves, in—quinibus ipse servatus est.

decimae quas ita solvere teneantur a seminario in ecclesiasticis quibus decimae iis sunt simulae. Cro. Jac. 42. Tithes ought not to be paid where there is not an annual renovation, and from annual renovations once only.

DECIOM. The punishing every tenth soldier by lot, for mutiny or other failure of duty, was termed "decimatio legio­nis" by the Romans. Sometimes only the twentieth man was punished, (decimatio,) or the hundredth, (centesimatio.)

DECLARANT. A person who makes a declaration.

DECLARATION. In pleading. The first of the pleadings on the part of the plaintiff in an action at law, being a formal and methodical specification of the facts and circumstances constituting his cause of action. It commonly comprises several sections or divisions, called "counts," and its formal parts follow each other in this order: Title, venue, commencement, cause of action, counts, conclusion. The declaration, at common law, answers to the "libel" in ecclesiastical and admiralty law, the "bill" in equity, the "petition" in civil law, the "complaint" in code pleading, and the "count" in real actions. U. S. v. Ambrose, 108 U. S. 336, 2 Sup. Ct. 682, 27 L. Ed. 746; Buckingham v. Murray, 7 Houst. (Del.) 176, 30 Atl. 779; Smith v. Fowle, 12 Wend. (N. Y.) 10; Railway Co. v. Nugent, 86 Md. 340, 38 Atl. 779, 39 L. R. A. 161.

In evidence. An unworn statement or narration of facts made by a party to the transaction, or by one who has an interest in the existence of the facts recounted. Or a similar statement made by a person since deceased, which is admissible in evidence in some cases, contrary to the general rule, e. g., a "dying declaration."

In practice. The declaration or declaratory part of a judgment, decree, or order is that part which gives the decision or opinion of the court on the question of law in the case. Thus, in an action raising a question as to the construction of a will, the judgment or order declares that, according to the true construction of the will, the plaintiff has become entitled to the residue of the testator's estate, or the like. Sweet.

In Scotch practice. The statement of a criminal or prisoner, taken before a magistrate. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 555.

—Declaration of Independence. A formal declaration or announcement, promulgated July
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4. 1776, by the congress of the United States of America, in the name and behalf of the people of the colonies, asserting and proclaiming their independence of the British crown, vindicating their pretensions to political autonomy, and annulling the acts of the crown, to the free and independent nation. — Declaration of intention. A declaration made by an alien, as a preliminary to naturalization, before a court or record, to the effect that it is bona fide his intention to become a citizen of the United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty whereof at the time he may be a citizen or subject. Rev. St. § 2105 (U. S. Comp. St. § 1901. p. 1320). — Declaration of Paris. The act of an agreement announcing four important rules of international law effected between the principal European powers at the Congress of Paris in 1856. These rules are: (1) Privateering is and remains abolished; (2) the neutral flag covers enemy's goods, except contraband of war; (3) neutral goods, except contraband of war, are not liable to confiscation under a hostile flag; (4) blockades, to be binding, must be effective. — Declaration of right. — Declaration of trust. The act by which the person who holds the legal title to property or an estate or other right of property, or of any status, or of any other right judicially ascertained and declared, must be effective. — Declaration of war. A public and formal proclamation by a nation, through its executive or legislative department, that a state of war exists between itself and another nation, and forbidding all persons to aid or assist the enemy. — Dying declarations. Statements made by a person who is lying at the point of death, and is conscious of his approaching dissolution, in reference to the manner in which he received the injuries of which he is dying, or other immediate cause of his death, and in reference to the person who inflicted such injuries or the connection with such injuries of a person who is charged or suspected of having committed them; which statements are admissible in evidence in a trial for homicide where the killing of the declarant is the crime charged to the declarant. — Declaratory judgment. A declaratory judgment is one which simply declares the rights of the parties, or expresses the opinion of the court on a question of law, without ordering anything to be done. — Declaratory part of law. That which clearly defines rights to be observed and wrongs to be eschewed. — Declaratory statute. One enacted for the purpose of removing doubts or putting an end to conflicting decisions in regard to what the law is in relation to a particular matter. It may either be expressive of the common law, (1 Bl. Comm. 86; 2 Cray v. Bennett, 3 Metc. [Mass.] 527.) or may declare what shall be taken to be the true meaning and intention of a preludious statute, though in the latter case such enactments are more commonly called "expository statutes."

DECLARE. To solemnly assert a fact before witnesses, e. g., where a testator declares a paper signed by him to be his last will and testament. Lane v. Lane, 95 N. Y. 498.

This also is one of the words customarily used in the promise given by a person who is affirmed as a witness, "sincerely and truly declare and affirm." Hence, to make a positive and solemn asseveration. Bassett v. Denn, 17 N. J. Law, 483.

With reference to pleadings, it means to draw up, serve, and file a declaration; e. g., a "rule to declare." Also to allege in a declaration as a ground or cause of action; as "he declares upon a promissory note." — Declaration. In Scotch law. A plea to the jurisdiction, on the ground that the judge is interested in the suit. — DECLINATIONS. In French law. Pleas to the jurisdiction of the court; also of its pendens, and of connectit, (q. v.) — DECLINATORY PLEA. In English practice. The plea of sanctuary, or of benefit of clergy, before trial or conviction. 2 Hale, P. C. 236; 4 Bl. Comm. 333. Now abolished. 4 Steph. Comm. 400, note; Id. 436, note.

DECLINATORY. In Scotch practice. An objection to the jurisdiction of a judge. Bell.

DECOCTION. The act of boiling a substance in water, for extracting its virtues. Also the liquor in which a substance has been boiled; water impregnated with the principles of any animal or vegetable substance boiled in it. Webster; Sykes v. Magone (C. C.) 32 Fed. 497.

In an indictment "decoction" and "infusion" are ejusdem generis; and if one is alleged to have been administered, instead of the other, the variance is immaterial. 3 Camp. 74.

DECOCTOR. In the Roman law. A bankrupt; a spendthrift; a squanderer of public funds. Calvin.

DECOLLATIO. In old English and Scotch law. Decollation; the punishment of beheading. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 21, § 6.

DECONFES. In French law. A name formerly given to those persons who died
without confession, whether they refused to confess or whether they were criminals to whom the sacrament was refused.

DECOY. To inveigle, entice, tempt, or lure; as, to decoy a person within the jurisdiction of a court so that he may be served with process, or to decoy a fugitive criminal to a place where he may be arrested without extradition papers, or to decoy one away from his place of residence for the purpose of kidnapping him and as a part of that act. In all these uses, the word implies enticement or luring by means of some fraud, trick, or temptation, but excludes the idea of force. Eberling v. State, 136 Ind. 117, 35 N. E. 1023; John v. State, 6 Wyo. 203, 44 Pac. 61; Campbell v. Hudson, 106 Mich. 523, 64 N. W. 483.


DECREED. In practice. The judgment of a court of equity or admiralty, answering to the judgment of a court of common law. A decree in equity is a sentence or order of the court, pronounced on hearing and understanding all the points in issue, and determining the right of all the parties to the suit, according to equity and good conscience. 2 Daniell, Ch. Pr. 986; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 23 Fed. 56; Rowley v. Van Benthuysen, 16 Wend. (N. Y.) 583; Vance v. Rockwell, 9 Colo. 245; Hubert v. Alford (Tex.) 16 S. W. 814.

Decree is the judgment of a court of equity, and is, to most intents and purposes, the same as a judgment of a court of common law. A decree, as distinguished from an order, is final, and is made after the hearing of the cause, whereas an order is interlocutory, and is made on motion or petition. Wherever an order may, in a certain event resulting from the direction contained in the order, lead to the termination of the suit in like manner as a decree made at the hearing, it is called a "decretal order." Brown.

In French law. Certain acts of the legislature or of the sovereign which have the force of law are called "decrees," as the Berlin and Milan decrees.

In Scotch law. A final judgment or sentence of court by which the question at issue between the parties is decided.

Classification. Decrees in equity are either final or interlocutory. A final decree is one which finally and fully disposes of the whole litigation, determining all questions raised by the case, and leaving nothing that requires further judicial action. Travis v. Waters, 12 Johns. (N. Y.) 508; Mills v. Hoag, 7 Paige (N. Y.) 19, 31 Am. Dec. 271; Core v. Strickler, 24 W. Va. 659; Ex parte Crittenden, 10 Ark. 339. An interlocutory decree is a provisional or preliminary decree, which is not final and does not determine the suit, but directs some further proceedings preparatory to the final decree. A decree pronounced for the purpose of ascertaining matter of law or fact preparatory to a final decree. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 326, 327; Teaff v. Hewitt, 1 Ohio St. 520, 59 Am. Dec. 634; Wooster v. Handy (C. C.) 23 Fed. 56; Beebe v. Russell, 19 How. 283, 15 L. Ed. 685; Jenkins v. Wild, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 543.

—Consent decree. One entered by consent of the parties to the suit, determining the whole litigation, determining all questions raised by the case, and leaving nothing that requires further judicial action, except to enforce the decree. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 326, 327; K. v. St. Rep. 143; Ohio Cent. R. Co. v. Central Trust Co., 123 U. S. 38, 40 Sup. Ct. 500, 50 L. Ed. 561.

DECREET. In Scotch law. The final judgment or sentence of a court.

—Decree absolvitor. A decree dismissing a cause, acquitting the defendant. 2 N. Y. Eq. 867.—Decree arbitral. An award of arbitrators. 1 Kames, Eq. 312, 313; 2 Kames Eq. 867.—Decree cognitio causa. When a creditor has recovered the whole amount of his debt in common law, he may, by consent of the other party, decree the debt paid, and then proceed to recover a judgment. If the reattachment is made, the decree is one of incorporation or incorporation in payment, which is made absolute on motion, unless cause appear against it. In English practice, it is the order made by the court for divorce, on satisfactory proof being given in support of a petition for dissolution of marriage; it remains imperfect for at least six months, (which period may be shortened by the court down to three,) and then, unless sufficient cause is shown, it is made absolute in motion, and the dissolution takes effect, subject to appeal. Wharton.—Decree of constitution. In Scotch practice. A decree by which a debt is ascertained. Bell. In technical language, a decree which is requisite to found a title in the person of the creditor, whether that necessity arises from the death of the debtor or of the creditor. 4 W. 176; 14 N. E. 1023; John v. State, 6 Wyo. 203, 44 N. E. 483; confess to.
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DECREETUM MARIS. Lat. In old English law. Decrease of the sea; the receding of the sea from the land. Collis, Sewers, (53,) 65. See Relicition.

DECREPI. This term designates a person who is disabled, incapable, or incompetent, either from physical or mental weakness or defects, whether produced by age or other causes, to such an extent as to render the individual comparatively helpless in a personal conflict with one possessed of ordinary health and strength. Hall v. State, 16 Tex. App. 11, 49 Am. Rep. 824.

DECRETAL ORDER. See Decree; Order.

DECRETALES BONIFACH OCTAVI. A supplemental collection of the canon law, published by Boniface VIII. in 1298, called, also, "Liber Sextus Decretalium," (Sixth Book of the Decretals).

DECRETALES GREGORII NONI. The decretales of Gregory the Ninth. A collection of the laws of the church, published by order of Gregory IX. in 1227. It is composed of five books, subdivided into titles, and each title is divided into chapters. They are cited by using an X, (or extra;) thus "Cap. 8 X de Regulis Juris," etc.

DECRETALS. In ecclesiastical law. Letters of the pope, written at the suit or instance of one or more persons, determining some point or question in ecclesiastical law, and possessing the force of law. The decretales form the second part of the body of canon law.

This is also the title of the second of the two great divisions of the canon law, the first being called the "Decree," (decrem.)

DECRETO. In Spanish colonial law. An order emanating from some superior tribunal, promulgated in the name and by the authority of the sovereign, in relation to ecclesiastical matters. Schm. Civil Law, 93, note.

DECRETUM. In the civil law. A species of imperial constitution, being a judgment or sentence given by the emperor upon hearing of a cause, (quod imperator cognoscens decrevit,) Inst. 1, 2, 6.

In canon law. An ecclesiastical law, in contradistinction to a secular law, (lex:) 1 Mackeld. Civil Law, p. 81, § 93, (Kaufmann's note.)

DECRETUM GRATIANI. Gratian's decree, or decretum. A collection of ecclesiastical law in three books or parts, made in the year 1151, by Gratian, a Benedictine monk of Bologna, being the oldest as well as the first in order of the collections which together form the body of the Roman canon law. 1 Bl. Comm. 82; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 67.

DECROWNING. The act of depriving of a crown.

DECRY. To cry down; to deprive of credit. "The king may at any time decry or cry down any coin of the kingdom, and make it no longer current." 1 Bl. Comm. 278.

DECURIO. Lat. A decurion. In the provincial administration of the Roman empire, the decurions were the chief men or official personages of the large towns. Taken as a body, the decurions of a city were charged with the entire control and administration of its internal affairs; having powers both magisterial and legislative. See 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 54.

DEDBANA. In Saxon law. An actual homicide or manslaughter.

DEDI. (Lat. I have given.) A word used in deeds and other instruments of conveyance when such instruments were made in Latin, and anciently held to imply a warranty of title. Deakins v. Hollis, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 315.

DEDI ET CONESSI. I have given and granted. The operative words of conveyance in ancient charters of feoffment, and deeds of gift and grant; the English "given and granted" being still the most proper, though not the essential, words by which such conveyances are made. 2 Bl. Comm. 53, 316, 317; 1 Steph. Comm. 164, 177, 473, 474.

DEDICATE. To appropriate and set apart one's private property to some public use; as to make a private way public by acts evincing an intention to do so.

DEDICATION. In real property law. An appropriation of land to some public use, made by the owner, and accepted for such use by or on behalf of the public; a deliberate appropriation of land by its owner for any general and public uses, reserving to himself no other rights than such as are compatible with the full exercise and enjoyment...
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Express or implied. A dedication may be express, as where the intention to dedicate is expressly manifested by a deed or an explicit oral or written declaration of the owner, or some other explicit manifestation of his purpose to devote the land to the public use. An implied dedication may be shown by some act or course of conduct on the part of the owner from which a reasonable inference of intent may be drawn, or which is inconsistent with any other theory than that he intended a dedication. Culmer v. Sait Lake City, 27 Utah, 252, 75 Pac. 629; San Antonio v. Sullivan, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 619, 57 S. W. 42; Kent v. Pratt, 73 Conn. 573, 48 Atl. 418; Hurley v. West St. Paul, 83 Minn. 401, 86 N. W. 427; People v. Marin County, 103 Cal. 223, 57 Pac. 203, 26 L. R. A. 659.

Common-law or statutory. A common-law dedication is one made as above described, and may be either express or implied. A statutory dedication is one made under and in conformity with the provisions of a statute regulating the subject, and is of course necessarily express. San Antonio v. Sullivan, 23 Tex. Civ. App. 619, 57 S. W. 42; People v. Marin County, 103 Cal. 223, 57 Pac. 203, 26 L. R. A. 659.

In copyright law. The first publication of a work, without having secured a copyright, is a dedication of it to the public; that is, a dedication is an instrument containing a contract or covenant, delivered by the party to whom the contract or covenant runs. Bartlett v. Crittenden, 5 McLean, 32, Fed. Cas. No. 1,076.

DEDICATION-DAY. The feast of dedication of churches, or rather the feast day of the saint and patron of a church, which was celebrated not only by the inhabitants of the place, but by those of all the neighboring villages, who usually came thither; and such assemblies were allowed as lawful. It was usual for the people to feast and to drink on those days. Cowell.

DEDIMUS ET CONCESSIMUS. (Lat. We have given and granted.) Words used by the king, or where there were more grantees than one, instead of dedi et concessi.

DEDIMUS POTESTATEM. (We have given power.) In English practice. A writ, issued by royal authority, empowering an attorney to appear for a defendant. Prior to the statute of Westminster 2, a party could not appear in court by attorney without this writ.

DEDITION. The act of yielding up anything; surrender.

DEDITITII. In Roman law. Criminals who had been marked in the face or on the body with fire or an iron, so that the mark could not be erased, and subsequently manumitted. Calvin.

DEDUCTION. By "deduction" is understood a portion or thing which an heir has a right to take from the mass of the succession before any partition takes place. Civil Code La. art. 1358.

DEDUCTION FOR NEW. In marine insurance. An allowance or drawback credited to the insurers on the cost of repairing a vessel for damage arising from the perils of the sea insured against. This allowance is usually one-third, and is made on the theory that the parts restored with new materials are better, in that proportion than they were before the damage.

DEED. A sealed instrument containing a contract or covenant, delivered by the party to be bound thereby, and accepted by the party to whom the contract or covenant runs. A writing containing a contract sealed and delivered to the party thereto. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 239.

In its legal sense, a "deed" is an instrument in writing, upon paper or parchment, between parties able to contract, subscribed, sealed, and delivered. Insurance Co. v. Avery, 60 Ind. 572; 4 Kent, Comm. 452.

In a more restricted sense, a written agreement, signed, sealed, and delivered, by which one person conveys land, tenements, or hereditaments to another. This is its ordinary modern meaning. Sanders v. Riedinger, 30 App. Div. 277, 51 N. Y. Supp. 937; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 321, 15 Pac. 177; Dudley v. Sumner, 5 Mass. 470; Fisher v. Pender, 52 N. C. 485.

The term is also used as synonymous with "fact," "actuality," or "act of parties." Thus a thing "in deed" is one that has been really or expressly done; as opposed to "in law," which means that it is merely implied or presumed to have been done.

—Deed in fee. A deed conveying the title to land in fee simple with the usual covenants. Rudd v. Savelli, 44 Ark. 182; Moody v. Railway Co., 5 Wash. 666, 32 Pac. 751.—Deed indentured, or indenture. In conveyancing. A deed executed or purporting to be executed in
parts, between two or more parties, and distinguished by having the edge of the paper or parchment cut at the top in a particular manner. This was formerly done at the top or side, in a line resembling the teeth of a saw; a formality derived from the ancient practice of dividing chirographs; but the cutting is now made either in a waving line, or more commonly by notching or nicking the paper at the edge. 2 Bl. Comm. 295, 296; Litt. § 370; Smith, Cont. 12.—Deed of covenant. Covenants are sometimes entered into by a separate deed, for title, or for the indemnity of a purchaser or mortgagee, or for the purpose of divesting themselves of the legal title and revesting it in the original owner. See Swine v. McMillan, 30 Mont. 433, 76 Pac. 943.—Deed of separation. An instrument by which, through the medium of some third person acting as trustee, provision is made by a husband for separation from his wife and for her separate maintenance. Whitney v. Whitney, 15 Misc. Rep. 72, 36 N. Y. Supp. 891.—Deed of trust. An instrument in many states, taking the place and serving the uses of a common-law mortgage, by which the legal title to real property is placed in one or more trustees, to secure the repayment of a sum of money or the performance of other conditions. Bank v. Pierce, 144 Ga. 434, 77 Pac. 1012. See TRUST DEED.—Deed poll. In conveyancing. A deed of one part or made by one party only; and originally so called because the edge of the paper or parchment was polled or inscribed characters as expressive of a penalty is sometimes taken for the payment of a debt, instead of a bond with a condition, but the legal remedy is the same in either case. —Deed of release. One releasing property from the incumbrance of a mortgage or similar pledge upon payment or performance of the conditions; more specifically, where a deed of trust to one or more trustees has been executed, pledging real property for the payment of a debt or the performance of other conditions, substantially as in the case of a mortgage, a deed of release is the conveyance executed by the trustee, after repayment or performance, for the purpose of divesting themselves of the legal title and revesting it in the original owner. See Swine v. McMillan, 30 Mont. 433, 76 Pac. 943.—Deed of separation. An instrument by which, through the medium of some third person acting as trustee, provision is made by a husband for separation from his wife and for her separate maintenance. Whitney v. Whitney, 15 Misc. Rep. 72, 36 N. Y. Supp. 891.—Deed of separation. 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People, 69 N. Y. 111, 25 Am. Rep. 148; U. S. v. Doer­ hety (D. C.) 27 Fed. 730; Leonard v. Grant (C. C.) 5 Fed. 11. When, by statute, certain acts are "deemed" to be a crime of a particular nature, they are such crime, and not a semblance of it, nor a mere fanciful approximation to or designation of the offense. Com. v. Pratt, 132 Mass. 247. DEEMSTERS. Judges in the Isle of Man, who decide all controversies without process, writings, or any charges. These judges are chosen by the people, and are said by Spelman to be two in number. Spelman. DEER-FAIJD. A park or fold for deer. DEER-HAYES. Enginse or great nets made of cord to catch deer. 19 Hen. VIII. c. 11. DEFACE. To mar or destroy the face (that is, the physical appearance of written or inscribed characters as expressive of a definite meaning) of a written instrument, signature, inscription, etc., by obliteration, erasure, cancellation, or superinscription, so as to render it illegible or unrecognizable. Linney v. State, 6 Tex. 1, 65 Am. Dec. 756. See CANCEL. DEFAKATION. The act of a defaulter; misappropriation of trust funds or money held in any fiduciary capacity; failure to properly account for such funds. Usually spoken of officers of corporations or public officials. In re Butts (D. C.) 120 Fed. 970; Crawford v. Burke, 201 Ill. 581, 66 N. E. 833. Also set-off. The diminution of a debt or claim by deducting from it a smaller claim held by the debtor or payor. Iron Works v. Cuppey, 41 Iowa, 104; Houk v. Foley, 2 Pen. & W. (Pa.) 250; McDonald v. Lee, 12 La. 435. DEFALK. To set off one claim against another; to deduct a debt due from one to a debt which one owes. Johnson v. Signal Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 79, 40 Atl. 193; Pepper v. Wer­ ren, 2 Marv. (Del.) 225, 43 Atl. 91. This verb corresponds only to the second meaning of "defalcation" as given above; a public officer or trustee who misappropriates or embezzles funds in his hands is not said to "defalk." DEFAMATION. The taking from one's reputation. The offense of injuring a person's character, fame, or reputation by false and malicious statements. The term seems to be comprehensive of both libel and slander. Printing Co. v. Moulden, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 574, 41 S. W. 381; Moore v. Francis, 121 N. Y. 199, 23 N. E. 1127, 8 L. R. A. 214, 18 Am. St. Rep. 810; Hollenbeck v. Hall, 103 Iowa, 214, 72 N. W. 518, 39 L. R. A. 734, 64 Am. St. Rep. 175; Mosnat v. Snyder, 105 Iowa, 500, 75 N. W. 356. DEFAMES. L. Fr. Infamous. Britt. c. 15. DEFAULT. The omission or failure to fulfill a duty, observe a promise, discharge an obligation, or perform an agreement. State v. Mooree, 52 Neb. 770, 73 N. W. 299; Osborn v. Rogers, 49 Hun, 245, 1 N. Y. Supp. 623; Mason v. Aldrich, 36 Minn. 283, 30 N. W. 884. In practice. Omission; neglect or failure. When a defendant in an action at law omits to plead within the time allowed him for that purpose, or fails to appear on the trial, he is said to make default, and the judgment entered in the former case is technically called a "judgment by default." 3 Bl.
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Comm. 396; 1 Tidd, Pr. 562; Page v. Sutton, 29 Ark. 306.

—Default of issue. Failure to have living children or descendants at a given time or fixed point. George v. Morgan, 16 Pa. 106.—Defaulter. One who makes default. One who misappropriates money held by him in an official or fiduciary character, or fails to account for such money.—Judgment by default. One entered upon the failure of a party to appear or plead at the time appointed. See Judgment.

DEFEASANCE. An instrument which defeats the force or operation of some other deed or estate. That which is in the same deed is called a "condition;" and that which is in another deed is a "defeasance." Com. Dig. "Defeasance."

In conveyancing. A collateral deed made at the same time with a feoffment or other conveyance, containing certain conditions, upon the performance of which the estate then created may be defeated or totally undone. 2 Bl. Comm. 327; Co. Litt. 236, 237. An instrument accompanying a bond, recognizance, or judgment, containing a condition which, when performed, defeats or undoes it. 2 Bl. Comm. 342; Co. Litt. 236, 237; Miller v. Quick, 158 Mo. 495, 59 S. W. 355; Harrison v. Phillips' Academy, 12 Mass. 456; Lippincott v. Tilton, 14 N. J. Law. 361; Nugent v. Ridley, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 119, 35 Am. Dec. 355.

DEFEASIBLE. Subject to be defeated, annulled, revoked, or undone upon the happening of a future event or the performance of a condition subsequent, or by a conditional limitation. Usually spoken of estates and interests in land. For instance, a mortgagee's estate is defeasible (liable to be defeated) by the mortgagor's equity of redemption.

—Defeasible fee. An estate in fee but which is liable to be defeated by some future contingency; e.g., a vested remainder which might be defeated by the death of the remainderman before the time fixed for the taking effect of the devise. Forsythe v. Lansing, 109 Ky. 513, 59 S. W. 354; Wills v. Wills, 85 Ky. 488, 3 S. W. 906.—Defeasible title: One that is liable to be annulled or made void, but not one that is already void or an absolute nullity. Elder v. Schumacher, 19 Colo. 330, 85 Pac. 175.

DEFEAT. To prevent, frustrate, or circumvent; as in the phrase "hinder, delay, or defeat creditors." Coleman v. Walker, 3 Metc. (Ky.) 63, 77 Am. Dec. 163; Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 581.

To overcome or prevail against in any contest; as in speaking of the "defeated party" in an action at law. Wood v. Bailey, 21 Wall. 442, 22 L. Ed. 659; Goff v. Wilburn (Ky.) 79 S. W. 233.

To annul, undo, or terminate; as, a title or estate. See Defeasible.

DEFECT. The want or absence of some legal requisite; deficiency; imperfection; insufficiency. Haney-Campbell Co. v. Creamery Ass'n, 119 Iowa, 188, 98 N. W. 297; Bliven v. Sioux City, 38 Iowa, 346, 52 N. W. 246.

—Defect of form. An imperfection in the style, manner, arrangement, non-essential parts of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., as distinguished from a "defect of substance." See infra.—Defect of parties. In pleading and practice. Insufficiency of the parties before a court in any given proceeding to give it jurisdiction and authority to decide the controversy, arising from the omission or failure to join plaintiffs or defendants who should have been brought in; never applied to a superfluity of parties or the improper addition of plaintiffs or defendants. Mader v. Pinal Mfg. Co., 17 S. D. 553, 97 N. W. 843; Railroad Co. v. Schuyler, 17 N. Y. 606; Palmer v. Davis, 23 N. Y. 236; Beach v. Water Co., 26 Mont. 379, 65 Pac. 111; Weatherby v. Meiklejohn, 61 Wis. 67, 20 N. W. 374.—Defect of substance. An imperfection in the body or substantive part of a legal instrument, plea, indictment, etc., consisting in the omission of something which is essential to be set forth. State v. Startup, 39 N. J. Law. 422; Flexner v. Dickerson, 58 Ala. 152.

DETECTIVE. Lacking in some particular which is essential to the completeness, legal sufficiency, or security of the object spoken of; as, a "defective" highway or bridge, (Munson v. Derby, 37 Conn. 310, 9 Am. Rep. 352; Whitney v. Ticonderoga, 53 Hun. 214, 6 N. Y. Supp. 844;) machinery, (Machinery Co. v. Brady, 60 Ill. App. 373;) writ or recognizance, (State v. Lavalle, 9 Mo. 836; McArthur v. Boynton, 19 Colo. App. 254, 74 Pac. 542;) title, (Copertini v. Opperman, 76 Cal. 181, 18 Pac. 250.)

DEFECTUS. Lat. Defect; default; want; imperfection; disqualification.

—Challenge propter defectum. A challenge to a juror on account of some legal disqualification, such as infancy, etc. See Challenge.—Defectus sanguinis. Failure of the blood, i.e., failure or want of issue.

DEFEND. To prohibit or forbid. To deny. To contest and endeavor to defeat a claim or demand made against one in a court of justice. Boehmer v. Irrigation Dist, 117 Cal. 19, 48 Pac. 908. To oppose, repel, or resist. In covenants of warranty in deeds, it means to protect, to maintain or keep secure, to guaranty, to agree to indemnify.

DEFENDANT. The person defending or denying; the party against whom relief or recovery is sought in an action or suit Jewett Car Co. v. Kirkpatrick Const. Co. (C. C) 107 Fed. 622; Brewer v. Neills, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672; Tyler v. State, 63 Vt. 500, 21 Atl. 611; Insurance Co. v. Alexandre (D. O.) 18 Fed. 281.

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the parties respectively the "demandant" and the "tenant.

—Defendant in error. The distinctive term appropriate to the party against whom a writ of error is sued out.

DEFENDEMUS. Lat. A word used in grants and donations, which binds the donor and his heirs to defend the donee, if any one go about to lay any incumbence on the thing given other than what is contained in the deed of donation. Bract. l. 2, c. 16.

DEFENDER. (Fr.) To deny; to defend; to conduct a suit for a defendant; to forbid; to prevent; to protect.

DEFENDER. In Scotch and canon law. A defendant.

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH. A peculiar title belonging to the sovereign of England, as that of "Catholic" to the king of Spain, and that of "Most Christian" to the king of France. These titles were originally given by the popes of Rome; and that of Defensor Fidei was first conferred by Pope Leo X. on King Henry VIII., as a reward for writing against Martin Luther; and the bull for it bears date quinti Idus Octob., 1521. Enc. Lond.

DEFENDERE SE PER CORPUS SUM. To offer duel or combat as a legal trial and appeal. Abolished by 59 Geo. III. § 48. See BATTLE.

DEFENDERE UNICA MANU. To wage law; a denial of an accusation upon oath. See WAGER OF LAW.

DEFENDIT VIM ET INJURIAM. He defends the force and injury. Flata, lib. 5, c. 39, § 1.

DEFENDOUR. L. Fr. A defender or defendant; the party accused in an appeal. Britt. c. 22.

DEFENERATION. The act of lending money on usury.

DEFensa. In old English law. A park or place fenced in for deer, and defended as a property and peculiar for that use and service. Cowell.

DEFENSE. That which is offered and alleged by the party proceeded against in an action or suit, as a reason in law or fact why the plaintiff should not recover or establish what he seeks; what is put forward to defeat an action. More properly what is sufficient when offered for this purpose. In either of these senses it may be either a denial, justification, or confession and avoidance of the facts averred as a ground of action, or an exception to their sufficiency in point of law. Whitfield v. Insurance Co. (C. C.) 125 Fed. 270; Miller v. Martin, 8 N. J. Law, 204; Baier v. Humphall, 16 Neb. 127, 20 N. W. 108; Cohn v. Hussen, 66 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 151; Railroad Co. v. Hinchcliffe, 34 Misc. Rep. 49, 68 N. Y. Supp. 550; Brower v. Nellis, 6 Ind. App. 323, 33 N. E. 672.

In a stricter sense, defense is used to denote the answer made by the defendant to the plaintiff's action, by demonstrating the want of a cause at law or answer in equity. This is the meaning of the term in Scotch law. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 66.

Half defense was that which was made by the form "defends the force and injury, and says," (defendit vim et injuriam, et dicit)

Full defense was that which was made by the form "defends the force and injury when and where it shall behove him, and the damages, and whatever else he ought to defend," (defendit vim et injuriam quando et ubi cura consideravit, et dama et quicquid quod ipse defendere debet, et dicit,) commonly shortened into "defends the force and injury when," etc. Gilb. Com. Pl. 188; 8 Term. 652; 3 Bow. & P. 9, note; Co. Litt. 127b.

In matrimonial suits, in England, defenses are divided into half and full. "To be a meritorious defense, and not to defeat, but only to decrease the damages of an action, it must be grounded upon a new matter constituting a defense; new matter constituting a defense; new matter constituting a defense to an action on grounds which, prior to the passage of the common-law procedure act, (17 & 18 Vict, c. 125,) would have been cognizable only in a court of equity. In American practice, a defense which is cognizable in a court of equity, but which is available there only, and not in an action at law, except under the reformed codes of practice. Kelly v. Hurt, 74 Mo. 570; New York v. Holzheimer, 44 Misc. Rep. 506, 90 N. Y. Supp. 63.—FRIVOLOUS DEFENSE. One which at first glance can be seen to be merely pretentious, setting up some ground which cannot be sustained by argument. Dominon N. L. Bank v. Olympia Cotton Mills (C. C.) 128 Fed. 182.—MERITORIOUS DEFENSE. One going to the merits, substance, or essentialia of the case, as distinguished from dilatory or technical defenses. Cooper v. Lumber Co., 61 Ark. 36, 31 S. W. 981.—PARTIAL DEFENSE. One which goes only to the merits of the cause, in which only the defendant mitigates the damages to be awarded. Carter v. Bank, 33 Misc. Rep. 128, 67 N. Y. Supp. 300.—PEREMPTORY DEFENSE. A defense which asserts that the plaintiff never had the right to institute the suit, or that, if he had, the original right is extinguished or determined.
DEFINITION. A lack, shortage, or insufficiency. The difference between the total amount of the debt or payment meant to be secured by a mortgage and that realized on foreclosure and sale when less than the total. A judgment or decree for the amount of such deficiency is called a "deficiency judgment" or "decrees." Goldsmith v. Brown, 35 Barb. (N. Y.) 492.

DEFERRED. Delayed; put off; remanded; postponed to a future time.

DEFERRED LIFE ANNUITIES. In English law. Annuities for the life of the purchaser, but not commencing until a date subsequent to the date of purchase, so that, if the purchaser die before that date, the purchase money is lost. Granted by the commissioners for reduction of the national debt. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, § 2. Wharton.—Deferred stock. See Stock.

DEFENSIVE WAR. A war in defense of, or for the protection of national rights. It may be defensive in its principles, though offensive in its operations. 1 Kent, Comm. 100; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

DEFENSIVE ALLEGATION. In English ecclesiastical law. A species of pleading, where the defendant, instead of denying the plaintiff's charge upon oath, has any circumstances to offer in his defense. This entitles him, in his turn, to the plaintiff's answer upon oath, upon which he may proceed to proofs as well as his antagonist. 3 Bl. Comm. 100; 3 Steph. Comm. 720.

DEFEND. To explain or state the exact meaning of words and phrases; to settle, make clear, establish boundaries. U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. 160, 5 L. Ed. 57; Walters v. Richardson, 95 Ky. 374, 20 S. W. 270; Miller v. Improvement Co., 99 Va. 747, 40 S. E. 27, 86 Am. St. Rep. 924; Gould v. Hutchins, 10 Me. 145.

"An examination of our Session Laws will show that acts have frequently been passed, the constitutionality of which has never been questioned, where the powers and duties conferred could not be considered as merely explaining or making more clear those previously conferred or attempted to be. Although the word 'define' was used in the title. In legislation it
DEFINITION. Lat. Definition, or, more strictly, limiting or bounding; as in the maxim of the civil law: *Omnis definitio periculosa est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit*, (Dig. 50, 17, 202) i. e., the attempt to bring the law within the boundaries of precise definitions is hazardous, as there are but few cases in which such a limitation cannot be subverted.

DEFINITION. A description of a thing by its properties; an explanation of the meaning of a word or term. Webster. The process of stating the exact meaning of a word by means of other words. Worcester. See Warner v. Beers, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 103; Marvin v. State, 19 Ind. 181; Mickle v. Miles, 1 Grant, Cas. (Pa.) 322.

DEFINITIVE. That which finally and completely ends and settles a controversy. A definitive sentence or judgment is put in opposition to an interlocutory judgment.

A distinction may be taken between a final and a definitive judgment. The former term is applicable when the judgment exhausts the powers of the particular court in which it is rendered; while the latter word designates a judgment that is above any review or contingency of reversal. U. S. v. The Peggy, 1 Cranch, 103, 2 L. Ed. 49.

—Definitive sentence. The final judgment, decree, or sentence of an ecclesiastical court. 3 Bl. Comm. 101.

DEFLORATION. Seduction or debauching. The act by which a woman is deprived of her virginity.

DEFORCE. In English law. To withhold wrongfully; to withhold the possession of lands from one who is lawfully entitled to them. 3 Bl. Comm. 172; Phelps v. Baldwin, 17 Conn. 212.

In Scotch law. To resist the execution of the law; to oppose by force a public officer in the execution of his duty. Bell.

DEFORCEMENT. Deforcement is where a man wrongfully holds lands to which another person is entitled. It therefore includes disseisin, abatement, discontinuance, and intrusion. Co. Litt. 277b, 331b; Foxworth v. White, 5 Strob. (S. C.) 115; Woodruff v. Brown, 17 N. J. Law, 209; Hopper v. Hopper, 21 N. J. Law, 543. But it is applied especially to cases, not falling under those heads, where the person entitled to the freehold has never had possession; thus, where a lord has a seignory, and lands escheat to him *propter defectum sanguinis*, but the seisin is withheld from him, this is a deforcement, and the person who withholds the seisin is called a “deforceor.” 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

In Scotch law. The opposition or resistance made to messengers or other public officers while they are actually engaged in the exercise of their offices. Ersk. Inst. 4, 4, 32.

DEFORCIANT. One who wrongfully keeps the owner of lands and tenements out of the possession of them. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

DEFORCIARE. L. Lat. To withhold lands or tenements from the rightful owner. This is a word of art which cannot be supplied by any other word. Co. Litt. 331b.

DEFORCIATIO. L. Lat. In old English law. A distress, distraint or seizure of goods for satisfaction of a lawful debt. Cowell.

DEFOSSESSION. The punishment of being buried alive.


—Defraudacion. In Spanish law. The crime committed by a person who fraudulently avoids the payment of some public tax.

—Defraudation. Privation by fraud.

DEFUNCT. Deceased; a deceased person. A common term in Scotch law.


DEGASTER. L. Fr. To waste.

DEGRADATION. A deprivation of dignity; dismission from office. An ecclesiastical censure, whereby a clergyman is divested of his holy orders. There are two sorts by the canon law,—one summary, by word only; the other solemn, by stripping the party degraded of those ornaments and rights which are the ensigns of his degree. Degradation is otherwise called “deposition,” but the canonists have distinguished between these two terms, deeming the former as the greater punishment of the two. There is likewise a degradation of a lord or
knight at common law, and also by act of parliament. Wharton.

**DEGRADATIONS.** A term for waste in the French law.

**DEGRADING.** Reviling; holding one up to public obloquy; lowering a person in the estimation of the public.

**DEGREE.** In the law of descent and family relations. A step or grade, i.e., the distance, or number of removes, which separates two persons who are related by consanguinity. Thus we speak of cousins in the "second degree."

In criminal law. The term "degree" denotes a division or classification of one specific crime into several grades or *stadias* of guilt according to the circumstances attending its commission. Thus, in some states, there may be "murder in the second degree."

**DEHORS.** L. Fr. Out of; without; beyond; foreign to; unconnected with. Dehors the record; foreign to the record. 3 Bl. Comm. 387.

**DEI GRATIA.** Lat. By the grace of God. A phrase used in the formal title of a king or queen, importing a claim of sovereignty by the favor or commission of God. In ancient times it was incorporated in the titles of inferior officers, (especially ecclesiastical,) but in later use was reserved as an assertion of "the divine right of kings."

**DEI JUDICIUM.** The judgment of God. The old Saxon trial by ordeal, so called because it was thought to be an appeal to God for the justice of a cause, and it was believed that the decision was according to the will and pleasure of Divine Providence. Wharton.

**DEJACION.** In Spanish law. Surrender; release; abandonment; i.e., the act of an insolvent in surrendering his property for the benefit of his creditors, or an heir in renouncing the succession, the abandonment of insured property to the underwriters.

**DEJERATION.** A taking of a solemn oath.

**DELIBERADOR.** L. Fr. In old English practice. Of well being; of form. The same as *de bene esse*. Brit. c. 39.

**DELIBERACIÓN.** In mercantile law. A phrase borrowed from the Italians, equivalent to our word "guaranty" or "warranty," or the Scotch term "warrandice;" an agreement by which a factor, when he sells goods on credit, for an additional commission, (called a "del credere commission,") guarantees the solvency of the purchaser and his performance of the contract. Such a factor is called a "del credere agent." He is a mere surety, liable only to his principal in case the purchaser makes default. Story, *Ag.* 28; Loeb v. Hellman, 38 N. Y. 603; Lewis v. Brehme, 33 Md. 424, 3 Am. Rep. 190; Leverick v. Meigs, 1 Cow. (N. Y.) 663; Ruffner v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 694.

**DELAISSEMENT.** In French marine law. Abandonment. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. ch. 17.

**DELAKE.** In Scotch law. To accuse. Delated, accused. *Delatit aut arte et parte*, accused of being accessory to. 3 How. St. Tr. 425, 440.

**DELATO.** In the civil law. An accusation or information.

**DELATOR.** An accuser; an informer; a sycophant.

**DELAUTURA.** In old English law. The reward of an informer. Whishaw.

**DELAY.** To retard; obstruct; put off; hinder; interpose obstacles; as, when it is said that a conveyance was made to "hinder and delay creditors." Mercantile Co. v. Arnold, 108 Ga. 449, 34 S. E. 176; Ellis v. Valentine, 65 Tex. 532.

**DELECTUS PERSONE.** Lat. Choice of the person. By this term is understood the right of a partner to exercise his choice and preference as to the admission of any new members to the firm, and as to the persons to be so admitted, if any.

In Scotch law. The personal preference which is supposed to have been exercised by a landlord in selecting his tenant, by the members of a firm in making choice of partners, in the appointment of persons to office, and other cases. Nearly equivalent to personal trust as a doctrine in law. Bell.

Delegata potestas non potest delegari. 2 Inst. 397. A delegated power cannot be delegated.

**DELEGATE.** A person who is delegated or commissioned to act in the stead of another; a person to whom affairs are committed by another; an attorney.

A person elected or appointed to be a member of a representative assembly. Usually spoken of one sent to a special or occasional assembly or convention. Manston v. McIntosh, 58 Minn. 525, 60 N. W. 672, 28 L. R. A. 695.

The representative in congress of one of the organized territories of the United States.

—Delegates, the high court of. In English law. Formerly the court of appeal from the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts. Abolished upon the judicial committee of the privy council being constituted the court of appeal in such cases.
DELEGATION. A sending away; a putting into commission; the assignment of a debt to another; the intrusting another with a general power to act for the good of those who depute him.

At common law. The transfer of authority by one person to another; the act of making or commissioning a delegate. The whole body of delegates or representatives sent to a convention or assembly from one district, place, or political unit are collectively spoken of as a "delegation."

In the civil law. A species of novation which consists in the change of one debtor for another, when he who is indebted substitutes a third person who obligates himself in his stead to the creditor, so that the first debtor is acquitted and his obligation extinguished, and the creditor contents himself with the obligation of the second debtor. Delegation is essentially distinguished from any other species of novation, in this: that the former demands the consent of all three parties, but the latter that only of the two parties to the new debt. 1 Domat, § 2318; Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 454.

Delegation is novation effected by the intervention of another person whom the debtor, in order to be liberated from his creditor, gives to such creditor, or to him whom the creditor appoints; and such person so given becomes obliged to the creditor in the place of the original debtor. Burge, Sur. 173.

Delegatus non potest delegare. A delegable cannot delegate; an agent cannot delegate his functions to a subagent without the knowledge or consent of the principal; the person to whom an office or duty is delegated cannot lawfully devolve the duty on another, unless he be expressly authorized so to do. 9 Coke, 77; Broom, Max. 840; 2 Kent, Comm. 633; 2 Steph. Comm. 119.

DELETE. In Scotch law. To erase; to strike out.

DELF. A quarry or mine. 31 Ellz. c. 7.

Deliberandum, est din qnod statnen-dnm est semel. 12 Coke, 74. That which is to be resolved once for all should be long deliberated upon.

DELIBERATE, a. To weigh, ponder, discuss. To examine, to consult, in order to form an opinion.

DELIBERATE, adj. By the use of this word, in describing a crime, the idea is conveyed that the perpetrator weighs the motives for the act and its consequences, the nature of the crime, or other things connected with his intentions, with a view to a decision thereon; that he carefully considers all these; and that the act is not suddenly committed. It implies that the perpetrator must be capable of the exercise of such mental powers as are called into use by deliberation and the consideration and weighing of motives and consequences. State v. Boyle, 28 Iowa, 524.

"Deliberation" and "premeditation" are of the same character of mental operations, differing only in degree. Deliberation is but prolonged premeditation. In other words, in law, deliberation is premeditation in a cool state of the blood, or, where there has been heat of passion, it is premeditation continued beyond the period within which there has been time for the blood to cool, in the given case. Deliberation is not only to think of beforehand, which may be but for an instant, but the inclination to do the act is considered, weighed, pondered upon, for such a length of time after a provocation is given as the jury may find was sufficient for the blood to cool. One in a heat of passion may premeditate without deliberating. Deliberation is only exercised in a cool state of the blood, while premeditation may be either in a cool state of the blood or in the blood heated by passion. State v. Kotovesky, 74 Mo. 249; State v. Lindgrind, 33 Wash. 440, 74 Pac. 505; State v. Dedda, 54 W. Va. 260, 40 S. E. 228; State v. Fairbairn, 121 Mo. 137, 25 S. W. 885; Milton v. State, 6 Neb. 143; State v. Greenleaf, 71 N. H. 606, 54 Atl. 38; State v. Fiske, 63 Conn. 588, 25 Atl. 281; Chapman v. State, 61 Ala. 273; State v. Snead, 91 Mo. 552, 4 S. W. 411; Debney v. State, 45 Neb. 856, 64 N. W. 446, 34 L. R. 451; Cannon v. State, 69 Ark. 664, 31 S. W. 190.

DELIBERATION. The act or process of deliberating. The act of weighing and examining the reasons for and against a contemplated act or course of conduct or a choice of acts or means. See Deliberate.

Delicatus debitor est odiosus in lege. A luxurious debtor is odious in law. 2 Bullst. 148. Imprisonment for debt has now, however, been generally abolished.

DELICT. In the Roman and civil law. A wrong or injury; an offense; a violation of public or private duty.

It will be observed that this word, taken in its most general sense, is wider in both directions than our English term "tort." On the one hand, it includes those wrongful acts which, while directly affecting some individual or his property, yet extend in their injurious consequences to the peace or security of the community at large, and hence rise to the grade of crimes or misdemeanors. These acts were termed in the Roman law "public delicts;" while those for which the only penalty exacted was compensation to the person primarily injured were denominated "private delicts." On the other hand, the term appears to have included injurious actions which transpired without any malicious intention on the part of the doer. Thus Pothier gives the name "quasi delicta" to the acts of a person who, without malignity, but by an inexcusable imprudence, causes an injury to another. Poth. Obl. 116. The word is now used in modern jurisprudence as a convenient synonym of "tort;" that is, a wrongful and injurious violation of a jus in rem or right available against all the world. This is distinctly the two contrary phrases, "actions ex contractu" and "actions ex delito."

Quasi delict. An act whereby a person, without malice, but by fault, negligence, or in-
prudence not legally excusable, causes injury to another. They were four in number, viz.: (1) Qui judec litteram fœcit, being the offense of partiality or excess in the judez, (juryman); (2) \( y_{n} \), in assessing the damages at a figure in excess of the extreme limit permitted by the formula. (2) Dejectum effusumve altiqutd, being the tort committed by one's servant in emptying or throwing something out of an attic or upper story upon a person passing beneath. (6) Dam- natio iniuriae, being the offense of hanging dangerous articles over the heads of persons passing along the king's highway. (4) Torts committed by one's agents (e. g., stable-boys, shop-managers, etc.) in the course of their employment. Brown.

DELIQUENT, n. In the civil law. He who has been guilty of some crime, offense, or failure of duty.

DELIQUENT, adj. As applied to a debt or claim, it means simply due and unpaid at the time appointed by law or fixed by contract; as, a delinquent tax. Chauncey v. Wass, 35 Minn. 1, 30 N. W. 826; Gallup v. Schmidt, 154 Ind. 196, 56 N. E. 450. As applied to a person, it commonly means that he is grossly negligent or in willful default in regard to his pecuniary obligations, or even that he is dishonest and unworthy of credit. Boyce v. Ewart, Rice (S. C.) 140; Ferguson v. Pittsburgh, 159 Pa. 435, 28 Atl. 118; Grocers' Ass'n v. Exton, 18 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 321.

DELIQUENT. In medical jurisprudence. Delirium is that state of the mind in which it acts without being directed by the power of volition, which is wholly or partially suspended. This happens most perfectly in dreams. But what is commonly called "delirium" is always preceded or attended by a feverish and highly diseased state of the body. The patient in delirium is wholly unconscious of surrounding objects, or conceives them to be different from what they really are. His thoughts seem to drift about, wandering and tossing amidst distracted dreams. And his observations, when he makes any, as often happens, are wild and incoherent; or, from excess of pain, he sinks into a low muttering, or silent and death-like stupor. The law contemplates this species of mental derangement as an intellectual eclipse; as a darkness occasionally by a cloud of disease passing over a calm; and which must soon terminate in health or in death. Owning's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 811; Supreme Lodge v. Lapp, 74 S. W. 656, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 74; Clark v. Ellis, 9 Or. 132; Brodgen v. Brown, 2 Add. 441.

DELIRIUM. In medical jurisprudence. A form of mental aberration incident to fevers, and sometimes to the last stages of chronic diseases.

DELIRIUM TREMENS. A disorder of the nervous system, involving the brain and setting up an attack of temporary delusional insanity, sometimes attended with violent excitement or mania, caused by excessive and long continued indulgence in alcoholic liquors, or by the abrupt cessation of such use after a protracted debauch. See INSANITY.


DELIVERANCE. In practice. The verdict rendered by a jury.

—Second deliverance. In practice. A writ allowed a plaintiff in replevin, where the defendant has obtained judgment for return of the goods, by default on nonsuit, in order to have the same distress again delivered to him, on giving the same security as before. 3 Bl. Comm. 150, 3 Steph. Comm. 698.

DELIVERY. In conveying. The final and absolute transfer of a deed, properly executed, to the grantee, or to some person for his use, in such manner that it cannot be recalled by the grantor. Black v. Shreve, 13 N. J. Eq. 461; Kirk v. Turner, 16 N. C. 14.

In the law of sales. The tradition or transfer of the possession of personal property from one person to another.

In medical jurisprudence. The act of a woman giving birth to her offspring. Blake v. Junkins, 35 Me. 433.

Absolute and conditional delivery. An absolute delivery of a deed, as distinguished from conditional delivery or delivery in escrow, is one which is complete upon the actual transfer of the instrument from the possession of the grantor. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 32 Am. St. Rep. 461. A conditional delivery of a deed is one which passes the deed from the possession of the grantor, but is not to be completed by possession of the grantee, or a third person as his agent, until the happening of a specified event. Dyer v. Skadan, 128 Mich. 348, 87 N. W. 277, 92 Am. St. Rep. 461; Schmidt v. Deegan, 69 Wis. 300, 34 N. W. 88.

Actual and constructive. In the law of sales, actual delivery consists in the giving real
possession of the thing sold to the vendee or his servants or special agents who are identified with him in the subject-matter and constructive delivery is a general term, comprehending all those acts which, although not truly conferring a real possession of the thing sold on the vendee, have been held, by construction, to be equivalent to acts of real delivery. In this sense constructive delivery includes symbolic delivery and all those traditions, acts which have been admitted into the law as sufficient to vest the absolute property in the vendee and bar the rights of lien and stoppage in transitus, such as marking and setting apart the goods as belonging to the vendee, charging him with warehouse rent, etc. Bolin v. Huffnagle, 1 Rawle (c. D. Pa.) 18. A constructive delivery of personalty takes place when the goods are set apart and notice given to the person to whom they are to be delivered (The Titania, 131 Fed. 229, 65 C. C. A. 215), or when, without actual transfer of the goods or their symbol, the conduct of the parties is such as to be inconsistent with any other supposition than that there has been a change in the nature of the holding. Swafford v. Spratt, 93 Mo. App. 631, 67 S. W. 701; Holiday v. White, 33 Tex. 459.

Symbolical delivery. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale, where it is cumbersome or inaccessible, by the actual delivery of some article which is conventionally accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or with which there is access to it, which is in the evidence of the purchaser's title to it; as the key of a warehouse, or a bill of lading of goods on shipboard. Winslow v. Fletcher, 53 Conn. 390, 4 Atl. 250; Miller v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 5, 30 Atl. 640.

Delivery bond. A bond given upon the seizure of goods (as under the revenue laws) conditioned for their restoration to the defendant, or the payment of their value, if so adjudged.

Delivery order. An order addressed, in person. See 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. f 589. Bolling v. Norris, 70 Me. 118.—On demand. A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any actual demand, or, if a demand is necessary, the bringing of a suit is enough. Appeal of Andress, 99 Pa. 424.—Personal demand. A demand for payment of a bill or note, made upon the drawer, acceptor, or maker, in person. See 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 589.

DEMANDA. In Spanish law. The petition of a plaintiff, setting forth his demand. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 10, l. 3.

DEMANDANT. The plaintiff or party suing in a real action. Co. Litt. 127.

DEMANDRESS. A female demandant.

DEMEASE. In old English law. Death.

DEMEMBRATION. In Scotch law. Maliciously cutting off or otherwise separating one limb from another. 1 Hume, 323; Bell.

DEMENS. One whose mental faculties are enfeebled; one who has lost his mind; distinguishable from amens, one totally insane. 4 Coke, 123.

DEMENTED. Of unsound mind.

DEMENTENANT EN AVANT. L. Fr. From this time forward. Kelham.

DEMENTIA. See Insanity.

DEMESNE. Domain; dominical; held in one's own right, and not of a superior; not allotted to tenants.

In the language of pleading, own; proprietary; original. Thus, son assault demesne, his own assault, his assault originally or in the first place.

-Ancient demesne, see Ancient.—Demesne as of fee. A man is said to be seised
in his demise as of fee of a corporeal inheritance, because he has a property, dominium or demesne, in the thing itself. But when he has no dominion in the thing itself, as in the case of an incorporeal hereditament, he is said to be seised as of fee, and not in his demesne as of fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Littleton, § 10; Hammet, Thirse, 37 Serg. & R. (P.) 196.—Demesne lands. In English law. Those lands of a manor not granted out in tenancy, but reserved by the lord for his own use and occupation. Lands set apart and appropriated by the lord for his own private use, as for the supply of his table, and the maintenance of his family; the opposite of tenemental lands. Tenancy and demesne, however, were not in every sense the opposites of each other; lands held for years or at will being included among demesne lands, as well as those in the lord's actual possession. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 90.—Demesne lands of the crown. That share of lands reserved to the crown at the original distribution of landed property, or which came to it afterwards by forfeiture or otherwise. 1 Bl. Comm. 286; 2 Steph. Comm. 530.—Demesneal. Pertaining to a demesne.


DEMI-SANGUE, or DEMY-SANGUE. Half-blood.

DEMIDIETAS. In old records. A half or moiety.

DEMIES. In some universities and colleges this term is synonymous with "scholars."

DEMINUTIO. In the civil law. A taking away; loss or deprivation. See CAPITIS DEMISIO.

DEMISE, n. In conveyancing. To convey or create an estate for years or life; to lease. The usual and operative word in leases: "Have granted, demised, and to farm let, and by these presents do grant, demised, and to farm let." 2 Bl. Comm. 317; 1 Steph. Comm. 476; Co. Litt. 455.

DEMISE, a. In conveyancing. A conveyance of an estate to another for life, for years, or at will; most commonly for years; a lease. 1 Steph. Comm. 475. Voorhees v. Church, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 71; Gilmore v. Hamilton, 83 Ind. 196.

Originally a posthumous grant; commonly a lease or conveyance for a term of years; sometimes applied to any conveyance, in fee, for life, or for years. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1289.

"Demise" is synonymous with "lease" or "let," except that demise ex vi termini implies a covenant for title, and also a covenant for quiet enjoyment, whereas lease or let implies neither of these covenants. Brown.

The word is also used as a synonym for "decease" or "death." In England it is especially employed to denote the death of the sovereign.

—Demise and redemise. In conveyancing. Mutual leases made from one party to another on each side, of the same land, or something out of it; as when A. grants a lease to B. at a nominal rent, (as of a pepper corn,) and B. redemises the same property to A. for a shorter time at a real, substantial rent. Jacob; Whishaw.—Demise of the crown. The natural dissolution of the king is generally so called; an expression which signifies merely a transfer of property. By demise of the crown we mean only that, in consequence of the disunion of the king's natural body from his body politic, the kingdom is transferred or demised to his successor, and so the royal dignity remains perpetual. 1 Bl. Comm. 249; Plowd. 234.—Several demises. In some practice in the law of ejectment, it was formerly customary, in case there were any doubt as to the legal estate being in the plaintiff, to insert in the declaration several demises from as many different persons; but this was rendered unnecessary by the provisions of the common-law procedure acts.—Single demise. A declaration in ejectment might contain either one demise or several. When it contained only one, it was called a "declaration with a single demise."

DEMISI. Lat. I have demised or leased. Demissi, conceest, et ad firmam tradidit; have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual operative words in ancient leases, as the corresponding English words are in the modern forms. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318. Koch v. Hustis, 112 Wis. 550, 87 N. W. 804; Kinney v. Watts, 15 Wend. (N. Y.) 40.

DEMISSIO. L. Lat. A demise or letting. Chiefly used in the phrase ex demissione (on the demise), which formed part of the title of the cause in the old actions of ejectment, where it signified that the nominal plaintiff (a fictitious person) held the estate "on the demise" of, that is, by a lease from, the real plaintiff.

DEMOBILIZATION. In military law. The dismissal of an army or body of troops from active service.

DEMOCRACY. That form of government in which the sovereign power resides in and is exercised by the whole body of free citizens: as distinguished from a monarchy, aristocracy, or oligarchy. According to the theory of a pure democracy, every citizen should participate directly in the business of governing, and the legislative assembly should comprise the whole people. But the ultimate lodgment of the sovereignty being the distinguishing feature, the introduction of the representative system does not remove a government from this type. However, a government of the latter kind is sometimes specifically described as a "representative democracy."

DEMOCRATIC. Of or pertaining to democracy, or to the party of the democrats.

DEMONETIZATION. The disuse of a particular metal for purposes of coinage. The withdrawal of the value of a metal as money.
DEMONSTRATIO. Lat. Description; addition; denomination. Occurring often in the phrase, "Falsus demonstratio non nocet," (a false description does not harm.)

DEMONSTRATION. Description; pointing out. That which is said or written to designate a thing or person.


DEMONSTRATIVE LEGACY. See Legacy.

DEMPSTER. In Scotch law. A doomsman. One who pronounced the sentence of court. 1 How. State Tr. 337.

DEMUR. To present a demurrer; to take an exception to the sufficiency in point of law of a pleading or state of facts alleged. See Demurrer.

—Demurrable. A pleading, petition, or the like, is said to be demurrable when it does not state such facts as support the claim, prayer, or defense put forward. 6 Ch. Div. 378.—Demurrant. One who demurs; the party who, in pleading, interposes a demurrer.

DEMMURRAGE. In maritime law. The sum which is fixed by the contract of carriage, or which is allowed, as remuneration to the owner of a ship for the detention of his vessel beyond the number of days allowed by the charter-party for loading and unloading, or for sailing. Also the detention of the vessel by the freighter beyond such time. The form of demurrage is only an extended freight or remuneration. See Bemis v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 395; Parish v. Sloan, 38 N. C. 606; Goodman v. Ford, 23 Miss. 585; Hostetter Co. v. Lyons Co. (C. C.) 99 Fed. 735.

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It imports that the objecting party will not proceed, but will wait the judgment of the court whether he is bound so to do. Co. Litt. 71b; Steph. Pl. 61.

In Equity. An allegation of a defendant, which, admitting the matters of fact alleged by the bill to be true, shows that as they are therein set forth they are insufficient for the plaintiff to proceed upon or to oblige the defendant to answer; or that, for some reason apparent on the face of the bill, or on account of the omission of some matter which ought to be contained therein, or for want of some circumstances which ought to be attendant thereon, the defendant ought not to be compelled to answer to the whole bill, or to some certain part thereof. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 107.

Classification and varieties. A general demurrer is a demurrer framed in general terms, without showing specifically the nature of the objection, and which is usually resorted to where the objection is to matters of substance. See Reid v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 395; U. S. v. National Bank (C. C.) 73 Fed. 186; McGuire v. Van Pelt, 55 Ala. 344; Taylor v. Taylor, 87 Mich. 64, 49 N. W. 519. A special demurrer is one which excepts to the sufficiency of the pleadings on the opposite side, and shows specifically the nature of the objection, and the particular ground of the exception. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 3022; Darcey v. Lake, 48 Miss. 177; Christensen v. Russell, 5 L. Wall. Supp. 475; Shaw v. Chase, 77 Mich. 436, 43 N. W. 883. A speaking demurrer is one which, in order to sustain itself, requires some fact not appearing on the face of the pleading objected to, or, in other words, which alleges or assumes the existence of a fact not already pleaded, which constitutes the ground of objection. Wright v. Weber, 17 Pa. Supr. Ct. 455; Walker v. Connant, 65 Mich. 194, 31 N. W. 765; Brooks v. Gibbons, 4 Paige (N. Y.) 375; Clarke v. Land Co., 113 Ga. 21, 38 S. E. 322. A parol demurrer (not properly a demurrer at all) was a staying of the pleadings; a suspension of the proceedings in an action during the nonage of an infant, especially in a real action. Now abolished. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.


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gued to the court in base, who gave judgment upon the facts as shown in evidence. See 3 Bl. Comm. 372; Bass v. Rublee, 76 Vt. 588, 57 Atl. 966; Patterson v. Ford, 2 Grat. (Va.) 18; Suydam v. Williamson, 20 How. 436, 15 L. Ed. 978; Railroad Co. v. McArthur, 43 Minn. 180. — Deni. to interrogatories. Where a witness objects to a question propounded (particularly on the taking of a deposition) and states his reason for objecting or refusing to answer, it is called a "deni. to the interrogatory," though the term cannot here be understood as used in its technical sense.

DEMY SANKE, DEMY SANGUE. Half-blood. A corruption of demi-sang.


DEN AND STROND. In old English law. Liberty for ships or vessels to run aground, or come ashore. Cowell.

DENARIA. In old English law. As much land as is worth one penny per annum.

DENARIUS. An ancient general term for any sort of pecunia numerata, or ready money. The French use the word "denier" in the same sense, — payer de ses propres deniers.

—Denaril de caritate. In English law. Customary oblations made to a cathedral church at Pentecost.—Denaril S. Petri. (Commonly called "Peter's Pence"). An annual payment on St. Peter's feast of a penny from every family to the pope, during the time that the Roman Catholic religion was established in England.

DENARIUS. The chief silver coin among the Romans, worth 8d.; it was the seventh part of a Roman ounce. Also an English penny. The denarius was first coined five years before the first Punic war, B. C. 269. In later times a copper coin was called "denarius." Smith, Dict. Antiq.

—Denarius Dei. (Lat. "God's penny.") Earnest money; a sum of money given as a token of the completion of a bargain. The phrase is a translation of the Latin Denarius Dei, (q. v.)

DENIZATION. The act of making one a denizen; the conferring of the privileges of citizenship upon an alien born. Cro. Jac. 540. See Denizen.

DENIZE. To make a man a denizen or citizen.

DENIZEN. In English law. A person, who, being an alien born, has obtained, by donatione regis, letters patent to make him an English subject,—a high and incommunicable branch of the royal prerogative. A denizen is in a kind of middle state between an alien and a natural-born subject, and partakes of the status of both of these. 1 Bl. Comm. 38; 7 Coke, 6.

The term is used to signify a person who, being an alien by birth, has obtained letters patent making him an English subject. The king may denize, but not naturalize, a man; the latter requiring the consent of parliament, as under the naturalization act, 1870, (33 & 34 Vict. c. 14.) A denizen holds a position midway between an alien and a natural-born or naturalized subject, being able to take lands by purchase or devise, (which an alien could not until 1870 do,) but not able to take lands by descent, (which a natural-born or naturalized subject may do.) Brown.

The word is also used in this sense in South Carolina. See McClenaghan v. McClenaghan, 1 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 319, 47 Am. Dec. 532.

A denizen, in the primary, but obsolete, sense of the word, is a natural-born subject of a country. Co. Litt. 129a.

DENMAN'S (LORD) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of the law of evidence, (6 & 7 Vict. c. 85) which provides that no person offered as a witness shall thereafter be excluded by reason of incapacity, from crime or interest, from giving evidence.

DENMAN'S (MR.) ACT. An English statute, for the amendment of the provision in criminal trials, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 18) allowing counsel to sum up the evidence in criminal as in civil trials, provided the prisoner be defended by counsel.

DENOMBREMENT. In French feudal law. A minute or act drawn up, on the creation of a fief, containing a description of

Francisco, 9 Cal. 470; Sands v. Maclay, 2 Mont. 38; Seward v. Miller, 6 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 812.

DENIER. L. Fr. In old English law. Denial; refusal. Denier is when the rent (being demanded upon the land) is not paid. Finch, Law, b. 3. c. 5.

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the fief, and all the rights and incidents belonging to it. Guyot, Inst. Feud. c. 3.

Denominatio fieri debet a dignioribus. Denomination should be made from the more worthy.

Denounce. An act or thing is "denounced" when the law declares it a crime and prescribes a punishment for it. State v. De Hart, 109 La. 570, 33 South. 605. The word is also used (not technically but popularly) as the equivalent of "accuse" or "inform against."

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Deodand. (L. Lat. Deo dandum, a thing to be given to God.) In English law. Any personal chattel which was the immediate occasion of the death of any reasonable creature, and which was forfeited to the crown to be applied to pious uses, and distributed in alms by the high almoner. 1 Hale, P. C. 419; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 25; 1 Bl. Comm. 300; 2 Steph. Comm. 365.

Deor Hedge. In old English law. The hedge inclosing a deer park.

Depart. In pleading. To forsake or abandon the ground assumed in a former pleading, and assume a new one. See Departure.

In maritime law. To leave a port; to be out of a port. To depart imports more than to sail, or set sail. A warranty in a policy that a vessel shall depart on or before a particular day is a warranty not only that she shall sail, but that she shall be out of the port on or before that day. 3 Maule & S. 461; 3 Kent, Comm. 307, note. "To depart" does not mean merely to break ground, but fairly to set forward upon the voyage. Moir v. Assur. Co., 6 Taunt. 241; Young v. The Orpheus, 119 Mass., 185; The Helen Brown (D. C.) 28 Fed. 111.

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Department. 1. One of the territorial divisions of a country. The term is chiefly used in this sense in France, where the division of the country into departments is somewhat analogous, both territorially and for governmental purposes, to the division of an American state into counties.

2. One of the divisions of the executive branch of government. Used in this sense in the United States, where each department is charged with a specific class of duties, and comprises an organized staff of officials; e.g., the department of state, department of war, etc.

Departure. In maritime law. A deviation from the course prescribed in the policy of insurance.

In pleading. The statement of matter in a replication, rejoinder, or subsequent pleading, as a cause of action or defense, which is not pursuant to the previous pleading of the same party, and which does not support and fortify it. 2 Williams, Saund. 84a, note 1; 2 Wils. 98; Co. Litt. 504a; Railway Co.
DEPARTURE IN DESPITE OF COURT. In old English practice. The tenant in a real action, having once appeared, was considered as constructively present in court until again called upon. Hence if, upon being demanded, he failed to appear, he was said to have "departed in despite [i.e., contempt] of the court."

DEPASTURE. In old English law. To pasture. "If a man depastures unprofitable cattle in his ground." Bunn. 1, case 1.

DEPECULATION. A robbing of the prince or commonwealth; an embezzlement of the public treasure.

DEPENDENCY. A territory distinct from the country in which the supreme sovereign power resides, but belonging rightfully to it, and subject to the laws and regulations which the sovereign may think proper to prescribe. U. S. v. The Nancy, 3 Wash. C. C. 286, Fed. Cas. No. 15,554.

It differs from a colony, because it is not settled by the citizens of the sovereign or mother state; and from possession, because it is held by other title than that of mere conquest.

DEPENDENT. Deriving existence, support, or direction from another; conditioned, in respect to force or obligation, upon an extraneous act or fact.

DEPENDENT CONTRACT. One which depends or is conditional upon another. One which it is not the duty of the contractor to perform until some obligation contained in the same agreement has been performed by the other party. Ham. Parties, 17, 29, 30, 109.—DEPENDENT COVENANT. See COVENANT.

DEPENDING. In practice. Pending or undetermined; in progress. See 5 Coke, 47.

DEPESAS. In Spanish-American law. Spaces of ground in towns reserved for commons or public pasturage. 12 Pet. 443, note, 9 L. Ed. 1160.

DEPONE. In Scotch practice. To depose; to make oath in writing.

DEPONENT. In practice. One who deposes (that is, testifies or makes oath in writing) to the truth of certain facts; one who gives under oath testimony which is reduced to writing; one who makes oath to a written statement. The party making an affidavit is generally so called.

The word "deponent," from which is derived "deponent," has relation to the mode in which the oath is administered, (by the witness placing his hand upon the book of the holy evangelists) and not as to whether the testimony is delivered or reduced to writing. "Deponent" is included in the term "witness," but "witness" is more general. Bliss v. Shuman, 47 Me. 248.

DEPONER. In old Scotch practice. A deponent. 3 How. State Tr. 695.

DEPOPULATIO AGRORUM. In old English law. The crime of destroying, ravaging, or laying waste a country. 2 Hale, P. C. 333; 4 Bl. Comm. 373.

DEPOPULATION. In old English law. A species of waste by which the population of the kingdom was diminished. Depopulation of houses was a public offense. 12 Coke, 30, 31.

DEPORTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A kind of banishment, where a condemned person was sent or carried away to some foreign country, usually to an island, (in insula deportatur,) and thus taken out of the number of Roman citizens.

DEPORTATION. Banishment to a foreign country, attended with confiscation of property and deprivation of civil rights. A punishment derived from the deportatio (q. v.) of the Roman law, and still in use in France.

In Roman law. A perpetual banishment, depriving the banished of his rights as a citizen; it differed from relegation (q. v.) and exile, (q. v.) 1 Brown, Civil & Adm. Law, 125, note; Inst. 1, 12, 1, and 2; Dig. 48, 22, 14, 1.

In American law. The removal or sending back of an alien to the country from which he came, as a measure of national police and without any implication of punishment or penalty.

"Transportation," "extradition," and "deportation," although each has the effect of removing a person from a country, are different things and for different purposes. Transportation is by way of punishment of one convicted of an offense against the laws of the country; extradition is the surrender to another country of one accused of an offense against its laws, there to be tried and punished if found guilty. Deportation is the removing of an alien out of the country simply because his presence is deemed inconsistent with the public welfare, and without any punishment being imposed or contemplated, either under the laws of the country out of which he is sent, or under those of the country to which he is taken. Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 Sup. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.
DEPOSE. In practice. In ancient usage, to testify as a witness; to give evidence under oath.

In modern usage. To make a deposition; to give evidence in the shape of a deposition; to make statements which are written down and sworn to; to give testimony which is reduced to writing by a duly-qualified officer and sworn to by the deponent.

To deprive an individual of a public employment or office against his will. Wolfius, Inst. § 1063. The term is usually applied to the deprivation of all authority of a sovereign.

DEPOSIT. A naked bailment of goods to be kept for the depositor without reward, and to be returned when he shall require it. Jones, Bailm. 36, 117; National Bank v. Washington County Bank, 5 Hun (N. Y.) 607; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 167; Montgomery v. Evans, 8 Ga. 180; Rozelle v. Rhodes, 110 Pa. 123, 9 Atl. 160, 2 Am. St. Rep. 591; In re Patterson, 18 Hun (N. Y.) 222.

A bailment of goods to be kept by the bailee without reward, and delivered according to the object or purpose of the original trust. Story, Bailm. § 41.

A deposit, in general, is an act by which a person receives the property of another, binding himself to preserve it and return it in kind. Civ. Code La. art. 2926.

When chattels are delivered by one person to another to keep for the use of the bailor, it is called a "deposit." Code Ga. 1852, § 2108.

The word is also sometimes used to designate money lodged with a person as an earnest or security for the performance of some contract, to be forfeited if the depositor fails in his undertaking.

Classification. According to the classification of the civil law, deposits are of the following several sorts: (1) Necessary, made upon some sudden necessity, and from some pressing necessity; as, for instance, in case of a fire, a shipwreck, or other overwhelming calamity, when property is confided to any person whom the depositor may meet without proper opportunity for reflection or choice, and thence it is called "misera·bilis depositum." (2) Voluntary, which arises from the mere consent and agreement of the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2964; Dig. 16. 3. 2; Story, Bailm. § 44. The common law has made no such division. There is another class of deposits called "involuntary," which may be without the assent or even knowledge of the depositor; as lumber, etc., left upon another's land by the subsidence of a flood. The civilians again divide deposits into "simple deposits," made by one or more persons having a common interest, and "sequestrations," made by one or more persons, each of whom has a different and adverse interest in controversy touching it; and these last are of two sorts, "conventional," or such as are made by the mere agreement of the parties without any judicial act; and "judicial," or such as are made by order of a court in the course of some proceeding. Civ. Code La. art. 2979.

There is another class of deposits called "irregular," as when a person, having a sum of money which he does not think safe in his own hands, confines it to another, who is to return it to him, not the same money, but a like sum when he shall demand it. Poth. du Depot. 82, 83; Story, Bailm. § 84. A regular deposit is a strict or special deposit; a deposit which must be returned in specie; i.e., the thing deposited must be returned. A quasi deposit is a kind of implied or involuntary deposit, which takes place wherever a party comes lawfully to the possession of another person's property, by finding it. Story, Bailm. § 85. Particularly with reference to money, deposits are also classed as general or special. A general deposit is where the money deposited is not itself to be returned, but an equivalent in money (that is, a like sum) is to be returned. It is equivalent to a loan, and the money deposited becomes the property of the depositary. Insurance Co. v. Landers, 43 Ala. 138. A special deposit is a deposit in which the identical thing deposited is to be returned to the depositor. The particular object of this kind of deposit is safe-keeping. Koetting v. State, 88 Wis. 502, 60 N. W. 822. In banking law, this kind of deposit is contrasted with a "general" deposit, as above; but in the civil law it is the antithesis of an "irregular" deposit. A gratuitous or naked deposit is a bailment of goods to be kept for the depositor without hire or reward on either side, or one for which the depositary receives no consideration beyond the mere possession of the thing deposited. Civ. Code Ga. 1855, § 2921; Civ. Code Cal. § 1844. Properly and originally, all deposits are of this description; for according to the Roman law, a bailment of goods for which hire or a price is to be paid, is not called "depositum" but "locatio." If the owner of the property pays for its custody or care, it is a "locatio custodiae:" if, on the other hand, the bailee pays for the use of it, it is "locatio rei." (See LOCATIO.) But in the modern law of those states which have been influenced by the Roman jurisprudence, a gratuitous or naked deposit is distinguished from a "deposit for hire," in which the bailee is to be paid for his services in keeping the article. Civ. Code Cal. 1805, § 1851; Civ. Code Ga. 1855, § 2921.

In banking law. The act of placing or lodging money in the custody of a bank or banker, for safety or convenience, to be withdrawn at the will of the depositor or under rules and regulations agreed on; also the money so deposited.

General and special deposits. Deposits of money in a bank are either general or special.
A general deposit (the ordinary form) is one which is to be repaid on demand, in whole or in part as called for, in any current money, not the same pieces of money deposited. In this case the title to the money deposited passes to the bank, which becomes debtor to the depositor for the amount. A special deposit is one in which the depositor is entitled to the return of the identical thing deposited (gold, bullion, securities, etc.) and the title to the property remains in him, the deposit being usually made only for purposes of safe-keeping. Shupman v. State Bank, 59 Hun, 621, 13 N. Y. Supp. 475; State v. Clark, 4 Ind. 315; Brahm v. Atkins, 77 Ill. 203. Marine Bank v. Fulton Bank, 2 Wall. 255, 17 L. Ed. 795. There is also a specific deposit, which exists where money or property is given to a bank for some specific and particular purpose, as a note for collection, money to pay a particular note, or property for some other specific purpose. Officer v. Officer, 129 Iowa, 589, 94 N. W. 947, 95 Am. St. Rep. 365.

Deposit account. An account of sums lodged with a bank not to be drawn upon by checks, and usually not to be withdrawn except after a fixed notice.—Deposit company. Companies whose business is the safe-keeping of securities or other valuables deposited in boxes or safes in its building which are leased to the depositors in return for a rental. A method of pledging real property as security for a loan, by placing the title-deeds of the land in the keeping of the lender as pledgee.

DEPOSITARY. The party receiving a deposit; one with whom anything is lodged in trust, as "depository" is the place where it is put. The obligation on the part of the depositary is that he keep the thing with reasonable care, and, upon request, restore it to the depositor, or otherwise deliver it, according to the original trust.

DEPOSITION. In Scotch law. Deposition or depositum, the species of bailment so called. Bell.

DEPOSITION. The testimony of a witness taken upon interrogatories, not in open court, but in pursuance of a commission to take testimony issued by a court, or under a general law on the subject, and reduced to writing and duly authenticated, and intended to be used upon the trial of an action in court. Lutcher v. U. S., 72 Fed. 972, 19 C. A. 259; Indianapolis Water Co. v. American Strawboard Co. (C. C.) 65 Fed. 535.

A deposition is a written declaration under oath, made upon notice to the adverse party for the purpose of enabling him to attend and cross-examine; or upon written interrogatories. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 2004; Code Civ. Proc. Dak. § 495.

A deposition is evidence given by a witness under interrogatories, oral or written, and usually written down by an official person. In its general scope, it embraces all written evidence verified by or signed by the witness and includes affidavits: but in legal language, a distinction is maintained between depositions and affidavits. Stimpson v. Brooks, 8 Blatchf. 456, Fed. Cas. No. 13,454.

The term sometimes is used in a special sense to denote a statement made orally by a person on oath before an examiner, commissioner, officer of the court (but not in open court), and taken down in writing by the examiner or under his direction. Sweet.

In ecclesiastical law. The act of depriving a clergyman, by a competent tribunal, of his clerical orders, to punish him for some offense and to prevent his acting in future in his clerical character. Ayl. Par. 206.

DEPOSIT. In Spanish law. Deposit; the species of bailment so called. Schm. Civil Law, 193.

DEPOSITORY. One who makes a deposit.

DEPOSITORY. The place where a deposit (q. v.) is placed and kept.

United States depositories. Banks selected and designated to receive deposits of the public funds of the United States are so called.


One of the four real contracts specified by Justinian, and having the following characteristics: (1) The depositary or deposittor is not liable for negligence, however extreme, but only for fraud, dolus; (2) the property remains in the depositor, the depositary having only the possession. Precarium and sequestre were two varieties of the depositum.

DÉPÔT. In French law. The depositum of the Roman and the deposit of the English law. It is of two kinds, being either (1) dépôt simply so called, and which may be either voluntary or necessary, and (2) séquestre, which is a deposit made either under an agreement of the parties, and to abide the event of pending litigation regarding it, or by virtue of the direction of the court or a judge, pending litigation regarding it. Brown; Clv. Code La. 2897.

In American law. (1) A railroad freight or passenger station; a place on the line of a railroad where passengers may enter and leave the trains and where freight is deposited for delivery; but more properly, only a place where the carrier is accustomed to receive merchandise, deposit it, and keep it ready for transportation or delivery. Maghee v. Transportation Co., 45 N. Y. 520, 6 Am. Rep. 124; Hill v. Railroad Co. (Tex. Civ. App.) 75 S. W. 876; Karnes v. Drake, 103 Ky. 134, 44 S. W. 444; Railroad Co. v. Smith, 71 Ark. 189, 71 S. W. 947; State v. New Haven & N. Co., 37 Conn. 163. (2) A place where military stores or supplies are kept or troops assembled. U. S. v. Caldwell, 19 Wall. 268, 22 L. Ed. 114.

DEPRAVE. To defame; vilify; exhibit contempt for. In England it is a criminal offense to "deprave" the Lord's supper or the Book of Common Prayer. Steph. Crim. Dig. 99.

DEPREDATION. In French law. Pillage, waste, or spoliation of goods, particularly of the estate of a decedent.
DEPRIVATION. In English ecclesiastical law. The taking away from a clergyman his benefice or other spiritual promotion or dignity, either by sentence declaratory in the proper court for fit and sufficient causes or in pursuance of divers penal statutes which declare the benefice void for some nonfeasance or neglect, or some malfeasance or crime. 3 Steph. Comm. 57, 88; Burn, Ecc. Law, tit. "Deprivation."

DEPRIVE. In a constitutional provision that no person shall be "deprived of his property" without due process of law, this word is equivalent to the term "take," and denotes a taking altogether, a seizure, a direct appropriation, dispossession of the owner. Sharpless v. Philadelphia, 21 Pa. 167, 59 Am. Dec. 728; Wynehamer v. People, 13 N. Y. 467; Munn v. People, 69 Ill. 88; Grant v. Courter, 24 Barb. (N. Y.) 239.

DEPUTIZE. To appoint a deputy; to appoint or commission one to act as deputy to an officer. In a general sense, the term is descriptive of empowering one person to act for another in any capacity or relation, but in law it is almost always restricted to the substitution of a person appointed to act for an officer of the law.


A deputy differs from an assignee, in that an assignee has an interest in the office itself, and does all things in his own name, for whom his assignor has an interest in the office, and is only the shadow of the officer in whose name he acts. And there is a distinction in doing an act by an agent and by a deputy. An agent can only bind his principal when he does the act in the name of the principal. But a deputy may do the act and sign his own name, and it binds his principal; for a deputy has, in law, the whole power of his principal. Wharton.

DEPUTY CONSUL. See CONSUL. DEPUTY LIEUTENANT. The deputy of a lord lieutenant of a county in England. DEPUTY SHERIFF. One appointed to act in the place and stead of the sheriff in the official business of the latter's office. A general deputy (sometimes called "undersheriff") is one who, by virtue of his appointment, has authority to execute all the ordinary duties of the office of sheriff, and who executes process without any special authority from his principal. A special deputy, who is an officer pro hac vice, is one appointed for a special occasion or a special service, as, to serve a particular writ or to assist in keeping the peace when a riot or tumult is expected or in progress. He acts under a specific and not a general warrant, with no special authority. Allen v. Smith, 12 N. J. Law. 162; Wilson v. Russell, 4 Dak. 376, 31 N. W. 645. DEPUTY STEWARD.
In the civil law. The voluntary abandonment of goods by the owner, without the hope or the purpose of returning to the possession. Jones v. Nunn, 12 Ga. 473; Livermore v. White, 74 Me. 456, 43 Am. Rep. 600.

Derivativa potestas non potest esse major primitiva. Noy, Max.; Wing. Max. 66. The derivative power cannot be greater than the primitive.

DERIVATIVE. Coming from another; taken from something preceding; secondary; that which has not its origin in itself, but owes its existence to something foregoing.

—Derivative conveyances. Conveyances which presuppose some other conveyance preceding, and only serve to enlarge, confirm, alter, restrain, restore, or transfer the interest granted by such original conveyance. They are releases, confirmations, surrenders, assignments, and defeasances. 2 Bl. Comm. 324.

DEROGATION. The partial repeal or abolishing of a law, as by a subsequent act which limits its scope or impairs its utility and force. Distinguished from abrogation, which means the entire repeal and annulment of a law. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DEROGATORY CLAUSE. In a will, this is a sentence or secret character inserted by the testator, of which he reserves the knowledge to himself, with a condition that no will he may make thereafter should it be valid, unless this clause be inserted word for word. This is done as a precaution to guard against later wills being extorted by violence, or otherwise improperly obtained. By the law of England such a clause would be void, as tending to make the will irrevocable. Wharton.

Derogatur legi, cum pars detrahirur; abrogatur legi, cum prorsis tollitur. To derogate from a law is to take away part of it; to abrogate a law is to abolish it entirely. Dig. 50, 17, 102.

DESAFUERO. In Spanish law. An irregular action committed with violence against law, custom, or reason.

DESAMORTIZACION. In Mexican law. The desamortizacion of property is to take it out of mortmain, (dead hands;) that is, to unloose it from the grasp, as it were, of ecclesiastical or civil corporations. The term has no equivalent in English. Hall, Mex. Law. § 749.

DESCENDANT. One who is descended from another; a person who proceeds from the body of another, such as a child, grandchild, etc., to the remotest degree. The term is the opposite of "ascendant," (q. v.)

Descendants is a good term of description in a will, and includes all who proceed from the body of the person named; as grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Amb. 397; 2 Hil. Real. Prop. 242.

DESCENDER. Descent; in the descent. See FORMEDON.

DESCENDIBLE. Capable of passing by descent, or of being inherited or transmitted by devise, (spoken of estates, titles, offices, and other property.) Collins v. Smith, 105 Ga. 525, 31 S. E. 449.

DESCENT. Hereditary succession. Succession to the ownership of an estate by inheritance, or by any act of law, as distinguished from "purchase." Title by descent is the title by which one person, upon the death of another, acquires the real estate of the latter as his heir at law. 2 Bl. Comm. 201; Com. Dig. "Descent," A; Adams v. Akerlund, 101 Ill. 62, 48 N. E. 464; Starr v. Hamilton, 22 Fed. Cas. 1,707; In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 332, 8 L. Ed. 334. They are also distinguished into mediate and immediate descents. But these terms are used in different senses. A descent may be said to be a mediate or immediate descent of the estate or right; or it may be said to be mediate or immediate, in regard to the mediateness or immediateness of the pedigree or consanguinity. Thus, a descent from the grandfather, who dies in possession, to the grandchild, the father being then dead, or from the uncle to the nephew, the brother being dead, is, in the former sense, an immediate descent; in the latter as his heir at law. 2 Bl. Comm. 324; Starr v. Hamilton, 4 Fed. Cas. 1,707; In re Donahue's Estate, 36 Cal. 332, 8 L. Ed. 334. They are also distinguished into mediate and immediate descents. But these terms are used in different senses. A descent may be said to be a mediate or immediate descent of the estate or right; or it may be said to be mediate or immediate, in regard to the mediateness or immediateness of the pedigree or consanguinity. Thus, a descent from the grandfather, who dies in possession, to the grandchild, the father being then dead, or from the uncle to the nephew, the brother being dead, is, in the former sense, an immediate descent, although the one is collateral and the other lineal; for the heir is in the per, and not in the per and cui. On the other hand, with reference to the line of pedigree or consanguinity, a descent is often said to be immediate, when the ancestor from whom the party derives his blood is immediate, and without any intervening link or degrees; and mediate, when the kindred is derived from him mediatis altero, another ancestor intervening between them. Thus a descent in lineals from father to son is in this sense immediate; but a descent from grandfather to grandson, the father being dead, or from uncle to nephew, the brother being dead, is deemed mediate; the father and the brother being, in these latter cases, the medium defersens, as it is called, of the descent or consanguinity. Levy v. McCartee, 6 Pet. 112, 8 L. Ed. 334; Furenes v. Nickelson, 86 Iowa, 508, 53 N. W. 416; Garner v. Wood, 71 Md. 57, 17 Atl. 1031.

Descent was denoted, in the Roman law, by the term "successio," which is also used by Bracton, and from which has been derived the succession of the Scotch and French jurisprudence.

—Descent cast. The devolving of reality upon the heir on the death of his ancestor intestate.
DESCRIPTIO PERSONÆ. Lat. Description of the person. By this is meant a word or phrase used merely for the purpose of identifying or pointing out the person intended, and not as an intimation that the language in connection with which it occurs is to apply to him only in the official or technical character which might appear to be indicated by the word.

DESCRIPTION. 1. A delineation or account of a particular subject by the recital of its characteristic accidents and qualities.

2. A written enumeration of items composing an estate, or of its condition, or of titles or documents; like an inventory, but with more particularity, and without involving the idea of an appraisement.

3. An exact written account of an article, mechanical device, or process which is the subject of an application for a patent.

4. A method of pointing out a particular person by referring to his relationship to some other person or his character as an officer, trustee, executor, etc.

5. That part of a conveyance, advertisement of sale, etc., which identifies the land intended to be affected.

DESERT. To leave or quit with an intention to cause a permanent separation; to forsake utterly; to abandon.

DESERTION. The act by which a person abandons and forsakes, without justification, or unauthorized, a station or condition of public or social life, renouncing its responsibilities and evading its duties.


In re Sutherland (D. C.) 53 Fed. 551. There is a difference between desertion and simple "absence without leave;" in order to constitute the former, there must be an intention not to return to the service. Hanson v. South Scituate, 115 Mass. 396.

In maritime law. The act by which a seaman deserts and abandons a ship or vessel, in which he had engaged to perform a voyage, before the expiration of his time, and without leave. By desertion, in the maritime law, is meant, not a mere unauthorized absence from the ship without leave, but an unauthorized absence from the ship, with an intention not to return to her service, or, as it is often expressed, animo non revertendi; that is, with an intention to desert. Coffin v. Jenkins, 3 Story, 108, Fed. Cas. No. 2,948; The Union (D. C.) 20 Fed. 539; The Mary C. Conery (D. C.) 9 Fed. 223; The George, 10 Fed. Cas. 204.

DESHERO. In Spanish law. Dishonor; injury; slander. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 9, l. 1, 6.

DESIGN. In the law of evidence. Purpose or intention, combined with plan, or implying a plan in the mind. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 351; State v. Grant, 58 Iowa, 216, 53 N. W. 120; Ernest v. State, 20 Fla. 388; Hogan v. State, 36 Wis. 226.

As a term of art, the giving of a visible form to the conceptions of the mind, or invention. Binns v. Woodruff, 4 Wash. C. 48, Fed. Cas. No. 1,424.

In patent law. The drawing or depiction of an original plan or conception for a novel pattern, model, shape, or configuration, to be used in the manufacturing or textile arts or the fine arts, and chiefly of a decorative or ornamental character. "Design patents" are contrasted with "utility patents," but equally involve the exercise of the inventive or original faculty. Gorham Co. v. White, 14 Wall. 524, 20 L. Ed. 731; Manufacturing Co. v. Odell (D. C.) 18 Fed. 321; Binns v. Woodruff, 3 Fed. Cas. 424; Henderson v. Tompkins (C. C.) 60 Fed. 768.

"Design, in the view of the patent law, is that characteristic of a physical substance which, by means of lines, images, configuration, and the like, taken as a whole, makes an impression, through the eye, upon the mind of the observer. The essence of a design resides, not in the elements individually, nor in their method of arrangement, but in the total ensemble—in that indefinable whole that awakens some sensation in the observer's mind. Impressions thus imparted may be complex or simple; in one a mingled impression of gracefulness and strength, in another the impression of strength alone. But whatever the impression, there is attached in the mind of the observer, to the object observed, a sense of uniqueness and character." Pelouze Scale Co. v. American Cutlery Co., 102 Fed. 918, 43 C. C. A. 52.

Designatio justiciariorum est a regis jurisdicte vero ordinaria lege. 4 Inst. 74. The appointment of justices is by the
king, but their ordinary jurisdiction by the law.

**DESIGNATIO PERSONÆ.** The description of a person or a party to a deed or contract.

Designatio unius est exclusio alterius, et expressum facit cessare tacitum. Co. Litt. 210. The specifying of one is the exclusion of another, and that which is expressed makes that which is understood to cease.

**DESIGNATION.** A description or descriptive expression by which a person or thing is denoted in a will without using the name.

**DESIRE.** This term, used in a will in relation to the management and distribution of property, has been interpreted by the courts with different shades of meaning, varying from the mere expression of a preference to a positive command. See McMurry v. Stanley, 69 Tex. 227, 6 S. W. 412; Stewart v. Stewart, 61 N. J. Eq. 25, 47 Atl. 633; In re Marti's Estate, 132 Cal. 696, 61 Pac. 964; Weber v. Bryant, 161 Mass. 400, 37 N. E. 203; Appeal of City of Philadelphia, 112 Pa. 470, 4 Atl. 4; Meehan v. Brennan, 16 App. Div. 395, 45 N. Y. Supp. 57; Brasher v. Marsh, 15 Ohio St. 111; Major v. Herndon, 78 Ky. 123.

**DESIGNIO.** A term used in the Spanish law, denoting the act by which the boundaries of an estate or portion of a country are determined.


**DESPACHEURS.** In maritime law. Persons appointed to settle cases of average.

**DESPATCHES.** Official communications of official persons on the affairs of government.

**DESPERATE.** Hopeless; worthless. This term is used in inventories and schedules of assets, particularly by executors, etc., to describe debts or claims which are considered impossible or hopeless of collection. See Schultz v. Pulver, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 395. —Desperate debt. A hopeless debt; an irrecoverable obligation.

**DESPITE.** Contempt. Despitz, contempts. Kelham.

**DESPITUS.** Contempt. See DESPITE. A contemptible person. Fleti, lib. 4, c. 5.

**DESPOJAR.** A possessory action of the Mexican law. It is brought to recover possession of immovable property, of which one has been despoiled (despojado) by another.

**DESOIL.** This word involves, in its signification, violence or clandestine means by which one is deprived of that which he possesses. Its Spanish equivalent, despojar, is a term used in Mexican law. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 268.

**DESPONSATION.** The act of betrothing persons to each other.

**DESPORIO.** In Spanish law. Espousals; mutual promises of future marriage. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 1.

**DESPOT.** This word, in its original and most simple acceptation, signifies master and supreme lord; it is synonymous with monarch; but taken in bad part, as it is usually employed, it signifies a tyrant. In some states, despot is the title given to the sovereign, as king is given in others. Enc. Lond.

—Despotism. That abuse of government where the sovereign power is not divided, but united in the hands of a single man, whatever may be his official title. It is not, properly, a form of government. Toullier, Dr. Civ. Fr. tit. préal. n. 32. “Despotism” is not exactly synonymous with “autocracy,” for the former involves the idea of tyranny or abuse of power, which is not necessarily implied by the latter. Every despotism is autocratic; but an autocracy is not necessarily despotic.—Despotize. To act as a despot. Webster.

**DESRENABLE.** L. Fr. Unreasonable. Britt. c. 121.

**DESSAISISSEMENT.** In French law. When a person is declared bankrupt, he is immediately deprived of the enjoyment and administration of all his property; this deprivation, which extends to all his rights, is called “dessaisissement.” Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 556.

**DESTINATION.** The purpose to which it is intended an article or a fund shall be applied. A testator gives a destination to a legacy when he prescribes the specific use to which it shall be put. The port at which a ship is to end her voyage is called her “port of destination.” Par. desse, no. 600.

**DESTITUTE.** A “destitute person” is one who has no money or other property available for his maintenance or support. Norridgewock v. Solon, 49 Me. 385; Woods v. Perkins, 43 La. Ann. 347, 9 South. 48.

**DESTROY.** As used in policies of insurance, leases, and in maritime law, this term is often applied to an act which renders the subject useless for its intended purpose, though it does not literally demolish or annihilate it. In re McCabe, 11 Pa. Super. Ct 564; Solomon v. Kingston, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 564; Insurance Co. v. Fabelman, 118 Ala. 308, 23 South. 759; Spalding v. Munford, 37 Mo. App. 281. To “destroy” a vessel means to unfit it for further service, beyond the

In relation to wills, contracts, and other documents, the term "destroy" does not import the annihilation of the instrument or its resolution into other forms of matter, but a destruction of its legal efficacy, which may be by cancellation, obliterating, tearing into fragments, etc. Appeal of Evans, 58 Pa. 244; Allen v. State Bank, 21 N. C. 12; In re Gangwere's Estate, 14 Pa. 417, 53 Am. Dec. 554; Johnson v. Brallsford, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 272, 10 Am. Dec. 601.

DESTRUCTION. A term used in old English law, generally in connection with waste, and having, according to some, the same meaning. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 385; 3 Bl. Comm. 223. Britton, however, makes a distinction between waste of woods and destruction of houses. Britt c. 60.

DESUBITO. To weary a person with continual barkings, and then to bite; spoken of dogs. Leg. Alured. 26, cited in Cunningham's Dict.


DETACHIARE. To seize or take into custody another's goods or person.

DETTAINER. The act (or the juridical fact) of withholding from a person lawfully entitled the possession of land or goods; or the restraint of a man's personal liberty against his will.

The wrongful keeping of a person's goods is called an "unlawful detainer," although the original taking may have been lawful. As, if one distrains another's cattle, damage feasant, and before they are impounded the owner tenders sufficient amends; now, though the original taking was lawful, the action of replevin to recover them, in which he will recover damages for the detention, not for the caption, because the original taking was lawful. 3 Steph. Comm. 548.

In practice. A writ or instrument, issued or made by a competent officer, authorizing the keeper of a prison to keep in his custody a person therein named. A detainer may be lodged against one within the walls of a prison, on what account soever he is there. Com. Dig. "Process," E, (3 B.) This writ was superseded by 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110, §§ 1, 2.

Forcible detainer. See that title.

DETAIENMENT. This term is used in pollicies of marine insurance, in the clause relating to "arrests, restraints, and detainments." The last two words are construed as equivalents, each meaning the effect of superior force operating directly on the ves-

DETENTIO. In the civil law. That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. It forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

DETENTION. The act of keeping back or withholding, either accidentally or by design, a person or thing. See Detainees.

-Detention in a reformatory, as a punishment or measure of prevention, is where a juvenile offender is sentenced to be sent to a reformatory school, to be there detained for a certain period of time. 1 Russ. Crimes, 82.

DETERMINABLE. That which may cease or determine upon the happening of a certain contingency. 2 Bl. Comm. 121.

As to determinable "Fee" and "Freehold," see those titles.

DETERMINATE. That which is ascertained; what is particularly designated.

DETERMINATION. The decision of a court of justice. Shirley v. Birch, 16 Or. 1, 18 Pac. 344; Henavie v. Railroad Co., 154 N. Y. 278, 48 N. E. 525. The ending or expiration of an estate or interest in property, or of a right, power, or authority.

DETERMINE. To come to an end. To bring to an end. 2 Bl. Comm. 121; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 380.

DETESTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A summoning made, or notice given, in the presence of witnesses, (denuntiatio facta cum testatione.) Dig. 50, 16, 40.

DE TinET. Lat. He detains. In old English law. A species of action of debt, which lay for the specific recovery of goods, under a contract to deliver them. 1 Reeves, Eng. Law, 150.

In pleading. An action of debt is said to be in the detinet when it is alleged merely that the defendant withholds or unjustly detains from the plaintiff the thing or amount demanded.

An action of replevin is said to be in the detinet when the defendant retains possession of the property until after judgment in the action. Bull. N. P. 52; Chit. Pl. 145.

DETNUE. In practice. A form of action which lies for the recovery, in specie, of personal chattels from one who acquired possession of them lawfully, but retains it without right, together with damages for the detention. 3 Bl. Comm. 152. Simott v. Felock, 105 N. Y. 444, 59 N. E. 265, 53 L. R. A. 565, 80 Am. St. Rep. 738; Fenny v. Davis,
DEUTEROGAMY. The act, or condition, of one who marries a wife after the death of a former wife.

DEVADATUS, or DIVADATUS. An offender without sureties or pledges. Cowell.

DEVASTATION. Wasteful use of the property of a deceased person, as for extravagant funeral or other unnecessary expenses. 2 Bl. Comm. 508.

DEVASTAVERUNT. They have wasted. A term applied in old English law to waste by executors and administrators, and to the process issued against them therefor. Cowell. See DEVASTAVIT.

DEVASTAVIT. Lat. He has wasted. The act of an executor or administrator in wasting the goods of the deceased; mismanagement of the estate by which a loss occurs; a breach of trust or misappropriation of assets held in a fiduciary character; any violation or neglect of duty by an executor or administrator, involving loss to the decedent's estate, which makes him personally responsible to heirs, creditors, or legatees. Clift v. White, 12 N. Y. 531; Beardsley v. Marsteller, 120 Ind. 319, 22 N. E. 315; Steel v. Hollanday, 20 Or. 70, 25 Pac. 69, 10 L. R. A. 670; Dawes v. Boyiston, 9 Mass. 353, 6 Am. Dec. 72; McLaughlin v. McLaughlin, 43 W. Va. 226, 27 S. E. 378.

Also, if plaintiff, in an action against an executor or administrator, has obtained judgment, the usual execution runs de bonis testamenti; but, if the sheriff returns to such a writ nulla bona testamenti nec propria, the plaintiff may, forthwith, upon this return, sue out an execution against the property or person of the executor or administrator, in as full a manner as in an action against him, sued in his own right. Such a return is called a "devastavit." Brown.

DEVEERUNRT. A writ, now obsolete, directed to the king's escheators when any of the king's tenants in capite dies, and when his son and heir dies within age and in the king's custody, commanding the escheators, that by the oaths of twelve good and lawful men they shall inquire what lands or tenements by the death of the tenant have come to the king. Dyer, 390; Termes de la Ley.

DEVEST. To deprive; to take away; to withdraw. Usually spoken of an authority, power, property, or title; as the estate is devested. Devest is opposite to Invest. As to Invest signifies to deliver the possession of anything to another, so to devest signifies to take it away. Jacob.

It is sometimes written "divest" but "devest" has the support of the best authority. Burrill.

Any unnecessary or unexcused departure from the usual or general mode of carrying on the voyage insured. 15 Amer. Law Rev. 108.

Deviation is a departure from the course of the voyage insured, or an unreasonable delay in pursuing the voyage, or the commencement of an entirely different voyage. Civil Code Cal. § 2094.

A deviation is a voluntary departure from or delay in the usual and regular course of a voyage insured, without necessity or reasonable cause. This discharges the insurer, from the time of the deviation. Coffin v. Newburyport Marine Ins. Co., 9 Mass. 436.

In contracts. A change made in the progress of a work from the original terms or design or method agreed upon.

DEVICE. An invention or contrivance; any result of design; as in the phrase "gambling device," which means a machine or contrivance of any kind for the playing of an unlawful game of chance or hazard. State v. Blackstone, 115 Mo. 434, 22 S. W. 370. Also, a plan or project; a scheme to trick or deceive; a stratagem or artifice; as in the laws relating to fraud and cheating. State v. Smith, 82 Minn. 342, 85 N. W. 12. Also an emblem, pictorial representation, or distinguishing mark or sign of any kind; as in the laws prohibiting the marking of ballots used in public elections with “any device.” Baxter v. Ellis, 111 N. C. 124, 15 S. E. 988, 17 L. R. A. 382; Owens v. State, 64 Tex. 509; Steele v. Calhoun, 61 Miss. 556.

In a statute against gaming devices, this term is to be understood as meaning something formed by design, a contrivance, an invention. It is to be distinguished from “substitute,” which means something put in the place of another; or “used instead of something else. Hence, devise is one which grants a parcel of land without the addition of any words to show how great an estate is meant to be given, or without words indicating either a grant in perpetuity or a grant for a limited term; in this case it is construed as granting a life estate. Hitch v. Patterson, 8 Tousl (Del.) 324, 18 Atl. 558, 2 L. R. A. 724.

Specific devises are devises of lands particularly specified in the terms of the devise, as opposed to general and residuary devises of land, in which the local or other particular descriptions are not expressed. For example, “I devise my Bendon Hall estate” is a specific devise; but “I devise my lands,” or “all my lands,” or “all of my lands,” is a general devise or a residuary devise. But all devises are also classed as general or specific. A devise is one which grants a parcel of land without the addition of any words to show how great an estate is meant to be given, or without words indicating either a grant in perpetuity or a grant for a limited term; in this case it is construed as granting a life estate. Hitch v. Patterson, 8 Tousl (Del.) 324, 18 Atl. 558, 2 L. R. A. 724.

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A conditional devise is one which depends upon the occurrence of some uncertain event, by which it is either to take effect or be defeated. Civ. Code Cal. § 1345. An executory devise of lands is such a disposition
of them by will that thereby no estate vests at
the death of the devisor, but only on some fu­
ture contingency. It differs from a remainder
in three very material points: (1) That it needs
not any particular estate to support it; (2)
that by it a fee-simple or other less estate
may be limited after a fee-simple; (3) that by
this means a remainder may be limited of a
chattel interest, after a particular estate for
life created in the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 172. In
a stricter sense, a limitation by will of a future
contingent interest in lands, contrary to the
rules of the common law. 4 Kent, Comm. 263;
1 Steph. Comm. 564. A limitation by will of
a future estate or interest in land, which can­
not, consistently with the rules of law, take ef­
fect as a remainder. 2 Pow. Dev. (by Jarman),
297. See Poor v. Considine, 6 Wall. 474; 18
L. Ed. 869; Bristol v. Atwater, 50 Conn. 406;
Mangum v. Piester, 16 S. C. 325; Civ. Code
Ga. 1895, § 3593; Thompson v. Hoop, 6 Ohio
St. 487; Burleigh v. Clough, 52 N. H. 273, 13
294; Glover v. Connell, 163 Ill. 566, 45 N. E.
173, 33 L. R. A. 590. Lapsed devise. A devise
which fails, or takes no effect, in consequence
of the death of the devisor before the testator;
the subject-matter of it being considered as not
dying, but as escaping by the will. 1 Steph. Comm. 559;
4 Kent, Comm. 541. Murphy v. McKeon, 53 N.
J. Eq. 406, 32 Atl. 374. Residuary devise. A
devise of all the residue of the testator's real
property, that is, all that remains over and
above the other devises.

DEVISEE. The person to whom lands or
other real property are devised or given by
will. 1 Pow. Dev. c. 7.
—Residuary devisee. The person named in
a will, who is to take all the real property re­
main­ing over and above the other devises.

DEVISOR. A giver of lands or real es­
tate by will; the maker of a will of lands; a
testator.

DEVOIR. Fr. Duty. It is used in the
statute of 2 Rich. II. c. 3, in the sense of
duties or customs.

DEVOLUTION. The transfer or transi­
tion from one person to another of a right,
liability, title, estate, or office. Francisco v.
Aguirre, 94 Cal. 180, 29 Pac. 406; Owen v.
Insurance Co., 56 Hun, 455, 10 N. Y. Supp.
75.

In ecclesiastical law. The forfeiture of
a right or power (as the right of presentation
to a living) in consequence of its non-user by
the person holding it, or of some other act
or omission on his part, and its resulting
transfer to the person next entitled.

In Scotch law. The transference of the
right of purchase, from the highest bidder at
an auction sale, to the next highest, when the
former fails to pay his bid or furnish se­
curity for its payment within the time ap­
pointed. Also, the reference of a matter in
controversy to a third person (called "overs­
man") by two arbitrators to whom it has
been submitted and who are unable to agree.

DEVOLUTIVE APPEAL. In the law of
Louisiana, one which does not suspend the
execution of the judgment appealed from.
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DEVOLVE. To pass or be transferred
from one person to another; to fall on, or
accrue to, one person as the successor of an­
other; as, a title, right, office, liability. The
term is said to be peculiarly appropriate to
the passing of an estate from a person dying
to a person living. Parr v. Parr, 1 Myine &
K. 648; Babcock v. Maxwell, 29 Mont. 31, 74
Pac. 64. See DEVOLUTION.

DEVY. L. Fr. Dies; deceases. Bend­
loe, 5.

DEXTANS. Lat. In Roman law. A di­
vision of the as, consisting of ten unciae;
ten-twelfths, or five-sixths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462,
note m.

DEXTRARIUS. One at the right hand
of another.

DEXTRAS DARE. To shake hands in
token of friendship; or to give up oneself to
the power of another person.

DI COLONNA. In maritime law. The
contract which takes place between the own­
er of a ship, the captain, and the mariners,
who agree that the voyage shall be for the
benefit of all. The term is used in the Itali­

DI. ET FI. L. Lat. In old writs. An
abbreviation of duc et fidei, (to his be­
loved and faithful.)

DIACONATE. The office of a deacon.

DIACONUS. A deacon

DIAGNOSIS. A medical term, meaning
the discovery of the source of a patient's ill­
ness or the determination of the nature of his
disease from a study of its symptoms. Said to
be little more than a guess enlighten­
ed by experience. Swan v. Railroad Co., 79
Hun, 612, 29 N. Y. Supp. 337.

DIALECTICS. That branch of logic
which teaches the rules and modes of rea­
soning.

DIALLAGE. A rhetorical figure in which
arguments are placed in various points of
view, and then turned to one point. Enc.
Lond.

DIALOGUS DE SCACCARIO. Dia­
logue of or about the exchequer. An ancient
treatise on the court of exchequer, attributed
by some to Gervase of Tilbury, by others to
Richard Fitz Nigel, bishop of London in the
reign of Richard I. It is quoted by Lord
Coke under the name of Ockham. Crabb,
Eng. Law, 71.
DIANATICO. A logical reasoning in a progressive manner, proceeding from one subject to another. Enc. Lond.

DIARIUM. Dally food, or as much as will suffice for the day. Du Cange.

DIATIM. In old records. Daily; every day; from day to day. Spelman.

DICA. In old English law. A tally for accounts, by number of cuts, (taillees,) marks, or notches. Cowell. See TALLY, TALLY.

DIGAST. An officer in ancient Greece answering in some respects to our jurymen, but combining, on trials had before them, the functions of both judge and jury. The dictasts sat together in numbers varying, according to the importance of the case, from one to five hundred.

DICE. Small cubes of bone or ivory, marked with figures or devices on their several sides, used in playing certain games of chance. See Wetmore v. State, 55 Ala. 198.

DICTATE. To order or instruct what is to be said or written. To pronounce, word by word, what is meant to be written by another. Hamilton v. Hamilton, 6 Mart. (N. S.) (La.) 143.

DICTATION. In Louisiana, this term is used in a technical sense, and means to pronounce orally what is destined to be written at the same time by another. Hamilton v. Hamilton, 6 Mart. (N. S.) (La.) 143.

DICTATOR. A magistrate invested with unlimited power, and created in times of national distress and peril. Among the Romans, he continued in office for six months only, and had unlimited power and authority over both the property and lives of the citizens.

DICTORES. Arbitrators.

DICTUM. In general. A statement, remark, or observation. Gratia dictum, a gratuitous or voluntary representation; one which a party is not bound to make. 2 Kent, Comm. 488. Simplic dictum; a mere assertion; an assertion without proof. Bract. fol. 320.

The word is generally used as an abbreviated form of obiter dictum, "a remark by the way;" that is, an observation or remark made by a judge in pronouncing an opinion upon a cause, concerning some rule, principle, or application of law, or the solution of a question suggested by the case at bar, but not necessarily involved in the case or essential to its determination; any statement of the law enunciated by the court merely by way of illustration, argument, analogy, or suggestion. See Railroad Co. v. Schutte, 108 U. S. 119, 143, 26 L. Ed. 327; In re Woodruff (D. Ct.) 96 Fed. 317; Hart v. Stibbling, 25 Fla. 433, 6 South. 455; Buchner v. Railroad Co., 59 Wis. 264, 19 N. W. 56; Rush v. French, 1 Ariz. 98, 25 Pac. 818; State v. Clarke, 3 Nev. 572.

Dicta are opinions of a judge which do not embody the resolution or determination of the court, and made without argument, or full consideration of the point, are not the professed deliberate determinations of the judge himself. Obiter dicta are such opinions uttered by the way, not upon the point or question pending, as if turning aside for the time from the main topic of the case to collateral subjects. Rohrbach v. Insurance Co., 62 N. Y. 47, 58, 20 Am. Rep. 451.

In old English law. Dictum meant an arbitration, or the award of arbitrators.

In French law. The report of a judgment made by one of the judges who has given it. Poth. Proc. Civil, pt. i, c. 5, art. 2.

-Dictum de Kenilworth. The edict or declaration of Kenilworth. An edict or award between King Henry III. and all the barons and others who had been in arms against him; and so called because it was made at Kenilworth Castle in Warwickshire, in the fifty-first year of his reign, containing a composition of five years' rent for the lands and estates of those who had forfeited them in that rebellion. Blount; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 82.

DIE WITHOUT ISSUE. See DYING WITHOUT ISSUE.

DIEII DICTIO. Lat. In Roman law. This name was given to a notice promulgated by a magistrate of his intention to present an impeachment against a citizen before the people, specifying the day appointed, the name of the accused, and the crime charged.

DIEM CLAUSIT EXTREMUM. (Lat. He has closed his last day, died.) A writ which formerly lay on the death of a tenant in capite, to ascertain the lands of which he died seised, and reclaim them into the king's hands. It was directed to the king's escheatmen. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 251, K; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 327.

A writ awarded out of the exchequer after the death of a crown debtor, the sheriff being commanded by it to inquire by a jury when and where the crown debtor died, and what chattels, debts, and lands he had at the time of his decease, and to take and seize them into the crown's hands. 4 Steph. Comm. 47, 48.

DIES. Lat. A day; days. Days for appearance in court. Provisions or maintenance for a day. The king's rents were anciently reserved by so many days' provisions. Spelman; Cowell; Blount.

-Dies a quo. (The day from which.) In the civil law. The day from which a transaction begins; the commencement of it; the conclusion being the dies ad quem. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 139.—Dies amoris. A day of favor. The name given to the appearance day of the term on the fourth day, or quarto die post. It was the day given by the favor and indulgence of the court to the defendant for his appear-
ance, when all parties appeared in court, and had their appearance recorded by the proper officer. Wharton.—Dies cedit. The day begins; dies cest, the day has come. Two expressions in Roman law which signify the vesting or fixing of an interest, and the interest becoming irremovable. Sandars' Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 225, 222. —Dies cedens. Annual days for appearance in court. Regular days for appearance in court; called, also, "common return-days." 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 57. —Dies datus. A day given or allowed, (to a defendant in an action;) amounting to a continuance. But the name was appropriate only to a continuance before a declaration filed; if afterwards allowed, it was called an "impairance." —Dies datus in banco. A day given in the (hence, or court of common pleas.) Bract. fol. 257; 361. A day given in bank, as distinguished from a day at nisi prius. Co. Litt. 135. —Dies datus partibus. A day given to the parties to an action; an adjournment or continuance. Crabb, Eng. Law, 217. —Dies datus prece partium. A day given on the prayer of the parties. Bract. fol. 338; Gilb. Comm. Pl. 41; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 60. —Dies defensionis. The Lord's day; Sunday. —Dies exercescent. In old English law. The added or increasing day in leap year. Bract. fol. 350; 3539. —Dies fasti. In Roman law. Days on which the courts were open, and justice could be legally administered; days on which it was lawful for the praetor to pronounce (jury) the verdict. 1 Jur. 192; "die vacat." Mackelden. Rom. Law, § 39, and note; 3 Bl. Comm. 424, note; Calvin. Hence called "trirecial days," answering to the dies juridici of the English law.—Dies feriati. In the civil law. Holidays. Dig. 2, 12, 2, 9. —Dies gratis. In old English practice. A day of grace, courtesy, or favor. Co. Litt. 1346. The quarto die post was sometimes so called. Id. 1352. —Dies interessei. In Roman law. Divided days; days on which the courts were open for a part of the day. Calvin. —Dies juridicius. A lawful day for the transaction of judicial or court business; a day on which the courts are or may be open for the transaction of business. Didsbury v. Van Tassel, 56 Hun, 423, 10 N. Y. Supp. 32. —Dies legitimius. In the civil and old English law. A lawful or law day; a term day; a day of appearance. —Dies marchiae. In old English law. The day of meeting of English and Scotch, which was annually held on the marches or borders to adjust their differences and preserve peace. Mackelden. Rom. Law, § 39, note. —Dies non. An abbreviation of Dies non juridicus, (q. v.)—Dies non juridicius. In practice. A day not juridical; not a court day. A day on which courts are not open for business, such as Sundays and some holidays. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 267; 10 F. & R. 148; 23 Am. Litt. 135a; Noy, Max. 2; Wing. Max. 7, max. 5; Broom, Max. 21. —Dies inceptus pro oonplete habetur. A day begun is held as complete. —Dies inceptus pro conditione habetur. An uncertain day is held as a condition. —DIES. A day's journey; a day's work; a day's expenses. —DIES OF COMPEAREANCE. In Scotch law. The days within which parties in civil and criminal prosecutions are cited to appear. Bell. —DIEU ET MON DROIT. Fr. God and my right. The motto of the royal arms of England, first assumed by Richard I. —DIEU SON ACTE. L. Fr. In old law. God his act; God's act. An event beyond human foresight or control. Termes de la Ley. —DIFFAGERE. To destroy; to disfigure or deface. —DIFFERENCE. In an agreement for submission to arbitration, "difference" means disagreement or dispute. Fravert v. Fesler, 11 Colo. App. 387, 53 Pac. 283; Pioneer Mfg. Co. v. Phoenix Assurance Co., 106 N. C. 28, 10 S. E. 1057. —Diflicile est ut unus homo vicem duorum sustineat. 4 Coke, 118. It is difficult that one man should sustain the place of two. —DIFFICULT. For the meaning of the phrase "difficult and extraordinary case," as used in New York statutes and practice, see Standard Trust Co. v. New York, etc., R. Co., 178 N. Y. 407, 70 N. E. 925; Fox v. Gould, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 278; Horan v. McKenzie (Com. Pl.) 17 N. Y. Supp. 174; Dyckman v. McDonald, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 121. —DIFFORCIARE. In old English law. To deny, or keep from one. Difforciare resumum, to deny justice to any one, after having been required to do it. —DIGAMA, or DIGAMY. Second marriage; marriage to a second wife after the death of the first, as "bigamy," in law, is having two wives at once. Originally, a man who married a widow, or married again after the death of his wife, was said to be guilty of bigamy. Co. Litt. 408, note.
DIGEST. A collection or compilation, embodying the chief matter of numerous books in one, disposed under proper heads or titles, and usually by an alphabetical arrangement, for facility in reference.

As a legal term, "digest" is to be distinguished from "abridgment." The latter is a summary or epitome of the contents of a single work, in which, as a rule, the original order of sequence of parts is preserved, and in which the principal labor of the compiler is in the matter of consolidation. A digest is wider in its scope; it is made up of quotations or paraphrased passages; and has its own system of classification and arrangement. An "index" merely points out the places where particular matters may be found, without purporting to give such matters in extenso. A "treatise" or "commentary" is not a compilation, but an original composition, though it may include quotations and excerpts.

A reference to the "Digest," or "Dig.," is always understood to designate the Digest (or Pandects) of the Justinian collection; that being the digest par eminence, and the authoritative compilation of the Roman law.


DIGESTS. The ordinary name of the Pandects of Justinian, which are now usually cited by the abbreviation "Dig." instead of "Ff.," as formerly. Sometimes called "Digest," in the singular.

DIGGING. Has been held as synonymous with "excavating," and not confined to the removal of earth. Sherman v. New York, 1 N. Y. 316.

DIGNITARY. In canon law. A person holding an ecclesiastical benefice or dignity, which gave him some pre-eminence above mere priests and canons. To this class exclusively belonged all bishops, deans, archdeacons, etc.; but it now includes all the prebendaries and canons of the church. Brande.

DIGNITY. In English law. An honor; a title, station, or distinction of honor. Dignities are a species of incorporeal hereditaments, in which a person may have a property or estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 391; 1 Bl. Comm. 396; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. 483, et seq.

DIJUDICATION. Judicial decision or determination.

DILACION. In Spanish law. A space of time granted to a party to a suit in which to answer a demand or produce evidence of a disputed fact.

DILAPIDATION. A species of ecclesiastical waste which occurs whenever the incumbent suffers any edifices of his ecclesiastical living to go to ruin or decay. It is either voluntary, by pulling down, or permis- sive, by suffering the church, parsonage-houses, and other buildings thereto belonging, to decay. And the remedy for either lies either in the spiritual court, where the canon law prevails, or in the courts of common law. It is also held to be good cause of deprivation if the bishop, parson, or other ecclesiastical person dilapidates buildings or cuts down timber growing on the patrimony of the church, unless for necessary repairs; and that a writ of prohibition will also lie against him in the common-law courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 91.

The term is also used, in the law of landlord and tenant, to signify the neglect of necessary repairs to a building, or suffering it to fall into a state of decay, or the pulling down of the building or any part of it.

Dilatationes in lege sunt odiose. Delays in law are odious. Branch, Princ.

DILATORY. Tending or intended to cause delay or to gain time or to put off a decision.

-Dilatory defense. In chancery practice. One the object of which is to dismiss, suspend, or obstruct the suit, without touching the merits, until the impediment or obstacle insisted on shall be removed. 3 Bl. Comm. 301, 302.—Dilatory pleas. A class of defenses at common law, founded on some matter of fact not connected with the merits of the case, but such as might exist without impeaching the right of action itself. They were either pleas to the jurisdiction, showing that, by reason of some matter therein stated, the case was not within the jurisdiction of the court; or pleas in suspension, showing some matter of temporary incapacity to proceed with the suit; or pleas in abatement, showing some matter for abatement or quashing the declaration. 3 Steph. Comm. 576, Parks v. McClellan, 44 N. J. Law, 558; Mahoney v. Loan Ass'n (O. C.) 70 Fed. 515.

DILIGENCE. Prudence; vigilant activity; attentiveness; or care, of which there are infinite shades, from the slightest momentary thought to the most vigilant anxiety; but the law recognizes only three degrees of diligence: (1) Common or ordinary, which men, in general, exert in respect of their own concerns; the standard is necessarily variable with respect to the facts, although it may be uniform with respect to the principle. (2) High or great, which is extraordinary diligence, or that which very prudent persons take of their own concerns. (3) Low or slight, which is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of no prudence at all, take of their own concerns.

The civil law is in perfect conformity with the common law. It lays down three degrees of diligence—ordinary, (diligentia,) extraordinary, (extrema diligentia,) slight, (levissima diligentia.) Story, Bailm. 19.

There may be a high degree of diligence, a common degree of diligence, and a slight degree of diligence, with their corresponding degrees of negligence, and these can be clearly enough defined for all practical purposes, and,
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with a view to the business of life, seem to be all that are really necessary. Common or ordinary diligence is that degree of diligence which men in general exercise in respect to their own concerns; high or great diligence is of course extraordinary diligence, or that which very prudent persons take of their own concerns; and slight or slight diligence is that which persons of less than common prudence, or indeed of any prudence at all, take of their own concerns. Ordinary negligence is the want of ordinary diligence; slight, or less than ordinary, negligence is the want of great diligence; and gross or more than ordinary negligence is the want of slight diligence. Railroad Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 150.

Other classifications and compound terms.—Due diligence. Such a measure of prudence, activity, or assiduity, as is properly to be expected from, and ordinarily exercised by, a reasonable and prudent man under the particular circumstances; not measured by any absolute standard, but dependent on the relative facts of the special case. Perry v. Cedar Falls, 87 Iowa, 315, 54 N. W. 225; Dillman v. Nadelhofer, 160 Ill. 121, 43 N. E. 373; Hendricks v. U. T. Tel. Co., 304, 35 S. E. 543, 78 Am. St. Rep. 658; Highland Ditch Co. v. Mumford, 5 Colo. 336—Extraordinary diligence. That extreme measure of care and attention which persons of unusual prudence and circumspection use for securing and preserving their own property or rights. Civ. Code Cal. 2800; Bl. of Eng. 180; Hug­ wings, 89 Ga. 494, 15 S. E. 848; Railroad Co. v. White, 88 Ga. 805, 15 S. E. 802.—Great diligence. Such a measure of care, prudence, and assiduity as persons of unusual prudence and discretion exercise in regard to any and all of their own affairs, or such as persons of ordinary prudence exercise in regard to very important affairs of their own. Railroad Co. v. Rollins, 5 Kan. 150; Littlefield v. White, 7 N. Y. 458, 57 Am. Dec. 534; Rev. Codes N. Dak. 1899, § 5109—High diligence. The same as great diligence.—Low diligence. The same as slight diligence.—Necessary diligence. That degree of diligence which a person placed in a particular situation must exercise in order to entitle him to the protection of the law in respect to rights or claims growing out of that situation; and to avoid being left without redress on account of his own culpable carelessness or negligence. Garrah v. Bayley, 25 Tex. Supp. 302; Sanderson v. Brown, 57 Me. 312.—Ordinary diligence is that degree of care which men of common prudence generally exercise in their affairs, in the country and the age in which they live. Erie Bank v. Smith, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 9; Zell v. Dunkle, 136 Pa. 353, 27 Atl. 38; Railroad Co. v. Scott, 42 Ill. 143; Briggs v. Taylor, 29 Vt. 184; Railroad Co. v. Fisher, 49 Kan. 460, 30 Pac. 462; Railroad Co. v. Mitch­ ell, 92 Ga. 77, 18 S. E. 290.—Reasonable diligence. A fair, proper, and due degree of care and activity, measured with reference to the particular circumstances; not merely the dili­ gence, care, or attention as might be expected from a man of ordinary prudence and activity. Railroad Co. v. Gist, 31 Tex. Civ. App. 692, 78 S. W. 857; Bacon v. Steamboat Co., 90 Me. 46, 37 Atl. 328; Letta v. Clifford (C. C.) 47 Fed. 620; Rice v. Brook (C. C.) 29 Fed. 614—Special diligence. The measure of diligence and skill exercised by a good business man in his particular specialty, which must be commensurate with the duty to be performed and the individual cir­ cumstances of the latter to enable him to ordain the candidate to the office of diocesan. Holthouse.

DIMISSORY LETTERS. Where a can­ didate for holy orders has a title of ordina­tion in one diocese in England, and is to be ordained in another, the bishop of the former diocese gives letters dimissory to the bishop of the latter to enable him to ordain the candidate. Holthouse.

DINARCHY. A government of two per­ sons.

DINERO. In Spanish law. Money.

DIMIS. In old conveyancing. [He] has demised. Dimis, concessi, et ad firmam tra­ diti, have demised, granted, and to farm let. The usual words of operation in a lease. 2 Bl. Comm. 317, 318.

DIMISIT. In old conveyancing. He has demised. See Dimis.

DIMISSORIE LETTERS. In the civil law. Letters dimissory or dismission, commonly called "apostles," (que vulgo apostoli dicuntur.) Dig. 50, 16, 106. See Apostoli, Apostles.

DIMISSORY LETTERS. Where a can­ didate for holy orders has a title of ordina­tion in one diocese in England, and is to be ordained in another, the bishop of the former diocese gives letters dimissory to the bishop of the latter to enable him to ordain the candidate. Holthouse.

DIARCHY. A government of two per­ sons.

DINERO. In Spanish law. Money.

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DIOCESAN. Belonging to a diocese; a bishop, as he stands related to his own clergy or flock.
DIOCESAN COURTS. In English law. The consistorial courts of each diocese, exercising general jurisdiction of all matters arising locally within their respective limits, with the exception of places subject to peculiar jurisdiction; deciding all matters of spiritual discipline,—suspending or depriving clergymen,—and administering the other branches of the ecclesiastical law. 2 Steph. Comm. 672.


DIOCHIA. The district over which a bishop exercised his spiritual functions.

DIP. In mining law. The line of declination of strata; the angle which measures the deviation of a mineralized vein or lode from the vertical plane; the slope or slant of a vein, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth; distinguished from the "strike" of the vein, which is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass. King v. Mining Co., 9 Mont. 543, 24 Pac. 200; Duggan v. Davy, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887.

DIPLOMA. In the civil law. A royal charter; letters patent granted by a prince or sovereign. Calvin.


A license granted to a physician, etc., to practice his art or profession. See Brooks v. State, 88 Ala. 132, 6 South. 902.

DIPLOMACY. The science which treats of the relations and interests of nations with nations. Negotiation or intercourse between nations through their representatives. The rules, customs, and privileges of representatives at foreign courts.

DIPLOMATIC AGENT. In international law. A general name for all classes of persons charged with the negotiation, transaction, or superintendence of the diplomatic business of one nation at the court of another. See Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1149).

DIPLOMATICS. The science of diplomats, or of ancient writings and documents; the art of judging of ancient charters, public documents, diplomas, etc., and discriminating the true from the false. Webster.

DIPSOMANIAC. A person subject to dipsomania. One who has an irresistible desire for alcoholic liquors. See INSANITY.

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DIPTYCHA. Diptychs; tablets of wood, metal, or other substance, used among the Romans for the purpose of writing, and folded like a book of two leaves. The diptychs of antiquity were especially employed for public registers. They were used in the Greek and Roman churches as registers of the names of those for whom supplication was to be made, and are ranked among the earliest monastic records. Burrill.

DIRECT. Immediate; by the shortest course; without circuitry; operating by an immediate connection or relation, instead of operating through a medium; the opposite of indirect.

In the usual or natural course or line; immediately upwards or downwards; as distinguished from that which is out of the line, or on the side of it; the opposite of collateral.

In the usual or regular course or order, as distinguished from that which diverges, interrupts, or opposes; the opposite of cross or contrary.

—Direct attack. A direct attack on a judgment or decree is an attempt, for sufficient cause, to have it annulled, reversed, corrected, declared void, or enjoined, in a proceeding instituted for that specific purpose, such as an appeal, writ of error, bill of review, or injunction to restrain its execution; distinguished from a collateral attack, which is an attempt to impeach the validity or binding force of a judgment or decree as a false issue or in a proceeding instituted for some other purpose. Schneider v. Sellers, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 226, 61 S. W. 541; Smith v. Morrill, 12 Colo. App. 235, 65 Pac. 284; Morrill v. Morrill, 20 Or. 96, 25 Pac. 362, 11 L. R. A. 155, 23 Am. St. Rep. 96; Crawford v. McDonald, 88 Tex. 626, 33 S. W. 325; Elchoff v. Elchoff, 107 Cal. 42, 40 Pac. 24, 48 Am. St. Rep. 110.—Direct interest. A direct interest, such as would render the interested party incompetent to test the validity of a title in the line or in the interest which is certain, and not contingent or doubtful. A matter which is dependent only on the successfull execution of an execution cannot be considered as uncertain, or otherwise than direct, in this sense. In re Van Alstine's Estate, 26 Utah, 103, 72 Pac. 942.—Direct line. Property is said to descend or be inherited in the direct line when it passes in lineal succession; from ancestor to son, grandson, great-grandson, and so on.—Direct payment. One which is absolute and unconditional as to the time, amount, and the persons by whom and to whom it is to be made. People v. Boylan (C. C.) 25 Fed. 896. See Ancient Order of Hibernians v. Sparrow, 29 Mont. 132, 74 Pac. 197, 64 L. R. A. 128, 101 Am. St. Rep. 583; Hurd v. McClellan, 14 Colo. 213, 23 Pac. 792.


DIRECTION. 1. The act of governing; management; superintendence. Also the body of persons (called "directors") who are charged with the management and administration of a corporation or institution.

2. The charge or instruction given by the court to a jury upon a point of law arising.
or involved in the case, to be by them applied to the facts in evidence.

3. The clause of a bill in equity containing the address of the bill to the court.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT. An officer having the control, management, and superintendence of the United States mint and its branches. He is appointed by the president, by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

DIRECTORS. Persons appointed or elected according to law, authorized to manage and direct the affairs of a corporation or company. The whole of the directors collectively form the board of directors. Brandt v. Godwin (City Ct) 3 N. Y. Supp. 809; Maynard v. Insurance Co., 34 Cal. 48, 91 Am. Dec. 672; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 614; Rev. St. Tex. 1896, art. 3096a; Ky. St. 1903, § 575.

DIRECTORY. A provision in a statute, rule of procedure, or the like, is said to be directory when it is to be considered as a mere direction or instruction of no obligatory force, and involving no invalidating consequence for its disregard, as opposed to an imperative or mandatory provision, which must be followed. The general rule is that the prescriptions of a statute relating to the performance of a public duty are so far directory that, though neglect of them may be punishable, yet it does not affect the validity of the acts done under them, as in the case of a statute requiring an officer to prepare and deliver a document to another officer on or before a certain day. Maxim. Interp. St. 330, et seq. And see Pearse v. Morris, 2 Adol. & El. 94; Nelms v. Vaughan, 84 Va. 696, 5 S. E. 704; Stark v. Cooper, 86 Tex. 133, 23 S. W. 1103; Payne v. Frisco, 4 Kulp (Pa.) 26; Bladen v. Philadelphia, 60 Pa. 469.

—Directory trust. Where, by the terms of a trust, the fund is directed to be vested in a particular manner or for a particular period or purpose or for the performance of a public duty, it is distinguished from a discretionary trust, in which the trustee has a discretion as to the management of the fund. Deaderick v. Cantrell, 10 Yerg. 272, 31 Am. Dec. 576.

DIRIBITORES. In Roman law. Officers who distributed ballots to the people, to be used in voting. Tayl. Civil Law, 192.

DIRIMENT IMPEDIMENTS. In canon law. Absolute bars to marriage, which would make it null ab initio.

DISABILITY. The want of legal ability or capacity to exercise legal rights, either special or ordinary, or to do certain acts with proper legal effect, or to enjoy certain privileges or powers of free action. Berklin v. Marsh, 18 Mont. 152, 44 Pac. 523, 56 Am. St. Rep. 585.

At the present day, disability is generally used to indicate an incapacity for the full enjoyment of ordinary legal rights; thus married women, persons under age, insane persons, and felons convicted are said to be under disability. Sometimes the term is used in a more limited sense, as when it signifies an impediment to marriage, or the restrictions placed upon clergymen by reason of their spiritual avocations.

Classification. Disability is either general or special; the former when it incapacitates the person for the performance of all legal acts of a general class, or giving to them their ordinary legal effect; the latter when it debarrs him from one specific act. Disability is also either personal or of the former when it attaches to the particular person, and arises out of his status, his previous act, or his natural or juridical incapacity, the latter where it originates with a particular person, but extends also to his descendants or successors. Lord de la Warre's Case, 6 Coke, 1e; Avegeno v. Schmidt, 13 U. S. 269, 5 Sup. Ct. 487, 28 L. Ed. 576. Considered with special reference to the capacity to contract a marriage, disability is either canonical or civil; a disability of the former class makes the marriage voidable only, while the latter, in general, avoids it entirely. The term civil disability is also used as equivalent to legal disability, both these expressions meaning disabilities or qualifications created by positive law, as distinguished from physical disabilities. Ingalls v. Campbell, 18 Or. 461, 24 Pac. 969; Harvey v. Territory, 5 Wash. T. 131, 15 Pac. 433; Meeks v. Vassault, 16 Fed. Cas. 1317; Wiesner v. Zimm, 39 Wis. 206; Bauman v. Grubbs, 26 Ind. 421; Supreme Council v. Peirce, 20 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 590. A physical disability is a disability or incapacity caused by physical defect or infirmity, or bodily imperfection, or mental weakness or alienation; as distinguished from legal disability, which relates to the civil status or condition of the person, and is imposed by the law.

DISABLE. In its ordinary sense, to disable is to cause a disability, (q. v.)

In the old language of pleading, to disable is to take advantage of one's own or another's disability. Thus, it is an express maxim of the common law that the party shall not disable himself, but this disability to disable himself * * * is personal." 4 Coke, 123a.

DISABLING STATUTES. These are acts of parliament, restraining and regulating the exercise of a right or the power of alienation; the term is specially applied to 1 Eliz. c. 19, and similar acts restraining the power of ecclesiastical corporations to make leases.

DISADVOCARE. To deny a thing.

DISAFFIRM. To repudiate; to revoke a consent once given; to recall an affirmation. To refuse one's subsequent sanction to a former act; to disclaim the intention of being bound by an antecedent transaction.

DISAFFIRMANCE. The repudiation of a former transaction. The refusal by one who has a legal title to refuse, (a mere holding of a voidable contract,) to abide by his former acts, or accept the legal consequences of the same. It may either be "express" (in words) or "implied" from acts expressing
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the intention of the party to disregard the obligations of the contract.

DISAFFOREST. To restore to their former condition lands which have been turned into forests. To remove from the operation of the forest laws. 2 Bl. Comm. 418.

DISAGREEMENT. Difference of opinion or want of uniformity or concurrence of views; as, a disagreement among the members of a jury, among the judges of a court, or between arbitrators. Darnell v. Lyon, 85 Tex. 466, 22 S. W. 394; Insurance Co. v. Doying, 55 N. J. Law, 569, 27 Atl. 927; Fowble v. Insurance Co., 106 Mo. App. 527, 81 S. W. 485.

In real property law. The refusal by a grantee, lessee, etc., to accept an estate, lease, etc., made to him; the annulling of a thing that had essence before. No estate can be vested in a person against his will. Consequently no one can become a grantee, etc., without his agreement. The law implies such an agreement until the contrary is shown, but his disagreement renders the grant, etc., inoperative. Wharton.

DISALT. To disable a person.

DISAPPROPRIATION. In ecclesiastical law. This is where the appropriation of a benefice is severed, either by the patron presenting a clerk or by the corporation which has the appropriation being dissolved. 1 Bl. Comm. 385.

DISAVOW. To repudiate the unauthorized acts of an agent; to deny the authority by which he assumed to act.

DISBAR. In England, to deprive a barrister permanently of the privileges of his position; it is analogous to striking an attorney off the rolls. In America, the word describes the act of a court in withdrawing from an attorney the right to practise at its bar.

DISBUCATIO. In old English law. A conversion of wood grounds into arable or pasture; an assarting. Cowell. See ASSART.

DISBURSEMENTS. Money expended by an executor, guardian, trustee, etc., for the benefit of the estate in his hands, or in connection with its administration. The term is also used under the codes of civil procedure, to designate the expenditures necessarily made by a party in the progress of an action, aside from the fees of officers and court costs, which are allowed, co nomine, together with costs. Fertilizer Co. v. Glenn, 45 S. C. 494, 29 S. E. 706; De Chambrun v. Cox, 60 Fed. 479, 9 C. C. A. 88; Bigley v. Smith, 18 Or. 335, 22 Pac. 1073.

DISCARGARE. In old English law. To discharge, to unload; as a vessel. Carcare et discarcare; to charge and discharge; to load and unload. Cowell.

DISCARGARE. In old European law. To discharge or unload, as a wagon. Spelman.

DISCEPTIO CAUSA. In Roman law. The argument of a cause by the counsel on both sides. Calvin.

DISCHARGE. The opposite of charge; hence to release; liberate; annul; unburden; disincumber.

In the law of contracts. To cancel or unloose the obligation of a contract; to make an agreement or contract null and inoperative. As a noun, the word means the act or instrument by which the binding force of a contract is terminated, irrespective of whether the contract is carried out to the full extent contemplated (in which case the discharge is the result of performance) or is broken off before complete execution. Cort v. Railway Co., 17 Q. B. 145; Com. v. Talbot, 2 Allen (Mass.) 162; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812.

Discharge is a generic term; its principal species are rescission, release, accord and satisfaction, performance, judgment, composition, bankruptcy, merger, (q. e.) Leake, Cont. 413.

As applied to demands, claims, rights of action, incumbrances, etc., to discharge the debt or claim is to extinguish it, to annul its obligatory force, to satisfy it. And here also the term is generic; thus a debt, a mortgage, a legacy, may be discharged by payment or performance, or by any act short of that, lawful in itself, which the creditor accepts as sufficient. Blackwood v. Brown, 29 Mich. 494; Rangelv v. Spring, 29 Me. 151. To discharge a person is to liberate him from the binding force of an obligation, debt, or claim.

Discharge by operation of law is where the discharge takes place, whether it was intended by the parties or not; thus, if a creditor appoints his debtor his executor, the debt is discharged by operation of law, because the executor cannot have an action against himself. Co. Litt. 2045, note 1; Williams, Exrs, 1216; Chit. Cont. 714.

In civil practice. To discharge a rule, an order, an injunction, a certificate, process of execution, or in general any proceeding in a court, is to cancel or annul it, or to revoke it, or to refuse to confirm its original provisional force. Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 49, 59 Pac. 954.

To discharge a jury is to relieve them from any further consideration of a cause. This is done when the continuance of the trial is, by any cause, rendered impossible; also when the jury, after deliberation, cannot agree on a verdict.

In equity practice. In the process of accounting before a master in chancery, the discharge is a statement of expenses and
counter-claims brought in and filed, by way of set-off, by the accounting defendant; which follows the charge in order.

In criminal practice. The act by which a person in confinement, held on an accusation of some crime or misdemeanor, is set at liberty. The writing containing the order for his being set at liberty is also called a "discharge." Morgan v. Hughes, 2 Term, 231; State v. Garthwaite, 23 N. J. Law, 143; Ex parte Paris, 18 Fed. Cas. 1104.

In bankruptcy practice. The discharge of the bankrupt is the step which regularly follows the adjudication of bankruptcy and the administration of his estate. By it he is released from the obligation of all his debts which were or might be proved in the proceedings, so that they are no longer a charge upon him, and so that he may thereafter engage in business and acquire property without its being liable for the satisfaction of such former debts. Southern L. & T. Co. v. Benbow (D. C.) 96 Fed. 528; In re Adler, 103 Fed. 444; Colton v. Depew, 59 N. J. Eq. 126, 44 Atl. 662.


In military law. The release or dismissal of a soldier, sailor, or marine, from further military service, either at the expiration of his term of enlistment, or previous thereto on special application therefore, or as a punishment. An "honorable" discharge is one granted at the end of an enlistment and accompanied by an official certificate of good conduct during the service. A "dishonorable" discharge is a dismissal from the service for bad conduct or as a punishment imposed by sentence of a court-martial for offenses against the military law. There is also in occasional use a form of "discharge without punishment. An "honorable" discharge is also a discharge for the purpose of securing property, without its being liable for the satisfaction of such former debts. Southern L. & T. Co. v. Benbow (D. C.) 96 Fed. 528; In re Adler, 103 Fed. 444; Colton v. Depew, 59 N. J. Eq. 126, 44 Atl. 662.


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In pleadings. A renunciation by the defendant of all claim to the subject of the demand made by the plaintiff's bill. Coop. Eq. Pl. 309; Mitt. Eq. Pl. 318.

In patent law. When the title and specifications of a patent do not agree, or when part of that which it covers is not strictly patentable, because neither new nor useful, the patentee is empowered, with leave of the court, to enter a disclaimer of any part of either the title or the specification, and the disclaimer is then deemed to be part of the letters patent or specification, so as to render them valid for the future. Johns. Pat. 151.

DISCLAIMER. The repudiation or renunciation of a right or claim vested in a person or which he had formerly alleged to be his. The refusal, waiver, or denial of an estate or right offered to a person. The disavowal, denial, or renunciation of an interest, right, or property imputed to a person or alleged to be his. Also the declaration, or the instrument, by which such disclaimer is published. Moores v. Clackamas County, 40 Or. 536, 67 Pac. 662.

Of estates. The act by which a party refuses to accept an estate which has been conveyed to him. Thus, a trustee is said to disclaim who releases to his fellow-trustees his estate, and relieves himself of the trust. Watson v. Watson, 13 Conn. 85; Kentucky Union Co. v. Cornett, 112 Ky. 677, 66 S. W. 728.

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of the plaintiff's declaration, and the plaintiff omits to take judgment for the part unanswered. Steph. Pl. 216, 217.

**DISCONTINUANCE OF AN ESTATE.**

The termination or suspension of an estate in tail, in consequence of the act of the tenant in tail, in conveying a larger estate in the land than he was by law entitled to do. 2 Bl. Comm. 275; 3 Bl. Comm. 171. An alienation made or suffered by tenant in tail, or by any that is seised in *auter doli*, whereby the issue in tail, or the heir or successor, or those in reversion or remainder, are driven to their action, and cannot enter. Co. Litt. 325a. The cesser of a seisin under an estate, and the acquisition of a seisin under a new and necessarily a wrongful title. Prest. Merg. c. ii.

**Discontinuare nihil altius significat quam intermittere, desussecere, interrumpere.** Co. Litt. 325. To discontinue signifies nothing else than to intermit, to disuse, to interrupt.

**DISCONTINUOUS.** Occasional; intermittent; characterized by separate repeated acts; as, discontinuous easements and servitudes. See EASEMENT.

**DISCONVENIABLE.** L. Fr. Improper; unfit. Kelham.

**DISCOUNT.** In a general sense, an allowance or deduction made from a gross sum on any account whatever. In a more limited and technical sense, the taking of interest in advance.

By the language of the commercial world and the settled practice of banks, a discount by a bank means a drawback or deduction made upon its advances or loans of money, upon negotiable paper or other evidences of debt payable at a future day, which are transferred to the bank. Fleckner v. Bank, 8 Wheat. 338, 5 L. Ed. 631; Bank v. Baker, 15 Ohio St. 87.

Although the discounting of notes or bills, in its most comprehensive sense, may mean lending money and taking notes in payment, yet, in its more ordinary sense, the discounting of notes or bills means advancing a consideration for a bill or note, deducting or discounting the interest which will accrue for the time the note has run. Loan Co. v. Towner, 13 Conn. 249.

Discounting by a bank means lending money upon a note, and deducting the interest or premium in advance. Bank v. Bruce, 17 N. Y. 507; State v. Sav. Inst., 48 Mo. 189.

The ordinary meaning of the term "discount" is to take interest in advance, and in banking is a mode of loaning money. It is the advance of money not due till some future period, less the interest which would be due thereon when payable. Wecskler v. Bank, 42 Md. 592, 20 Am. Rep. 95.

Discount, as we have seen, is the difference between the price and the amount of the debt, the evidence of which is transferred. That difference represents interest charged, being at the same rate, according to which the price paid, if invested until the maturity of the debt, will just produce its amount. Bank v. Johnson, 104 U. S. 276, 26 L. Ed. 742.

Discounting a note and buying it are not identical in meaning, the latter expression being used to denote the transaction when the seller does not indorse the note, and is not accountable for it. Bank v. Baldwin, 23 Minn. 206, 23 Am. Rep. 683.

In practice. A set-off or defalcation in an action. Vn. Abr. "Discount." But see Traube's Ex'r v. Harris, 1 Metc. (Ky.) 597.

---Discount broker. A bill broker; one who discounts bills of exchange and promissory notes, and advances money on securities.

**DISCOVER.** Not married; not subject to the disabilities of a coverture. It applies equally to a maid and a widow.

**DISCOVERY.** In a general sense, the ascertainment of that which was previously unknown; the disclosure or coming to light of what was previously hidden; the acquisition of notice or knowledge of given acts or facts; as, in regard to the "discovery" of fraud affecting the running of the statute of limitations, or the granting of a new trial for newly "discovered" evidence. Francis v. Wallace, 77 Iowa, 373, 42 N. W. 823; Parker v. Kuhn, 21 Neb. 413, 32 N. W. 74, 59 Am. Rep. 852; Laird v. Kilbourne, 70 Iowa, 83, 30 N. W. 9; Howton v. Roberts, 49 S. W. 340, 20 Ky. Law Rep. 1331; Marbourg v. McCormick, 23 Kan. 43.

In international law. As the foundation for a claim of national ownership or sovereignty, discovery is the finding of a country, continent, or island previously unknown, or previously known only to its uncivilized inhabitants. Martin v. Waddell, 19 Pet. 400, 10 L. Ed. 597.

In patent law. The finding out some substance, mechanical device, improvement, or application, not previously known. In re Kemper, 14 Fed. Cas. 287; Dunbar v. Meyers, 94 U. S. 197, 24 L. Ed. 34.

Discovery, as used in the patent laws, depends upon invention. Every invention may, in a certain sense, embrace more or less of discovery, for it must always include something that is new; but it by no means follows that every discovery is an invention. Morton v. Infrmary, 5 Blatchf. 121, Fed. Cas. No. 9,805.

In practice. The disclosure by the defendant of facts, titles, documents, or other things which are in his exclusive knowledge or possession, and which are necessary to the party seeking the discovery as a part of a cause or action pending or to be brought in another court, or as evidence of his rights or title in such proceeding. Tucker v. U. S., 151 U. S. 164, 14 Sup. Ct. 299, 32 L. Ed. 112; Kelley v. Boettcher, 35 Fed. 55, 29 C. C. A. 14.

Also used of the disclosure by a bankrupt of his property for the benefit of creditors.

In mining law. As the basis of the right to locate a mining claim upon the public domain, discovery means the finding of mineralized rock in place. Migeon v. Railroad

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—Discovery, bill of. In equity pleading. A bill for the discovery of facts resting in the knowledge of the defendant, or of deeds or writings, or other things in his custody or power; but seeking no relief in consequence of the discovery, though it may pray for a stay of proceedings at law till the discovery is made. Story v. Ex. Pl. §§ 311, 312, and notes; Mitf. Eq. Pl. 53.

DISCRETION. A liberty or privilege allowed to a judge, within the confines of right and justice, but independent of fixed and unbinding rules of positive law, to decide and act in accordance with what is fair, equitable, and wholesome, as determined upon the peculiar circumstances of the case, and as discerned by his personal wisdom and experience, guided by the spirit, principles, and analogies of the law. Osborn v. United States Bank, 9 Wheat. 806, 6 L. Ed. 204; Ex parte Chase, 43 Ala. 310; Kent v. Tillson, 140 U. S. 316, 11 Sup. Ct 825, 35 L. Ed. 419; State v. Cummings, 36 Mo. 278; Murray v. Buell, 74 Wis. 14, 41 N. W. 1010; Perry v. Salt Lake City Council, 7 Utah, 143, 25 Pac. 586, 11 L. R. A. 446.

When applied to public functionaries, discretion means a power or right conferred upon them by law of acting officially in certain circumstances, according to the dictates of their own judgment and conscience, uncontrolled by the judgment or conscience of others. This discretion undoubtedly is to some extent regulated by usage, or, if the term is preferred, by fixed circumstances, according to the dictates of their own judgment and conscience, uncontrolled by law or legal inference, in the language of the Code, and an appeal will lie. Loviner v. Pearce, 70 N. C. 171.

In criminal law and the law of torts, it means the capacity to distinguish between what is right and wrong, lawful or unlawful, wise or foolish, sufficiently to render one amenable and responsible for his acts. Towl v. State, 3 Fla, 214.

—Judicial discretion, legal discretion. These terms are applied to the discretionary action of a judge or court, and mean discretion as above defined, that is, discretion bounded by the rules and principles of law, and not arbitrary, capricious, or unrestrained.

DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS. Such as are not marked out on fixed lines, but allow a certain amount of discretion in their exercise. Those which cannot be duly administered without the application of a certain degree of prudence and judgment.

DISCUSSION. In the civil law. A proceeding, at the instance of a surety, by which the creditor is obliged to exhaust the property of the principal debtor, towards the satisfaction of his debt, before having recourse to the surety; and this right of the surety is termed the "benefit of discussion." Civ. Code La. art. 3045, et seq.

In Scotch law. The ranking of the proper order in which heirs are liable to satisfy the debts of the deceased. Bell.

DISEASE. In construing a policy of life insurance, it is generally true that, before any temporary ailment can be called a "disease," it must be such as to indicate a vice in the constitution, or be so serious as to have some bearing upon general health and the continuance of life, or such as, according to common understanding, would be called a "disease." Cushman v. Insurance Co., 70 N. Y. 77; Insurance Co. v. Yung, 113 Ind. 150, 15 N. B. 220, 3 Am. St. Rep. 630; Insurance Co. v. Simpson, 88 Tex. 333, 31 S. W. 501, 28 L. R. A. 765, 53 Am. St. Rep. 767; D laney v. Modern Acc. Club, 121 Iowa, 523, 97 N. W. 91, 63 L. R. A. 603.

DISENTAILING DEED. In English law. An enrolled assurance barring an entail, pursuant to 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

DISFRANCHISE. To deprive of the rights and privileges of a free citizen; to deprive of charterd rights and immunities; to deprive of any franchise, as of the right of voting in elections, etc. Webster.
**DISFRANCHISEMENT**

The act of disfranchising. The act of depriving a member of a corporation of his right as such, by expulsion. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 192. Richards v. Clarksburg, 30 W. Va. 491, 4 S. E. 774; White v. Brownell, 4 Abb. Frac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 192.

It differs from amotion, (q. v.) which is applicable to the removal of an officer from office, leaving him his rights as a member. Willcock, Mun. Corp. no. 708; Ang. & A. Corp. 237.

In a more popular sense, the taking away of the elective franchise (that is, the right of voting in public elections) from any citizen or class of citizens.

**DISGAVEL.** In English law. To deprive lands of that principal quality of gavelkind tenure by which they descend equally among all the sons of the tenant. 2 Wood. Lect. 76; 2 Bl. Comm. 85.

**DISGRACE.** Ignominy; shame; dishonor. No witness is required to disgrace himself. 13 How. State Tr. 17, 334.

**DISGRADING.** In old English law. The depriving of an order or dignity.

**DISGUISE.** A counterfeit habit; a dress intended to conceal the person who wears it. Webster.

Anything worn upon the person with the intention of so altering the wearer's appearance that he shall not be recognized by those familiar with him, or that he shall be taken for another person.

A person lying in ambush, or concealed behind bushes, is not in "disguise," within the meaning of a statute declaring ... in damages to the next of kin of any one murdered by persons in disguise. Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 118, 142.

**DISHERISON.** Disinheritance; depriving one of an inheritance. Obsolete. See Abernethy v. Orton, 42 Or. 437, 71 Pac. 327, 95 Am. St Rep. 774.

**DISHONOR.** In mercantile law and usage. To refuse or decline to accept a bill of exchange, or to refuse or neglect to pay a bill or note at maturity. Shelton v. Braithwaite, 7 Mees. & W. 436; Brewster v. Arnold, 1 Wis. 276.

A negotiable instrument is dishonored when it is either not paid or not accepted, according to its tenor, on presentment for that purpose, or without presentment, where that is excused. Civ. Code Cal. § 3141.

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**DISINCARCERATE.** To set at liberty, to free from prison.

**DISINHERISON.** In the civil law. The act of depriving a forced heir of the inheritance which the law gives him.

**DISINHERITANCE.** The act by which the owner of an estate deprives a person of the right to inherit the same, who would otherwise be his heir.

**DISINTER.** To exhume, unbury, take out of the grave. People v. Baumgartner, 135 Cal. 72, 66 Pac. 974.

**DISINTERESTED.** Not concerned, in respect to possible gain or loss, in the result of the pending proceedings; impartial, not biased or prejudiced. Chase v. Rutland, 47 Vt. 395; In re Big Run, 137 Pa. 590, 20 Atl. 711; McGilvery v. Staples, 81 Me. 101, 16 Atl. 404; Wolcott v. Ely, 2 Allen (Mass.) 340; Hickerson v. Insurance Co., 96 Tenn. 193, 53 S. W. 1041, 32 L. R. A. 172.

—Disinterested witness. One who has no interest in the cause or matter in issue, and who is lawfully competent to testify. Jones v. Larrabee, 47 Ala. 118, 142.

**DISJUNCTIM.** Lat. In the civil law. Separately; severally. The opposite of conjunctim, (q. v.) Inst. 2, 20, 8.

**DI S J U N C T I V E A L L E G A T I O N.** A statement in a pleading or indictment which expresses or charges a thing alternatively, with the conjunction "or;" for instance, an averment that defendant "murdered or caused to be murdered," etc., would be of this character.

**DISJUNCTIVE TERM.** One which is placed between two contraries, by the affirming of one of which the other is taken away; it is usually expressed by the word "or."

**DISMES.** Tenths; tithes, (q. v.) The original form of "dime," the name of the American coin.

**DISMISS.** To send away; to discharge; to cause to be removed. To dismiss an action or suit is to send it out of court without any further consideration or hearing. Bosley v. Bruner, 24 Miss. 402; Taft v. Northern Transp. Co., 56 N. H. 417; Goldsmith v. Smith (C. C.) 21 Fed. 614.

**DISMISSAL.** The dismissal of an action, suit, motion, etc., is an order or judgment finally disposing of it by sending it out of court, though without a trial of the issues involved. Frederick v. Bank, 106 Ill. 149; Dowling v. Polack, 18 Cal. 627; Brackenridge v. State, 27 Tex. App. 513, 11 S. W. 630; 4 L. R. A. 360.

—Dismissal agreed. A dismissal entered in accordance with the agreement of the parties, amounting to an adjudication of the matters in dispute between them or to a renunciation by the complainant of the claims asserted in his

Dismortgage. To redeem from mortgage.

Disorder. Turbulent or riotous behavior; immoral or indecent conduct. The breach of the public decorum and morality.

Disorderly. Contrary to the rules of good order and behavior; violative of the public peace or good order; turbulent, riotous, or indecent.

—Disorderly conduct. A term of loose and indefinite meaning (except as occasionally defined in statutes), but signifying generally any behavior that is contrary to law, and more particularly such as tends to disturb the public peace or decorum, scandalize the community, or shock the public sense of morality. People v. Keeper of State Reformatory, 176 N. Y. 462, 68 N. E. 884; People v. Davis, 80 App. Div. 448, 80 N. Y. Supp. 872; City of Mt. Sterling v. Certain Steel Rail Crop Ends (D. C.) 3 Fed. Cas. 59. To convert it into ordinary ground.

Dismissal, or Dispatch. A message, letter, or order sent with speed on affairs of state; a telegraphic message.

In maritime law. Diligence, due activity, or proper speed in the discharge of a cargo; the opposite of delay. Terjesen v. Carter, 9 Daly (N. Y.) 139; Moody v. Laths (D. C.) 2 Fed. 607; Sleeper v. Puig, 22 Fed. Cas. 321.

—Customary dispatch. Such as accords with the rules, customs, and usages of the port where the discharge is made.—Quick dispatch. Speedy discharge of cargo without allowance for the customs or rules of the port or for delay from the crowded state of the harbor or wharf. Mott v. Prost (D. C.) 47 Fed. 82; Bjorkquist v. Certain Steel Rail Crop Ends (D. C.) 3 Fed. 717; Davis v. Wallace, 7 Fed. Cas. 182.

Dispauper. When a person, by reason of his poverty, is admitted to sue in forma pauperis, and afterwards, before the suit be ended, acquires any lands, or personal estate, or is guilty of anything whereby he is liable to have this privilege taken from him, then he loses the right to sue in forma pauperis, and is said to be dispaupered. Wharton.

Dispensatio est mali prohibitii, utiliza est novitate: et est de jure domino regi concessa, propter impossibilitatem praevidendi de omnibus particularibus. A dispensation is the provident relaxation of a malum prohibitum weighed from utility or necessity; and it is conceded by law to the king on account of the impossibility of foreknowledge concerning all particulars. 10 Coke, 88.

Dispensatio est vulnus, quod vulnerat jus commune. A dispensation is a wound, which wounds common law. Dav. Ir. K. B. 69.

Dispensation. An exemption from some laws; a permission to do something forbidden; an allowance to omit something commanded; the canonist's name for a license. Wharton; Baldwin v. Taylor, 160
A relaxation of law for the benefit or advantage of an individual. In the United States, no power exists, except in the legislature, to dispense with law; and then it is not so much a dispensation as a change of the law. Bouvier.

**DISPOSABLE PORTION.** That portion of a man's property which he is free to dispose of by will to beneficiaries other than his wife and children. By the ancient common law, this amounted to one-third of his estate if he was survived by both wife and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 492; Hopkins v. Schilling, 42 N. T. 79; Beard v. Knox, 5 Oal. 256, 63 Am. Dec. 125.

**DISPOSABLE PROCEEDINGS.** Summary process by a landlord to oust the tenant and regain possession of the premises for non-payment of rent or other breach of the conditions of the lease. Of local origin and colloquial use in New York.

**DISQUALIFY.** To divest or deprive of qualifications; to incapacitate; to render ineligible or unfit; as, in speaking of the "disqualification" of a judge by reason of his interest in the case, or of a juror by reason of his holding a fixed preconceived opinion, or of a candidate for public office by reason of non-residence, lack of statutory age, previous commission of crime, etc. In re Tyers' Estate, 41 Misc. Rep. 378, 84 N. Y. Supp. 934; In re Maguire, 57 Cal. 606, 40 Am. Rep. 125; Carroll v. Green, 145 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 228; In re Nevitt, 117 Fed. 448, 26 Iowa, 56, 96 Am. Dec. 83.

**DISQUALIFYING FACTS.** Such as produce or bring about the origination, transfer, or extinction of rights. They are either feasi
tive, those by means of which a right comes into existence, divertive, those through which it terminates, or transitive, those through which it passes from one person to another.
DISSECTION. The anatomical examination of a dead body by cutting into pieces or excising one or more parts or organs. Wehle v. Accident Ass'n, 11 Misc. Rep. 36, 31 N. Y. Supp. 805; Sudduth v. Insurance Co. (O. C.) 106 Fed. 822; Rhodes v. Brandt, 21 Hun (N. Y.) 3.

DISEISEE. To dispossess; to deprive.

DISEISEEN. One who is wrongfully put out of possession of his lands; one who is disseised.

DISEISEIN. Dispossession; a deprivation of possession; a privation of seisin; a usurpation of the right of seisin and possession, and an exercise of such powers and privileges of ownership as to keep out or displace him to whom these rightfully belong. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 125; Probst v. Trustees, 129 U. S. 182, 9 Sup. Ct. 263, 32 L. Ed. 642; Bond v. O'Gara, 177 Mass. 139, 58 N. E. 275, 83 Am. St. Rep. 265; Moody v. Fleming, 4 Ga. 115, 48 Am. Dec. 210; Clapp v. Bromaghm, 9 Cow. (N. Y.) 553; Washburn v. Cutter, 17 Minn. 368 (Gil. 335).

It is a wrongful putting out of him that is disseised of the freehold, not, as in abatement or intrusion, a wrongful entry, where the possession was vacant, but an attack upon him who is in actual possession, and turning him out. It is an ouster from a freehold in deed, as abatement and intrusion are ousters in law. 3 Steph. Comm. 383. When one man invades the possession of another, and by force or surprise turns him out of the occupation of his lands, this is termed a "dissesin," being a deprivation of that actual seisin or corporal possession of the freehold which the tenant before enjoyed. In other words, a disseisin is said to be when one enters intending to usurp the possession, and to oust another from the freehold. To constitute an entry a disseisin, there must be an ouster of the freehold, either by taking the profits or by claiming the inheritance. Brown.

According to the modern authorities, there seems to be no legal difference between the words "seisin" and "possession," although there is a difference between the words "dissesin" and "dispossession;" the former meaning an estate gained by wrong and injury, whereas the latter may be by right or by wrong; the former denoting an ouster of the disseisee, or some act equivalent to it, whereas by the latter no such act is implied. Sizer v. Rawson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 430.

Equitable disseisin is where a person is wrongfully deprived of the equitable seisin of land, e. g., of the rents and profits. 2 Meriv. 171; 2 Jac. & W. 166. Disseisin by election is where a person alleges or admits himself to be disseised when he has not really been so.
Dissolution of Parliament.

The crown may dissolve parliament either in person or by proclamation; the dissolution is usually by proclamation, after a prorogation. No parliament may last for a longer period than seven years. Septennial Act, 1 Geo. I. c. 38. Under 6 Anne, c. 37, upon a demise of the crown, parliament became ipso facto dissolved six months afterwards, but under the Reform Act, 1867, its continuance is now noisely affected by such demise. May, Parl. Pr. (6th Ed.) 48. Brown.

Dissolve. To terminate; abrogate; cancel; annul; disintegrate. To release or unloose the binding force of anything. As to “dissolve a corporation,” to “dissolve an injunction.” See Dissolution.

Dissolving Bond. A bond given to obtain the dissolution of a legal writ or process, particularly an attachment or an injunction, and conditioned to indemnify the opposite party or to abide the judgment to “dissolve a corporation,” to “dissolve an injunction.” See Dissolution.

Dissuade. In criminal law. To advise and procure a person not to do an act.

To dissuade a witness from giving evidence against a person indicted is an Indictable offense at common law. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 21, § 15.

Distill. To subject to a process of distillation, i.e., vaporizing the more volatile parts of a substance and then condensing the vapor so formed. In law, the term is chiefly used in connection with the manufacture of intoxicating liquors.

—Distilled liquor or distilled spirits. A term which includes all potable alcoholic liquors obtained by the process of distillation, (such as whisky, brandy, rum, and gin) but excludes fermented and malt liquors, such as wine and beer, U. S. Rev. St. §§ 2948, 3020, 3299 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 2107, 2132, 2153); U. S. v. Anthony, 14 Blatchf. 92, Fed. Cas. 1434; State v. Williamson, 21 Mo. 496; Boyd v. U. S., 3 Fed. Cas. 1090; Sarris v. U. S., 162 U. S. 570, 14 Sup. Ct. 720, 38 L. Ed. 553.—Distillery. Every person who produces distilled spirits, or who馏s or makes mash, or wash, or wine, fit for distillation or for the production of spirits, or who, by any process of evaporation, separates alcoholic spirit from any fermented substance, or who, making or keeping mash, or wash, has also in his possession or use a still, shall be regarded as a distiller. Rev. St. U. S. § 2247 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, PP. 2107, 2132). See Johnson v. State, 44 Ala. 416; U. S. v. Frechefs, 25 Fed. Cas. 1218; U. S. v. Wittig, 25 Fed. Cas. 745; U. S. v. Ridenour (D. C.) 119 Fed. 411.—Distillery. The strict meaning of “distillery” is a place or building where alcoholic liquors are distilled or manufactured; not every building where the process of distillation is used. Atlantic Dock Co. v. Libby, 45 N. Y. 499; U. S. v. Blaisdell, 24 Fed. Cas. 1162.

Distincte et aperite. In old English practice. Distinctly and openly. Formal words in writs of error, referring to the return required to be made to them. Reg. Orig. 17.

Distinguentia sunt tempora. The time is to be considered. 1 Coke, 16a; Blos v. Tobey, 2 Pick. (Mass.) 327; Owens v. Missionary Society, 14 N. Y. 390, 393, 67 Am. Dec. 160.

Distinguentia sunt tempora; alius est facere, alius perficere. Times must be distinguished; it is one thing to do, another to perfect. 3 Leon. 243; Branch, Frinc.

Distinguentia sunt tempora; distingue tempora et concordabis leges. Times are to be distinguished; distinguish times, and you will harmonize laws. 1 Coke, 24. A maxim applied to the construction of statutes.

Distinguish. To point out an essential difference; to prove a case cited as applicable, inapplicable.

Distrahere. To sell; to draw apart; to dissolve a contract; to divorce. Calvin.
DISTRAIN. To take as a pledge property of another, and keep the same until he performs his obligation or until the property is relevied by the sheriff. It was used to secure an appearance in court, payment of rent, performance of services, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 231; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 32, B, C. 223. Boyd v. Howden, 3 Daly (N. Y.) 437; Byers v. Ferguson, 41 Or. 77, 68 Pac. 5.

DISTRESS is now generally resorted to for the purpose of enforcing the payment of rent, taxes, or other duties.

DISTRAINER, or DISTRAINOR. He who seizes a distress.

DISTRAINT. Seizure; the act of distressing or making a distress.

DISTRESS. The taking a personal chattel out of the possession of a wrong-doer into the custody of the party injured, to procure a satisfaction for a wrong committed; as for non-payment of rent, or injury done by cattle. 3 Bl. Comm. 6, 7; Co. Litt. 47; Emlig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 460; Hard v. Near- ing, 44 Barb. (N. Y.) 488; Owen v. Boyle, 22 Me. 61; Evans v. Lincoln Co., 204 Pa. 448, 54 Atl. 321. The taking of beasts or other personal property by way of pledge, to enforce the performance of something due from the party distressed upon. 3 Bl. Comm. 231. The taking of a defendant's goods, in order to compel an appearance in court. Id. 250; 3 Steph. Comm. 361, 363. The seizure of personal property to enforce payment of taxes, to be followed by its public sale if the taxes are not voluntarily paid. Marshall v. Wadsworth, 64 N. H. 386, 10 Atl. 685. Also the thing taken by distressing, that which is seized to procure satisfaction. And in old Scotch law, a pledge taken by the sheriff from those attending fairs or markets, to secure their good behavior, and returnable to them at the close of the fair or market if they had been guilty of no wrong.

DISTRESS infinite. One that has no bounds with regard to its quantity, and may be repeated from time to time, until the stubbornness of the party is conquered. Such are distresses for fealty or suit of court, and for compelling jurors to attend. 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

DISTRESS warrant. A writ authorizing an officer to make a distress; particularly, a writ authorizing the levy of a distress on the chattels of a tenant for non-payment of rent. Baileyville v. Lowell, 20 Me. 181; Bagwell v. Jamison, Cheves (S. C.) 272.—Grand distress, writ of. A writ formerly issued in the real action of quare impres, when no appearance had been entered after the attachment; it commanded the sheriff to distress the defendant's lands and chattels in order to compel appearance. It is no longer used, 23 & 24 Vict. c.125, § 26, having abolished the action of quare imper. and substituted for it the procedure in an ordinary action. Whitman. —Second distress. A supplementary distress for rent in arrear, allowed by law in some cases, where the goods seized under the first distress are not of sufficient value to satisfy the claim.

DISTRIBUTEE. An heir; a person entitled to share in the distribution of an estate. This term is admissible to denote one of the persons who are entitled, under the statute of distributions, to the personal estate of one who is dead intestate. Henry v. Henry, 31 N. C. 278; Kitchen v. Southern Ry., 68 S. C. 554, 45 S. E. 4.

DISTRIBUTION. In practice. The apportionment and division, under authority of a court, of the remainder of the estate of an intestate, after payment of the debts and charges, among those who are legally entitled to share in the same. Rogers v. Gilles, 56 Iowa, 266, 9 N. W. 204; William Hill Co. v. Lawler, 116 Cal. 339, 48 Pac. 323; In re Creighton, 12 Neb. 290, 11 N. W. 315; Thomson v. Tracy, 60 N. Y. 180.

—Statute of distributions. A law prescribing the manner of the distribution of the estate of an intestate among his heirs or relatives. Such statutes exist in all the states.

DISTRIBUTIVE. Exercising or accomplishing distribution; apportioning, dividing, and assigning in separate items or shares.

—Distributive finding of the issue. The jury are bound to give their verdict for that party who, upon the evidence, appears to them to have succeeded in establishing his side of the issue. But there are cases in which an issue may be found distributively, i. e., in part for plaintiff, and in part for defendant. Thus, in an action for goods sold and work done, if the defendant pleaded that he never was indebted, and the plaintiff could not have succeeded in establishing his side of the issue, on which issue was joined, a verdict might be found for the plaintiff as to the goods, and for the defendant as to the work. Steph. Pl. (7th Ed.) 77.—Distributive justice. See Jus­tice.—Distributive share. The share or portion which a given heir receives on the legal distribution of an intestate estate. People v. Beckwith, 10 N. Y. St. Rep. 97; Page v. Rives, 18 Fed. Cas. 392. Sometimes, by an extension of meaning, the share or portion assigned to a person on the distribution of any estate or fund, as, under an assignment for creditors or under insolvency proceedings.

DISTRICT. One of the portions into which an entire state or country may be divided, for judicial, political, or administrative purposes.

The United States are divided into judicial districts, in each of which is established a district court. They are also divided into election districts, collection districts, etc.

The circuit or territory within which a person may be compelled to appear. Cowell. Circuit of authority; province. Enc. Lond.

—District attorney. The prosecuting officer of the United States government in each of the federal judicial districts. Also, under the state governments, the prosecuting officer who represents the state in each of its judicial districts. In some states, where the territory is divided, for judicial purposes, into sections called by some other name than "districts," the same officer is denominated "county attorney" or "state's attorney." Smith v. Scranton, 3 C. P. Rep. (Pa.) 84; State v. Salge, 2 Nev. 324.

—District clerk. The clerk of a district court of either a state or the United States. District courts. Courts of the United States, each having territorial jurisdiction over a dis-
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which may include a whole state or only part of it. Each of these courts is presided over by a judge, who must reside within the district. These courts have original jurisdiction over all admiralty and maritime causes and all proceedings in bankruptcy. They have jurisdiction in over all penal and criminal matters cognizable under the laws of the United States, exclusive jurisdiction over which is not vested either in the admiralty courts or in the courts of record in California, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, and Texas. They are also called "district courts." Their jurisdiction is for the most part similar to that of county courts.

DISTRICT COURT

The judge of a United States district court is the proper officer to appoint district registrars for the district. The judge of a district court of the United States, exclusive jurisdiction over which is not vested either in the admiralty courts, in the courts of record, or in the district courts, but is made subject to the jurisdiction of Congress, may, in some states, be appointed by the judge of a district court of the state.

DISTRICT PARISHES

Ecclesiastical divisions of parishes in England, for all purposes of worship, and for the celebration of marriages, christenings, churchings, and burials, formed at the instance of the queen's commissioners for building new churches. See 3 Steph. Comm. 744. District registrars.

DISTRICT REGISTRAR

By the English judicature act, 1873, § 60, it is provided that to facilitate proceedings in county courts the crown may appoint district registrars for the purpose of issuing writs of summons, and for other purposes. In the mean time, documents saved or retained by such district registrar shall be received in evidence without further proof, (section 61;) and the district registrars may administer oaths or do other things as provided by rules or a special order of the court, (section 62.) Power, however, is given to a judge to remove proceedings from a district registry to the office of the high court. Section 65. By order in council of 12th of August, 1875, a number of district registries have been established in the places mentioned in that order; and the prothonotaries in Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston, the district registrar of the court of admiralty at Liverpool, and the county court registrars in the other places named, have been appointed district registrars. Wharton.


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A territory situated on the Potomac river, and being the seat of government of the United States. It was originally ten miles square, and was composed of portions of Maryland and Virginia. The United States ceded the territory to the United States; but in 1846 the tract coming from Virginia was retroceded. Legally it is neither a state nor a territory, but is made subject, by the constitution, to the exclusive jurisdiction of congress.

DISTRICTIO. lat. A distress; a distraint. Cowell.

DISTRINGAS. In English practice. A writ directed to the sheriff of the county in which a defendant resides, or has any goods or effects, commanding him to distrain upon the goods and chattels of the defendant for forty shillings, in order to compel his appearance. 3 Steph. Comm. 567. This writ issues in cases where it is found impracticable to get at the defendant personally, so as to serve a summons upon him. Id.

A distraing is also used in equity, as the first process to compel the appearance of a corporation aggregate. St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 36.

A form of execution in the actions of detinue and assise of nuisance. Brooke, Abr. pl. 28; Barnet v. Ihrie, 1 Rawle (Pa.) 44.

Distringas Juratours. A writ commanding the sheriff or any other person to have the body of the juror, or to distrain them by their lands and goods, that they may appear upon the day appointed. 3 Bl. Comm. 473. It issues at the same time with the venire, though in theory afterwards, founded on the supposed neglect of the juror to attend. 3 Steph. Comm. 569. Distringas super vice comitem. A writ directed to the coroner, to compel him to do some act which he ought to have done before leaving the office, or to bring in the body of a defendant, or to sell goods attached under a fi. fe. Distringas vice comitem. A writ of distraint, directed to the coroner, may be issued against a sheriff if he neglects to execute a writ of venditionem exponas. Arch. Pr. 584.

DISTRIBUTER. In feudal and old English law. To distraint; to coerce or compel. Speelman; Calvin.

DISTURBANCE


2. A wrong done to an incorporeal hereditament by hindering or dissecting the owner in the enjoyment of it. Finch, 157; 3 Bl. Comm. 283.

DISTRIBUTURE of common. The doing any act by which the right of another to his common is diminished or diminished; as where one has the right of common to a whole field; and the prothonotaries in Liverpool, Manchester, and Preston, the district registrar of the court of admiralty at Liverpool, and the county court registrars in the other places named, have been appointed district registrars.

DISTRIBUTION of the peace. In the law of tenancy, disturbance is where a stranger, by menaces, force, persuasion, or otherwise, causes a tenant to leave his tenancy. This disturbance of tenancy is injurious to the lord for which an action will lie. 3 Bl. Comm. 236; 3 Steph. Comm. 510; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1074; 4 2472a. DISTURBANCE of the peace. The hindrance or obstruction of a patron from presenting his clerk to a benefice. 3 Bl. Comm. 242; 3 Steph. Comm. 514. DISTURBANCE of public worship. Any acts or conduct which interfere with the peace and good order of an assembly of persons lawfully met together for religious exercises. Lancaster v. State, 53 Ala. 298, 25 Am. Rep. 623; Brown v. State, 46 Ala. 123; McElroy v. State, 23 Tex. 407. DISTURBANCE of the peace. Interference with the peace, quiet, and good order of a neighborhood or community, particularly by unnecessary and distracting noises. City of St. Charles v. Meyer, 58 Mo. 89; Tokumura v. Sternberg, 26 Cal. App. 141.

DISTURBANCE of ways. This happens when a person who has a right of way over another's

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ground by grant or prescription is obstructed by inclosures or other obstacles, or by plowing across it, by which means he cannot enjoy his right of way, or at least in so commodious a manner as he might have done. 3 Bl. Comm. 241.

DISTURBER. If a bishop refuse or neglect to examine or admit a patron's clerk, without reason assigned or notice given, he is styled a "disturber" by the law, and shall not have any title to present by lapsed; for no man shall take advantage of his own wrong. 2 Bl. Comm. 278.

DITCH. The words "ditch" and "drain" have no technical or exact meaning. They both may mean a hollow space in the ground, natural or artificial, where water is collected or passes off. Goldthwait v. East Bridgewater, 5 Gray (Mass.) 64; Weitmore v. Fisk, 15 L. L. 354, 6 Atl. 375.

DITES OUSTER. L. Fr. Say over. The form of awarding a respondens ouster, in the Year Books, M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

DITTAY. In Scotch law. A technical term in civil law, signifying the matter of charge or ground of indictment against a person accused of crime. Taking up dittay is obtaining informations and presentments of crime in order to trial. Skene, de Verb. Sign.; Bell.

DIVERS. Various, several, sundry; a collective term grouping a number of unspecified persons, objects, or acts. Com. v. Butts, 124 Mass. 452; State v. Hodgson, 86 Vt. 134, 28 Atl. 1089; Munro v. Alaire, 2 Calns (N. Y.) 326.

DIVERSION. A turning aside or altering the natural course of a thing. The term is chiefly applied to the unauthorized changing of the course of a water-course to the prejudice of a lower proprietor. Merritt v. Park. er, 1 N. J. Law, 460; Parker v. Griswold, 17 Conn. 299, 42 Am. Dec. 739.

DIVERSITE DES COURTS. A treatise on courts and their jurisdiction, written in French in the reign of Edward III. as is supposed, and by some attributed to Fitzherbert. It was first printed in 1525, and again in 1584. Crabb, Eng. Law, 330, 483.

DIVERSITY. In criminal pleading. A plea by the prisoner in bar of execution, alleging that he is not the same who was attainted, upon which a jury is immediately impaneled to try the collateral issue thus narrowed, viz., the identity of the person, and not whether he is guilty or innocent, for that has been already decided. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

DIVERSO INNUITU. Lat. With a different view, purpose, or design; in a different view or point of view; by a different course or process. 1 W. Bl. 89; 4 Kent, Comm. 211, note.

DIVERSORIUM. In old English law. A lodging or inn. Townsh. Pl. 38.

DIVERT. To turn aside; to turn out of the way; to alter the course of things. Usually applied to water-courses. Ang. Water-Courses, § 97 et seq. Sometimes to roads. 8 East, 394.

DIVES. In the practice of the English chancery division, "dives costs" are costs on the ordinary scale, as opposed to the costs formerly allowed to a successful pauper suing or defending in forma pauperis, and which consisted only of his costs out of pocket. Daniell, Ch. Pr. 43.

DIVEST. Equivalent to devest, (q. v.)

DIVESTITIVE FACT. A fact by means of which a right is divested, terminated, or extinguished; as the right of a tenant terminates with the expiration of his lease, and the right of a creditor is at an end when his debt has been paid. Holl. Jur. 132.

Divide et impera, cum radix et vertex imperii in obedientium consensus rata sunt. 4 Inst. 35. Divide and govern, since the foundation and crown of empire are established in the consent of the obedient.

DIVIDEND. A fund to be divided. The share allotted to each of several persons entitled to share in a division of profits or property. Thus, dividend may denote a fund set apart by a corporation out of its profits, to be apportioned among the shareholders, or the proportional amount falling to each. In bankruptcy or insolvency practice, a dividend is a proportional payment to the creditors out of the insolvent estate. State v. Comptroller of State, 54 N. J. Law, 135, 23 Atl. 122; Trustees of University v. North Carolina R. Co., 76 N. C. 103, 22 Am. Rep. 671; De Koven v. Alsop, 205 Ill. 306, 63 N. E. 930, 68 N. L. R. A. 587; Hyatt v. Allen, 56 N. Y. 553, 15 Am. Rep. 449; Cary v. Savings Union, 22 Wall. 38, 22 L. Ed. 779; In re Ft. Wayne Electric Corp. (D. C.) 94 Fed. 109; In re Fielding (D. C.) 96 Fed. 800.

In old English law. The term denotes one part of an indenture, (q. v.)

-Preferred dividend. One paid on the preferred stock of a corporation; a dividend paid to one class of shareholders in proportion to their capital stock up to a certain amount of capital stock of the company thereafter to be issued. Bailey v. Railroad Co., 22 Wall. 604, 22 L. Ed. 840.—Stock dividend. One paid in stock, that is, not in money, but in a proportional number of shares of the capital stock of the company, which is ordinarily increased for this purpose to a corresponding extent. Kaufman v. Char-
DIVIDEND. In old records. An inden­ture; one counterpart of an inden­ture.

DIVINARE. Lat. To divine; to conjecture or guess; to foretell. Divinatio, a conjecturing or guessing.

Divinatio, non interpretatio est, quae omnilo recedit a litera. That is guessing, not interpretation, which altogether departs from the letter. Bac. Max. 18, (in reg. 3,) citing Yearb. 3 Hen. VI. 20.

DIVINE LAWS. As distinguished from those of human origin, divine laws are those of which the authorship is ascribed to God, being either positive or revealed laws or the laws of nature. Mayer v. Frobe, 40 W. Va. 246, 22 S. E. 58; Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 527, 44 Am. Dec. 217.

DIVINE SERVICE. Divine service was the name of a feudal tenure, by which the tenants were obliged to do some special divine services in certain; as to sing so many masses, to distribute such a sum in alms, and the like. (2 Bl. Comm. 102; 1 Steph. Comm. 227.) It differed from tenure in frankalmoign, in this: that, in case of the tenure by divine service, the lord of whom the lands were held might distrain for its non-performance, whereas, in case of frankalmoign, the lord has no remedy by distraint for neglect of the service, but merely a right of complaint to the visitor to correct it. Mozley & Whitley.

DIVISA. In old English law. A device, award, or decree; also a devise; also bounds or limits of division of a parish or farm, etc. Cowell. Also a court held on the boundary, in order to settle disputes of the tenants.

Divisibilis est semper divisibilis. A thing divisible may be forever divided.

DIVISIBLE. That which is susceptible of being divided.

-Divisible contract. One which is in its nature and purposes susceptible of division and apportionment, having two or more parts in respect to matters and things contemplated and embraced by it, not necessarily dependent on each other nor intended by the parties so to be. Horseman v. Horseman, 43 Or. 83, 72 Pac. 698.

DIVISUM IMPERIUM. Lat. A divided

DIVISION. In old English law. Sever­ally; separately. Bract. fol. 47.

DIVISIONAL COURTS. Courts in Eng­land, consisting of two or (in special cases) more judges of the high court of justice, sitting to transact certain kinds of business which cannot be disposed of by one judge.

DIVORCE. The legal separation of man and wife, effected, for cause, by the judgment of a court, and either totally dissolving the marriage relation, or suspending its effects so far as concerns the cohabitation of the parties. Atherton v. Atherton, 181 U. S. 155, 21 Sup. Ct. 544, 45 L. Ed. 794; Miller v. Miller, 33 Cal. 355; Cast v. Cast, 1 Utah, 112.

The dissolution is termed "divorce from the bond of matrimony," or, in the Latin form of the expression, "a vinculo matrimonii;" the suspension, "divorce from bed and board," "a mensa et thoro." The former divorce puts an end to the marriage; the latter leaves it in full force. 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225.

The term "divorce" is now applied, in England, both to decrees of nullity and decrees of dissolution of marriages, while in America, it is used only in cases of divorce a mensa or a vinculo, a decree of nullity of marriage being granted in cases for which a divorce a vinculo was formerly obtainable in England.

-—Divorces a mensa et thoro. A divorce from table and bed, or from bed and board. A partial or qualified divorce, by which the parties are separated and forbidden to live or cohabit together, without affecting the marriage itself. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 3 Bl. Comm. 94; 2 Stepb. Comm. 311; 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225; Miller v. Clark, 23 Ind. 370; Rudolph v. Ro­dolph (Super. Buff.) 12 N. Y. Supp. 81; Zule v. Zule, 1 N. J. Eq. 99.—Divorce a vinculo matrimonii. A divorce from the bond of marriage. A total divorce of husband and wife, dissolving the marriage tie, and releasing the parties wholly from their matrimonial obligations. 1 Bl. Comm. 440; 2 Steph. Comm. 310, 311; 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 225; De Roche v. De Roche, 12 N. D. 17, 94 N. W. 770.—For­eign divorce. A divorce obtained out of the state or country where the marriage was solemnized. 2 Kent, Comm. 106, et seq.—Limited divorces. A divorce from bed and board; or a judicial separation of husband and wife not dissolving the marriage tie.

Divortium dicitur a divertendo, quia vir dividetur ab uxore. Co. Litt. 235. Divorce is called from divertendo, because a man is diverted from his wife.
DIXIEME. Fr. Tenth; the tenth part. Ord. Mar. liv. 1, tit. 1, art. 9.


DO. Lat. I give. The ancient and aptest word of feoffment and of gift. 2 Bl. Comm. 310, 316; Co. Litt. 9.

DO, DICO, ADDICO. Lat. I give, I say, I adjudge. Three words used in the Roman law, to express the extent of the civil jurisdiction of the praetor. Do denoted that he gave or granted actions, exceptions, and judicess; dico, that he pronounced judgment; addico, that he adjudged the controverted property, or the goods of the debtor, etc., to the plaintiff. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39.

DO, LEGO. Lat. I give, I bequeath; or I give and bequeath. The formal words of making a bequest or legacy, in the Roman law. Titio et Selo hominem Stichum do, lego, I give and bequeath to Titius and Selus my man Stichus. Inst. 2, 20, 8, 30, 31. The expression is literally retained in modern wills.

DO UT DES. Lat. I give that you may give; I give [you] that you may give [me]. A formula in the civil law, constituting a general division under which those contracts (termed "innominate") were classed in which something was given by one party as a consideration for something given by the other. Dig. 19, 4; Id. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

DO UT FACIAS. Lat. I give that you may do; I give [you] that you may do or make [for me]. A formula in the civil law, under which those contracts were classed in which one party gave or agreed to give money, in consideration the other party did or performed certain work. Dig. 19, 5, 5; 2 Bl. Comm. 444.

In this and the foregoing phrase, the conjunction "ut" is not to be taken as the technical means of expressing a consideration. In the Roman usage, this word imported a qualification; while a consideration (causa) was more aptly expressed by the word "qua.

DOCIASIA PULMONUM. In medical jurisprudence. The hydrostatic test used chiefly in cases of alleged infanticide to determine whether the child was born alive or dead, which consists in immersion of the foetal lungs in water. If they have never been inflated they will sink, but will float if the child has breathed.

DOCK, v. To curtail or diminish, as to dock an entail.

DOCK, n. The cage or inclosed space in a criminal court where prisoners stand when brought in for trial.

The space, in a river or harbor, inclosed between two wharves. City of Boston v. Le.

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DOCKET, n. A minute, abstract, or brief entry; or the book containing such entries. A small piece of paper or parchment having the effect of a larger. Blount.

In practice. A formal record, entered in brief, of the proceedings in a court of justice.

A book containing an entry in brief of all the important acts done in court in the conduct of each case, from its inception to its conclusion. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1290.

The name of "docket" or "trial docket" is sometimes given to the list or calendar of causes set to be tried at a specified term, prepared by the clerks for the use of the court and bar.

Kinds of dockets. An appearance docket is one in which the appearances in actions are entered, containing also a brief abstract of the successive steps in each action. A bar docket is an unofficial paper consisting of a transcript of the docket for a term of court, printed for distribution to members of the bar. Gifford v. Cole, 57 Iowa, 272, 10 N. W. 672. An execution docket is a list of the executions sued out or pending in the sheriff's office. A judgment docket is a list or docket of the judgments entered in a given court, methodically kept by the clerk or other proper officer, open to public inspection, and intended to afford official notice to interested parties of the existence or lien of judgments.


Dock-master. An officer invested with powers within the docks, and a certain distance therefrom, to direct the mooring and removing of ships, so as to prevent obstruction to the dock entrances. Mozley & Whitley—Dock warrant. In English law. A warrant given by dock-owners to the owner of merchandise imported and warehoused on the dock, upon the faith of the bills of lading, as a recognition of his title to the goods. It is a negotiable instrument. Pull. Port of London, p. 375.

In English bankruptcy practice. It referred to the notice given to the bankers at the bankruptcy office, preliminary to the prosecution of the suit against a trader who had become bankrupt. These papers consisted of the affidavit, the bond, the
and the petition of the creditor, and their object was to obtain from the lord chancellor his fiat, authorising the petitioner to prosecute his complaint against the bankrupt in the bankruptcy courts. Brown.

**DOCTOR.** A learned man; one qualified to give instruction of the higher order in a science or art; particularly, one who has received the highest academic degree in his art or faculty, as, a doctor of laws, medicine, or theology. In colloquial language, however, the term is practically restricted to practitioners of medicine. Harrison v. State, 102 Ala. 170, 15 South. 568; State v. Mc Knight, 131 N. C. 717, 42 S. E. 550, 59 L. R. A. 187.

This term means, simply, practitioner of physic, without respect to system pursued. A certificate of a homeopathic physician is a "doctor's certificate." Corsi v. Maretzek, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 1.

**DOCTOR AND STUDENT.** The title of a work written by St. Germain in the reign of Henry VIII. In which many principles of the common law are discussed in a popular manner. It is in the form of a dialogue between a doctor of divinity and a student in law, and has always been considered a book of merit and authority. 1 Kent, Comm. 504; Crabb, Eng. Law, 452.

**DOCTORS' COMMONS.** An institution near St. Paul's Churchyard, in London, where, for a long time previous to 1857, the ecclesiastical and admiralty courts used to be held.

**DOCTRINE.** A rule, principle, theory, or tenet of the law; as, the doctrine of merger, the doctrine of relation, etc.

**Doctrinal interpretation.** See Interpretation.

**DOCUMENT.** An instrument on which is recorded, by means of letters, figures, or marks, matter which may be evidentially used. In this sense the term "document" applies to writings; to words printed, lithographed, or photographed; to seals, plates, or stones on which inscriptions are cut or engraved; to photographs and pictures; to maps and plans. The inscription may be on stone or gems, or on wood, as well as on paper or parchment. 1 Whart. Ev. § 614; Johnson Steel Street-Rail Co. v. North Branch Steel Co. (C. C.) 48 Fed. 194; Arnold v. Water Co., 18 R. I. 189, 26 Atl. 55, 19 L. R. A. 602; Hayden v. Van Cortlandt, 84 Hun, 150, 52 N. Y. Supp. 507.

In the plural, the deeds, agreements, title-deeds, wills, and other written instruments used to prove a fact.

**In the civil law.** Evidence delivered in the forms established by law, of whatever nature such evidence may be. The term is, however, applied principally to the testimony of witnesses. Sav. Dr. Rom. § 165.

**Ancient documents.** Deeds, wills, and other writings more than thirty years old are so called; they are presumed to be genuine without express proof, when coming from the proper custody.—**Foreign document.** One which was prepared or executed in, or which comes from, a foreign state or country.—**Judicial documents.** Proceedings relating to litigation. They are divided into (1) judgments, decrees, and verdicts; (2) depositions, examinations, and inquisitions taken in the course of a legal process; (3) writs, warrants, pleadings, etc., which are incident to any judicial proceedings. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 252.—**Public document.** A state paper, or other instrument of public importance or interest, issued or published by authority of congress or a state legislature. Also any document or record, evidencing or connected with the public business or the administration of public affairs, preserved in or issued by any department of the government. See Hammett v. Emerson, 27 Me. 335, 46 Am. Dec. 598.—**Documentary evidence.** Such evidence as is furnished by written instruments, inscriptions, documents of all kinds, and also any inanimate objects admissible for the purpose, as distinguished from "oral" evidence, or that delivered by human beings viva voce.

**DODRANS.** Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing nine unciae; the proportion of nine-twenths, or three-fourths. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

**DOE, JOHN.** The name of the fictitious plaintiff in the action of ejectment. 3 Steph. Comm. 618.

**DOED-BANA.** In Saxon law. The actual perpetrator of a homicide.

**DOER.** In Scotch law. An agent or attorney. 1 Kames, Eq. 325.

**DOG-DRAW.** In old forest law. The manifest apprehension of an offender against venison in a forest, when he was found drawing after a deer by the scent of a hound led in his hand; or where a person had wounded a deer or wild beast, by shooting at him, or otherwise, and was caught with a dog drawing after him to receive the same. Manwood, Forest Law, 2, c. 8.

**DOGGER.** In maritime law. A light ship or vessel; dogger-fish, fish brought in ships. Cowell.

**DOGGER-MEN.** Fishermen that belong to dogger-ships.

**DOGMA.** In the civil law. A word occasionally used as descriptive of an ordinance of the senate. See Nov. 2, 1, 1; Dig. 27, 1, 6.

**DOING.** The formal word by which sentences were reserved and expressed in old conveyances; as "rendering" (reddendo) was expressive of rent. Perk. c. 10, §§ 625, 635, 638.
DOITKIN, or DOIT. A base coin of small value, prohibited by St. 3 Hen. V. c. 1. We still retain the phrase, in the common saying, when we would undervalue a man, that he is not worth a doit. Jacob.

DOLE. A part or portion of a meadow is so called; and the word has the general signification of share, portion; or the like; as "to dole out" anything among so many poor persons, meaning to deal or distribute in portions to them. Holthouse.

In Scotch law. Criminal intent; evil design. Bell, Dict. voc. "Crime."

DOLES, or DOOLS. Slips of pasture left between the furrows of plowed land.


DOLG-BOTE. A recompense for a scar or wound. Cowell.

DOIT. Lat. See DOLUS.

DOLLAR. The unit employed in the United States in calculating money values. It is coined both in gold and silver, and is of the value of one hundred cents.

DOLO. In Spanish law. Bad or mischievous design. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 1, c. 1, § 3.

Dolo facit qui petit quod redditurum est. He acts with guile who demands that which he will have to return. Broom, Max. 346.

Dolo malo pactum se non servaturum. An agreement induced by fraud cannot stand.

Dolus versatur in generalibus. A person intending to deceive deals in general terms. Wing. Max. 630; 2 Coke, 34a; 6 Clark & F. 690; Broom, Max. 289.

Dolus ex indiciis perspicuis probari convenit. Fraud should be proved by clear tokens. Code, 2, 21, 6; 1 Story, Cont. § 625.

DOLUS. In the civil law. Guile; deceitfulness; malicious fraud. A fraudulent address or trick used to deceive some one; a fraud. Dig. 4, 3, 1. Any subtle contrivance by words or acts with a design to circumvent. 2 Kent, Comm. 569; Code, 2, 21.

Such acts or omissions as operate as a deception upon the other party, or violate the just confidence reposed by him, whether there be a deceitful intent (malus animus) or not. Poth. Traité de Dépôt, nn. 23, 27; Story, Bailm. § 20a; 2 Kent, Comm. 568, note.

Fraud, willfulness, or intentionality. In that use it is opposed to culpa, which is negligence merely, in greater or less degree. The policy of the law may sometimes treat extreme culpa as if it were dolus, upon the maxim culpa dolo comparatur. A person is always liable for dolus producing damage, but not always for culpa producing damage, even though extreme, e. g., a depositary is only liable for dolus, and not for negligence. Brown.

—Dolus bonus, dolus malus. In a wide sense, the Roman law distinguishes between "good," or rather "permissible" dolus and "bad" or fraudulent dolus. The former is justifiable or allowable deceit; it is that which a man may employ in self-defense against an unlawful attack, or for another permissible purpose, as when one dissembles the truth to prevent a lunatic from injuring himself or others. The latter exists where one intentionally misleads another or takes advantage of another's error wrongfully, by any form of deception, fraud, or cheating. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 179; Broom, Max. 340; 2 Kent, Comm. 560, note.—Dolus dans locum contractui. Fraud (or deceit) giving rise to the contract; that is, a fraudulent misrepresentation made by one of the parties to the contract, and relied upon by the other, and which was actually instrumental in inducing the latter to enter into the contract.—Doli incapax. Capable of malice or criminal intention; having sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong, and so to become amenable to the criminal laws.—Doli capax. Capable of malice or criminal intention; having sufficient discretion and intelligence to distinguish between right and wrong to the extent of being criminally responsible for his actions.

Dolus auctoris non nocet successori. The fraud of a predecessor prejudices not his successor.

Dolus circuitu non purgatur. Fraud is not purged by circuity. Bac. Max. 4; Broom, Max. 223.

Dolus est machinatio, cum alind disimulat alind agit. Lane, 47. Deceit is an artifice, since it pretends one thing and does another.

Dolus et fraudes nemini patrocinentur. Deceit and fraud shall excuse or benefit no man. Yearb. 14 Hen. VIII. 8; Best, Ev. p. 469, § 428; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 395.

Dolus latet in generalibus. Fraud lurks in generalities. Tray. Lat. Max. 162.

Dolus versatur in generalibus. Fraud deals in generalities. 2 Coke, 34a; 3 Coke, 31a.

DOM. FBOC. An abbreviation of Do- mus Procerum or Domo Procerum; the house of lords in England. Sometimes expressed by the letters D. P.

DOMAIN. The complete and absolute ownership of land; a paramount and individual right of property in land. People v. Shearer, 30 Cal. 653. Also the real es-
DAME

STATE OWNED. The inherent sovereign power claimed by the legislature of a state, of controlling private property for public uses, is termed the "right of eminent domain." 2 Kent, Comm. 339. See EMINENT DOMAIN.

A distinction has been made between "property" and "domain." The former is said to be that quality which is conceived to be in the thing itself, considered as belonging to such or such person, exclusively of all others. By the latter is understood that right which the owner has of disposing of the thing. Hence "domain" and "property" are said to be correlative terms. The one is the active right to dispose of; the other a passive quality which follows the thing and places it at the disposition of the owner. 3 Toullier, no. 53.

—National domain. A term sometimes applied to the aggregate of the property owned directly by a nation. 48 Code Lea. 1000, art. 486.—Public domain. This term embraces all lands, the title to which is in the United States, including as well land occupied for the purposes of federal buildings, arsenals, dock-yards, etc., as land of an agricultural or mineral character not yet granted to private owners. Barker v. Harvey, 181 U. S. 481, 21 Sup. Ct. 690, 45 L. Ed. 963; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 68 Tex. 526, 4 S. W. 865.

DOME.

DOME. (Sax.) Doom; judgment, and bec, boc, a book.) Dome-book or doom-book. A name given among the Saxons to a code of laws. Several of the Saxon kings published domboke, but the most important one was that attributed to Alfred. Crabb, Comm. 250. This is sometimes confounded with the celebrated Domesday-Book. See DOME-BOOK, DOMESDAY.


DOME-BOOK. A book or code said to have been compiled under the direction of Alfred, for the general use of the whole kingdom of England; containing, as is supposed, the principal maxims of the common law, the penalties for misdemeanors, and the forms of judicial proceedings. It is said to have been extant so late as the reign of Edward IV., but is now lost. 1 Bl. Comm. 64, 65.

DOMEDAY, DOMEDAY-BOOK. (Sax.) An ancient record made in the time of William the Conqueror, and now remaining in the English exchequer, consisting of two volumes of unequal size, containing minute and accurate surveys of the lands in England. 2 Bl. Comm. 49, 50. The work was begun by five justices in each county in 1081, and finished in 1086.

DOMESMEN. (Sax.) An inferior kind of judges. Men appointed to doom (judge) in matters in controversy. Cowell. Suitors in a court of a manor in ancient demesne, who are judges there. Blount; Whishaw; Termes de la Ley.

DOME

DOMESTIC, n. Domestics, or, in full, domestic servants, are servants who reside in the same house with the master they serve. The term does not extend to workmen or laborers employed out of doors. Ex parte Meason, 5 Blin. (Pa.) 167.

The Louisiana Civil Code enumerates as domestics those who receive wages and stay in the house of the person paying and employing them, for his own service or that of his family; such as valets, footmen, cooks, butlers, and others who reside in the house. Persons employed in public houses are not included. Cook v. Dodge, 6 La. Ann. 276.

DOMESTIC, adj. Pertaining, belonging, or relating to a home, a domicile, or to the place of birth, origin, creation, or transaction.

—Domestic animals. Such as are habituated to live in or about the habitations of men, or such as contribute to the support of a family or the wealth of the community. This term includes horses, (State v. Gould, 26 W. Va. 244; Osborn v. Lenox, 2 Allen [Mass.] 297,) but may or may not include dogs. See Wilcox v. State, 101 Ga. 593, 28 S. E. 981, 39 L. R. A. 700; State v. Harriman, 75 Me. 562. 46 Am. Rep. 423; Hurley v. State, 30 Tex. App. 333, 17 S. W. 455, 28 Am. St. Rep. 916—Domestic courts. Those existing and having jurisdiction at the place of the party's residence or domicile. Dickinson v. Railroad Co., 7 W. Va. 417.


DOMESTICUS. In old European law. A seneschal, steward, or major domo; a judge's assistant; an assessor, (q. v.) Spelman.

DOMICELLA. In old English law. A damsel. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 20, § 80.

DOMICELLUS. In old English law. A better sort of servant in monasteries; also an appellation of a king's bastard.

DOMICILE. That place in which a man has voluntarily fixed the habitation of himself and family, not for a mere special or temporary purpose, but with the present intention of making a permanent home, until some unexpected event shall occur to induce him to adopt some other permanent home. In re Garneau, 127 Fed. 677, 62 C. C. A. 403.

In its ordinary acceptation, a person's domicile is the place where he lives or has his home. In a strict and legal sense, that is properly the domicile of a person where he has his true, fixed, permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning. Anderson v. Anderson, 42 Vt. 350, 1 Am. Rep. 334.

Domicile is but the established, fixed, permanent, or ordinary dwelling-place or residence of a person, as distinguished from his temporary and transient, though actual, place of residence. It is his legal residence, as distinguished from his temporary place of abode;
or his home, as distinguished from a place to which business or pleasure may temporarily call him. Salem v. Lyne, 29 Conn. 74.

Domicile is the place where a person has fixed his usual and permanent residence, without any present intention of removing therefrom. Crawford v. Wilson, 4 Barb. (N. Y.) 594, 595. One’s domicile is the place where one’s family permanently resides. Daniel v. Sullivan, 46 Ga. 277.

In international law, “domicile” means a residence at a particular place, accompanied with positive or presumptive proof of intending to continue there for an unlimited time. State v. Collector of Bordentown, 32 N. J. Law, 132.

“Domicile” and “residence” are not synonymous. The domicile is the home, the fixed place of habitation; while residence is a transient place of dwelling. Bartlett v. New York, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 44.

The domicile is the habitation fixed in any place with an intention of always staying there, while simple residence is much more temporary in its character. New York v. Genet, 4 Hun (N. Y.) 459.

Classification. Domicile is of three sorts, —domicile by birth, domicile by choice, and domicile by operation of law. The first is the common residence, at the place of birth. The second is that which is voluntarily acquired by a party, proprio motu; the last is consequential, as that of the wife arising from marriage. Story, Confl. Laws, § 46. See Railroad Co. v. Kimbrough, 115 Ky. 512, 74 S. W. 228; Price v. Price, 156 Pa. 617, 27 Atl. 301; White v. Brown, 29 Fed. Cas. 992. The following terms are also used: Commercial domicile. A domicile acquired by the maintenance of a commercial establishment; a domicile which a citizen of a foreign country may acquire by conducting business in another country. U. S. v. Chin Quong Lodk (D. C.) 52 Fed. 391; White v. Brown, 29 Fed. Cas. 992. This term is often used in English law, although it has no analogous term in French law.

DOMICILE. In re Cruger's Will, 36 Misc. Rep. 74. It is the act of killing one’s lord or master.

DOMINICUM. Lat. Domicile, (q. v.)

DOMIGEBIUM. In old English law. Power over another; also danger. Bract. l. 4, t. 1, c. 10.

DOMINA, (DAME.) A title given to honorable women, who anciently, in their right of inheritance, held a barony. Cowell.

DOMINANT TENEMENT. A term used in the civil and Scotch law, and thence in ours, relating to servitudes, meaning the tenement or subject in favor of which the service is constituted; as the tenement over which the servitude extends is called the “servient tenement.” Wharton; Walker v. Clifford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 South. 588, 86 Am. St. Rep. 74, Dillman v. Hoffman, 38 Wis. 572; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 339.

DOMINATIO. In old English law. Lordship.

DOMINICA PALMARUM. (Dominica in ramis palmarum.) L. Lat. Palm Sunday. Townsh. Pl. 131; Cowell; Biont.

DOMINICAL. That which denotes the Lord’s day, or Sunday.

DOMINICIDE. The act of killing one’s lord or master.

DOMINICUM. Lat. Domain; demain; desmesne. A lordship. That of which one has the lordship or ownership. That which

DOMICILED. Established in a given domicile; belonging to a given state or jurisdiction by right of domicile.

DOMICILLARY. Pertaining to domicile; relating to one’s domicile. Existing or created at, or connected with, the domicile of a suitor or of a decedent.

DOMICILIATION. In Spanish law. The acquisition of domiciliary rights and status, nearly equivalent to naturalization, which may be accomplished by being born in the kingdom, by conversion to the Catholic faith there, by taking up a permanent residence in some settlement and marrying a native woman, and by attaching oneself to the soil, purchasing or acquiring real property and possessions. Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 188.

DOMICIUM. Lat. Domicile, (q. v.)

DOMIGEBIUM.
remains under the lord's immediate charge and control. Spelman.

Property; domain; anything pertaining to a lord. Cowell.

In ecclesiastical law. A church, or any other 'building consecrated to God. Du Cange.


DOMINIO. Sp. In Spanish law. A term corresponding to and derived from the Latin dominium, (q. v.) Dominio alto, eminent domain; dominio directo, immediate ownership; dominio utile, beneficial ownership. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 556.

DOMINION. Ownership, or right to property. 2 Bl. Comm. 1. Title to an article of property which arises from the power of disposition and the right of claiming it. Baker v. Westcott, 73 Tex. 129, 11 S. W. 157. "The holder has the dominion of the bill." 8 East, 579.

Sovereignty or lordship; as the dominion of the seas. Moll. de Jure Mar. 91, 92.

In the civil law, with reference to the title to property which is transferred by a sale of it, dominion is said to be either "proximate" or "remote," the former being the kind of title vesting in the purchaser when he has acquired both the ownership and the possession of the article, the latter describing the nature of his title when he has legitimately acquired the ownership of the property but there has been no delivery. Coles v. Perry, 7 Tex. 109.

DOMINIO. In the civil and old English law. Ownership; property in the largest sense, including both the right of property and the right of possession or use.

The mere right of property, as distinguished from the possession or usufruct. Dig. 41, 2, 17, 1; Calvin. The right which a lord had in the fee of his tenant. In this sense the word is very clearly distinguished by Bracton from dominium.

The estate of a feoffee to use. "The feoffees to use shall have the dominium, and the cestui que use the disposition." Latch. 137.

Sovereignty or dominion. Dominium maris, the sovereignty of the sea.

—Dominium directum. In the civil law. Strict ownership; that which was founded on strict law, as distinguished from equity. In later law. Property without use; the right of a lordlord. Tayl. Civil Law, 478. In feudal law. Right or proper ownership; the right of a superior or lord, as distinguished from that of his vassal or tenant. The title or property which the sovereign in England is considered as possessing in all the lands of the kingdom, they being helden either immediately or mediately of the king. The souvereign lord paramount.—Dominium directum et utile. The complete and absolute dominion in property; the union of the title and the exclusive use. Fairfax v. Hunter, 7 Oranch, 906, 3 L. Ed. 453.—Dominium eminent. Eminent domain.—Dominium plenum. Full ownership; the union of the dominium directum with the dominium utile. Tayl.
DOMITE. Lat. Tame; domesticated; not wild. Applied to domestic animals, in which a man may have an absolute property. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

DOMMAGES INTERESTS. In French law. Damages.

DOMO REPARANDA. A writ that lay for one against his neighbor, by the anticipated fall of whose house he feared a damage and injury to his own. Reg. Orig. 153.

DOMUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A house or dwelling; a habitation. Inst. 4, 4, 8; Townsh. Pl. 183-185. Bennet v. Bittle, 4 Rawle (Pa.) 342.


—Dominus conversorum. An ancient house built or appointed by King Henry III. for such Jews as were converted to the Christian faith; but King Edward III., who expelled the Jews from the kingdom, deputed the place for the custody of the rolls and records of the chancery. Jacob, 11 Coke, 81. The house of God; a name applied to many hospitals and religious houses.—Dominus mansionalis. A mansion or house. 1 Hale, P. C. 658; State P. Brooks, 4 Conn. 446; State v. Sutcliffe, 4 Tex. 340; Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 576. The following terms are also used: —Donatio, a conditional gift; donatio relata, a gift made with reference to some service already done. (Fisk v. Flores, 43 Tex. 340; donatio stricta, or coer就必须, a restricted gift, as an estate tail.

—Donatio inopinata. An inopinata (undue) gift; a gift of so great a part of the donor's property incident to his birthright; a gift to his wife and heirs is diminished. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 469.

—Donatio inter vivos. A gift between the living. The ordinary kind of gift by one person to another. 2 Kent, Comm. 438; 2 Steph. Comm. 102. A term derived from the civil law. Inst. 2, 7, 2. A donation inter vivos (between living persons) is an act by which the donee divests himself at present and irrevocably of the thing given in favor of the donee who accepts it. Civ. Code La. art. 1465.—Donatio mortis causa. A gift made by a person in sickness, who, apprehending his dissolution near, delivers, or causes to be delivered, to another the possession of any personal goods, to keep as his own in case of the donor's decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 514. The civil law defines it to be a gift under apprehension of death; as when something is given upon condition that if the donor dies, the donee shall possess it absolutely, or return it if the donor should survive or should repent of having made the gift, or if the thing given should die before the donor. Adams v. Nicholas, 1 Miles (Pa.) 109-117. A gift in view of death is one which is made in contemplation of death, or on account of, or peril of death and with intent that it shall take effect only in case of the death of the giver. Civ. Code Cal. § 1149. A donation mortis causa (in prospect of death) is an act to take effect when the donor shall no longer exist, by which he disposes of the whole or a part of his property, and which is therefore a form of donatio propter nuptias. Civ. Code La. art. 1465.

—Donatio propter nuptias. A gift on account of marriage. In Roman law, the bridegroom's gift to the bride in anticipation of marriage. He seeks to secure her deed and land was called "donatio ante nuptias"; but by an ordinance of Justinian such gift might be made after as well as before marriage, and in that case it was called "donatio sub modo" or "modais" when given for the attainment of some special object or on condition that the donee do nothing not specially for the benefit of the donor, as in the case of the endowment of hospitals, colleges, etc., coupled with the condition that they shall hold the same for the use and benefit of the donor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 469.

Donatio perfecta possessione acquisita. A gift is perfected (made complete) by the possession of the receiver. Jenk. Cent. 109, case 9. A gift is incomplete until possession is delivered. 2 Kent, Comm. 438.
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Donatio principis intelligitur sine prejudicio tertii. Dav. Ir. K. B. 75. A gift of the prince is understood without prejudice to a third party.

DONATION. In ecclesiastical law. A mode of acquiring a benefice by deed of gift alone, without presentation, institution, or induction. 3 Steph. Comm. 81.

In general. A gift. See DONATIO.

DONATIVE ADVOWSON. In ecclesiastical law. A species of advowson, where the benefice is conferred on the clerk by the patron's deed of donation, without presentation, institution, or induction. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; Termes de la Ley.

DONATOR. A donor; one who makes a gift. (donatio.)

Donator nunquam desinit 'possidere, antequam donatorius incipiat possidere. The donor never ceases to possess, until the donee begins to possess. Bract. fol. 412.

DONATORIUS. A donee; a person to whom a gift is made; a purchaser. Bract. fol. 13, et seq.

DONATORY. The person on whom the king bestows his right to any forfeiture that has fallen to the crown.

DONE. Distinguished from "made." "A deed made" may no doubt mean an 'instrument made;' but a 'deed done' is not an 'instrument done;'—it is an 'act done;' and therefore these words, 'made and done,' apply to acts, as well as deeds. Lord Brougham, 4 Bell. App. Cas. 38.

DONEE. In old English law. He to whom lands were given; the party to whom a donatio was made.

In later law. He to whom lands or tenements are given in tail. Litt. § 57.

In modern and American law. The party executing a power; otherwise called the "appointer." 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

DONIS, STATUTE DE. See De DONIS, THE STATUTE.

DONNEUR D'AVAL. In French law. Guarantor of negotiable paper other than by indorsement.

DONOR. In old English law. He by whom lands were given to another; the party making a donatio.

In later law. He who gives lands or tenements to another in tail. Litt. § 57; Termes de la Ley.

In modern and American law. The party conferring a power. 4 Kent, Comm. 316.

DONUM. Lat. In the civil law. A gift; a free gift. Calvin. Distinguished from munus. Dig. 50, 16, 194.

DOOM. In Scotch law. Judicial sentence, or judgment. The decision or sentence of a court orally pronounced by an officer called a "dempster" or "deemster." In modern usage, criminal sentences still end with the words "which is pronounced for doom."

DOOMSDAY-BOOK. See DOMESDAY-Book.

DOOR. The place of usual entrance in a house, or into a room in the house. State v. McBeth, 49 Kan. 694, 31 Pac. 145.

DORMANT. Literally, sleeping; hence inactive; in abeyance; unknown; concealed;—Dormant claim. One which is in abeyance.—Dormant execution. One which a creditor delivers to the sheriff with directions to levy only, and not to sell, until further orders, or until a junior execution is received.—Dormant judgment. One which has not been satisfied, nor extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment, or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black, Judgm. (2d Ed.) § 462; Draper v. Nixon, 93 Ala. 436, 8 South. 489.—Dormant partner. See PARTNERS.

Dormiunt aliquando leges, nunquam moriuntur. 2 Inst. 161. The laws sometimes sleep, never die.

DORSUM. Lat. The back.

In dorso recordi, on the back of the record. 5 Coke, 449.

DORTURE. (Contracted from dormiture.) A dormitory of a convent; a place to sleep in.

DOS. In Roman law. Dowry; a wife's marriage portion; all that property which on marriage is transferred by the wife herself or by another to the husband with a view of diminishing the burden which the marriage will entail upon him. It is of three kinds. Profectitia dos is that which is derived from the property of the wife's father or paternal grandfather. That dos is termed adventitia which is not profectitia in respect to its source, whether it is given by the wife from her own estate or by the wife's mother or a third person. It is termed receptitia dos when accompanied by a stipulation for its reclamation by the constitutor on the termination of the marriage. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 561, 563.

In old English law. The portion given to the wife by the husband at the church door, in consideration of the marriage; dowry; the wife's portion out of her deceased husband's estate in case he had not endowed her.

—Dos rationabilis. A reasonable marriage portion. A reasonable part of her husband's
estate, to which every widow is entitled, of lands of which her husband may have endowed her on the day of marriage. Co. Litt. 336.


DOS DE DOTE PETI NON DEBET. Dower ought not to be demanded of dower. Co. Litt. 31; 4 Coke, 1226. A widow is not dowlable of lands assigned to another woman in dower. 1 Hill. Real Prop. 135.

DOTA. (A French word, adopted in Louisiana.) The fortune, portion, or dowry which a woman brings to her husband by the marriage.

DOTAGE. Dotage is that feebleness of the mental faculties which proceeds from old age. It is a diminution or decay of that intellectual power which was once possessed. It is the slow approach of death; of that irrevocable cessation, without hurt or disease, of all the functions which once belonged to the living animal. The external functions gradually cease; the senses waste away by degrees; and the mind is imperceptibly visited by decay. Owing's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 399, 17 Am. Dec. 511.


DOTATION. The act of giving a dowry or portion; endowment in general, including the endowment of a hospital or other charitable institution.

DOTE, n. In Spanish law. The marriage portion of a wife. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1. The property which the wife gives to the husband on account of marriage, or for the purpose of supporting the matrimonial expenses. Id. b. 1, tit. 7, c. 1, § 1; Schm. Civil Law, 75; Cutter v. Waddingham, 22 Mo. 254; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 566.

"To besot" is to stupefy, to make dull or senseless, to make to dote; and "to dote" is to be delirious, silly, or insane. Gates v. Meredith, 7 Ind. 441.

DOTE ASSIGNANDA. A writ which lay for a widow, when it was judicially ascertained that a tenant to the king was seized of tenements in fee or fee-tail at the day of his death, and that he held of the king in chief. In such case the widow might come into dower; and then make oath that she would not marry without the king's leave, and then she might have this writ. These widows were called the "king's widows." Jacob; Holthouse.

DOTE UNDE NIHIL HABET. A writ which lies for a widow to whom no dower has been assigned. 3 Bl. Comm. 182. By 23 & 24 Vict. c. 126, an ordinary action commenced by writ of summons has taken its place; but it remains in force in the United States. Dower unde nihil habet (which title see.)

Doti lex favet; premium pudoris est; idone parcatur. Co. Litt. 31. The law favors dower; it is the reward of chastity; therefore let it be preserved.

DOTIS ADMINISTRATIO. Admeasurement of dower, where the widow holds more than her share, etc.

DOTISSA. A dowager.

DOUBLE. Twofold; acting in two capacities or having two aspects; multiplied by two. This term has ordinarily the same meaning in law as in popular speech. The principal compound terms into which it enters are noted below.

Double adultery. Adultery committed by two persons each of whom is married to another as distinguished from "single" adultery, where one of the participants is unmarried. Hunter v. U. S., 1 Pin. (Wis.) 91, 39 Am. Dec. 277.—Double avail of marriage. In Scotch law. Double the ordinary or single value of a marriage. Bell. See DUPLEX VALOR MARI-TAGI.—Double bond. In Scotch law. A bond with a penalty, as distinguished from a single bond. 2 Kames, Eq. 350.—Double complaint, or double quarell. In ecclesiastical law. A grievance made known by a clerk or other person, to the archbishop of the province, against the ordinary, for delaying or refusing to do justice in some cause ecclesiastical, as to give sentence, institute a clerk, etc. It is termed a "double complaint," because it is most commonly made against both the judge and bishop whose suit justice is denied or delayed; the effect whereof is that the archbishop, taking notice of the delay, directs his letters, under his authentical seal, to all clerks of his diocese commanding them to proceed against the ordinary, within a certain number of days, to do the justice required, or otherwise to appear before him or his official, and there allege the cause of his delay; and to signify to the ordinary that if he neither perform the thing enjoined, nor appear nor show cause against it, he be proceeded against by the court of audience, will forthwith proceed to do the justice that is due.

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Cowell.—Double costs. See Costs.—Double damages. See Damages.—Double estate in the premises of which he was then actually seized, whereas, if the recovery were had against another person, and the tenant in tail were vouchee, it barred every latent right and interest which he might have in the lands recovered. 2 Bl. Comm. 359.—Double waste. When a tenant bound to repair suffers a house by which he was detained to fell timber to repair it, he is said to commit double waste. Co. Litt. 53.—Double will. A will in which two persons join, each leaving his property and estate to the others, so that the survivor takes the whole. Evans v. Smith, 28 Ga. 98, 73 Am. Dec. 751.


DOUBT. Uncertainty of mind; the absence of a settled opinion or conviction; the attitude of mind towards the acceptance of or belief in a proposition, theory, or statement, in which the judgment is not at rest but inclines alternately to either side. Rowe v. Baker, 98 Ala. 422, 8 South. 885; Smith v. Railway Co., 143 Mo. 33, 44 S. W. 718; West Jersey Traction Co. v. Camden Horse R. Co., 62 N. J. Eq. 452, 20 Atl. 303.

Reasonable doubt. This is a term often used, but not a term of art, in some extent of the law, but not easily defined. It does not mean a mere possible doubt, because everything relating to human affairs, and depending on moral evidence, is open to some possible doubt. It is that state of the case which, after the entire comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of jurors in that condition that they cannot say they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge. Donnelly v. State, 26 N. J. Law, 691, 616. A reasonable doubt is deemed to exist, within the rule that the jury should not convict unless satisfied beyond a reasonable doubt, when the evidence is not sufficient to satisfy the judgment of the truth of a proposition, theory, or statement, belief in which is reasonable, but not in which is absolutely certain. The evidence is not sufficient to establish a probability, because if it were, everything relating to human affairs, and depending on moral evidence, is open to some possible doubt, but not a mere possible doubt, because every proposition, theory, or statement, belief in which is reasonable, but not in which is absolutely certain, is open to some possible doubt.

See DAMAGES.—See Doubt.

Double entry. In the mercantile establishment, in which the judgment is not at rest but inclines alternately to either side. Rowe v. Baker, 98 Ala. 422, 8 South. 885; Smith v. Railway Co., 143 Mo. 33, 44 S. W. 718; West Jersey Traction Co. v. Camden Horse R. Co., 62 N. J. Eq. 452, 20 Atl. 303.
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Doubtful Title. One as to the validity of which there exists some doubt, either as to matter of fact or of law; one which invites or exposes the party holding it to litigation. Distinguished from a "marketable" title, which is of such a character that the courts will compel its acceptance by a purchaser who has agreed to buy the property or has bid it in at public sale. Herman v. Somers, 158 Pa. 424, 27 Atl. 1000, 38 Am. St. Rep. 851.

Doun. L. Fr. A gift. Otherwise written "don" and "done." The thirty-fourth chapter of Britton is entitled "De Downs."

Dove. Doves are animals fera natura, and not the subject of larceny unless they are in the owner's custody; as, for example, in a dove-house, or when in the nest before they can fly. Com. v. Chace, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 15, 19 Am. Dec. 348; Ruckman v. Outwater, 28 N. J. Law, 581.

Dowell. Subject to be charged with dower; as dowable lands.

Entitled or entitling to dower. Thus, a dowable interest in lands is such as entitles the owner to have such lands charged with dower.

Dowager. A widow who is endowed, or who has a jointure in lieu of dower. In England, this is a title or addition given to the widows of princes, dukes, earls, and other noblemen, to distinguish them from the wives of the heirs, who have right to bear the title. 1 Bl. Comm. 224.

—Dowager-queen. The widow of the king. As such she enjoys most of the privileges belonging to her as queen consort. It is not treason to conspire her death or violate her chastity, because the succession to the crown is treason to conspire her death or violate her chastity, because the succession to the crown is

Dower. The provision which the law makes for a widow out of the lands or tene­ments of her husband, for her support and the nurture of her children. Co. Litt. § 36; 2 Bl. Comm. 133; 2 Bl. Comm. 132; 2 Steph. Comm. 302; 4 Kent, Comm. 35.

—Dower by custom. A kind of dower in England, regulated by custom, where the quantity allowed the wife differed from the proportion of the common law; as that the wife should have half the husband's lands; or, in some places, the whole; and, in some, only a quarter. 2 Bl. Comm. 192; Litt. § 37.—Dowerer de la plus belle. L. Fr. Dower of the fairest [part.] A species of ancient English dower, incident to the old tenures, where there was a guardian in chivalry, and the wife occupied lands of the heir as guardian in socage. If the wife brought a writ of dower against such guardian, in chivalry, he might show this matter, and pray that the wife might be endowed de la plus belle of the tenement in socage. Litt. § 48. This kind of dower was abolished with the military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 132.

—Dower ex assensu patris. Dower by the father's assent. A species of dower ad ostium ecclesiae, and is given to the husband if the father were alive, and the son, by his consent expressly given, endowed his wife with parcel of his father's lands. Litt. § 40; 2 Bl. Comm. 133; Grogan v. Garrison, 2 Ohio St. 61; also see the nihil habet. A writ of right which lay for a widow to whom no dower had been assigned.

Dowle Stones. Stones dividing lands, etc. Cowell.


Dowress. A woman entitled to dower; a tenant in dower. 2 P. Wms. 707.

Dowry. The property which a woman brings to her husband in marriage; now more commonly called a "portion." By dowry is meant the effects which the wife brings to the husband to support the expenses of marriage. Civil Code La. art. 2337.

This word expresses the proper meaning of the "dote" of the Roman, the "dot" of the French, and the "dote" of the Spanish law, but is a very different thing from "dower,"
with which it has sometimes been con­founded.

By dowry, in the Louisiana Civil Code, is meant the effects which the wife brings to the husband to support the expenses of marriage. It is given to the husband, to be enjoyed by him so long as the marriage shall last, and the in­come of it belongs to him. He alone has the administration of it during marriage, and his wife cannot deprive him of it. The real estate settled as dowry is inalienable during marriage, unless the marriage contract contains a stipula­tion to the contrary. De Young v. De Young, 6 La. Ann. 788.

DOZEIN. L. Fr. Twelve; a person twelve years of age. St. 18 Edw. II.; Barr­ring. Ob. St. 208.

DOZEN PEERS. Twelve peers assem­bled at the instance of the barons, in the reign of Henry III., to be privy counselors, or rather conservators of the kingdom.

DR. An abbreviation for "doctor;" also, in commercial usage, for "debtor," indi­cating the items or particulars in a bill or in an account-book chargeable against the person to whom the bill is rendered or in whose name the account stands, as op­posed to "Cr." ("credit" or "creditor"), which indicates the items for which he is given credit. Jaqua v. Shewalter, 10 Ind. App. 234, 37 N. E. 1072.

DRACHMA. A term employed in old pleadings and records, to denote a groat. Townsh. PI. 180.

An Athenian silver coin, of the value of about fifteen cents.

DRACO REGIS. The standard, ensign, or military colors borne in war by the an­cient kings of England, having the figure of a dragon painted thereon.

DRACONIAN LAWS. A code of laws prepared by Draco, the celebrated lawgiver of Athens. These laws were exceedingly severe, and the term is now sometimes ap­plied to any laws of unusual harshness.

DRAFT. The common term for a bill of exchange; as being drawn by one person on another. Hinnemann v. Rosenback, 39 N. Y. 100; Douglass v. Wilkeson, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 643.

An order for the payment of money drawn by one person on another. It is said to be a nomen generalissimum, and to include all such orders. Wildes v. Savage, 1 Story, 30, 29 Fed. Cas. 1226; State v. Warner, 60 Kan. 94, 55 Pac. 342.

Draft also signifies a tentative, provision­al, or preparatory writing out of any docu­ment (as a will, contract, lease, etc.) for purposes of discussion and correction, and which is afterwards to be copied out in its final shape.

Also a small arbitrary deduction or al­lowance made to a merchant or importer, in the case of goods sold by weight or tax­able by weight, to cover possible loss of weight in handling or from differences in scales. Marriott v. Brune, 9 How. 633, 13 L. Ed. 282; Seelberger v. Mfg. Co., 157 U. S. 183, 15 Sup. Ct. 583, 39 L. Ed. 685; Na­pier v. Barney, 17 Fed. Cas. 1149.

DRAFSTMAN. Any one who draws or frames a legal document, e. g., a will, con­vemance, pleading, etc.

DRAGON. An interpreter employed in the east, and particularly at the Turkish court.

DRAIN, v. To make dry; to draw off water; to rid land of its superfuous mois­ture by adapting or improving natural wa­tercourses and supplementing them, when necessary, by artificial ditches. People v. Parks, 58 Cal. 639.

DRAIN, n. A trench or ditch to convey water from wet land; a channel through which water may flow off.

The word has no technical legal meaning. Any hollow space in the ground, natural or ar­tificial, where water is collected and passes off, is a ditch or drain. Goldthwait v. East Bridge­water, 5 Gray (Mass) 61.

The word "drain" also sometimes denotes the easement or servitude (acquired by grant or prescription) which consists in the right to drain water through another's land. See 3 Kent, Comm. 456.

DRAM. In common parlance, this term means a drink of some substance containing alcohol, something which can produce in­toxication. Lacy v. State, 32 Tex. 228.

—Dram-shop. A drinking saloon, where liquors are sold to be drunk on the premises. Wright v. People, 101 Ill. 129; Brockway v. State, 36 Ark. 630; Com. v. Marzyński, 149 Mass. 69, 21 N. E. 228.

DRAMATIC COMPOSITION. In copy­right law. A literary work setting forth a story, incident, or scene from life, in which, however, the narrative is not related, but is repre­sented by a dialogue and action; may include a descriptive poem set to music, or a pantomime, but not a composition for mu­sical instruments alone, nor a mere spectacu­lar exhibition or stage dance. Daly v. Palm­er, 6 Fed. Cas. 1132; Carte v. Duff (C. C.) 25 Fed. 183; Tompkins v. Halleck, 133 Mass. 35, 43 Am. Rep. 480; Russell v. Smith, 12 Adol. & El. 236; Martinetti v. McGuire, 16 Fed. Cas. 920; Fuller v. Bemis (C. C.) 50 Fed. 926.

DRAW, n. 1. A movable section of a bridge, which may be raised up or turned to one side, so as to admit the passage of vessels. Gildersleeve v. Railroad Co. (D. C.) 82 Fed. 766; Hughes v. Railroad Co.
A drawback is a device resorted to for enabling a commodity affected by taxes to be exported and sold in the foreign market on the same terms as if it had not been taxed at all. It differs in this from a bounty, that the latter enables a commodity to be sold for less than its natural cost, whereas a drawback enables it to be sold exactly at its natural cost. Downs v. U. S., 113 Fed. 144, 51 C. C. A. 100.

In mercantile law. To draw a bill of exchange is to write (or cause it to be written) and sign it.

In pleading, conveyancing, etc. To prepare a draft; to compose and write out in due form, as, a deed, complaint, petition, memorial, etc. Winnebago County State Bank v. Hustel, 119 Iowa, 115, 93 N. W. 70; Hawkins v. State, 28 Fla. 363, 9 South. 652.

In practice. To draw a jury is to select the persons who are to compose it, either by taking their names successively, but at hazard, from the jury box, or by summoning them individually to attend the court. Smith v. State, 136 Ala. 1, 34 South. 169.

In fiscal law and administration. To take out money from a bank, treasury, or other depository in the exercise of a lawful right and in a lawful manner. "No money shall be drawn from the treasury but in consequence of appropriations made by law." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 9. But to "draw a warrant" is not to draw the money; it is to make or execute the instrument which authorizes the drawing of the money. Brown v. Fleischner, 4 Or. 149.

DRAWBACK. In the customs laws, this term denotes an allowance made by the government upon the duties due on imported merchandise when the importer, instead of selling it here, re-exports it; or the refund mentioned.

DRAWER. The person making a bill of exchange and addressing it to the drawee. Stevenson v. Walton, 2 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 265; Winnebago County State Bank v. Hustel, 119 Iowa, 115, 93 N. W. 70.

DRAWING. In patent law. A representation of the appearance of material objects by means of lines and marks upon paper, card-board, or other substance. Ampt v. Cincinnati, 8 Ohio Dec. 628.

DRAWLATCHES. Thieves; robbers. Cowell.

DRAYAGE. A charge for the transportation of property in wheeled vehicles, such as drays, wagons, and carts. Soule v. San Francisco Gaslight Co., 54 Cal. 242.


DRENCES, or DRENGES. In Saxon law. Tenants in capite. They are said to be such as, at the coming of William the Conqueror, being put out of their estates, were afterwards restored to them, on their making it appear that they were the true owners thereof, and neither in auxilio or consilio against him. Spelman.

DRENGAGE. The tenure by which the drences, or drenge, held their lands.

DRIFT. In mining law. An underground passage driven horizontally along the course of a mineralized vein or approximately so. Distinguished from "shaft," which is an opening made at the surface and extending downward into the earth vertically, or nearly so, upon the vein or intended to reach it; and from "tunnel," which is a lateral or horizontal passage underground intended to reach the vein or mineral deposit, where drifting may begin. Jurgenson v. Diller, 114 Cal. 491, 46 Pac 610, 55 Am. St. Rep. 83.

In old English law. A driving, especially of cattle.

Driftland, drofland, or dryfland. A Saxon word, signifying a tribute or yearly payment made by some tenants to the king, or their landlords, for driving their cattle through a manor to fairs or markets. Cowell.

Drift of the forest. In old English law. A view or examination of what cattle are in a forest, chase, etc., that it may be known whether it be surcharged or not; and also to discover whether any cattle of strangers be there, which ought not to common. Manwood, p. 2, c. 15.—Driftway. A road or way over which cattle are driven. 1 Taunt. 279. Smith v. Ladd, 41 Me. 314.
that it is sometimes used to denote the existence of a right; that is, a power, privilege, or faculty, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter signification, droit (or right or right) is the correlative of "duty" or "obligation." In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. Droit has the further ambiguity that it is sometimes used to denote the existing body of law considered as one whole, or the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together. See JUS; RECEIPT; RIGHT.

—Droit d'accession. That property which is acquired by making a new species out of the material of another. It is equivalent to the Roman "pecunia accensa."—Droit d'habitation. A rule by which all the property of a deceased foreigner, whether movable or immovable, was confiscated to the use of the state, to the exclusion of his heirs, whether claiming ab intestato or under a will of the deceased. Finally abolished in 1819. Opel v. Shoup, 100 Iowa, 407, 30 N. W. 590, 37 L. R. A. 382.—Droit d'exécution. The right of a stockbroker to sell the securities bought by him for account of a client, if the latter does not accept delivery thereof. The same expression is also applied to the sale by a stockbroker of securities deposited with him by his client, in order to guarantee the payment of operations for which the latter has given instructions. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.—Droit de brisure. A right formerly claimed by the lords of the costs of certain parts of France, to shipwrecks by which not only the property, but the persons of those who were cast away, were confiscated for the benefit of the ward or lord of the coast. Otherwise called "droit de bris sur le naufrage." This right prevailed chiefly in Bretagne, and was solemnly abrogated by Henry III. as duke of Normandy, and Normandy, and was a charter granted A. D. 1226, preserved among the rolls at Bordeaux.—Droit de garde. In French feudal law. Right of ward. The guardianship of the estate and person of a noble vassal, to which the king, during his minority, was entitled. Steph. Lect. 250.—Droit de gîte. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de greffe. In old French law. The right of selling various offices connected with the custody of judicial records or notarial acts. Steph. Lect. 354. A privilege of the French kings.

—Droit de maîtrise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de meunier. In French feudal law. The right of a miller to sell the grain of a debtor, in order to guaranty the payment of operations for which the latter has given instructions. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de prise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de prise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de prise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de prise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.—Droit de prise. In old French law. A charge payable to the crown by any one who, after having served an apprenticeship in any commercial guild or brotherhood, sought to become a master workman in it on his own account. Steph. Lect. 354.—Droit de prise. In French feudal law. The duty incumbent on a roturier, holding lands within the royal domain, of supplying board and lodging to the king and his suite while on royal progress. Steph. Lect. 351.
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DRUGGIST. A dealer in drugs; one whose business is to sell drugs and medicines. In strict usage, this term is to be distinguished from "apothecary." A druggist deals in the uncompounded medicinal substances; the business of an apothecary is to mix and compound them. But in America the two words are used interchangeably, as the same persons usually discharge both functions. State v. Holmes, 28 La. Ann. 767, 28 Am. Rep. 119; Hainline v. Com., 13 Bush (Ky.) 352; State v. Donaldson, 41 Minn. 74, 42 N. W. 781.

DRUGUS. In old European law. A band of soldiers. Applied also to a naval commander. Spelman.

DROVER. A number of animals collected and driven together in a body; a flock or herd of cattle in process of being driven; indefinite as to number, but including at least several. Caldwell v. State, 2 Tex. App. 64; McConville v. Jersey City, 39 N. J. Law, 43.

DROP. In English practice. When the members of a court are equally divided on the argument showing cause against a rule nisi, no order is made, i. e., the rule is neither discharged nor made absolute, and the rule is said to drop. In practice, there being a right to appeal, it has been usual to make an order in one way, the junior judge withdrawing his judgment. Wharton.

DROP-LETTER. A letter addressed for delivery in the same city or district in which it is posted.


DROVE. A number of animals collected and driven together in a body; a flock or herd of cattle in process of being driven; indefinite as to number, but including at least several. Caldwell v. State, 2 Tex. App. 64; McConville v. Jersey City, 39 N. J. Law, 43.

DROWN. To merge or sink. "In some cases a right of freehold shall drown in a chattel." Co. Litt. 286a, 321a.
become habitual. The terms “drunkard” and “habitual drunkard” mean the same thing. Com. v. Whitney, 5 Gray (Mass.) 85; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 16 R. I. 705, 19 Atl. 142.

A “common” drunkard is defined by statute in some states as a person who has been convicted of drunkenness (or proved to have been drunk) a certain number of times within a limited period. State v. Kelly, 12 R. I. 536; State v. Flynn, 16 R. I. 10, 11 Atl. 170. Elsewhere, the word “common” in this connection is synonymous with being habitual. (State v. Savage, 89 Ala. 1, 7 South. 426; Com. v. McNamara, 112 Mass. 256; State v. Ryan, 70 Wis. 670, 26 N. W. 829.)

**DRUNKENNESS.** In medical jurisprudence. The condition of a man whose mind is affected by the immediate use of intoxicating drinks; the state of one who is “drunk.” See Drunk.

**DRY.** In the vernacular, this term means desiccated or free from moisture; but, in legal use, it signifies formal or nominal, without imposing any duty or responsibility, or unfruitful, without bringing any profit or advantage.

—Dry exchange. See Exchange. —Dry mortgage. One which creates a lien on land for the payment of money, but does not impose any personal liability upon the mortgagor, collateral to or over and above the value of the premises. Frowenfeld v. Hastings, 134 Cal. 128, 66 Pac. 178. —Dry multures. In Scotch law, a rent payable. A debt is often said to be payable. A debt is often said to be due or payable. A debt is often said to be due or payable. A debt is often said to be due or payable.


**DUARCHY.** A form of government where two reign jointly.

**DUCAT.** A foreign coin, varying in value in different countries, but usually worth about $2.26 of our money.

**DUCATUS.** In feudal and old English law. A duchy, the dignity or territory of a duke.

**DUCES TECUM.** (Lat. Bring with you.) The name of certain species of writs, of which the subpæna ducès tecum is the most usual, requiring a party who is summoned to appear in court to bring with him some document, piece of evidence, or other thing to be used or inspected by the court.

**DUCES TECUM LICET Languidus.** (Bringing with you, although sick.) In practice. An ancient writ, now obsolete, directed to the sheriff, upon a return that he could not bring his prisoner without danger of death, he being “adeo languidus,” (so sick;) whereupon the court granted a habeas corpus in the nature of a ducès tecum licet languidus. Cowell; Blount.

**DUCHESS OF LANCaster.** Those lands which formerly belonged to the dukes of Lancaster, and now belong to the crown in right of the duchy. The duchy is distinct from the county palatine of Lancaster, and includes not only the county, but also much territory at a distance from it, especially the Savoy in London and some land near Westminster. 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

—Duchy court of Lancaster. A tribunal of special jurisdiction, held before the chancellor of the duchy, or his deputy, concerning all matters of equity relating to lands held of the crown in right of the duchy of Lancaster; which is a thing very distinct from the county palatine, (which has also its separate chancery, for sealing of writs, and the like,) and comprises much territory which lies at a vast distance from it; as particularly a very large district surrounded by the city of Westminster. The proceedings in this court are the same as were those on the equity side of the court of chancery, so that it seems not to be a court of record; and, indeed, it has been held that the court of chancery has a concurrent jurisdiction with the duchy court, and may take cognizance of the same cases. The appeal from this court lies to the court of appeal. Jud. Act 1873, § 18; 3 Bl. Comm. 78.

**DUCKING-STOOL.** See Castigatory.

**DUCROIRE.** In French law. Guaranty; equivalent to del credere, (which see.)

**DUE.** 1. Just; proper; regular; lawful; sufficient; as in the phrases “due care,” “due process of law,” “due notice.”

2. Owed; payable; justly owed. That which one contracts to pay or perform to another; that which law or justice requires to be paid or done.

3. Owed, or owing, as distinguished from payable. A debt is often said to be due from
a person where he is the party owing it, or primarily bound to pay, whether the time for payment has or has not arrived.

4. Payable. A bill or note is commonly said to be due when the time for payment of it has arrived. The word "due" always imports a fixed and settled obligation or liability, but with reference to the time for its payment there is considered the possibility in the term, even when it shall appear from the foregoing definitions, the precise signification being determined in each case from the context. It may mean that the debt or claim in question is presently (presently or immediately) matured and enforceable, or that it matured at some time in the past and yet remains unpaid and unenforceable, certain but the day appointed for its payment has not yet arrived. But commonly, and in the absence of any qualifying expressions, the word "due" is restricted to the last of these meanings, the second being expressed by the term "overdue," and the third by the word "tendered," as in U. S. v. Feese v. U. S. 44, 50 Atl. 406; Ames v. Ames, 128 Mass. 287; Van Hook v. Walton, 25 Tex. 75; Leggett v. Bank, 24 N. Y. 250; Scudder v. Scudder, 10 N. Y. 596; Biddle v. Biddle, 55 Pa. 345; Apil Div. 314, 61 N. Y. Supp. 85; Yocum v. Allen, 58 Ohio St. 250, 50 N. E. 909; Gies v. Bechtler, 126 N. J. Law, 345; Barnes v. Arnold, 45 App. Van Blarcom, 100 Mo. App. 185, 74 S. W. 124; Paden v. Joyner v. Railway Co., 26 S. C. 49, 1 S. E. Wend. (N. Y.) 635; Dwight v. Williams, 8 Fed. Cas. 137—Due notice. No fixed rule can be laid down as to what constitutes a "due notice." "Due" is a relative term, and must be applied to each case in the exercise of the discretion of the court in view of the particular circumstances. Lawrence v. Bow- man, 1 McAll. 420, 15 Fed. Cas. 21; Slattery v. Doyle, 150 Mass. 27, 61 N. E. 264; Wilde v. Witkins, 78 N. J. L. 281—Due process of law. Law in its regular course of administration through courts of justice, as to preclude thereunder proof of a construction of the government as the settled maxims of law, permit and sanction, and under such safe- guards for the protection of private rights, as those maxims prescribe for the class of cases to which the one in question belongs. Cooley, Const. Lim. 441. Whatever difficulty may be connected in giving a comprehensive sense to the word "due," it does not mean the general body of the law, common and statute, as it was at the time the constitution took effect; for that would seem to deny the right of the legislature to amend or repeal the law. They refer to certain fundamental rights, which that system of jurisprudence, of which ours is a derivative, has always recognized. Brown v. Levee Com'rs, 59 Miss. 405; law in its regular course of administration through courts of justice. 3 Story, Const. 264, 58 Ohio St. 569, 9 N. E. 672; In re Dorsey, 7 Ohio St. 539. Duncan v. Missouri, 132 U. S. 377—DUE-BILL. A brief written acknowledgment of a debt. It is not made payable to order, like a promissory note. See Feese
FEESER, 93 Md. 716, 50 Atl. 406; Marrigan v. Page, 4 Humph. (Tenn.) 247; Currier v. Lockwood, 40 Conn. 350, 16 Am. Rep. 40; Lee v. Balcom, 9 Colo. 216, 11 Pac. 74. See I. O. U.

DUEL. A duel is any combat with deadly weapons, fought between two or more persons, by previous agreement or upon a previous quarrel. Pen. Code Cal. § 225; State v. Fritz, 133 N. C. 725, 45 S. E. 957; State v. Herriott, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 130; Bassett v. State, 44 Fla. 2, 33 South. 262; Davis v. Modern Woodmen, 98 Mo. App. 713, 73 S. W. 923.

DUELLUM. The trial by battel or judicial combat. See Battel.


DUKE, in English law, is a title of nobility, ranking immediately next to the Prince of Wales. It is only a title of dignity. Conferring it does not give any domain, territory, or jurisdiction over the place whence the title is taken. Duchess, the consort of a duke. Wharton.

DUKE OF EXETER'S DAUGHTER. The name of a rack in the Tower, so called after a minister of Henry VI. who sought to introduce it into England.

DULOCRACY. A government where servants and slaves have so much license and privilege that they domineer. Wharton.


DUM. Lat. While; as long as; until; upon condition that; provided that. —Dum bene se gesserit. While he shall conduct himself well; during good behavior. Expressive of a tenure of office not dependent upon the pleasure of the appointing power, nor for a limited period, but terminable only upon the death or misconduct of the incumbent. —Dum fervet opus. While the work glows; in the heat of action. 1 Kent, Comm. 120.—Dum fuit in prisone. In English law. A writ which lay for a man who had aliened lands under duress by imprisonment, to restore to him his proper estates. 2 Inst. 422. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.—Dum fuit in praematura. (While he was within age.) In old English practice. A writ of entry which formerly lay for an infant after he had attained his full age, to recover lands which he had aliened in fee, in tail, or for life, during his infancy; and, after his death, his heir had the same remedy. Reg. Orig. 226; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 192, G; Litt. § 406; Co. Litt. 2479.—Dum non fuit componens mentis. The name of a writ which the heirs of a person who was non componens mentis, and who aliened his lands, might sue out to restore him to his rights. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.—Dum recens fuit malfactum. While the offense was fresh. A term employed in the old law of appeal of rape. Bract. fol. 147.—Dum sola. While sole, or single. Dum sola fuert, while she shall remain sole. Dum sola et casta viserit, while she lives single and chaste. Words of limitation in old conveyances. Co. Litt. 255a. Also applied generally to an unmarried woman in connection with something that was or might be done during that condition.

DUMB. One who cannot speak; a person who is mute.

DUMB-BIDDING. In sales at auction, when the minimum amount which the owner will take for the article is written on a piece of paper, and placed by the owner under a candlestick, or other thing, and it is agreed that no bidding shall avail unless equal to that, this is called "dumb-bidding." Bab. Auct. 44.

DUMMODO. Provided; provided that. A word of limitation in the Latin forms of conveyances, of frequent use in introducing a reservation; as in reserving a rent.

DUN. A mountain or high open place. The names of places ending in dun or don were either built on hills or near them in open places.

DUNA. In old records. A bank of earth cast up; the side of a ditch. Cowell.

DUNGEON. Such an under-ground prison or cell as was formerly placed in the strongest part of a fortress; a dark or subterraneous prison.

DUNIO. A double; a kind of base coin less than a farthing.

DUNNAGE. Pieces of wood placed against the sides and bottom of the hold of a vessel, to preserve the cargo from the effect of leakage, according to its nature and quality. Abb. Shipp. 227. There is considerable resemblance between dunnage and ballast. The latter is used for trimming the ship, and bringing it down to a draft of water proper and safe for sailing. Dunnage is placed under the cargo to keep it from being wetted by water getting into the hold, or between the different parcels to prevent cellaring.
keep them from bruising and injuring each other. Great Western Ins. Co. v. Thwing, 13 Wall. 674, 20 L. Ed. 607; Richards v. Hansen (C. C) 1 Fed. 56.

**DUNSETS.** People that dwell on hilly places or mountains. Jacob.

 Duo non possunt in solido unam rem possidere. Two cannot possess one thing in entirety. Co. Litt. 368.

 Duo sunt instrumenta ad omnes res aut confirmandas aut impugandas, ratio et authoritas. There are two instruments for confirming or impugning all things, —reason and authority. 8 Coke, 16.

**DUODECEMVRALIUS JUDICUM.** The trial by twelve men, or by jury. Applied to juries de mediatae lingua. Mol. de Jure Mar. 448.

**DUODECIMA MANUS.** Twelve hands. The oaths of twelve men, including himself, by whom the defendant was allowed to make his law. 3 Bl. Comm. 348.

**DUODENA.** In old records. A jury of twelve men. Cowell.

**DUODENA MANU.** A dozen hands, i.e., twelve witnesses to purge a criminal of an offense.

**DORUM IN SOLIDUM DOMINII VALV POSSESSO ESSER NON POTEST.** Ownership or possession in entirety cannot be in two persons of the same thing. Dig. 13, 6, 5, 15; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 245. Bract. fol. 288.

**DUPLA.** In the civil law. Double the price of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 2.

**DUPLEX QUERELA.** A double complaint. An ecclesiastical proceeding, which is in the nature of an appeal from an ordinary's refusal to institute, to his next immediate superior; as from a bishop to the archbishop. If the superior adjudges the cause of refusal to be insufficient, he will grant institution to the appellant. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 440.

**DUPLEX VALOR MARITAGIL.** In old English law. Double the value of the marriage. While an infant was in ward, the guardian had the power of tendering him or her a suitable match, without dispensation, which if the infants refused, they forfeited the value of the marriage to their guardian, that is, so much as a jury would assess or any one would give to the guardian for such an alliance; and, if the infants married themselves without the guardian's consent, they forfeited double the value of the marriage. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Litt. § 110; Co. Litt. 82b.

**DUPPLICATE.** When two written documents are substantially alike, so that each might be a copy or transcript from the other, while both stand on the same footing as original instruments, they are called "duplicates." Agreements, deeds, and other documents are frequently executed in duplicate, in order that each party may have an original in his possession. State v. Graffam, 74 Wis. 643, 43 N. W. 727; Grant v. Griffith, 39 App. Div. 107, 56 N. Y. Supp. 791; Trust Co. v. Codington County, 9 S. D. 159, 68 N. W. 814; Nelson v. Blakey, 54 Ind. 36.

A duplicate is sometimes defined to be the "copy" of a thing; but, though generally a copy, a duplicate differs from a mere copy, in having all the validity of an original. Nor, it seems, need it be an exact copy. Defined also to be the "counterpart" of an instrument; but in indentures there is a distinction between counterparts executed by the several parties respectively, each party affixing his or her seal to only one counterpart, and duplicate originals, each executed by all the parties. Toms v. Cumings, 7 Man. & G. 91, note. The old indentures, charters, or chirographs seem to have had the character of duplicates. Burriil.

The term is also frequently used to signify a new original, made to take the place of an instrument that has been lost or destroyed, and to have the same force and effect. Benton v. Martin, 40 N. Y. 347.

In English law. The certificate of discharge given to an insolvent debtor who takes the benefit of the act for the relief of insolvent debtors. The ticket given by a pawnbroker to the pawn of a chattel.

—Duplicate taxation. The same as "double" taxation. See DOUBLE.—Duplilcate will. A term used in England, where a testator executes two copies of his will, one to keep himself, and the other to be deposited with another person. Upon application for probate of a duplicate will, both copies must be deposited in the registry of the court of probate.

**DUPLICATIO.** In the civil law. The defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication; corresponding to the rejoinder of the common law.

Duplicationem possibilatatis lex non patitur. The law does not allow the doubling of a possibility. 1 Rolle, 321.

**DUPICATUM JUS.** Double right. Bract. fol. 283b. See DBOIT-DOBIT.

**DUPLICITY.** The technical fault, in pleading, of uniting two or more causes of action in one count in a writ, or two or more grounds of defense in one plea, or two or more breaches in a replication, or two or more offenses in the same count of an indictment. Tucker v. State, 6 Tex. App. 253; Waters v. People, 104 Ill. 547; Mullin v. Blumenthal, 1 Pennewill (Del.) 476, 42 Atl. 175; Devino v. Railroad Co., 63 Vt. 98, 20 Atl. 953; Tucker v. Ladd, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 452.
Duty

Duty, n. (From Lat. duplicatio, q. v.) In Scotch pleading. The defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication.

Duty, v. In Scotch pleading. To rejoin. "It is duplyed by the panel." 2 State Trials, 471.


—Durante absintia. During absence. In some jurisdictions, administration of a deceased's estate is said to be granted durante absintia in cases where the absence of the proper propounder of the will, or of an executor, delays or imperils the settlement of the estate.—Durante bene placito. During good pleasure. The ancient tenure of English judges was durante bene placito. 1 Bl. Comm. 267, 342. Durante minore etate. During minority. 2 Bl. Comm. 502; 5 Coke, 29, 30. Words taken from the old form of letters of administration. 5 Coke, ubi supra.—Durante viditate. During widowhood. 2 Bl. Comm. 124. Durante casta vidutate, during chaste widowhood. 10 East, 520.—Durante virginitate. During virginity, (so long as she remains unmarried.) —Durante vita. During life.

Durse. In India. A court, audience, or levee. Mozley & Whitley.

Durex, n. To subject to duress. A word used by Lord Bacon. "If the party duress ed do make any motion," etc. Bac. Max. 89, reg. 22.

Durex, n. Unlawful constraint exercised upon a man whereby he is forced to do some act against his will. It may be either "duress of imprisonment," where the person is deprived of his liberty in order to force him to compliance, or by violence, beating, or other actual injury, or duress per minas, consisting in threats of imprisonment or great physical injury or death. Duress may also include the same injuries, threats, or restraint exercised upon the man's wife, child, or parent. Noble v. Enos, 19 Ind. 78; Bank v. Sargent, 65 Neb. 594, 91 N. W. 597, 59 L. R. A. 296; Pierce v. Brown, 7 Wall. 241, 19 L. Ed. 134; Galusha v. Sherman, 105 Wis. 283, 81 N. W. 495, 47 L. R. A. 417; Radich v. Hatchins, 95 U. S. 213, 24 L. Ed. 409; Rollings v. Cate, 1 Helak. (Tenn.) 97; Joannin v. Ogilvie, 49 Minn. 564, 52 N. W. 217, 16 L. R. A. 376, 52 Am. St. Rep. 581; Burns v. Burnes (C. C.) 122 Fed. 403. Duress consists in any illegal imprisonment, or legal imprisonment used for an illegal purpose, or threats of bodily or other harm, or other means amounting to or tending to coerce the will of another, and actually inducing him to do an act contrary to his free will. Code Ga. 1882, § 2937.

By duress, its more extended sense, is meant that degree of severity, either threatened or impending or actually inflicted, which is sufficient to overcome the mind and will of a person of ordinary firmness. Duress per minas is restricted to fear of loss of life, or of mayhem, or loss of limb, or other remediless harm to the person. Fellows v. School Dist., 39 Me. 563.

—Duress of imprisonment. The wrongful imprisonment of a person, or the illegal restraint of his liberty, in order to compel him to do some act. 1 Bl. Comm. 130, 131, 136, 137; 1 Steph. Comm. 137; 42 Keen Comm. 453.—Duress per minas. Duress by threats. The use of threats and menaces to compel a person, by the fear of death, or grievous bodily harm, as mayhem or loss of limb, to do some lawful act, or to commit a misdemeanor. 1 Bl. Comm. 130; 4 Bl. Comm. 30; 4 Steph. Comm. 83. See Metus.

Duressor. One who subjects another to duress; one who compels another to do a thing, as by menace. Bac. Max. 90, reg. 22.

Durham. A county palatine in England, the jurisdiction of which was vested in the Bishop of Durham until the statute 6 & 7 Wm. IV. c. 19, vested it as a separate franchise and royalty in the crown. The jurisdiction of the Durham court of pleas was transferred to the supreme court of judicature by the Judicature act of 1873.


Duties. In its most usual signification this word is the synonym of imposts or customs; but it is sometimes used in a broader sense, as including all manner of taxes, charges, or governmental impositions. Pollock v. Farmers' L. & T. Co., 158 U. S. 601, 15 Sup. Ct. 912, 39 L. Ed. 1108; Alexander v. Railroad Co., 3 Strob. (S. C.) 595; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 433, 19 L. Ed. 95; Cooley v. Board of Wardens, 12 How. 299, 13 L. Ed. 996; Blake v. Baker, 115 Mass. 188.

—Duties of detraction. Taxes levied upon the removal from one state to another of property acquired by succession or testamentary disposition. Frederickson v. Louisiana, 23 How. 445, 18 L. Ed. 577; In re Strobel's Estate, 5 App. Div. 621, 29 N. Y. Supp. 109.—Duties on imports. This term signifies not merely a duty on the act of importation, but a duty on the thing imported. It is not confined to a duty levied while the article is entering the country, but extends to a duty levied after it has entered the country. Brown v. Maryland, 12 Wheat. 437, 6 L. Ed. 678.

Duty. In its use in jurisprudence, this word is the correlative of right. Thus, wherever there exists a right in any person, there also rests a corresponding duty upon
some other person or upon all persons generally. But it is also used, in a wider sense, to designate that class of moral obligations which lie outside the juridical sphere; such, namely, as rest upon an imperative ethical basis, but have not been recognized by the law as within its proper province for purposes of enforcement or redress. Thus, gratitude towards a benefactor is a duty, but its refusal will not ground an action. In this meaning "duty" is the equivalent of "moral obligation," as distinguished from a "legal obligation." See Kentucky v. Dennison, 24 How. 107, 16 L. Ed. 717; Harrison v. Bush, 5 El. & Bl. 349.

As a technical term of the law, "duty" signifies a thing due; that which is due from a person; that which a person owes to another. An obligation to do a thing. A word signifies a thing due; that which is due from a person in an official or fiduciary capacity. An obligation to perform a function. Brande.


But in practice it is commonly reserved as the designation of those obligations of performance, care, or observance which rest upon an executor, trustee, manager, etc. It also denotes a tax or impost due to the government upon the importation or exportation of goods.

Duty. An obligation arising from contract of the parties or the operation of the law. Riddell v. Ventilating Co., 27 Mont. 44, 69 Pac. 241. That which the law requires to be done or forborne to a determinate person or the public at large, correlative to a vested and coercive right in such person or the public, and the breach of which constitutes negligence. Heaven v. Pender, 11 Q. B. Div. 606; Smith v. Clarke Hardware Co., 100 Ga. 163, 28 S. E. 73, 39 L. R. A. 607; Railroad Co. v. Ballentine, 84 Fed. 935, 28 C. C. A. 572.

Duumviri. (From duo, two, and viri, men.) A general appellation among the ancient Romans, given to any magistrates elected in pairs to fill any office, or perform any function. Brande.

Duumviri municipales were two annual magistrates in the towns and colonies, having judicial powers. Calvin.

Duumviri navales were officers appointed to man, equip, and refit the navy. Id.

DUX. In Roman law. A leader or military commander. The commander of an army. Dig. 3, 2, 2, pr.

In feudal and old European law. Duke; a title of honor, or order of nobility. 1 Bl. Comm. 307; Crabb, Eng. Law, 236.

In later law. A military governor of a province. See Cod. 1, 27, 2. A military officer having charge of the borders or frontiers of the empire, called "dux limitis." Cod. 1, 49, 1, pr. At this period, the word began to be used as a title of honor or dignity.

D. W. L. In genealogical tables, a common abbreviation for "died without issue."


Dwelling-house. The house in which a man lives with his family; a residence; the apartment or building, or group of buildings, occupied by a family as a place of residence.

In conveyancing. Includes all buildings attached to or connected with the house. 2 Hii. Real Prop. 333, and note.

In the law of burglary. A house in which the occupier and his family usually reside, or, in other words, dwell and lie in. Whart. Crim. Law, 337.

Dwelling-place. This term is not synonymous with a "place of pauper settlement." Lisbon v. Lyman, 49 N. H. 553.

Dwelling-place, or home, means some permanent abode or residence, with intention to remain; and is not synonymous with "domicle," as used in international law, but has a more limited and restricted meaning. Jefferson v. Washington, 19 Me. 293.

Dying Declaration. See Declaration.

Dying without issue. At common law this phrase imports an indefinite failure of issue, and not a dying without issue surviving at the time of the death of the first taker. But this rule has been changed in some of the states, by statute or decisions, and in England by St. 7 Wm. IV., and 1 Vict. c. 26, § 29.

The words "die without issue," and "die without leaving issue," in a devise of real estate, import an indefinite failure of issue, and not the failure of issue at the death of the first taker. And no distinction is to be made between the words "without issue" and "without leaving issue." Wilson v. Wilson, 32 Barb. (N. Y.) 328; McGraw v. Davenport, 6 Port. (Ala.) 319.

In Connecticut, it has been repeatedly held that the expression "dying without issue," and like expressions, have reference to the time of the death of the party, and not to an indefinite failure of issue. Phelps v. Phelps, 55 Conn. 359, 11 Atl. 596.

Dying without children imports not a failure of issue at any indefinite future period, but a leaving no children at the death of the legatee. Condict v. King, 13 N. J. Eq. 375.

Dyke-reeve, or Dyke-reeve. An officer who has the care and oversight of the dykes and drains in fenny counties.

Dysnomy. Bad legislation; the enactment of bad laws.
DYSPAREUNIA. In medical jurisprudence. Incapacity of a woman to sustain the act of sexual intercourse except with great difficulty and pain.

DYSPESIA. A state of the stomach in which its functions are disturbed, without the presence of other diseases, or when, if other diseases are present, they are of minor importance. Dungl. Med. Dict.

DYVOUR. In Scotch law. A bankrupt.

—DYVOUR’S HABIT. In Scotch law. A habit which debtors who are set free on a cessio bonorum are obliged to wear, unless in the summons and process of cessio it be libeled, sustained, and proved that the bankruptcy proceeds from misfortune. And bankrupts are condemned to submit to the habit, even where no suspicion of fraud lies against them, if they have been dealers in an illicit trade. Ersk. Prin. 4, 3, 13.
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E. A Latin preposition, meaning from, out of, after, or according. It occurs in many Latin phrases; but (in this form) only before a consonant. When the initial of the following word is a vowel, ex is used.

—E contra. From the opposite; on the contrary.—E converso. Conversely. On the other hand; on the contrary. Equivalent to e contra.—E mera gratia. Out of mere grace or favor.—E pluribus unam. One out of many. The motto of the United States of America.

E. G. An abbreviation of exempli gratia. For the sake of an example.

EA. Sax. The water or river; also the mouth of a river on the shore between high and low-water-mark.

Ea est accipienda interpretatio, quae vitio caret. That interpretation is to be received [or adopted] which is free from fault [or wrong]. The law will not intend a wrong. Bac. Max. 17, (in reg. 3.)

EA INTENTIONE. With that intent. Held not to make a condition, but a confidence and trust. Dyer, 1588.

Ea que, commendandi causa, in venditionibus dicatur, si palam appareant, venditorem non obligant. Those things which are said on sales, in the way of commendation, if [the qualities of the thing sold] appear openly, do not bind the seller. Dig. 18, 1, 43, pr.

Ea que dari impossibilia sunt, vel que in verum natura non sunt, pro non adjexit habentur. Those things which are impossible to be given, or which are not in the nature of things, are regarded as not added. [as no part of an agreement.] Dig. 50, 17, 125.

Ea que in curia nostra rite acta sunt debite executioni demandari debent. Co. Litt. 289. Those things which are properly transacted in our court ought to be committed to a due execution.

Ea que rare accident non temere in agendis negotiis computatitur. Those things which rarely happen are not to be taken into account in the transaction of business, without sufficient reason. Dig. 50, 17, 64.

EACH. A distributive adjective pronoun, which denotes or refers to every one of the persons or things mentioned; every one of two or more persons or things, composing the whole, separately considered. The effect of this word, used in the covenants of a bond, is to create a several obligation. Seller v. State, 160 Ind. 605, 67 N. E. 448; Knickerbocker v. People, 102 Ill. 233; Costigan v. Lunt, 104 Mass. 219.

Eadem causa diversis rationibus co-ram judicibus ecclesiasticis et secularibus ventilatur. 2 Inst. 622. The same cause is argued upon different principles before ecclesiastical and secular judges.

Eadem est ratio, eadem est lex. The same reason, the same law. Charles River Bridge v. Warren Bridge, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 493.

Eadem mens presumitur regis et quod esse debet, praeertim in dubiis. Hob. 154. The mind of the sovereign is presumed to be coincident with that of the law, and with that which it ought to be, especially in ambiguous matters.

EAGLE. A gold coin of the United States of the value of ten dollars.

EALDER, or EALDING. In old Saxon law. An elder or chief.

EALDERMAN, or EALDORMAN. The name of a Saxon magistrate; alderman; analogous to earl among the Danes, and senator among the Romans. See ALDERMAN.

EALDOR-BISCOP. An archbishop.

EALDORBURG. Sax. The metropolis; the chief city. Obsolete.

EALEHUS. (Fr. eale, Sax., ale, and hus, house.) An ale-house.

EALHORDA. Sax. The privilege of assising and selling beer. Obsolete.

EAR GRASS. In English law. Such grass which is upon the land after the mowing, until the feast of the Annunciation after. 3 Leon. 213.

EAR-MARK. A mark put upon a thing to distinguish it from another. Originally and literally, a mark upon the ear; a mode of marking sheep and other animals. Property is said to be ear-marked when it can be identified or distinguished from other property of the same nature.

Money has no ear-mark, but it is an ordinary term for a privy mark made by any one on a coin.
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EAR-WITNESS. In the law of evidence. One who attests or can attest anything as heard by himself.

EARL. A title of nobility, formerly the highest in England, now the third, ranking between a marquis and a viscount, and corresponding with the French "comte" and the German "graf." The title originated with the Saxons, and is the most ancient of the English peerage. William the Conqueror first made this title hereditary, giving it in fee to his nobles; and allotting them for the support of their state the third penny out of the sheriff's court, issuing out of all pleas of the shire, whence they had their ancient title "shiremen." At present the title is accompanied by no territory, private or judicial rights, but merely confers nobility and an hereditary seat in the house of lords. Wharton.

—Earl marshal of England. A great officer of state who had ancienly several courts under his jurisdiction, as the court of chivalry and the court of honor. Under him is the herald's office. He is the chief of arms. He is also a judge of the Marshalsea court, now abolished. This office is of great antiquity, and has been for several ages hereditary in the family of the Howards. 3 Bl. Comm. 68, 103; 3 Steph. Comm. 335, note.—Earldom. The dignity or jurisdiction of an earl. The dignity only remains now, as the jurisdiction has been given over to the sheriff. 1 Bl. Comm. 330.

EARLES-PENNY. Money given in part payment. See EARNEST.

EARNINGS. The payment of a part of the price of goods sold, or the delivery of part of such goods, for the purpose of binding the contract. Howe v. Hayward, 108 Mass. 54, 11 Am. Rep. 306. A token or pledge passing between the parties, by way of evidence, or ratification of the sale. 2 Kent, Comm. 405, note.

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EARTH. Soil of all kinds, including gravel, clay, loam, and the like, in distinction from the firm rock. Dickinson v. Poughkeepsie, 75 N. Y. 76.

EASEMENT. A right in the owner of one parcel of land, by reason of such ownership, to use the land of another for a special purpose not inconsistent with a general property in the owner. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 25. A privilege which the owner of one adjacent tenement hath of another, existing in respect of their several tenements, by which that owner against whose tenement the privilege exists is obliged to suffer or not to do something with or in regard to his land for the advantage of him in whose land the privilege exists. Terms de la Ley. A private easement is a privilege, service, or convenience which one neighbor has of another, by prescription, grant, or necessary implication, and without profit; as a way over his land, a gate-way, water-course, and the like. Kitch. 105; 3 Cruise, Dig. 494. And see Harrison v. Boring, 44 Tex. 267; Albright v. Courtright, 64 N. J. Law, 330, 45 Atl. 634, 48 L. R. A. 615, 81 Am. St. Rep. 504; Wyn v. Garland, 19 Ark. 25, 68 Am. Dec. 136; Wescelle v. Colebank, 174 Ill. 618, 51 N. E. 639; Terminal Land Co. v. Muir, 120 Cal. 36, 68 Pac. 308; Stevenson v. Wallace, 27 Grat. (Va.) 87.

The land against which the easement or privilege exists is called the "servient" tenement, and the estate to which it is annexed the "dominant" tenement; and their owners are called respectively the "servient" and "dominant" owner. These terms are taken from the civil law.

Synonyms. At the present day, the distinction between an "easement" and a "license" is well settled and fully recognized, although it becomes difficult in some of the cases to discover a substantial difference between them. An easement, it has appeared, is a liberty, privilege, or advantage in land, without profit, and existing distinct from the ownership of the soil; and it has appeared, also, that a claim for an easement must be founded upon a deed or writing, or upon prescription, which supposes one. It is a permanent interest in another's land, with a right to enjoy it fully and without restraint. A license, on the other hand, is a bare authority to do a certain act or series of acts upon another's land, without possessing any estate therein; and, it being founded in personal confidence, it is not assignable, and it is gone if the owner of the land who gives the license transfers his title to another, or if that owner properly dies. Cook v. Railroad Co., 49 Iowa 456; Nunnelly v. Iron Co., 94 Tenn. 397, 29 S. W. 361, 28 L. R. A. 421; Baldwin v. Taylor, 106 Pa. 507, 31 Atl. 250; Clark v. Glidden, 50 Vt. 702, 15 Atl. 358; Aisher v. Johnson, 118 Ky. 702, 82 S. W. 300.

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prohibited from doing something otherwise lawful upon his estate, because it will affect the dominant estate, (light and air from the latter by building on the former.) 2 Washb. Real Prop. 301. Equitable L. Assur. Soc. v. Brennan (Sup.) 24 N. Y. Supp. 178; Planters v. Y. C. & S.F. R.R. Co., 147 Cal. 447, 85 Pac. 612. They are also either continuous or discontinuous. An easement of the former kind is one that is self-perpetuating, independent of human intervention, as, the flow of a stream, or one which may be enjoyed without any act on the part of the person entitled thereto, such as a right to be furnished with water, whenever it rains, a drain by which surface water is carried off, windows which admit light and air, and the like. Lammpan v. Mills, 21 N. Y. 505; Bayley v. Coggins Granite Co., 116 Ga. 376, 45 Atl. 281, 26 L. R. A. 281; Nicoll v. Telephone Co., 62 N. J. Eq. 53, 30 Atl. 531, 72 Am. St. Rep. 769, 25 L. Ed. 806.

EAST. In the customs laws of the United States, the term "countries east of the Cape of Good Hope" means countries with which, formerly, the United States ordinarily carried on commercial intercourse by passing around that cape Powers v. Comley, 101 U. S. 799, 25 L. Ed. 806.

EAST GREENWICH. The name of a royal manor in the county of Kent, England; mentioned in royal grants or patents, as descriptive of the tenure of free socage.

EAST INDIA COMPANY. The East India Company was originally established for prosecuting the trade between England and India, which they acquired a right to carry on exclusively. Since the middle of the last century, however, the company's political affairs had become of more importance than their commerce. In 1858, by 21 & 22 Vict. c. 106, the government of the territories of the company was transferred to the crown. Wharton.

EASTER. A feast of the Christian church held in memory of our Saviour's resurrection. The Greeks and Latins call it "pascha" (passover,) to which Jewish feast our Easter answers. This feast has been annually celebrated since the time of the apostles, and is one of the most important festivals in the Christian calendar, being that which regulates and determines the times of all the other movable feasts. Enc. Lond.

EASTER offerings, or Easter-dues. In English law. Small sums of money paid to the parochial clergy by the parishioners at Easter as a compensation for personal tithes, or the tithe for personal labor; recoverable under 7 & 8 Wm. I. c. 6, before justices of the peace. 5 Hals. Comp. 103. An implied easement is an easement resting upon the principle that, where the owner of two or more adjacent lots sells a part thereof, he is under an implied duty by implication to grant all those apparent and visible easements which are necessary for the reasonable use of the property sold. Farley v. Howard, 85 Misc. Rep. 57, 85 N. Y. Supp. 159—Intermittent easement. One which is usable or used only at times, and not continuously. Eaton v. Railroad Co., 51 N. H. 504, 12 Am. Rep. 147—Quasi easement. In the proper sense of the word, can only exist in respect of two adjoining pieces of land occupied by different persons, and can only impose a negative duty on the owner of the servient tenement. Hence an obligation on the owner of land to repair the fence between his and his neighbor's land is not a true easement, but is sometimes called a "quasi easement," Gale, Easem. 510.

EASTERLING. A coin struck by Richard II, which is supposed to have given rise to the name of "sterling," as applied to English money.
EASTERLY. This word, when used alone, will be construed to mean "due east." But that is a rule of necessity growing out of the indefiniteness of the term, and has no application where other words are used for the purpose of qualifying its meaning. Where such is the case, instead of meaning "due east," it means precisely what the qualifying word makes it mean. Fratt v. Woodward, 32 Cal. 227, 91 Am. Dec. 573; Scrapper v. Pipes, 59 Ind. 164; Witsee v. Mill & Min. Co., 7 Ariz. 95, 60 Pac. 896.

EASTINUS. An easterly coast or country.

EAT INDE SINE DIE. In criminal practice. Words used on the acquittal of a defendant, that he may go thence without a day, i.e., be dismissed without any further continuance or adjournment.

EATING-HOUSE. Any place where food or refreshments of any kind, not including spirits, wines, ale, beer, or other malt liquors, are provided for casual visitors, and sold for consumption therein. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 St. at Large, 118). And see Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 195; State v. Hall, 73 N. C. 253.

EAVES. The edge of a roof, built so as to project over the walls of a house, in order that the rain may drop therefrom to the ground instead of running down the wall. Center St. Church v. Machias Hotel Co., 51 Me. 413.

—Eaves-drip. The drip or dropping of water from the eaves of a house on the land of an adjacent owner; the easement of having the water so drip, or the servitude of submitting to such drip; the same as the stilllicium of the Roman law. See STILLICIDIUM.

EAVESDROPPING. In English criminal law. The offense of listening under walls or windows, or the eaves of a house, to hearken after discourse, and thereupon to frame slanderous and mischievous tales. 4 Bl. Comm. 168. It is a misdemeanor at common law, indictable at sessions, and punishable by fine and finding sureties for good behavior. Id.; Steph. Crim. Law, 109. See State v. Pennington, 3 Head (Tenn.) 5; Selden v. State, 74 Wis. 271, 42 Nc W. 218, 17 Am. St Rep. 144.


EBBA. In old English law. Ebb. Ebba et iunctus; ebb and flow of tide; ebb and flood. Bract. fols. 255, 338. The time occupied by one ebb and flood was anciently granted to persons essoined as being beyond sea, in addition to the period of forty days. See Fleta, lib. 6, c. 8, § 2.

EBDOMADARIUS. In ecclesiastical law. An officer in cathedral churches who supervised the regular performance of divine service, and prescribed the particular duties of each person in the choir.

EBEREMORTH, EBEREMORS, EBERE-MORIS. See EBEREMUBDEB.


Ecce modo mirum, quod femina fert breve regis, non nominando viram, con­junctum robore legis. Co. Litt. 1326. Behold, indeed, a wonder! that a woman has the king's writ without naming her husband, who by law is united to her.

ECCENTRICITY. In criminal law and medical jurisprudence. Personal or individual peculiarities of mind and disposition which markedly distinguish the subject from the ordinary, normal, or average types of men, but do not amount to mental unsoundness or insanity. Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 535.

ECCHYMOSIS. In medical jurisprudence. Blackness. It is an extravasation of blood by rupture of capillary vessels, and hence it follows contusion; but it may exist, as in cases of scurvy and other morbid conditions, without the latter. Ry. Med. Jur. 172.


Ecclesia ecclesiae decimas solvere non debet. Cro. Eliz. 479. A church ought not to pay tithes to a church.

Ecclesia est dominus mansionalis Omnipotens Dei. 2 Inst 164. The church is the mansion-house of the Omnipotent God.

Ecclesia est infra cetatem et in custodia domini regis, qui tenetur juras et hereditates ejusdem manere et defendere. 11 Coke, 48. The church is under age, and in the custody of the king, who is bound to uphold and defend its rights and inheritances.

Ecclesia fungitur vice minoris; meliorum conditionem suam facere potest, deteriori nem quaquam. Co. Litt. 341. The church enjoys the privilege of a minor;
It can make its own condition better, but not worse.

Ecclesia non moritur. 2 Inst. 3. The church does not die.

Ecclesia magis favendum est quam personne. Godol. Ecc. Law, 172. The church is to be more favored than the person.

ECCLESIA SCULPTURA. The image or sculpture of a church in ancient times was often cut out or cast in plate or other metal, and preserved as a religious treasure or relic, and to perpetuate the memory of some famous churches. Jacob.

ECCLESIACHR. The ruler of a church.

ECCLESIASTICO, n. A clergyman; a priest; a man consecrated to the service of the church.

ECCLESIASTICAL. Something belonging to or set apart for the church, as distinguished from "civil" or "secular," with regard to the world. Wharton.

—Ecclesiastical authorities. In England, the clergy, under the sovereign, as temporal head of the church, set apart from the rest of the people or laity, in order to superintend the public worship of God and the other ceremonies of religion, and to administer spiritual counsel and instruction; and having jurisdiction in cases requiring the advice or judgment of several orders or grades of the clergy are: (1) Archbishops and bishops; (2) deans and chapters; (3) archdeacons; (4) rural deans; (5) Parsons (under whom are included appropriate and vicars); (6) Curates. Churchwardens or sidesmen, and parish clerks and sextons, inasmuch as their duties are connected with the church, may be considered to be a species of ecclesiastical authorities. Wharton.

—Ecclesiastical commissioners. In English law, ecclesiastical, corporation, ecclesiastical, and ecclesiastical corporation. A system of courts in England, held by authority of the church in ancient times was ecclesiastical courts. Short v. Stotts, 58 Ind. 35.

—Ecclesiastical law. The body of jurisdiction administered by the ecclesiastical courts of England; derived, in large measure, from the canon and civil law. As now restricted, it applies mainly to the affairs, and the doctrine, discipline, and worship, of the established church. De Witt v. De Witt, 67 Ohio St. 340, 63 N. E. 136.—Ecclesiastical things. This term, as used in the canon law, includes church buildings, church property, cemeteries, and property given to the church for the support of the poor or for any other pious use. Smith v. Bonhoo, 2 Mich. 115.

ECDICUS. The attorney, proctor, or advocate of a corporation. Episcoporum ecdici; bishops' proctors; church lawyers. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 65.

ECHANTILLON. In French law. One of the two parts or pieces of a wooden tally. That in possession of the debtor is properly called the "tally," the other "echantillon." Poth. Obl. pt. 4, c. 1, art. 2, § 8.

ECHEVIN. In French law. A municipal officer corresponding with alderman or burgess, and having in some instances a civil jurisdiction in certain causes of trifling importance.

ECCHOLALIA. In medical jurisprudence. The constant and senseless repetition of particular words or phrases, recognized as a sign or symptom of insanity or of aphasia.

ECHEVINEMENT. In French marine law. Stranding. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 12, s. 13, no. 1.

ECLEPSIA PARTURIENTIUM. In medical jurisprudence. Puerperal convulsions; a convulsive seizure which sometimes suddenly attacks a woman in labor or directly after, generally attended by unconsciousness and occasionally by mental aberration.

ECLECTIC PRACTICE. In medicine. That system followed by physicians who select their modes of practice and medicines from various schools. Webster.

"Without professing to understand much of medical phraseology, we suppose that the terms 'allopathic practice' and 'legitimate business' mean the ordinary method commonly adopted by the great body of learned and eminent physicians, which is taught in their institutions, established by their highest authorities, and accepted by the larger and more respectable portion of the community. By 'eclectic practice,' without imputing to it, as the counsel for the plaintiff seem inclined to, an odor of illegality, we presume is intended another and different system, unusual and eccentric, not countenanced by the classes before referred to, but characterized by them as spurious and denounced as dangerous. It is sufficient to say that the two modes of treating human maladies are essentially distinct, and based upon different views of the nature and causes of diseases, their appropriate remedies, and the modes of applying them." Bradbury v. Bardin, 34 Conn. 453.

ECRIVAIN. In French marine law. The clerk of a ship. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, s. 3, no. 2.

EDDERBRECHE. In Saxon law. The offense of hedge-breaking. Obsolete.

EDESTIA. In old records. Buildings.

EDICT. A positive law promulgated by the sovereign of a country, and having reference either to the whole land or some of its divisions, but usually relating to affairs of state. It differs from a "public proclamation," in that it enacts a new statute, and carries with it the authority of law.

EDICTAL CITATION. In Scotch law. A citation published at the market-cross of Edinburgh, and pier and shore of Leith. Used against foreigners not within the kingdom, but having a landed estate there, and against natives out of the kingdom. Bell.

EDICTS OF JUSTINIAN. Thirteen constitutions or laws of this prince, found in most editions of the Corpus Juris Civilis, after the Novels. Being confined to matters of police in the provinces of the empire, they are of little use.

EDICTUM. In the Roman law. An edict; a mandate, or ordinance. An ordinance, or law, enacted by the emperor without the senate; belonging to the class of constitutio principis. Inst. 1, 2, 6. An edict was a mere voluntary constitution of the emperor; differing from a rescript, in not being returned in the way of answer; and from a decree, in not being given in judgment; and from both, in not being founded upon solicitation. Tayl. Civil Law, 233.

A general order published by the praetor, on entering upon his office, containing the system of rules by which he would administer justice during the year of his office. Dig. 1, 2, 2, 10; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 33. Tayl. Civil Law, 214. See Calvin.

—Edictum annuum. The annual edict or system of rules promulgated by a Roman praetor immediately upon assuming his office, setting forth the principles by which he would administer justice during the year of his office. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 36—Edictum Theodorici. The perpetual edict. A compilation or system of law in fifty books, digested by Julian, a lawyer of great eminence under the reign of Adrian, from the praetor's edicts and other parts of the Justinianus. The result which an instrument between parties will produce in their relative rights, or which a statute will produce upon the existing law, as discovered from the language used, the forms employed, or other materials for construing it.

The phrases "take effect," "be in force," "go into operation," etc., have been used interchangeably ever since the organization of the state. Maize v. State, 4 Ind. 342.

EFFECT. The result which an instrument between parties will produce in their relative rights, or which a statute will produce upon the existing law, as discovered from the language used, the forms employed, or other materials for construing it.

In wills. The word "effects" is equivalent to "property," or "worldly substance," and, if used simpliciter, as in a gift of "all my effects," will carry the whole personal estate. Ves. Jr. 507; Ward, Leg. 206. The addition of the words "real and personal" will extend it so as to embrace the whole of the testator's real and personal estate. Hogan v. Jackson, Cwmp. 304; The Alpena (D. C.) 7 Fed. 361.

This is a word often found in wills, and, being equivalent to "property," or "worldly substance," its force depends greatly upon the association of the adjectives "real" and "personal." "Real and personal effects"
would embrace the whole estate; but the word "effects" alone must be confined to personal estate simply, unless an intention appears to the contrary. Schouler, Wills, § 609. See Adams v. Akerlund, 168 Ill. 632, 48 N. E. 454; Ennis v. Smith, 14 How. 409, 14 L. Ed. 472.

Effectus sequitur causam. Wing. 226. The effect follows the cause.

EFFENDI. In Turkish language. Master; a title of respect.

EFFICIENT CAUSE. The working cause; that cause which produces effects or results; an intervening cause, which produces results which would not have come to pass except for its interposition, and for which, therefore, the person who set in motion the original chain of causes is not responsible. Central Coal & Iron Co. v. Pearce (Ky.) 80 S. W. 450; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. Laack, 143 111, 242, 32 N. E. 285, 18 L. R. A. 215.

EFFIGY. The corporeal representation of a person.

To make the effigy of a person with an intent to make him the object of ridicule is a libel. 2 Chit Crim. Law, 866.

EFFLUX. The running of a prescribed period of time to its end; expiration by lapse of time. Particularly applied to the termination of a lease by the expiration of the term for which it was made.

EFFLUXION OF TIME. When this phrase is used in leases, conveyances, and other like deeds, or in agreements expressed in simple writing, it indicates the conclusion or expiration of an agreed term of years specified in the deed or writing, such conclusion or expiration arising in the natural course of events, in contradistinction to the determination of the term by the acts of the parties or by some unexpected or unusual incident or other sudden event. Brown.

EFFORCIALITER. Forcibly; applied to military force.

EFFRACTION. A breach made by the use of force.

EFFRACTOR. One who breaks through; one who commits a burglary.

EFFUSIO SANGUINIS. In old English law. The shedding of blood; the mulct, fine, utile, or penalty imposed for the shedding of blood, which the king granted to many lords of manors. Cowell; Tomlins. See Bloodwrt.

EFTERS. In Saxon law. Ways, walks, or hedges. Blount
EISDEM MODIS DISSOLVITUR

Eisdem modis dissolvitnr obligatio qua nascitur ex contractu, vel quasi, quibna eontrabitnr. An obligation which arises from contract, or quasi contract, is dissolved in the same ways in which it is contracted. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 19.

EISNE. The senior; the oldest son. Spelled, also, “eigne,” “einsne,” “aisne,” “eign.” Termes de la Ley; Kelham.

EISNETIA, EINETIA. The share of the oldest son. The portion acquired by primogeniture. 'Termes de la Ley; Co. Litt. 1665; Cowell.

EITHER. May be used in the sense of "each." Chidester v. Railway Co., 59 Ill. 87.

This word does not mean "all;" but does mean one or the other of two or more specified things. Ft. Worth St. R. Co. v. Rosedale St. R. Co., 68 Tex. 169, 4 S. W. 534.

EJECT. To cast, or throw out; to oust, or dispossess; to put or turn out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 198, 199, 200. See Bohannon v. Southern Ry. Co., 112 Ky. 106, 65 S. W. 169.

EJECTA. In old English law. A woman ravished or deflowered, or cast forth from the virtuous. Blount.

EJECTION. A turning out of possession. 3 Bl. Comm. 199.

EJECTIO. In old English law. Ejection of ward. This phrase, which is the Latin equivalent for the French "ejectment de garde," was the title of a writ which lay for a guardian when turned out of any land of his ward during the minority of the latter. Brown.

EJECTIO FIRMAE. Ejection, or ejectment of farm. The name of a writ or action of trespass, which lay at common law where lands or tenements were let for a term of years, and afterwards the lessor, reverser, remainder-man, or any stranger ejected or ousted the lessee of his term, farme, or farm, (psaus a firma ejectt.) In this case the latter might have his writ of ejectment, by which he recovered at first damages for the trespass only, but it was afterwards made a remedy to recover back the term itself, or the remainder of it, with damages. Reg. Orig. 227b; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 220, F', G; 3 Bl. Comm. 199; Litt. § 322; Crabb, Eng. Law, 290, 448. It is the foundation of the modern action of ejectment.

EJECTMENT. At common law, this was the name of a mixed action (springing from the earlier personal action of ejectione firmae) which lay for the recovery of the possession of land, and for damages for the unlawful detention of its possession. The action was highly fictitious, being in theory only for the recovery of a term for years, and brought by a purely fictitious person, as lessee in a supposed lease from the real party in interest. The latter's title, however, must be established in order to warrant a recovery, and the establishment of such title, though nominally a mere incident, is in reality the object of the action. Hence this convenient form of suit came to be adopted as the usual method of trying titles to land. See 3 Bl. Comm. 199. French v. Robb, 67 N. J. Law, 250, 51 Atl. 509, 57 L. R. A. 566, 91 Am. St. Rep. 453; Crockett v. Lashbrook, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 538, 17 Am. Dec. 98; Wilson v. Wightman, 36 App. Div. 41, 55 N. Y. Supp. 506; Hoover v. King, 43 Or. 281, 72 Pac. 890, 65 L. R. A. 790, 99 Am. St. Rep. 754; Hawkins v. Reichert, 28 Cal. 538.

It was the only mixed action at common law, the whole method of proceeding in which was anomalous, and depended on fictions invented and upheld by the court for the convenience of justice, in order to escape from the inconveniences which were found to attend the ancient forms of real and mixed actions.

It is also a form of action by which possessory titles to corporeal hereditaments may be tried and possession obtained.


EJECTOR. One who ejects, puts out, or dispossesses another.

—Casual ejector. The nominal defendant in an action of ejectment; so called because, by a fiction of law peculiar to that action, he is supposed to come casually or by accident upon the premises and to eject the lawful possessor. 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

EJECTUM. That which is thrown up by the sea. Also jetsam, wreck, etc.


EJERCITORIA. In Spanish law. The name of an action lying against a ship's owner, upon the contracts or obligations made by the master for repairs or supplies. It corresponds to the actio exercitoria of the Roman law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.
EJIDOS. In Spanish law. Commons; lands used in common by the inhabitants of a city, pueblo, or town, for pasture, wood, threshing-ground, etc. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

EJURATION. Renouncing or resigning one's place.

Ejus est interpretari cujus est con­ dere. It is his to interpret whose it is to enact. Tayl. Civil Law, 96.

Ejus est nolle, qui potest velle. He who can will, [exercise volition,] has a right to refuse to will, [to withhold consent.] Dig. 50, 7, 3.

Ejus est periculum cujus est domin­ num aut commodum. He who has the dominion or advantage has the risk.

Ejus nulla culpa est, cui parere ne­ cessis sit. No guilt attaches to him who is compelled to obey. Dig. 50, 17, 169, pr. Obedience to existing laws is a sufficient extenuation of guilt before a civil tribunal. Broom, Max. 12, note.

EJUSDEM GENERIS. Of the same kind, class, or nature.

In statutory construction, the "ejusdem generis rule" is that where general words follow an enumeration of persons or things, by words of a particular and specific meaning, such general words are not to be construed in their widest extent, but are to be held as applying only to persons or things of the same general kind or class as those specifically mentioned. Black, Interp. Laws, 141; Cutshaw v. Denver, 19 Colo. App. 341, 75 Pac. 22; Ex parte Le­ land, 1 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 462; Spalding v. People, 172 Ill. 40, 49 N. E. 993.

ELABORARE. In old European law. To gain, acquire, or purchase, as by labor and Industry.

ELABORATUS. Property which is the acquisition of labor. Speelman.

ELDER BRETHREN. A distinguished body of men, elected as masters of Trinity House, an institution incorporated in the reign of Henry VIII., charged with numerous important duties relating to the marine, such as the superintendence of light-houses. Mosley & Whitley; 2 Steph. Comm. 502.

ELDER TITLE. A title of earlier date, but coming simultaneously into operation with a title of younger origin, is called the "elder title," and prevails.

ELDEST. He or she who has the greatest age. The "eldest son" is the first-born son. If there is only one son, he may still be described as the "eldest." L. R. 7 H. L. 644.

Electa una via, non datur recursus ad alteram. He who has chosen one way cannot have recourse to another. 10 Toull. no. 170.


Electio interna libera et spontanea separatio unius rei ab alia, sine compulsione, consistens in animo et voluntate. Dyer, 281. Election is an internal, free, and spontaneous separation of one thing from another, without compulsion, consisting in intention and will.


ELECTION. The act of choosing or selecting one or more from a greater number of persons, things, courses, or rights. The choice of an alternative. State v. Tucker, 54 Ala. 210.

The Internal, free, and spontaneous separation of one thing from another, without compulsion, consisting in intention and will. Dyer, 281.

The selection of one man from among several candidates to discharge certain duties in a state, corporation, or society. Maynard v. District Canvassers, 84 Mich. 228, 47 N. W. 763, 11 L. R. A. 332; Brown v. Philip­ tons, 71 Wis. 293, 35 N. W. 242; Wickersham v. Brittan, 93 Cal. 34, 28 Pac. 792, 15 L. R. A. 106.

The choice which is open to a debtor who is bound in an alternative obligation to select either one of the alternatives.

In equity. The obligation imposed upon a party to choose between two inconsistent or alternative rights or claims, in cases where there is clear intention of the person from whom he derives one that he should not enjoy both. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1075; Bliss v. Geer, 7 Ill. App. 617; Norwood v. Lassiter, 132 N. C. 52, 43 S. E. 506; Salt­ etine v. Insurance Co., 79 Wis. 580, 48 N. W. 855, 12 L. R. A. 690.

The doctrine of election presupposes a plurality of gifts or rights, with an intention, express or implied, of the party who has a right to control one or both, that one should be a substitute for the other. 1 Swanst. 394, note 6/3 Wood. Lect 491; 2 Rep. Leg. 480-578.

In practice. The liberty of choosing (or the act of choosing) one out of several means
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afforded by law for the redress of an injury, or one out of several available forms of action. Amy v. Harris, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 175.

In criminal law. The choice, by the prosecution, upon which of several counts in an indictment (charging distinct offenses of the same degree, but not parts of a continuous series of acts) it will proceed. Jackson v. State, 95 Ala. 17, 10 South. 657.

In the law of wills. A widow's election is her choice whether she will take under the will or under the statute; that is, whether she will accept the provision made for her in the will, and acquiesce in her husband's disposition of his property, or disregard it and claim what the law allows her. In re Cunningham's Estate, 137 Pa. 621, 20 Atl. 714, 21 Am. St. Rep. 901; Sill v. Sill, 31 Kan. 245, 1 Pac. 556; Burroughs v. De Couts, 70 Cal. 301, 11 Pac. 734.

—Election auditors. In English law. Officers annually appointed, to whom was committed the duty of taking the sworn accounts of all expenses incurred at parliamentary elections. See 17 & 18 Vict. c. 102, §§ 18, 26, 27. E. An election to be held by 26 Vict. c. 29, which throws the duty of preparing the accounts on the declared agent of the candidate, and the duty of publishing an abstract of it on the returning officer. Wharton.—Election district. A subdivision of territory, whether of state, county, or city, the boundaries of which are fixed by law, for conduction of elections. Chace v. Miller, 41 Pa. 420; Lane v. Otis, 68 N. J. Law, 656, 54 Atl. 442.—Election dossier. A name sometimes given to the provision which a law or statute makes for a widow in case she "elects" to reject the provision made for her in the will and take what the statute accords. Adams v. Adams, 138 Mo. 396, 82 S. W. 66.

—Election judges. In English law. Judges of the high court selected in pursuance of 31 & 33 Vict. c. 120, §§ 11, and Jud. Act 1875, §§ 38, for the government of elections.—Election petitions. Petitions for inquiry into the validity of elections of members of parliament, when it is alleged that the return of a member is invalid for bribery or any other reason. These petitions are heard by a judge of one of the common-law divisions of the high court.—Election proclamation. The proclamation made by a person who may, under a will or other instrument, have either one of two alternative rights or benefits, but not both. Peters v. Bain, 133 U. S. 670, 10 Sup. Ct. 864, 33 L. Ed. 606; Drake v. Wild, 70 Vt. 52, 59 Atl. 248.—General election. (1) One at which the officers to be elected are such as belong to the general government—that is, the general and central political organization of the whole state; as distinguished from an election of officers for a particular locality only. (2) One held for the election of an officer after the expiration of the full term of the former officer; thus distinguished from a special election, which is one held for the election of an officer before the expiration of the full term for which the incumbent was elected. State v. King, 17 Mo. 294, 6 Sup. Ct. 894; v. State, 56 Atl. 1065; Mackin v. State, 62 Md. 247; Kenfield v. Irwin, 52 Cal. 169.—Primary election. An election by the voters of a ward, precinct, or incorporated village, district, belonging to a particular party, of representatives or delegates to a convention which is to meet and nominate the candidates of their party to stand at an approaching municipal or general election. See State v. Hirsch, 125 Ind. 207, 24 N. E. 1062, 9 L. R. A. 170; People v. Cavanaugh, 112 Cal. 678, 44 Pac. 1067; State v. Woodruff, 68 N. J. Law, 58, 52 Atl. 294.—Regular election. A general, usual, or state election. When applied to elections, the terms "regular" and "general" are used interchangeably and synonymously. The word "regular" is used in reference to a general election occurring throughout the state. State v. Conrades, 45 Mo. 47; Ward v. Clark, 33 Kan. 315, 10 Pac. 827; People v. Babcock, 123 Cal. 297, 55 Pac. 1017.—Special election. An election for a particular emergency; out of the regular course; as one held to fill a vacancy arising by death of the incumbent of the office.

Electones flant rite et libere sine interruptione aliqua. Elections should be made in due form, and freely, without any interruption. 2 Inst. 169.

ELECTIVE. Dependent upon choice; bestowed or passing by election. Also pertaining or relating to elections; conferring the right or power to vote at elections.

—Electoral franchise. The right of voting at public elections; the privilege of qualified voters to vote for the candidates they favor at elections authorized by law. Parks v. State, 100 Ala. 634, 13 South. 756; People v. Barber, 48 Hun. (N. Y.) 198; State v. Staten, 6 Cold. (Tenn.) 255.—ELECTIVE office. One which is to be filled by popular election. Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 104, c. 11, § 1.

ELECTOR. A duly qualified voter; one who has a vote in the choice of any officer; a constituent. Appeal of Cusick, 136 Pa. 450, 20 Atl. 574, 10 L. R. A. 228; Bergevin v. Curtz, 127 Cal. 86, 59 Pac. 312; State v. Tuttle, 33 Wis. 45, 9 N. W. 791. Also the title of certain German princes who formerly had a voice in the election of the German emperors.

—Election of president. Persons chosen by the people at a so-called "presidential election," to elect a president and vice-president of the United States. 

ELECTORAL. Pertaining to electors or elections; composed or consisting of electors.

—Elector al college. The body of princes formerly entitled to elect the emperor of Germany. Also a name sometimes given, in the United States, to the body of electors chosen by the people to elect the president and vice-president. Webster.

ELECTROCUTE. To put to death by passing through the body a current of electricity of high power. This term, descriptive of the method of inflicting the death penalty on convicted criminals in some of the states, is a vulgar neologism of hybrid origin, which should be disowned.

ELEEMOSYNA REGIS, and ELEEMOSYNA ARATRI, or CARUCARUM. A penny which King Ethelred ordered to be paid for every plow in England towards the support of the poor. Leg. Ethel, c. 1.

ELEEMOSYNÆ. Possessions belonging to the church. Blount.
**ELEEMOSYNARIA.** The place in a religious house where the common alms were deposited, and thence by the almoner distributed to the poor.

In old English law. The aumerie, aumbery, or ambry; words still used in common speech in the north of England, to denote a pantry or cupboard. Cowell; Wharton.

The name of an officer (lord almoner) of the English kings, in former times, who distributed the royal alms or bounty. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 23.

**ELEEMOSYNARY.** Relating to the distribution of alms, bounty, or charity; charitable.

**ELEEMOSYNARY corporations.** See Corporations.

**ELEGANTER.** In the civil law. Accurately; with discrimination. Veazie v. Williams, 3 Story 611, 636, Fed. Cas. No. 16,907.

**ELEGIT.** (Lat. He has chosen.) This is the name, in English practice, of a writ of execution first given by the statute of Westm. 2 (13 Edw. I. c. 15) either upon a judgment for a debt or damages or upon the forfeiture of a recognizance taken in the king's court. It is so called because it is in the choice or election of the plaintiff whether he will sue out this writ or a fi. fa. By it the defendant's goods and chattels are appraised and all of them (except oxen and beasts of the plow) are delivered to the plaintiff, at such reasonable appraisement and price, in part satisfaction of his debt. If the goods are not sufficient, then the moieties of his freehold lands, which he had at the time of the judgment given, are also to be delivered to the plaintiff, to hold till out of the rents and profits thereof the debt be levied, or till the defendant's interest be expired.

During this period the plaintiff is called "the choosers." Persons appointed by the court to execute writs of venire, in cases where both the sheriff and coroner are disqualified from acting, and whose duty is to choose—that is, name and return—the jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 355; Co. Litt. 158; 3 Steph. Comm. 597, note. Persons appointed to execute any writ, in default of the sheriff and coroner, are also called "elisors." See Bruner v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 239, 28 Pac. 341.

**ELIGIBLE.** As applied to a candidate for an elective office, this term means capable of being chosen; the subject of selection or choice; and also implies competency to hold the office if chosen. Demaree v. Scotts, 50 Kan. 275, 82 Pac. 1123, 20 L. R. A. 97, 34 Am. St. Rep. 113; Carroll v. Green, 148 Ind. 362, 47 N. E. 223; Searcy v. Grow, 15 Cal. 121; People v. Purdy, 21 App. Div. 66, 47 N. Y. Supp. 601.

**ELIMINATION.** In old English law. The act of banishing or turning out of doors; rejection.

**ELINGUATION.** The punishment of cutting out the tongue.

**ELISORS.** In practice. Electors or choosers. Persons appointed by the court to execute writs of venire, in cases where both the sheriff and coroner are disqualified from acting, and whose duty is to choose—that is, name and return—the jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 355; Co. Litt. 158; 3 Steph. Comm. 597, note. Persons appointed to execute any writ, in default of the sheriff and coroner, are also called "elisors." See Bruner v. Superior Court, 92 Cal. 239, 28 Pac. 341.

**ELL.** A measure of length, answering to the modern yard. 1 Bl. Comm. 275.

**ELOGIUM.** In the civil law. A will or testament.

**ELOIGNE.** In practice. Eloigned; carried away to a distance. The old form of the return made by a sheriff to a writ of replevin, when the chattels have been removed out of the way of the sheriff.

**ELOIGNMENT.** The getting a thing or person out of the way; or removing it to a distance, so as to be out of reach. Garneau v. Mill Co., 8 Wash. 467, 36 Pac. 463.

**ELONGATA.** In practice. Eloigned; carried away to a distance. The old form of the return made by a sheriff to a writ of replevin, stating that the goods or beasts had been eloigned; that is, carried to a distance, to places to him unknown. 3 Bl. Comm. 148; 3 Steph. Comm. 522; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 73, 74; Archb. N. Pract. 532.

**ELONGATUS.** Eloigned. A return made by a sheriff to a writ de homine replegiando, stating that the party to be replevied has been eloigned, or conveyed out of his jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 129.

**ELONGAVIT.** In England, where in a proceeding by foreign attachment the plain-
tiff has obtained judgment of appraisement, but by reason of some act of the garnishee, the goods cannot be appraised, (as where he has removed them from the city, or at sold them, etc.), the sheriff or justice returns that the garnishee has eloged them, i.e., removed them out of the jurisdiction, and on this return (called an "elongavit") judgment is given for the plaintiff that an inquiry be made of the goods eloged. This inquiry is set down for trial, and the assessment is made by a jury after the manner of ordinary issues. Sweet.

ELOPEMENT. The act of a wife who voluntarily deserts her husband to cohabit with another man. 2 Bl. Comm. 130. To constitute an elopement, the wife must not only leave the husband, but go beyond his actual control; for if she abandons the husband, and goes and lives in adultery in a house belonging to him, it is said not to be an elopement. Cogswell v. Tibbetts, 3 N. H. 42.

ELSEWHERE. In another place; in any other place. See 1 Vern. 4, and note.

In shipping articles, this term, following the designation of the port of destination, must be construed either as void for uncertainty or as subordinate to the principal voyage stated in the preceding words. Brown v. Jones, 2 Gall. 477, Fed. Cas. No. 2,017.

ELUVIONS. In old pleading. Spring tides. Townsh. Pl. 197.

EMANCIPATION. The act by which one who was unfree, or under the power and control of another, is set at liberty and made his own master. Fremont v. Sandown, 56 N. H. 306; Porter v. Powell, 79 Iowa, 151, 44 N. W. 206, 7 L. R. A. 176, 18 Am. St. Rep. 393; Varney v. Young, 11 Vt. 258.

In Roman law. The enfranchisement of a son by his father, which was anciently done by the formality of an imaginary sale. This was abolished by Justinian, who substituted the simpler proceeding of a manumission before a magistrate. Inst. 1, 12, 6.

In Louisiana. The emancipation of minors is especially recognized and regulated by law.

In England. The term "emancipation" has been borrowed from the Roman law, and is constantly used in the law of parochial settlements. 7 Adol. & E. (N. S.) 674, note.

Emancipation proclamation. An executive proclamation, declaring that all persons held in slavery in certain designated states and districts were and should remain free. It was issued January 1, 1863, by Abraham Lincoln, as president of the United States and commander in chief.

EMBARGO. A proclamation or order of state, usually issued in time of war or threatened hostilities, prohibiting the departure of ships or goods from some or all the ports of such state until further order. The William King, 2 Wheat. 148, 4 L. Ed. 206; Delano v. Woodford Ins. Co., 10 Mass. 361, 6 Am. Dec. 132; King v. Delaware Ins. Co., 14 Fed. Cas. 516.

Embargo is the hindering or detention by any government of ships of commerce in its ports. If the embargo is laid upon ships belonging to citizens of the state imposing it, it is called "civil embargo." If, as more commonly happens, it is laid upon ships belonging to the enemy, it is called a "hostile embargo." The effect of the latter embargo is that the vessels detained are restored to the rightful owners if no war follows, but are forfeited to the embargooing government if war does follow, the declaration of war being held to relate back to the original seizure and detention. Brown.

The temporary or permanent sequestration of the property of individuals for the purposes of a government, e.g., to obtain vessels for the transport of troops, the owners being reimbursed for this forced service. Man. Int. Law, 143.

EMBASSADOR. See AMBASSADOR.

EMBASSAGE, or EMBASSE. The message or commission given by a sovereign or state to a minister, called an "ambassador," empowered to treat or communicate with another sovereign or state; also the establishment of an ambassador.

EMBER DAYS. In ecclesiastical law. Those days which the ancient fathers called "quatuor tempora jejunnii" are of great antiquity in the church. They are observed on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday next after Quadragesima Sunday, or the first Sunday in Lent, after Whitsuntide, Holyrood Day, in September, and St. Lucy's Day, about the middle of December. Brit. c. 53. Our almanacs give the weeks in which they fall the "Ember Weeks," and they are now chiefly noticed on account of the ordination of priests and deacons; because the canon appoints the Sundays next after the Ember weeks for the solemn times of ordination, though the bishops, if they please, may ordain on any Sunday or holiday. Enc. Lond.


Embezzlement is the fraudulent appropriation of property by a person to whom it has

Embezzlement is a species of larceny, and the term is applicable to cases of furtive and fraudulent appropriation by clerks, servants, or carriers of property coming into their possession by virtue of their employment. It is distinguished from "larceny," properly so called, as being committed in respect of property which is not at the time in the actual or legal possession of the owner. People v. Burr, 41 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 294; 4 Steph. Comm. 168.

Embezzlement is not an offense at common law, but was created by statute. "Embezzle" includes in its meaning appropriation to one's own use, and therefore the use of the single word "embezzle," in the indictment or information, contains within itself the charge that the defendant appropriated the money or property to his own use. State v. Wolff, 34 La. Ann. 1153.

EMBLEMATA TRIBONIANI. In the Roman law. Alterations, modifications, and additions to the writings of the older jurists, selected to make up the body of the Pandects, introduced by Tribonian and his associates who constituted the commission appointed for that purpose, with a view to harmonize contradictions, excudt obsolete matter, and make the whole conform to the law as understood in Justinian's time, were called by this name. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 71.

EMBLEMATA. The vegetable chattels called "emblements" are the corn and other growth of the earth which are produced annually, not spontaneously, but by labor and industry, and thence are called "fructus industriales." Reiff v. Reiff, 64 Pa. 137.

The growing crops of those vegetable productions of the soil which are annually produced by the labor of the cultivator. They are deemed personal property, and pass as such to the executor or administrator of the occupier, whether he were the owner in fee, or for life, or for years, if he die before he has actually cut, reaped, or gathered the same; and this, although being affixed to the soil, they might for some purposes be considered, while growing, as part of the realty. Wharton.

The term also denotes the right of a tenant to take and carry away, after his tenancy has ended, such annual products of the land as have resulted from his own care and labor.

Emblems are the away-going crop; in other words, the crop which is upon the ground and unreaped when the tenant goes away, his lease having determined; and the right to emblems is the right in the tenant to take away the away-going crop, and for that purpose to come upon the land, and do all other necessary things thereon. Brown; Wood v. Nock, 64 Wis. 388, 54 N. W. 785; Davis v. Brocklebank, 9 N. H. 73; Cottle v. Spitzer, 65 Cal. 456, 4 Pac. 435, 52 Am. Rep. 305; Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W. 36, 16 L. R. A. 103, 52 Am. St. Rep. 374.

EMPLERS DE GENTZ. L. Fr. A stealing from the people. The phrase occurs in the old rolls of parliament: "Whereas divers murders, emblers de gentz, and robberies are committed," etc.

EMBOLISM. In medical jurisprudence. The mechanical obstruction of an artery or capillary by some body traveling in the blood current, as, a blood-clot (embolus), a globule of fat, or an air-bubble.

Embolism is to be distinguished from "thrombosis," a thrombus being a clot of blood formed in the heart or a blood vessel in consequence of some impediment of the circulation from pathological causes, as distinguished from mechanical causes, for example, an alteration of the blood or walls of the blood vessels. When embolism occurs in the brain (called "cerebral embolism") there is more or less coagulation of the blood in the surrounding parts, and there may be apoplectic shock or paralysis of the brain, and its functional activity may be so far disturbed as to cause entire or partial insanity. See Cundall v. Haswell, 23 R. I. 508, 51 Atl. 426.

EMBRACER. A person guilty of the offense of embracery, (q. v.) See Co. Litt. 369.

EMBRACERY. In criminal law. This offense consists in the attempt to influence a jury corruptly to one side or the other, by promises, persuasions, entreaties, entertainments, douceurs, and the like. The person guilty of it is called an "embracer." Brown; State v. Williams, 130 Mo. 296, 38 S. W. 75; Granniss v. Brown, 5 Day (Conn.) 274, 5 Am. Dec. 143; State v. Brown, 95 N. C. 686; Brown v. Beauchamp, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 415, 17 Am. Dec. 81.

EMENDA. Amends; something given in reparation for a trespass; or, in old Saxon times, in compensation for an injury or crime. Spelman.

EMENDALS. An old word still made use of in the accounts of the society of the Inner Temple, where so much in emendals at the foot of an account on the balance thereof signifies so much money in the bank or stock of the houses, for reparation of losses, or other emergent occasions. Spelman.

EMENDARE. In Saxon law. To make amends or satisfaction for any crime or trespass committed; to pay a fine; to be fined. Spelman. Emendare se, to redeem, or ransom one's life, by payment of a wergild.

EMENDATIO. In old English law. Amendment, or correction. The power of amending and correcting abuses, according to certain rules and measures. Cowell.

In Saxon law. A pecuniary satisfaction for an injury; the same as emenda, (q. v.) Speluam.

—Emendatio panis et cerevisiae. In old English law. The power of supervising and correcting the weights and measures of bread and ale, (assisting bread and beer.) Cowell.
EMERGE. To arise; to come to light. "Unless a matter happen to emerge after issue joined." Hale, Anal. § 1.

EMERGENT YEAR. The epoch or date whence any people begin to compute their time.

EMIGRANT. One who quits his country for any lawful reason, with a design to settle elsewhere, and who takes his family and property, if he has any, with him. Vattel, b. 1, c. 19, § 224. See Williams v. Fears, 110 Ga. 584, 35 S. E. 699, 50 L. R. A. 685; The Danube (D. C.) 55 Fed. 995.

EMIGRATION. The act of changing one's domicile from one country or state to another.

It is to be distinguished from "expatriation." The latter means the abandonment of one's country and renunciation of one's citizenship in it, while emigration denotes merely the removal of person and property to a foreign state. The former is usually the consequence of the latter. Emigration is also used of the removal from one section to another of the same country.

EMINENCE. An honorary title given to cardinals. They were called "Illustrissimi" and "reverendissimi" until the pontificate of Urban VIII.


The right of eminent domain is the right of the state, through its regular organization, to reassert, either temporarily or permanently, its dominion over any portion of the soil of the state on account of public exigency and for the public good. Thus, in time of war or insurrection, the proper authorities may possess and hold any part of the territory of the state for the common safety; and in time of peace the legislature may authorize the appropriation of the same to public purposes, such as the opening of roads, construction of defenses, or providing channels for trade or travel. Code Ga. 1882, § 2222.

The right of society, or of the sovereign, to dispose, in case of necessity, and for the public safety, of all the wealth contained in the state, is called "eminent domain." Jones v. Walker, 2 Paine, 688, Fed. Cas. No. 7,057.

Eminent domain is the highest and most exact idea of property remaining in, the government, or in the aggregate body of the people in their sovereign capacity. It gives a right to resume the possession of the property in the manner directed by the constitution and the laws of the state, whenever the public interest requires it. Beekman v. Saratoga & S. R. Co., 3 Paige (N. Y.) 45, 73, 22 Am. Dec. 670.

"The exaction of money from individuals under the right of taxation, and the appropriation of such private property by virtue of the power of eminent domain, must not be confused. In paying taxes the citizen contributes his just and ascertained share to the expenses of the government under which he lives. But when his property is taken under the power of eminent domain, he is compelled to surrender to the public something above and beyond his due proportion for the public benefit. The matter is special. It is in the nature of a compulsory sale to the state." Black, Tax-Titles, § 3.

The term "eminent domain" is sometimes (but inaccurately) applied to the land, buildings, etc., owned directly by the government, and which have not yet passed into any private ownership. This species of property is much better designated as the "public domain," or "national domain."

EMISSARY. A person sent upon a mission as the agent of another; also a secret agent sent to ascertain the sentiments and designs of others, and to propagate opinions favorable to his employer.

EMISSION. In medical jurisprudence. The ejection or throwing out of any secretion or other matter from the body; the expulsion of urine, semen, etc.

EMIT. In American law. To put forth or send out; to issue. "No state shall emit bills of credit." Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10. To issue; to give forth with authority; to put into circulation. See BILL OF CREDIT.

The word "emit" is never employed in describing those contracts by which a state binds itself to pay money at a future day for services actually received, or for money borrowed for present use. Nor are instruments executed for such purposes, in common language, "emitted." The word "emit" is here "emitted." "To emit bills of credit" conveys to the mind the idea of issuing paper intended to circulate through the community for ordinary purposes, as money, which paper is redeemable at a future day. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 316, 9 L. Ed. 709; Craig v. Missouri, 4 Pet. 418, 7 L. Ed. 609; Ramsey v. Cox, 28 Ark. 369; Houston & T. C. R. Co. v. Texas, 177 U. S. 66, 20 Sup. Ct. 545, 44 L. Ed. 673.

EMMENAGOGUES. In medical jurisprudence. The name of a class of medicines supposed to have the property of promoting the menstrual discharge, and sometimes used for the purpose of procuring abortion.

EMOLUMENT. The profit arising from office or employment; that which is received as a compensation for services, or which is annexed to the possession of office as salary, fees, and perquisites; advantage; gain, public or private. Webster, Any perquisite,
EMOTIONAL INSANITY


EMOTIONAL INSANITY. The species of mental aberration produced by a violent excitement of the emotions or passions, though the reasoning faculties may remain unimpaired. See INSANITY.

EMPALMENT. In ancient law. A mode of inflicting punishment, by thrusting a sharp pole up the fundament. Enc. Lond.

EMPANEL. See IMPANEL.

EMPARRANCE. See IMPARLANCE.


EMPEROR. The title of the sovereign ruler of an empire. This designation was adopted by the rulers of the Roman world after the decay of the republic, and was assumed by those who claimed to be their successors in the "Holy Roman Empire," as also by Napoleon. It is now used as the title of the monarch of some single countries, as lately in Brazil, and some composite states, as Germany and Austria-Hungary, and by the king of England as "Emperor of India." The title "emperor" seems to denote a power and dignity superior to that of a "king." It appears to be the appropriate style of the executive head of a federal government, constructed on the monarchial principle, and comprising in its organization several distinct kingdoms or other quasi sovereign states; as is the case with the German empire at the present day.

EMPHYTEUSIS. In the Roman and civil law. A contract by which a landed estate was leased to a tenant, either in perpetuity or for a long term of years, upon the reservation of an annual rent or canon, and upon the condition that the lessee should improve the property, by building, cultivating, or otherwise, and with a right in the lessee to alien the estate at pleasure or pass it to his heirs by descent, and free from any reversion, re-entry, or claim of forfeiture on the part of the grantor, except for non-payment of the rent. Inst. 3, 25, 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 232; Maine, Anc. Law, 280.

The right, granted by such a contract, (i.e., emphyteuticum, or emphyteuticarium.) The real right by which a person is entitled to enjoy another's estate as if it were his own, and to dispose of its substance, as far as can be done without deteriorating it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 326.

EMPHYTEUTA. In the civil law. The person to whom an emphyteusis is granted; the lessee or tenant under a contract of emphyteusis.

EMPHYTEUTICUS. In the civil law. Founded on, growing out of, or having the character of, an emphyteusis; held under an emphyteusis. 3 Bl. Comm. 232.

EMPIRE. The dominion or jurisdiction of an emperor; the region over which the dominion of an emperor extends; imperial power; supreme dominion; sovereign command.

EMPIRIC. A practitioner in medicine or surgery, who proceeds on experience only, without science or legal qualification; a quack. Nelson v. State Board of Health, 108 Ky. 769, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 338; Parks v. State, 159 Ind. 211, 64 N. E. 802, 59 L. R. A. 190.

EMPLAZAMIENTO. In Spanish law. A summons or citation, issued by authority of a judge, requiring the person to whom it is addressed to appear before the tribunal at a designated day and hour.

EMPLAED. To indict; to prefer a charge against; to accuse.

EMPLAI. In French law. Equitable conversion. When property covered by the régime dotal is sold, the proceeds of the sale must be reinvested for the benefit of the wife. It is the duty of the purchaser to see that the price is so reinvested. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 557.

EMPLOY. To engage in one's service; to use as an agent or substitute in transacting business; to commission and intrust with the management of one's affairs; and, when used in respect to a servant or hired laborer, the term is equivalent to hiring, which implies a request and a contract for a compensation, and has but this one meaning when used in the ordinary affairs and business of life. McCluskey v. Cromwell, 11 N. Y. 605; Murray v. Walker, 83 Iowa, 202, 48 N. W. 1075; Malloy v. Board of Education, 102 Cal. 642, 36 Pac. 948; Gurney v. Railroad Co., 58 N. Y. 371.

EMPLOYED. This signifies both the act of doing a thing and the being under contract or orders to do it. U. S. v. Morris, 14 Pet. 475, 10 L. Ed. 543; U. S. v. The Catherine, 2 Pal. 721, Fed. Cas. No. 14,755.

EMPLOYEE. This word "is from the French, but has become somewhat naturalised in our language. Strictly and etymologically, it means 'a person employed,' but, in practice in the French language, it ordinarily is used to signify a person in some official employment, and as generally used with us, though perhaps not confined to any other
cial employment, it is understood to mean some permanent employment or position." The word is more extensive than "clerk" or "officer." It signifies any one in place, or having charge or using a function, as well as one in office. See Ritter v. State, 111 Ind. 324, 12 N. E. 501; Palmer v. Van Santvoord, 153 N. Y. 612, 47 N. E. 915, 38 L. R. A. 402; Frick Co. v. Norfolk & O. V. R. Co., 86 Fed. 793, 32 C. C. A. 31; People v. Board of Police, 75 N. Y. 38; Finance Co v. Charleston, C. & C. R. Co. (C. C.) 52 Fed. 527; State v. Sarlis, 135 Ind. 195, 34 N. E. 1129; Hopkins v. Cromwell, 80 App. Div. 481, 55 N. Y. Supp. 889.

EMPLOYER. One who employs the services of others; one for whom employees work and who pays their wages or salaries.

—Employers' Liability acts. Statutes defining or limiting the occasions and the extent to which employers shall be liable in damages for injuries to their employees occurring in the course of the employment, and particularly (in recent times) abolishing the common-law rule that the employer is not liable if the injury is caused by the fault or negligence of a fellow servant.

EMPLOYMENT. This word does not necessarily import an engagement or rendering services for another. A person may as well be "employed" about his own business as in the transaction of the same for a principal. State v. Canton, 43 Mo. 51.

EMPORIUM. A place for wholesale trade in commodities carried by sea. The name is sometimes applied to a seaport town, but it properly signifies only a particular place in such a town. Smith, Dict. Antiq.

EMPRESARIOS. In Mexican law. Undertakers or promoters of extensive enterprises, aided by concessions or monopolistic grants from government; particularly, persons receiving extensive land grants in consideration of their bringing emigrants into the country and settling them on the lands, with a view of increasing the population and developing the resources of the country. U. S. v. Maxwell Land-Grant Co., 121 U. S. 325, 7 Sup. Ct. 1015, 30 L. Ed. 949.

EMPRESTITO. In Spanish law. A loan. Something lent to the borrower at his request. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 18, l. 70.

EMPTIO. In the Roman and civil law. The act of buying; a purchase.

—Emptio honorum. A species of forced assignment for the benefit of creditors; being a public sale of an insolvent debtor's estate whereby the purchaser succeeded to all his property, rights, and claims, and became responsible for his debts and liabilities to the extent of a quota fixed before the transfer. See Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 521.—Emptio et venditio. Purchase and sale; sometimes translated "emption and vendition." The name of the contract of sale in the Roman law. Inst. 3, 23; Bract. fol. 61b. Sometimes made a compound word, emptio-venditio.—Emptio rei operatim. A purchase in the hope of an uncertain future profit; the purchase of a thing not yet in existence or not yet in the possession of the seller, as, the cast of a net or a crop to be grown, and the price of which is to depend on the actual gain. On the other hand, if the price is fixed and not subject to fluctuation, but is to be paid whether the gain be greater or less, it is called emptio spei. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 400.

EMPOR TO. Lat. A buyer or purchaser. Used in the maxim "caveat emptor," let the buyer beware; i.e., the buyer of an article must be on his guard and take the risks of his purchase.

Emptor emit quam minimo potest, venditor vendit quam maximu potest. The buyer purchases for the lowest price he can; the seller sells for the highest price he can. 2 Kent. Comm. 486.

EMTIO. In the civil law. Purchase. This form of the word is used in the Digests and Code. Dig. 18, 1; Cod. 4, 49. See Empto.

EMTOR. In the civil law. A buyer or purchaser; the buyer. Dig. 18, 1; Cod. 4, 49.

EMTrix. In the civil law. A female purchaser; the purchaser. Cod. 4, 54, 1.

EN ARERE. L. Fr. In time past. 2 Inst. 506.

EN AUTRE DROIT. In the right of another. See Auter Droit.

EN BANKE. L. Fr. In the bench. 1 Anders. 51.

EN BREVET. In French law. An acte is said to be en brevet when a copy of it has not been recorded by the notary who drew it.

EN DECLARATION DE SIMULATION. A form of action used in Louisiana. Its object is to have a contract declared judicially a simulation and a nullity, to remove a cloud from the title, and to bring back, for any legal purpose, the thing sold to the estate of the true owner. Edwards v. Ballard, 20 La. Ann. 169.

EN DEMEURE. In default. Used in Louisiana of a debtor who fails to pay on demand according to the terms of his obligation. See Bryan v. Cox, 3 Mart. (La. N. S.) 574.

En eschange il covient que les estates soient egales. Co. Litt. 50. In an exchange it is desirable that the estates be equal.

EN FAIT. Fr. In fact; in deed; actually.

EN GROS. Fr. In gross. Total; by wholesale.
EN JUICIO. Span. Judicially; in a court of law; in a suit at law. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 8, c. 1.

EN MASSE. Fr. In a mass; in a lump; at wholesale.

EN MORT MEYNE. L. Fr. In a dead hand; in mortmain. Britt. c. 43.

EN OWEL MAIN. L. Fr. In equal hand. The word "oesel" occurs also in the phrase "oeselty of partition."

EN RECOUVREMENT. Fr. In French law. An expression employed to denote that an indorsement made in favor of a person does not transfer to him the property in the bill of exchange, but merely constitutes an authority to such person to recover the amount of the bill. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 558.

EN ROUTE. Fr. On the way; in the course of a voyage or journey; in course of transportation. McLean v. U. S., 17 Ct. Cl. 90.

EN VENTRE SA MERE. L. Fr. In its mother's womb. A term descriptive of an unborn child. For some purposes the law regards an infant "in utero" as in being. It may take a legacy; have a guardian; an estate may be limited to its use, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 130.

EN VIE. L. Fr. In life; alive. Brit. c. 50.

ENABLING POWER. When the donor of a power, who is the owner of the estate, confers upon persons not seised of the fee the right of creating interests to take effect out of it, which could not be done by the donee of the power unless by such authority, this is called an "enabling power." 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1928.

ENABLING STATUTE. The act of 32 Henry VIII. c. 28, by which tenants in tail, husbands seised in right of their wives, and others, were empowered to make leases for their lives or for twenty-one years, which they could not do before. 2 Bl. Comm. 319; Co. Litt. 446. The phrase is also applied to any statute enabling persons or corporations to do what before they could not.

ENACH. In Saxon law. The satisfaction for a crime; the recompense for a fault. Skene.

ENACT. To establish by law; to perform or effect; to decree. The usual introductory formula in making laws is, "Be it enacted." In re Senate File, 25 Neb. 864, 41 N. W. 981.

ENAJENACION. In Spanish and Mexican law. Alienation; transfer of property. The act by which the property in a thing, by lucrative title, is transferred, as a donation; or by onerous title, as by sale or barter. In a more extended sense, the term comprises also the contracts of emphyteusis, pledge, and mortgage, and even the creation of a servitude upon an estate. Escriche; Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 98.

ENBREVER. L. Fr. To write down in short; to abbreviate, or in old language, "imbreviate; to put into a schedule. Brit. c. 1.

ENCAUSTUM. In the civil law. A kind of ink or writing fluid appropriate to the use of the emperor. Cod. 1, 23, 6.

ENCEINTE. Pregnant. See PREGNANCY.

ENCHESON. The occasion, cause, or reason for which anything is done. Termes de la Ley.

ENCLOSE. In the Scotch law. To shut up a jury after the case has been submitted to them. 2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 634. See ENCLOSER.

ENCLOSURE. See ENCLOSURE.

ENCOMIENDA. In Spanish law. A grant from the crown to a private person of a certain portion of territory in the Spanish colonies, together with the concession of a certain number of the native inhabitants, on the feudal principle of commendation. 2 Woods. Pol. Science, 161, 162. Also a royal grant of privileges to the military orders of Spain.

ENCOURAGE. In criminal law. To instigate; to incite to action; to give courage to; to inspirit; to embolden; to raise confidence; to make confident. Comitez v. Parkerson (C. C.) 50 Fed. 170; True v. Com., 90 Ky. 651, 14 S. W. 684; Johnson v. State, 4 Sneed (Tenn.) 621.

ENCROACH. To gain unlawfully upon the lands, property, or authority of another; as if one man presses upon the grounds of another too far, or if a tenant owe two shillings rent-service, and the lord exact three. So, too, the Spencers were said to identify it as an act of legislation proceeding from the proper legislative authority. Various formulas are used for this clause, such as "Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in general assembly," "Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled," "The general assembly do enact," etc. State v. Patterson, 98 N. C. 680, 4 S. E. 350; Pearce v. Vittum, 193 Ill. 152, 61 N. E. 1114; Territory v. Burns, 6 Mont. 72, 9 Pac. 452.
encroach the king's authority. Blount; Plowd. 946.

In the law of easements. Where the owner of an easement alters the dominant tenure, so as to impose an additional restriction or burden on the servient tenure, he is said to commit an encroachment. Sweet.

ENCROACHMENT. An encroachment upon a street or highway is a fixture, such as a wall or fence, which intrudes into or invades the highway or incloses a portion of it, diminishing its width or area, but without closing it to public travel. State v. Kean, 29 N. H. 122, 45 Atl. 256, 48 L. R. A. 102; State v. Pomeroy, 73 Wis. 664, 41 N. W. 726; Barton v. Campbell, 54 Ohio St. 147, 42 N. E. 698; Grand Rapids v. Hughes, 15 Mich. 57; State v. Leaver, 62 Wis. 387, 22 N. W. 576.

ENCUMBER. See ENCUMBER.

ENCUMBRANCE. See INCUMBRANCE.

END. Object; intent. Things are construed according to the end. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 10.

END LINES. In mining law, the end lines of a claim, as platted or laid down on the ground, are those which mark its boundaries on the shorter dimension, where it crosses the vein, while the "side lines" are those which mark its longer dimension, where it follows the course of the vein. But with reference to extra-lateral rights, if the claim as a whole crosses the vein, instead of following its course, the end lines will become side lines and vice versa. Consolidated Wyoming Gold Min. Co. v. Champion Min. Co. (C. C.) 63 Fed. 549; Del Monte Min. & Mill. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 55, 18 Sup. Ct. 895, 43 L. Ed. 72.

ENDEZIE, or ENDENIZEN. To make free; to enfranchise.

ENDOCARDITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the muscular tissue of the heart.

ENDORSE. See INDORSE.

ENDORSED SCHOOLS. In England, certain schools having endowments are distinctively known as "endowed schools;" and a series of acts of parliament regulating them are known as the "endowed schools acts." Mosley & Whitley.

ENDOWMENT. 1. The assignment of dower; the setting off a woman's dower. 2 Bl. Comm. 135.

2. In appropriations of churches, (in English law,) the setting off a sufficient maintenance for the vicar in perpetuity. 1 Bl. Comm. 387.

3. The act of settling a fund, or permanent pecuniary provision, for the maintenance of a public institution, charity, college, etc.

4. A fund settled upon a public institution, etc., for its maintenance or use.

The words "endowment" and "fund," in a statute exempting from taxation the real estate, the furniture and personal property, and the "endowment or fund" of religious and educational corporations, are ejusdem generis, and intended to comprehend a class of property different from all others, either real or personal. The difference between the words is that "fund" is a general term, including the endowment, while "endowment" means that particular fund, or part of the fund, of the institution, bestowed for its more permanent uses, and usually kept sacred for the purposes desired. The word "endowment" does not, in such an enactment, include real estate. See First Reformed Dutch Church v. Lyon, 32 N. J. Law, 380; Appeal of Wagner Institute, 116 Pa. 340, 45 Atl. 402; Ford v. Rankin, 56 Cal. 159, 24 Pac. 936; Liggett v. Ladd, 17 Or. 80, 21 Pac. 133.

—Endowment policy. In life insurance. A policy which is payable when the insured reaches a given age, or upon his decease, if that occurs earlier. Carr v. Hamilton, 129 U. S. 252, 9 Sup. Ct. 295, 32 L. Ed. 198; State v. Orear, 144 Mo. 157, 45 S. W. 1081.

ENEMY, in public law, signifies either the nation which is at war with another, or a citizen or subject of such nation.

—Alien enemy. An alien, that is, a citizen or subject of a foreign state or power, residing within a given country; is called an "alien ami" if the country where he lives is at peace with the country of which he is a citizen or subject; but if a state of war exists between the two countries, he is called an "alien enemy," and in that character is denied access to the courts or aid from any of the departments of government.—Enemy's property. In international law, and particularly in the usage of prize courts, this term designates any property which is engaged or used in illegal intercourse with the public enemy, whether belonging to an ally or a citizen, as the illegal traffic stamps it with the hostile character and attaches to it all the penal consequences. The Benito Egger, 176 U. S. 568, 20 Sup. Ct. 459, 4 L. Ed. 592; The Sally, 8 Cranch, 382, 3 L. Ed. 597; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 674, 17 L. Ed. 459.


ENFEOFF. To invest with an estate by feoffment. To make a gift of any corporeal hereditaments to another. See FEOFFMENT.

ENFEOFFMENT. The act of investing with any dignity or possession; also the instrument or deed by which a person is invested with possessions.

ENFITEUSIS. In Spanish law. Emphyteusis, (q. v.) See Mulford v. Le Franc, 29 Cal. 103.
ENFORCE. To put into execution; to cause to take effect; to make effective; as, to enforce a writ, a judgment, or the collection of a debt or fine. Breitenbach v. Bush, 44 Pa. 320, 84 Am. Dec. 442; Emery v. Emery, 9 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 132; People v. Christerson, 59 Ill. 158.

ENFRANCHISE. To make free; to incorporate a man in a society or body politic.

ENFRANCHISEMENT. The act of making free; giving a franchise or freedom to; investiture with privileges or capacities of freedom, or municipal or political liberty. Admission to the freedom of a city; admission to political rights, and particularly the right of suffrage. Anciently, the acquisition of freedom by a vassal from his lord.

The word is now used principally either of the manumission of slaves, (q. v.) of giving to a borough or other constituency a right to return a member or members to parliament, or of the conversion of copyhold into freehold. Mozley & Whitley.

Enfranchisement of copyholds. In English law. The conversion of copyhold into freehold tenure, by a conveyance of the fee-simple of the property from the lord of the manor to the copyholder, or by a release from the lord of all seigniorial rights, etc., which destroys the customary descent, and also all rights and privileges annexed to the copyholder's estate. 1 Watk. Coply. 362; 2 Steph. Comm. 51.

ENGAGEMENT. In French law. A contract. The obligation arising from a quasi contract.

The terms "obligation" and "engagement" are said to be synonymous, (17 Toullier, no. 1;) but the Code seems specially to apply the term "engagement" to those obligations which the law imposes on a man without the Intervention of any contract, either on the part of the obligor or the oblige, (article 1370.) An engagement to do or omit to do something amounts to a promise. Rue v. Rue, 21 N. J. Law, 369.

In English practice. The term has been appropriated to denote a contract entered into by a married woman with the intention of binding or charging her separate estate, or, with stricter accuracy, a promise which in the case of a person sui juris would be a contract, but in the case of a married woman is not a contract, because she cannot bind herself personally, even in equity. Her engagements, therefore, merely operate as dispositions or appointments pro tanto of her separate estate. Sweet.

ENGINE. This is said to be a word of very general signification; and, when used in an act, its meaning must be sought out from the act itself, and the language which surrounds it, and also from other acts in pari materia, in which it occurs. Abbott, J., 6 Maule & S. 192. In a large sense, it applies to all utensils and tools which afford the means of carrying on a trade. But in a more limited sense it means a thing of considerable dimensions, of a fixed or permanent nature, analogous to an erection or building. Id. 182. And see Fed. v. Forsberg, 1 App. D. C. 41; Brown v. Benson, 101 Ga. 753, 29 S. E. 218.

ENGLISH. A law was made by Canute, for the preservation of his Danes, that, when a man was killed, the hundred or town should be liable to be amerced, unless it could be proved that the person killed was an Englishman. This proof was called "Enghshire." 1 Hale, P. C. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 195; Spelman.

ENGLISH INFORMATION. In English law. A proceeding in the court of exchequer in matters of revenue.

ENGLISH MARRIAGE. This phrase may refer to the place where the marriage is solemnized, or it may refer to the nationality and domicile of the parties between whom it is solemnized, the place where the union so created is to be enjoyed. 6 Prob. Div. 51.

ENGRAVING. In copyright law. The art of producing on hard material incised or raised patterns, lines, and the like, from which an impression or print is taken. The term may apply to a text or script, but is generally restricted to pictorial illustrations or works connected with the fine arts, not including the reproduction of pictures by means of photography. Wood v. Abbott, 5 Blatchf. 1225, Fed. Cas. No. 17,938; Higgins v. Keuffel, 140 U. S. 428, 11 Sup. Ct. 731, 35 L. Ed. 470; In re American Bank Note Co., 27 Misc. Rep. 572, 58 N. Y. Supp. 276.

ENGROSS. To copy the rude draft of an instrument in a fair, large hand. To write out, in a large, fair hand, on parchment.

In old criminal law. To buy up so much of a commodity on the market as to obtain a monopoly and sell again at a forced price.

ENGROSSER. One who engrosses or writes on parchment in a large, fair hand. One who purchases large quantities of any commodity in order to acquire a monopoly, and to sell them again at high prices.

ENGROSSING. In English law. The getting into one's possession, or buying up, large quantities of corn, or other dead victuals, with intent to sell them again. The total engrossing of any other commodity, with intent to sell it at an unreasonable price. 4 Bl. Comm. 158, 159. This was a misdemeanor, punishable by fine and imprisonment. Steph. Crim. Law, 95. Now repealed by 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.
ENHANCED. This word, taken in an unqualified sense, is synonymous with "increased," and comprehends any increase of value, however caused or arising. Thornburn v. Doscher (C. C.) 32 Fed. 312.

ENHERITANCE. L. Fr. Inheritance.

ENTITIA PARS. The share of the eldest. A term of the English law descriptive of the lot or share chosen by the eldest of co-partners when they make a voluntary partition. The first choice (primer election) belongs to the eldest. Co. Litt. 196.

Enitia pars semper preferenda est propter privilegium statas. Co. Litt. 166. The part of the elder sister is always to be preferred on account of the privilege of age.

ENJOIN. To require; command; positively direct. To require a person, by writ of injunction from a court of equity, to perform, or to abstain or desist from, some act. Clifford v. Stewart, 95 Me. 38, 49 Atl. 52; Lawrence v. Cooke, 32 Hun, 126.

ENJOYMENT. The exercise of a right; the possession and fruition of a right, privilege, or incorporeal hereditament.

—Adverse enjoyment. The possession or exercise of an easement, under a claim of right against the owner of the land out of which such easement is derived. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 42; Cox v. Forrest, 60 Md. 79.—Enjoyment, quiet, covenant for. See COVENANT.

ENLARGE. To make larger; to increase; to extend a time limit; to grant further time. Also to set at liberty one who has been imprisoned or in custody.

ENLARGER L'ESTATE. A species of release which inures by way of enlarging an estate, and consists of a conveyance of the ulterior interest to the particular tenant; as if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he in remainder releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fea. 1 Steph. Comm. 518.

ENLARGING. Extending, or making more comprehensive; as an enlarging statute, which is a remedial statute enlarging or extending the common law. 1 Bl. Comm. 86, 87.

ENLISTMENT. The act of one who voluntarily enters the military or naval service of the government, contracting to serve in a subordinate capacity. Morrissey v. Perry, 137 U. S. 157, 11 Sup. Ct. 57, 34 L. Ed. 644; Babbitt v. U. S., 16 Ct. Cl. 213; Erichson v. Beach, 40 Conn. 286.

The words "enlist" and "enlistment," in law, as in common usage, may signify either the complete fact of entering into the military service, or the first step taken by the recruit to-wards that end. When used in the former sense, as in statutes conferring a right to compel the military service of enlisted men, the enlistment is not deemed completed until the man has been mustered into the service. Tyler v. Pomeroy, 8 Allen (Mass.) 430.

Enlistment does not include the entry of a person into the military service under a commission as an officer. Hilliard v. Stewarts-town, 48 N. H. 280.

Enlisted applies to a drafted man as well as a volunteer, whose name is duly entered on the military rolls. Sheffield v. Otis, 107 Mass. 282.

ENORMIA. In old practice and pleading. Unlawful or wrongful acts; wrongs. Et alia enormia, and other wrongs. This phrase constantly occurs in the old writs and declarations of trespass.


ENPLEET. Anciently used for implead. Cowell.

ENQUÊTE, or ENQUEST. In canon law. An examination of witnesses, taken down in writing, by or before an authorized judge, for the purpose of gathering testimony to be used on a trial.

ENREGISTREMENT. In French law. Registration. A formality which consists in inscribing on a register, specially kept for the purpose by the government, a summary analysis of certain deeds and documents. At the same time that such analysis is inscribed upon the register, the clerk places upon the deed a memorandum indicating the date upon which it was registered, and at the side of such memorandum an impression is made with a stamp. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 538.

ENROLL. To register; to make a record; to enter on the rolls of a court; to transcribe. Ream v. Com., 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 209.

—Enrolled Bill. In legislative practice, a bill which has been duly introduced, finally passed by both houses, signed by the proper officers of each, approved by the governor (or president) and filed by the secretary of state. Sedgwick County Com'ts v. Bailey, 13 Kan. 609.

ENROLLMENT. In English law. The registering or entering on the rolls of chancery, king's bench, common pleas, or exchequer, or by the clerk of the peace in the records of the quarter sessions, of any lawful act; as a recognizance, a deed of bargain and sale, and the like. Jacob.

ENROLLMENT OF VESSELS. In the laws of the United States on the subject of merchant shipping, the recording and certification of vessels employed in coastwise or inland navigation; as distinguished from the "registration" of vessels employed in foreign commerce. U. S. v. Leetzel, 3 Wall. 593. 18 L. Ed. 67.
ENTAILS. A creature of the law; an artificial being, as contrasted with a natural person. Applied to corporations, considered as deriving their existence entirely from the law.

ENSCHEDULE. To insert in a list, account, or writing.

ENSEAL. To seal. Ensealing is still used as a formal word in conveyancing.

ENSEVER. L. Fr. To make subject to a service or servitude. Brit. c. 54.

ENTAIL, v. To settle or limit the succession to real property; to create an estate tail.

ENTAIL, n. A fee abridged or limited to the issue, or certain classes of issue, instead of descanding to all the heirs. 1 Wash. Real Prop. 65; Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 112, note.

Entail, in legal treatises, is used to signify an estate tail, especially with reference to the restraint which such an estate imposes upon its owner, or, in other words, the points where in such an estate differs from an estate in fee-simple. And this is often its popular sense; but sometimes it is, in popular language, used differently, so as to signify a succession of life estates, as when it is said that “an entail ends with A,” meaning that A is the first person who is entitled to bar or cut off the entail, being in law the first tenant in tail. Molesly & Whitley.

—Break or bar an entail. To free an estate from the limitations imposed by an entail and permit its free disposition, anciently by means of a fine or common recovery, but now by deed in which the tenant and next heir join.—Quasi entail. An estate "pour entier vie" may be granted, not only to a man and his heirs, but to a man and the heirs of his body, which is termed a "quasi entail;" the interest so granted not being properly an estate-tail (for the statute De Donis applies only where the subject of the entail is an estate of inheritance, but yet so far in the nature of an estate tail that it will go to the heir of the body as special occupant during the life of the ceutui que vie, in the same manner as an estate of inheritance would descend, if limited to the grantee and the heirs of his body. Wharton.

—Entailed. Settled or limited to specified heirs, or in tail.

—Entailed money. Money directed to be invested in reality to be entailed. 3 & 4 Wm. IV, c. 73, §§ 70, 71, 72.

ENTATION. In old English law. The plaintiff's count or declaration.

ENTENTMENT. The old form of intention, (q. v.) derived directly from the French, and used to denote the true meaning or significance of a word or sentence; that is, the understanding or construction of law. Cowell.

ENTER. In the law of real property. To go upon land for the purpose of taking possession of it. In strict usage, the entering is preliminary to the taking possession but in common parlance the entry is now merged in the taking possession. See Entry.

In practice. To place anything before a court, or upon or among the records, in a formal and regular manner, and usually in writing; as to “enter an appearance,” to “enter a judgment.” In this sense the word is nearly equivalent to setting down formally in writing, in either a full or abridged form.

—Entering judgments. The formal entry of the judgment on the rolls of the court, which is necessary before bringing an appeal or an action on the judgment. Blatchford v. Newberry, 100 Ill. 491; Winstead v. Evans (Tex. Civ. App.) 33 S. W. 650; Coe v. Eby, 50 Ohio St. 259, 52 N. E. 640, 69 Am. St. Rep. 764. —Entering short. When bills not due are paid into a bank by a customer, it is the custom of some bankers not to note down the receipt of the bills, their amounts, and the times when they become due in a previous column of the page, and the amounts when received are carried forward into the usual cash column. Sometimes, instead of entering such bills short, bankers credit the customer directly with the amount of the bills as cash. If as a matter of interest of the customer they may make on their account, and allow him at once to draw upon them to that amount. If the banker becomes bankrupt, the property in bills entered short does not pass to his assignees, but the customer is entitled to them if they remain in his hands, or to their proceeds, if received, subject to any lien the banker may have upon them. Wharton.

ENTERCEUR. A party challenging (claiming) goods; he who has placed them in the hands of a third person. Kelham.

ENTERTAINMENT. This word is synonymous with “board,” and includes the ordinary necessaries of life. See Scattergood v. Waterman, 2 Miles (Pa.) 323; Lasar v. Johnson, 125 Cal. 549, 58 Pac. 161; In re Breslin, 45 Hun, 213.


ENTIRE. Whole; without division, separation, or diminution.

—Entire contract. See CONTRACT.—Entire day. This phrase signifies an undivided day, not parts of two days. An entire day must have a beginning and a precise time to begin, and a fixed, precise time to end. A day, in contemplation of law, comprises all the twenty-four hours, beginning and ending at twelve o'clock at night, unless otherwise v. State, 57 Ala. 329. In a statute requiring the closing of all liquor saloons during “the entire day of any election,” etc., this means the period of twenty-four hours, commencing and terminating at midnight. Haines v. State, 7 Tex. App. 30.—Entire interest. The whole interest or right. Where a person in selling his tract of land sells also his entire interest in all improvements upon public land adjacent to it, this vests in the purchaser only a quitclaim of his interest in the improvements. McIlroy v. Duckworth, 18 La. Ann.
410.—Entire tenancy. A sole possession by one person, called "severalty," which is contrary to several tenancy, where a joint or common possession is in one or more.—Entire use, benefit, etc. These words in the habendum of a trust-deed for the benefit of a married woman are equivalent to the words "sole use," or "sole and separate use," and consequently her husband takes nothing under such deed. Heathman v. Hall, 35 N. C. 414.

ENTIRETY. The whole, in contradistinction to a moiety or part only. When land is conveyed to husband and wife, they do not take by moieties, but both are seized of the entirety. 2 Kent, Comm. 132; 4 Kent, Comm. 362. Partencers, on the other hand, have not an entirety of interest, but each is properly entitled to the whole of a distinct moiety. 2 Bl. Comm. 188.

The word is also used to designate that which the law considers as one whole, and not capable of being divided into parts. Thus, a judgment, it is held, is an entirety, and, if void as to one of the two defendants, cannot be valid as to the other. So, if a contract is an entirety, no part of the consideration is due until the whole has been performed.

ENTITLE. In its usual sense, to entitle is to give a right or title. Therefore a person is said to be entitled to property when he has a right to it. Com. v. Moorhead, 7 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 516; Thompson v. Thompson, 107 Ala. 163, 18 South. 247.

In ecclesiastical law. To entitle is to give a title orordination as a minister.

ENTREBAT. L. Fr. An intruder or interloper. Brit. c. 114.

ENTREGA. Span. Deliverv. Las Partidas, pt. 6, tit. 14, l. l.

ENTREPOT. A warehouse or magazine for the deposit of goods. In France, a building or place where goods from abroad may be deposited, and from whence they may be withdrawn for exportation to another country, without paying a duty. Brande; Webster.

ENTRY. 1. In real property law. Entry is the act of going peaceably upon a piece of land which is claimed as one's own, but which is held by another person, with the intention and for the purpose of taking possession of the same.

Entry is a remedy which the law affords to an injured party ousted of his lands by another person, called "severalty," which is contrary to several tenancy, where a joint or common possession is in one or more. F. L. IV. 56; 3 Bl. Comm. 176; 2 Moore v. Hodgdon, 18 N. H. 149; Riley v. People, 29 Ill. App. 139; Johnson v. Cobb, 21 S. C. 306, 4 S. C. 601.

—Forcible entry. See that title.—Re-entry. The resumption of the possession of leased premises by the landlord on the tenant's failure to pay the stipulated rent or otherwise to keep the conditions of the lease. Open entry. An entry upon real estate, for the purpose of taking possession, which is not clandestine, but affected by open artifice or stratagem, and (in some states by statute) one which is accomplished in the presence of two witnesses. Thompson v. Kenyon, 100 Mass. 108.

2. In criminal law. Entry is the unlawful making one's way into a dwelling or other house, for the purpose of committing a crime therein.

In cases of burglary, the least entry with the whole or part of the body, hand, or foot, or with any instrument or weapon, introduced for the purpose of committing a felony, is sufficient to constitute the offense. 3 Inst. 64. And see Walker v. State, 63 Ala. 49, 35 Am. Rep. 1; Com. v. Glover, 111 Mass. 402; Franco v. State, 62 Tex. 290; State v. McColl, 4 Ala. 944, 3 Am. Dec. 314; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 501; Pen. Code Tex. 1885, art. 840.

3. In practice. Entry denotes the formal inscription upon the rolls or records of a court of a note or minute of any of the proceedings in an action; and it is frequently applied to the filing of a proceeding in writing, such as a notice of appearance by a defendant, and, very generally, to the filing of the judgment roll as a record in the office of the court. Thomason v. Ruggles, 69 Cal. 485, 11 Pac. 20; State v. Lamm, 9 S. D. 418, 69 N. W. 592.

—Entry of cause for trial. In English practice, caused by an action or proceeding by a plaintiff who had given notice of trial, depositing with the proper officer of the court the nisi prius record, with the panel of jurors annexed, and the order of the court appointing for that purpose. The record then became the record; in other words, the official history of the suit. Long after the practice of oral pleading had fallen into disuse, it continued necessary to enter the proceedings in like manner upon the parchment roll, and the original entry was called "entry on the roll," or making up the "issue roll." But by a rule of H. T. 4 Wm. IV. the practice of making up the issue roll was abolished; and it was only necessary to mark the issue in the form prescribed for the purpose by a rule of H. T. 1853, and to deliver the same to the court and to the opposites in the usual manner. The issue which was delivered to the court was called the "nisi prius record," and that was regarded as the official history of the suit, in like manner as the issue roll formerly was. Under the present practice, the
4. In commercial law. Entry denotes the act of a merchant, trader, or other business man in recording in his account-books the facts and circumstances of a sale, loan, or other transaction. Also the note or record so made. Bissell v. Beckwith, 32 Conn. 617; U. S. v. Crecelius (D. C.) 34 Fed. 30. The books in which such memorandum are first (or originally) inscribed are called "books of original entry," and are prima facie evidence for certain purposes.


6. In parliamentary law. The "entry" of a proposed constitutional amendment or of any other document or transaction in the journal of a house of the legislature consists in recording it in writing in such journal, and (according to most of the authorities) at length. See Koehler v. Hill, 60 Iowa, 545, 15 N. W. 609; Thomason v. Rug­gies, 69 Cal. 465, 11 Pac. 20; Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3.

7. In copyright law. Depositing with the register of copyrights the printed title of a book, pamphlet, etc., for the purpose of securing copyright on the same. The old formula for giving notice of copyright was, "Entered according to act of congress," etc., to be admitted by the superior.

8. In public land laws. Under the provisions of the land laws of the United States, the term "entry" denotes the filing at the land-office, or inscription upon its records, of the documents required to found a claim for a homestead or pre-emption right, and as preliminary to the issuing of a patent for the land. Chotard v. Pope, 12 Wheat. 588, 6 L. Ed. 737; Sturr v. Beck, 133 U. S. 541, 10 Sup. Ct. 350, 33 L. Ed. 761; Goddard v. Storch, 57 Kan. 714, 48 Pac. 15; Goodnow v. Wells, 67 Iowa, 654, 25 N. W. 964.


9. In Scotch law. The term refers to the acknowledgment of the title of the heir, etc., to be admitted by the superior.

ENTRY, WRIT OF. In old English practice. This was a writ made use of in a form of real action brought to recover the possession of lands from one who wrong­ fully withheld the same from the demandant. Its object was to regain the possession of lands of which the demandant, or his ancestors, had been unjustly deprived by the tenant of the freehold, or by another under whom he held, hence it belonged to the possessory division of real actions. It decided nothing with respect to the right of property, but only restored the demandant to the possession in the situation in which he (or by law ought to have been) before the dis­ possession committed. 3 Bl. Comm. 180.

It was usually specified in such writs the degree or degrees within which the writ was brought, and it was said to be "in the per" or "in the per and cu," according as there had been one or two descents or alienations from the original wrongdoer. If more than two such transfers had intervened, the writ was said to be "in the post." See 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

—Entry in a commumnam legacy. Entry at common law. The name of a writ of entry which lay for a reversioner after the alienation and death of the particular tenant for life, against whom was in the heir. Brown.—Entry ad terminum quia praeterit. The writ of entry ad terminum qui praeterit lies where a man leases land to another for a term of years, and the lessor holds over his term. And if lands be leased to a man for the term of another's life, and he for whose life it was leased dies, and the lessee holds over, then the lessor shall have this writ. Termes de la Ley.—Entry for marriage in speech. A writ of entry causa matrimoni postulo qui lies where lands or tenements are given to a man upon condition that he shall take the donor to be his wife within a certain time, and he does not espouse her within the said term, or espouses another woman, or makes himself priest. Termes de la Ley.—Entry in easu consimili. A writ of entry for the recovery of lands or tenements which lay for a reversioner after the alienation and death of the particular tenant for life, against whom was in the heir. Brown.—Entry ad terminum qui praeterit. The writ of entry ad terminum qui praeterit lies where a man leases land to another for a term of years, and the lessor holds over his term. And if lands be leased to a man for the term of another's life, and he for whose life it was leased dies, and the lessee holds over, then the lessor shall have this writ. Termes de la Ley.—Entry in case provided. A writ of entry in case provided lies where a tenant for life or by the curtesy aliens in fee. Termes de la Ley.—Entry in the case provided. A writ of entry in the case provided lies if a tenant in dower alien in fee, or for life, or for another's life, living the tenant in dower. Termes de la Ley.—Entry without assent of the grantor. A writ of entry sine assentu capita­ lius lies where an abbot, prior, or such as hath covert or common seal, aliens lands or tenements of the right of his church, without the assent of the grantor or chapter, and dies. Termes de la Ley.

ENUMERATED. This term is often used in law as equivalent to "mentioned

Enumeratio infirmatur regulam in casibus non enumeratis. Enumeration disfirms the rule in cases not enumerated. Bac. Aph. 17.

Enumeratio unius est exclusio alterius. The specification of one thing is the exclusion of a different thing. A maxim more generally expressed in the form "expresso unius est exclusio alterius," (q. v.)

ENUMERATORS. Persons appointed to collect census papers or schedules. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 108, § 4.

ENURE. To operate or take effect. To serve to the use, benefit, or advantage of a person. A release to the tenant for life enures to him in reversion; that is, it has the same effect for him as for the tenant for life. Often written "inure."

ENVY. In international law. A public minister of the second class, ranking next after an ambassador. Envoy is either ordinary or extraordinary; by custom the latter is held in greater consideration.

EO DIE. Lat. On that day; on the same day.

EO INSTANTE. Lat. At that instant; at the very or same instant; immediately. 1 Bl. Comm. 196, 249; 2 Bl. Comm. 165; Co. Litt. 298a; 1 Coke. 138.

EO INTUITU. Lat. With or in that view; with that intent or object. Hale, Anal. § 2.

EO LOCI. Lat. In the civil law. In that state or condition; in that place, (eo loco.) Calvin.

EO NOMINE. Lat. Under that name; by that appellation. Perinde ac si eo nomine tibi tradita fuisset, just as if it had been delivered to you by that name. Inst. 2, 1, 43. A common phrase in the books.

Eodem ligamine quo ligatum est dissolvitur. A bond is released by the same formalities with which it is contracted. Co. Litt. 212b; Broom, Max. 891.

Eodem modo quo quid constitutitur, dissolvitur. In the manner in which [by the same means by which] a thing is constituted, is it dissolved. 6 Coke, 533.

EORLE. In Saxon law. An earl.

EOTH. In Saxon law. An oath.

EPIDEMIC. This term, in its ordinary and popular meaning, applies to any disease which is widely spread or generally prevailing at a given place and time. Pohalski v. Mutual L. Ins. Co., 36 N. Y. Super. Ct. 234.

EPILEPSY. In medical jurisprudence. A disease of the brain, which occurs in paroxysms with uncertain intervals between them.

The disease is generally organic, though it may be functional and symptomatic of irritation in other parts of the body. The attack is characterized by loss of consciousness, sudden falling down, distortion of the eyes and face, grinding or gnashing of the teeth, stertorous respiration, and more or less serious muscular spasm or convulsion. Epilepsy, though a disease of the brain, is not to be regarded as a form of insanity, in the sense that a person thus affected can be said to be permanently insane, for there may be little or no mental aberration in the intervals between the attacks. But the paroxysm is frequently followed by a temporary insanity, varying in particular instances from slight alienation to the most violent mania. In the latter form the affection is known as "epileptic fury." But this generally passes off within a few days. But the course of the principal disease is generally one of deterioration, the brain being gradually more and more deranged in its functions in the intervals of attack, and the memory and intellectual powers in general becoming enfeebled, leading to a greatly impaired state of mental efficiency, or to dementia, or a condition bordering on imbecility. See Arens v. Anderson, 3 Pittsb. (Pa.) 319; Lawton v. Sun Mutual Ins. Co., 2 Cush. (Mass.) 571.

--Hystero-epilepsy. A condition initiated by an apparently mild attack of convulsive hysteria, followed by an epileptiform convulsion, and succeeded by a period of "clownism" (Osier) in which the patient assumes a remarkable series of droll contortions or cataleptic poses, sometimes simulating attitudes expressive of various passions, as, fear, joy, eroticism, etc. The final stage is one of delirium with unusual hallucinations. The attack differs from true epilepsy in that the convulsions may continue without serious result for several successive days, while true epilepsy, if persistent, is always serious, associated with fever, and frequently fatal.

EPIMENIA. Expenses or gifts. Blount.

EPHANHY. A Christian festival, otherwise called the "Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles," observed on the 6th of January, in honor of the appearance of the star to the three magi, or wise men, who came to adore the Messiah, and bring him presents. It is commonly called "Twelfth Day." Enc. Lond.

EPIQUEYA. In Spanish law. A term synonymous with "equity" in one of its senses, and defined as the benignant and prudent interpretation of the law according to the circumstances of the time, place, and person."
EQUALIZATION. The condition of possessing the same rights, privileges, and immunities, and being liable to the same duties.

Equality is equity. Fran. Max. 9, max. 3. Thus, where an heir buys in an incumbrance for less than is due upon it, (except it be to protect an incumbrance to which he himself is entitled,) he shall be allowed no more than what he really paid for it, as against other incumbrancers upon the estate. 2 Vent. 353; 1 Vern. 49; 1 Salk. 155.

EQUALIZATION. The act or process of making equal or bringing about conformity to a common standard. The process of equalizing assessments or taxes, as performed by "boards of equalization" in various states, consists in comparing the assessments made in different taxing districts within the jurisdiction of the board and reducing them to a common and uniform basis, increasing or diminishing by such percentage as may be necessary, so as to bring about, within the entire territory affected, a uniform and equal ratio between the assessed value and the taxes.
actual cash value of property. The term is also applied to a similar process of leveling or adjusting the assessments of individual taxpayers, so that the property of one shall not be assessed at a higher (or lower) percentage of its market value than the property of another. See Harney v. Mitchell County, 44 Iowa, 203; Wallace v. Bullen, 6 Okl. 757, 54 Pac. 974; Poe v. Howell (N. M.) 67 Pac. 62; Chamberlain v. Walter, 60 Fed. 792; State v. Karr, 64 Neb. 514, 90 N. W. 298.

EQUERRY. An officer of state under the master of the horse.

EQUES. Lat. In Roman and old English law. A knight.

EQUILOCUS. An equal. It is mentioned in Simeon Dunelm, A. D. 882. Jacob.

EQUINOXES. The two periods of the year (vernal equinox about March 21st, and autumnal equinox about September 22d) when the time from the rising of the sun to its setting is equal to the time from its setting to its rising. See Dig. 43, 13, 1, 8.

EQUITABLE. Just; conformable to the principles of natural justice and right. Just, fair, and right, in consideration of the facts and circumstances of the individual case. Existing in equity; available or sustainable only in equity, or only upon the rules and principles of equity.

—Equitable action. One founded on an equity or cognizable in a court of equity; or, more specifically, an action arising, not immediately from the contract in suit, but from an equity in favor of a third person, not a party to it, but for whose benefit certain stipulations or promises were made. Cragin v. Lovell, 109 U. S. 194, 3 Sup. Ct. 132, 27 L. Ed. 94; Thomas v. Musical Mutual Protective Union, 121 N. Y. 45, 24 N. E. 24, 8 L. R. A. 175; Walvis v. Shelly (C. C.) 30 Fed. 748.—Equitable assignment. An assignment which, though invalid at law, will be recognized and enforced in equity; e. g., an assignment of a chose in action, or of future acquisitions of the assignor. Holmes v. Evans, 129 N. Y. 140, 29 N. E. 233; Story v. Hull, 143 Ill. 506, 32 N. E. 263; First Nat. Bank v. Coates (C. C.) 8 Fed. 542.


EQUITATURA. In old English law. Traveling furniture, or riding equipments, including horses, horse harness, etc. Reg. Orig. 1009; St. Westm. 2, c. 39.

EQUITY. 1. In its broadest and most general signification, this term denotes the spirit and the habit of fairness, justice, and right dealing which would regulate the inter-course of men with men,—the rule of doing to all others as we desire them to do to us; or, as it is expressed by Justinian, "to live honestly, to harm nobody, to render to every man his due," Inst. 1, 1, 3. It is therefore the synonym of natural right or justice. But in this sense its obligation is ethical rather than juridical, and its discussion belongs to the sphere of morals. It is grounded in the precepts of the conscience, not in any sanction of positive law.

2. In a more restricted sense, the word denotes equal and impartial justice as between two persons whose rights or claims are in conflict; justice, that is, as ascertained by natural reason or ethical insight, but independent of the formulated body of law. This is not a technical meaning of the term, except in so far as courts which administer equity seek to discover it by the agencies above mentioned, or apply it beyond the strict lines of positive law. See Miller v. Kenniston, 86 Me. 550, 50 Atl. 114.

3. In one of its technical meanings, equity is a body of jurisprudence, or field of jurisdiction, differing in its origin, theory, and methods from the common law.

It is a body of rules existing by the side of the original civil law, founded on distinct principles, and claiming incidentally to supersede the civil law in virtue of a superior sanctity inherent in those principles. Maine, Anc. Law, 27.

"As old rules become too narrow, or are felt to be out of harmony with advancing civilization, a machinery is needed for their gradual enlargement and adaptation to new views of society. One mode of accomplishing this object on a large scale, without appearing to disregard existing law, is the introduction, by the prerogative of some high functionary, of a more perfect body of rules, discoverable in his judicious conscience, which is to stand side by side with the law of the land, overriding it in case of conflict of law, and as of some time in the future to take the place of inherent superiority, but not purporting to repeal it. Such a body of rules has been called 'Equity.'" Hull, 1 L. J. Eq., 62.

"Equity," in its technical sense, contradistinguished from natural and universal equity or justice, may well be described as a "portion of natural justice" or natural equity, not embodied in legislative enactments, or in the rules of common law, yet modified by a due regard thereto and to the complex relations and conveniences of an artificial state of society, and administered in regard to cases where the particular rights, in respect of which relief is sought come within some general class of rights enforced at law, or may be enforced without detriment or inconvenience to the community; but where, as to such particular rights, the ordinary courts of law cannot, or originally did not, clearly afford relief. Rob. Eq.

4. In a still more restricted sense, it is a system of jurisprudence, or branch of remedial justice, administered by certain tribunals, distinct from the common-law courts, and empowered to decree "equity" in the sense last above given. Here it becomes a complex of well-settled and well-understood rules, principles, and precedents. See Hamilton v. Avery, 20 Tex. 692; Dalton v. Vander-veer, 3 Misc. Rep. 484, 20 N. Y. Supp. 336; Parmeter v. Bourne, 8 Wash. 43, 35 Pac. 536;
The meaning of the word 'equity,' as used in its technical sense in English jurisprudence, comes back to this: that it is simply a term describing a field of decision exercised, in the English system, by certain courts, and of which the extent and boundaries are not marked by lines founded upon principle so much as by the original and animating principle that no right should be without an adequate remedy, and its doctrine founded upon some basis of natural justice; but its action has become systematized, deprived of any loose and arbitrary character which might once have belonged to it, and is administered in a particular court—the English high court of chancery—which system can only be understood and explained by studying the history of that court, and the power residing in a court to hear and determine an action, what is known as its extraordinary jurisdiction. Bisp. Eq. § 1.

That part of the law which, having power to enforce discovery, (1) administers trusts, mortgages, and other fiduciary obligations; (2) administers and adjusts common-law rights where the courts of common law have no machinery; (3) supplies a specific and preventive remedy for common-law wrongs where courts of common law only give subsequent damages. Chute, Eq. 4.

-Equity, courts of. Courts which administer justice according to the system of equity, and according to a peculiar course of procedure or practice. Frequently termed "courts of chancery." See Bisp. Eq. § 9.4—Equity jurisdiction. This term includes not only the ordinary meaning of the word "jurisdiction," the power residing in a court to hear and determine an action, but also a consideration of the cases and occasions when that power is to be exercised, in other words, the question whether the action will lie in equity. Anderson v. Carr, 65 Hun, 179, 19 N. Y. Supp. 992; People v. McGane, 78 Hun, 154, 28 N. Y. Supp. 851.—Equitable jurisdiction. That portion of remedial jurisdiction which is exclusively administered by courts of equity, as distinguished from courts of common law. Jackson v. Nimmo, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 354. —Equitable estates. A case which is intended the rule of statutory construction which admits within the operation of a statute a right which is not expressly named or excluded, but which, from the analogy to the cases that are named, are clearly and justly within the spirit and general meaning of the law. The cases are those which are within the equity of the statute."—Equity term. An equity term of court is one devoted exclusively to equity business, that is, in which no criminal cases, or any civil cases where the issue rests upon the paneling of a jury. Hesselgrave v. State, 63 BL.LAW DICT. (2d Ed.)—28

Neb. 807, 89 N. W. 295.—Natural equity. A term sometimes employed in works on jurisprudence, possessing no very precise meaning, but used usually to denote that justice which moralities in business relations, or man's innate sense of right dealing and fair play. Inasmuch as equity is as much a system of rules, doctrines, and precedents, and possesses, within the range of its own fixed principles, but little more elasticity than the law, the term "natural equity" may be understood to denote, in a general way, that which strikes the ordinary conscience and sense of justice as being fair, right, and equitable, in advance of any principle of jurisprudence. The natural jurisprudence of the chancery courts would so regard it.

Equity also signifies an equitable right, i.e., a right enforceable in a court of equity; hence, a bill of complaint which did not show that the plaintiff had a right entitled him to relief was said to be demurrable for want of equity; and certain rights now recognized in all the courts are still known as "equities," from having been originally recognized only in the court of chancery. Sweet.

-Better equity. The right which, in a court of equity, is in favor of an incumbrancer who has taken securities against subsequent dealings to his prejudice, which a prior incumbrancer neglected to perfect, and which he has thereby obtained. 1 Ch. Prec. 470, note; Bouv. Law Dict. See 3 Bouv. Inst. note 2462.—Countervailing equity. A contrary and balancing equity; an equity right opposed to that which is sought to be enforced or recognized, and which ought not to be sacrificed or subordinated to the latter, because it is of equal strength and justice, and equally deserving of consideration.—Latent or secret equity. An equitable claim or right, the knowledge of which has been confined to the parties for and against whom it exists, or which has been concealed from one or several persons interested in the subject-matter.—Perfect equity. An equitable title or right which lacks nothing to its completeness as a legal title or right except the formal conveyance or other investiture which would make it cognizable at law; particularly, the equity or interest of a purchaser who has not paid the purchase money, in such purchase price in full and fulfilled all conditions resting on him, but has not yet received a deed or patent. See Martin v. Lindsey, 66 Ala. 344; Smith v. Conklin, 66 Ala. 75.—Equity of partners. A term used to designate the right of each of them to have the firm's property applied to the payment of the firm's debts. Co well v. Bank, 16 R. I. 288, 17 Atl. 913.—Equity of redemption. The right of the mortgagee of an estate to redeem the same after it has been forfeited, at law, by a breach of the condition of the mortgage, upon paying the amount of debt, interest and costs. Navassa Guano Co. v. Richardson, 29 S. C. 401, 2 S. E. 397; Sellwood v. Gray, 11 Gr. 353, 15 Pac. 83; Pace v. Bartles, 47 N. J. Eq. 170, 20 Atl. 352; Simons v. Bryce, 10 S. C. 372.—Equity to a settlement. The equitable right of the wife, when her husband has in equity for the re-
Equity follows the law. Talb. 52. Equity adopts and follows the rules of law in all cases to which those rules may, in terms, be applicable. Equity, in dealing with cases of an equitable nature, adopts and follows the analogies furnished by the rules of law. A leading maxim of equity jurisprudence, which, however, is not of universal application, but liable to many exceptions. Story, Eq. Jur. § 64.

Equity looks upon that as done which ought to have been done. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 640. Equity will treat the subject-matter, as to collateral consequences and incidents, in the same manner as if the final acts contemplated by the parties had been executed exactly as they ought to have been; not as the parties might have executed them. id.

Equity suffers not a right without a remedy. 4 Bouv. Inst no. 3729.

EQUIVALENT. In patent law. Any act or substance which is known in the arts as a proper substitute for some other act or substance employed as an element in the invention, whose substitution for that other act or substance does not in any manner vary the idea of means. It possesses three characteristics: It must be capable of performing the same office in the invention as the act or substance whose place it supplies; it must relate to the form or embodiment alone and not affect in any degree the idea of means; and it must have been known to the arts at the date of the patent as endowed with this capability. Duff Mfg. Co. v. Forgic, 59 Fed. 772, 8 C. C. A. 261; Norton v. Jensen, 49 Fed. 868, 1 C. C. A. 432; Imhaeuser v. Buerk, 101 U. S. 655, 25 L. Ed. 945; Carter Mach. Co. v. Hanes (C. C.) 70 Fed. 859; Schillinger v. Cranford, 4 Mackey (D. C.) 463.

EQUIVOCAL. Having a double or several meanings or senses. See AMBIGUITY.

EQUUS COOPERTUS. A horse equipped with saddle and furniture.

ERATEMUS. We erect. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England by the king's charter. 1 Bl. Comm. 473.

ERMINE. By metonymy, this term is used to describe the office or functions of a judge, whose state robe, lined with ermine, is emblematical of purity and honor without stain. Webster.

ERNES. In old English law. The loose scattered ears of corn that are left on the ground after the binding.

EROSION. The gradual eating away of the soil by the operation of currents or tides. Distinguished from submergence, which is the disappearance of the soil under the water and the formation of a navigable body over it. Mulry v. Norton, 100 N. Y. 433, 5 N. E. 584, 53 Am. Rep. 206.

ERRANT. Wandering; itinerant; applied to justices on circuit, and bailiffs at large, etc.

ERRATICUM. In old law. A waif or stray; a wandering beast. Cowell.
ERROR. A mistaken judgment or incorrect belief to the existence or effect of matters of fact, or a false or mistaken conception or application of the law. Such a mistaken or false conception or application of the law to the facts of a cause as will vitiate the proceedings upon a writ of error; a mistake of law, or fact or irregular application of it, such as vitiates the proceedings and warrants the reversal of the judgment.

Error also is used as an elliptical expression for "writ of error," as in saying that error lies; that a judgment may be reversed on error. —Assignment of errors. In practice. The statement of the plaintiff's case on a writ of error, setting forth the errors complained of, corresponding with the declaration in an ordinary action. 2 Tidd, Prac. 1168; 3 Steph. Comm. 644. Wells v. Martin, 1 Ohio St. 388; Lamb v. Lamy, 4 N. M. (Johns.) 43, 12 Pac. 650. A specification of the errors upon which the appellant will rely, with such fullness as to give aid to the court in the examination of the transcript. Squires v. Foorman, 10 Cal. 298.—Clerical error. See Clerical.—Common error. (Lat. communis error, q. v.) An error for which there are many precedents. "Common error goeth for a law." Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 64.—Error coram nobis. Error committed in the proceedings before you; e. g., error assigned as a ground for reviewing, modifying, or vacating a judgment in the same court in which it was rendered.—Error coram vo- bas. Error in the proceedings before you; words used in a writ of error directed by a court of review to the court which tried the cause.—Error in fact. In judicial proceedings, error in fact occurs when, by reason of some fact which is unknown to the court and not apparent on the record (e. g., the coverture, infancy, or death of one of the parties), it renders a judgment which is void or voidable. Cruger v. McCracken, 87 Tex. 584, 80 S. W. 537; Kihlholz v. Wolf, 8 Ill. App. 571; Kasson v. Mills, 8 Flint, Mich. 398; N. Y. 379; Beauchamp, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 440.—Error in law. An error of the court in applying the law to the case on trial, e. g., in ruling on the admission of evidence of the party making the motion in the trial of the cause. 1 Tid. 307; 1 Crandall v. Patterson, 7 Ves. 370. Error of record. Name of error. A mistake of detail which proceeds either from ignorance of that which really exists or from a mistaken belief in the existence of that which has none. Civ. Code La. art. 1821. See Norton v. Marden, 15 Me. 45, 32 Am. Dec. 132; Mowatt v. Wright, 1 Wend. (N. Y.) 360, 18 Am. Dec. 508.—Fundamental error. An error committed in the progress of the trial below, but which was not prejudicial to the rights of the party assigning it, and for which, therefore, the court will not reverse the judgment, as, where the error was neutralized or corrected by subsequent proceedings in the case, or where, notwithstanding the error, the particular issue was found in that party's favor, or where, even if the error had not been committed, he could not have been legally entitled to prevail.—Invited error. In appellate practice. The principle of "invited error" is that if, during the progress of a cause, a party requests or moves the court to make a ruling which is actually erroneous, or the court does so, that party cannot take advantage of the error on appeal or review. Gresham v. Harcourt, 93 Tex. 493, 53 S. W. 1019.—Legal error. An error in the record, in the progress of a cause, a party requests or moves the court to make a ruling which is actually erroneous, or the court does so, that party cannot take advantage of the error on appeal or review. New Mexican R. Co. v. Hendricks, 6 N. M. 611, 30 Pac. 901.—Technical error. In appellate practice. A merely abstract or theoretical error, which is practically not injurious to the party assigning it. Eppa v. State, 102 Ind. 539, 1 N. E. 491.—Errors excepted. A phrase appended to an account stated, in order to excuse slight mistakes or oversights.—Error, writ of. See Writ of Errors.

Error fucatus nuda veritate in multis est probabilior; et superno numero rationibus vincit veritatem error. Error artfully disguised (or colored) is, in many instances, more probable than naked truth; and frequently error overwhelms truth by [its show of] reasons. 2 Coke, 73.

Error juris nocet. Error of law injures. A mistake of the law has an injurious effect; that is, the party committing it must suffer the consequences. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 139, note.

Error nominis nunquam nocet, si de identitate rei constat. A mistake in the name of a thing is never prejudicial, if it be clear as to the identity of the thing itself, where the thing intended is certainly known. 1 DuER, Ins. 171. The maxim is applicable only where the means of correcting the mistake are apparent on the face of the instrument to be construed. Id.

Error qui non resistitur approbatur. An error which is not resisted or opposed is approved. Doct. & Stud. c. 40.

Errores ad sua principia referre, est refellere. To refer errors to their sources is to refute them. 3 Inst. 15. To bring errors to their beginning is to see their last. 

Errores scribentis nocere non debent. The mistakes of the writer ought not to harm. Jenk. Cent. 324.
EUTHMIOTUM. In old English law. A meeting of the neighborhood to compromise differences among themselves; a court held on the boundary of two lands.

ESRANCATURA. In old law. A cutting off the branches or boughs of trees. Cowell; Spelman.

ESCALDARE. To scald. It is said that to accl hogs was one of the ancient tenures in serjeanty. Wharton.

ESCAMBIO. In old English law. A writ of exchange. A license in the shape of a writ, formerly granted to an English merchant to draw a bill of exchange on another in foreign parts. Reg. Orig. 194.

ESCAMBIUM. An old English law term, signifying exchange.

ESCAPE. The departure or deliverance out of custody of a person who was lawfully imprisoned, before he is entitled to his liberty by the process of law.

ESCAPE. The voluntarily or negligently allowing any person lawfully in confinement to leave the place. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 917.

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ESCAPIO QUIETUS. In old English law. Delivered from that punishment which whose beasts were found upon forbidden land. Jacob.

ESCAPITUM. That which comes by chance of accident. Cowell.

ESCEPPA. A measure of corn. Cowell.

ESCHEATOR. In feudal law. Escheat is the casual descent, in the nature of forfeiture, of lands and tenements within his manor, to a lord, either on failure of issue of the tenant dying seised or on account of the felony of such tenant. Jacob.

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and to certify the same into the exchequer. An escheator could continue in office for one year only, and was not re-eligible until three years. There does not appear to exist any such officer at the present day. Brown. See 10 Vin. Abr. 158; Co. Litt. 139.

ESCHECCUM. In old English law. A jury or inquisition.

ESCHIPARE. To build or equip. Du Cange.

ESCO. A tax formerly paid in boroughs and corporations towards the support of the community, which is called "scot and lot."

ESCRIBANO. In Spanish law. An officer, resembling a notary in French law, who has authority to set down in writing, and verify by his attestation, transactions and contracts between private persons, and also judicial acts and proceedings.

ESCRITURA. In Spanish law. A written instrument. Every deed that is made by the hand of a public escribano, or notary of a corporation or council (concejo,) or sealed with the seal of the king or other authorized persons. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 5.

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ESCROW. A scroll; a writing; a deed. Particularly a deed delivered by the grantor into the hands of a third person, to be held by the latter until the happening of a contingency or performance of a condition, and then by him delivered to the grantee. Thomas v. Sowards, 25 Wis. 631; Patrick v. McCormick, 10 Neb. 1, 4 N. W. 312; Cagger v. Lansing, 57 Barb. (N. Y.) 427; Davis v. Clark, 58 Kan. 100, 48 Pac. 563; Easton v. Driscoll, 18 R. I. 318, 27 Atl. 445.

A grant may be deposited by the grantor with a third person, to be delivered on the performance of a condition, and on delivery by the depositary it will take effect. While in the possession of the third person, and subject to condition, it is called an "escrow."

ESMAIL. In old English law. A hireling of servile condition.

ESNE. In old law. A hireling of servile condition.

ESNECY. Seniority; the condition or right of the eldest; the privilege of the eldest-born. Particularly used of the privilege of the eldest among coparceners to make a first choice of purparts upon a voluntary partition.

ESPOUSALS. A mutual promise between a man and a woman to marry each other at some other time. It differs from a marriage, because then the contract is completed. Wood, Inst. 57.

ESPIDENTITY. In Spanish law. A junction of all the separate papers made in the course of any one proceeding and which remains in the office at the close of it. Castillero v. U. S., 2 Black (U. S.) 109, 17 L. Ed. 360.

ESPOUSE. An old term for the products which the ground or land yields; as the hay of the meadows, the herbage of the pasture, corn of arable fields, rent and services, etc. The word has been anciently applied to the land itself. Jacob; Fosgate v. Hydraulic Co., 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 233.

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ESPURIO. Span. In Spanish law. A spurious child; one begotten on a woman
ESQUIRE. In English law. A title of dignity next above gentleman, and below knight. Also a title of office given to sheriffs, serjeants, and barristers at law, justices of the peace, and others. 1 Bl. Comm. 406; 3 Steph. Comm. 15, note; Tomlins. On the use of this term in American law, particularly as applied to justices of the peace and other inferior judicial officers, see Call v. Foresman, 5 Watts (Pa.) 331; Christian v. Ashley County, 24 Ark. 161; Com. v. Vance, 15 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 37.

ESSARTER. L. Fr. To cut down woods to clear land of trees and underwood; properly to thin woods, by cutting trees, etc., at intervals. Spelman.

ESSARTUM. Woodlands turned into tillage by uprooting the trees and removing the underwood.

ESSENCE. That which is indispensable to that of which it is the essence.

—Essence of the contract. Any condition or stipulation in a contract which is mutually understood and agreed by the parties to be of such vital importance that a sufficient performance of the contract cannot be had without exact compliance with it is said to be "of the essence of the contract."

ESSENDI QUIETUM DE TOLONIO. A writ to be quit of toll; it lies for citizens and burgesses of any city or town who, by charter or prescription, ought to be exempted from toll, where the same is exacted from them. Reg. Orig. 258.

ESSOIN, v. In old English practice. To present or offer an excuse for not appearing in court on an appointed day in obedience to a summons; to cast an essoin. Spelman. This was anciently done by a person whom the party sent for that purpose, called an "essoiner."

ESSOIN, n. In old English law. An excuse for not appearing in court at the return of the process. Presentation of such excuse. Spelman: 1 Sel. Pr. 4; Com. Dig. "Excuse," B 1. Essoin is not now allowed at all in personal actions. 2 Term. 16; 16 East, 7a; 3 Bl. Comm. 278, note.

—Essoin day. Formerly the first general return-day of the term, on which the courts sat to receive essoins, i.e., excuses for parties who did not appear in court, according to the summons of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 275; Boota, Suit at Law, 130; Gilb. Com. Pr. 13; 1 Tidd, Pr. 107. But, by St. 11 Geo. IV. and 1 Wm. IV. c. 70, § 6, these days were done away with, as a part of the term.—Essoin de malo villse is when the defendant is in court the first day; but gone without pleading, and being afterwards surprised by sickness, etc., cannot attend, but sends two essoiners, who openly protest in court that he is detained by sickness in such a village, that he cannot come pro lucrari and pro perdere; and this will be admitted, for it lieth on the plaintiff to prove whether the essoin is true or not. Jacob.—Essoin roll. A roll upon which essoins were formerly entered, together with the day to which they were adjourned. Boota, Suit at Law, 130; Rosc. Real Act. 162, 163; Gilb. Com. Pl. 13.

ESSOINATOR. A person who made an essoin.

Est aliquid quod non oportet etiam si licet; quievid vero non licet certe non oportet. Hob. 159. There is that which is not proper, even though permitted; but whatever is not permitted is certainly not proper.

EST ASCAVOIR. It is to be understood or known; "it is to-wit." Litt. §§ 9, 45, 46, 57, 59. A very common expression in Littleton, especially at the commencement of a section; and, according to Lord Coke, "it ever teacheth us some rule of law, or general or sure leading point." Co. Litt. 16.

Est autem jus publicum et privatum, quod ex naturalibus praecipit aut gentium, aut civilium est collectum; et quod in jure scripto jus appellatur, id in lege Anglice rectum esse dicitur. Public and private law is that which is collected from natural precepts, on the one hand from nations, on the other of citizens; and that which in the civil law is called "just," that, in the law of England, is said to be right. Co. Litt. 558.

Est autem vis legem simulans. Violence may also put on the mask of law.

Est ipsorum legislatorum tanquam viva vox. The voice of the legislators themselves is like the living voice; that is, the language of a statute is to be understood and interpreted like ordinary spoken language. 10 Coke, 101b.

Est quiddam perfectius in rebus licitis. Hob. 159. There is something more perfect in things allowed.

ESTABLISH. This word occurs frequently in the constitution of the United States, and it is there used in different meanings: (1) To settle firmly, to fix unalterably; as to establish justice, which is the avowed object of the constitution. (2) To make or form; as to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and uniform laws on the subject of bankruptcies, which evidently does not mean that these laws shall be unalterably established as justice. (3) To found, to create, to regulate; as: "Congress shall have power to establish post-roads and post-offices." (4) To found, recognize, confirm, or admit; as: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." (5) To create, to ratify, or confirm; as: "We,
the people," etc., "do ordain and establish this constitution." 1 Story, Const. § 454. And see Dickey v. Turnpike Co., 7 Dana (Ky.) 125; Ware v. U. S., 4 Wall. 632, 18 L. Ed. 380; U. S. v. Smith, 4 N. J. Law, 33.

Establish ordinariness means to settle certainly, or fix permanently, what was before uncertain, doubtful, or disputed. Smith v. Forrest, 49 N. H. 230.

**ESTABLISHMENT.** An ordinance or statute. Especially used of those ordinances or statutes passed in the reign of Edw. I. 2 Inst. 156; Britt c. 21.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF DOWER.** The assurance of dower made by the husband, or his friends, before or at the time of the marriage. Britt. c. 102, 103.

**ESTACHE.** A bridge or stank of stone or timber. Cowell.

**ESTADAL.** In Spanish law. In Spanish America this was a measure of land of sixteen square varas, or yards. 2 White, Re- cop. 139.

**ESTADIA.** In Spanish law. Delay in a voyage, or in the delivery of cargo, caused by the charterer or consignee, for which demurrage is payable.

**ESTANDARD.** L. Fr. A standard, (of weights and measures.) So called because it stands constant and immovable, and hath all other measures coming towards it for their conformity. Terms de la Ley.

**ESTANCES.** Wears or kiddles in rivers.

**ESTATE.** 1. The interest which any one has in lands, or in any other subject of property. 1 Prest. Est. 20. And see Van Rensselaer v. Poucher, 5 Denio (N. Y.) 40; Beall v. Holmes, 6 Har. & J. (Md.) 208; Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 103; Robertson v. VanCleave, 120 Ind. 217, 22 N. E. 899, 29 N. E. 781, 15 L. R. A. 89, 21 Pac. 288, 47 Pac. 197; In re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387, 35 Atl. 213. An equitable estate is an estate whose enjoyment is only enforceable in a court of chancery. Averty v. Dufrees, 9 Ohio, 145. That is properly an equitable estate or interest for which a court of equity affords the only remedy; and of this nature, especially, is the benefit of every trust, express or implied, which is not converted into a legal estate by the statute of uses. The rest are equities of redemption, constructive trusts, and all equitable charges. Burt. Comp. c. 8. Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 253; In re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387.

**Other descriptive and compound terms.** A contingent estate is one which depends for its effect upon an event which may or may not happen, as, where an estate is limited to a person not yet born. A conditional estate is one, where the owner, or his friends, before or at the time of the marriage, or the vesting or enjoyment of which depends upon some future contingency. Such estate may be called a future estate. A vested estate is one which is not yet in existence, but is to commence in possession at a future day, either without the intervention of a precedent estate, or on the determination by lapse of time, or otherwise, of a precedent estate created at the same time. 11 Rev. St. N. Y. (3d Ed.) § 10. See Griffin v. Shepard, 124 N. Y. 70, 26 N. E. 339; Sabledowsky v. Anickle, 50 Minn. 475, 52 N. W. 920; Ford v. Ford, 70 Wis. 19, 33 N. W. 188, 5 Am. St. Rep. 117. A particular estate is a limited estate which is taken out of the fee, and which precedes a remainder, as an estate for years to A., remainder to B., for life; or an estate for life to A., remainder to B. in tail. This precedent estate is called the "particular estate," and the estate limited to commence in possession at a future day, either without the intervention of a precedent estate, or on the determination by lapse of time, or otherwise, of a precedent estate created at the same time, is called the "particular tenant." 2 Bl. Comm. 165; Bunting v. Speek, 41 Ram. 424, 21 Pac. 288, 3 L. R. A. 537; Sayre v. Moloney, 90 Or. 258, 178 Pac. 197; In re Qualifications of Electors, 19 R. I. 387. An estatius, or an estate, is an estate upon which the easement is imposed or against which it is enjoyed;
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An estate subjected to a burden or servitude for the benefit of another estate. Walker v. Clifford, 128 Ala. 67, 29 South. 588, 86 Am. St. Rep. 74; Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 530; Dillman v. Hoffman, 88 Wis. 572. A settled estate in which land is owned and limited under a settlement; that is, one in which the powers of alienation, devising, and transmission according to the ordinary rules of descent are restricted by the limitations of the settlement. Mickletonw v. Mickletonw, 4 C. B. (N. S.) 898. A vested estate is one in which there is an immediate right of present enjoyment or a present fixed remainder or future enjoyment; an estate as to which there is a person in being who would have an immediate right to the possession upon the ceasing of some intermediate or precedent estate. Taylor v. Gould, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 388; Flanner v. Fellows, 206 Ill. 136, 68 N. E. 1057.

-Original and derivative estates. An original is the first of several estates, bearing to each other the relation of a particular estate and a reversion. An original estate is contrasted with a derivative estate; and a derivative estate is a particular interest carved out of another estate of larger extent. Prest. Est. 125.

For the names and definitions of the various kinds of estates in land, see the following titles.

2. In another sense, the term denotes the property (real or personal) in which one has a right or interest; the subject-matter of ownership; the corpus of property. Thus, we speak of "a valuable estate," "all my estate," "separate estate," "trust estate," etc. This, also, is its meaning in the classification of property into "real estate" and "personal estate." The word "estate" is a word of the greatest extension, and comprehends every species of property, real and personal. It describes both the corpus and the extent of interest. Deering v. Tucker, 55 Me. 254.

"Estate" comprehends everything a man owns, real and personal, and ought not to be limited in its construction, unless connected with some other word which must necessarily have that effect. Pulliam v. Pulliam (O. C.) 10 Fed. 40. It means, more particularly, the property owned by one, the realty as well as the personality. Hunter v. Husted, 45 N. C. 141.


3. In a wider sense, the term "estate" denotes a man's whole financial status or condition, the aggregate of his interests and concerns, so far as regards his situation with regard to wealth or its objects, including debts and obligations, as well as possessions and rights. Here not only property, but indebtedness is part of the idea. The estate does not consist of the assets only. If it did, such expressions as "insolvent estate" would be misnomers. Debts and assets, taken together, constitute the estate. It is only by regarding the demands against the original proprietor as constituting, together with his resources available to defray them, one entirety, that the phraseology of the law governing what is called "settlement of estate" can be justified. Abbott.

4. The word is also used to denote the aggregate of a man's financial concerns (as above) personified. Thus, we speak of "debts due the estate," or say that "A.'s estate is a stockholder in the bank." In this sense it is a fictitious or juridical person, the idea being that a man's business status continues his existence, for its special purposes, until its final settlement and dissolution.

5. In its broadest sense, "estate" signifies the social, civic, or political condition or standing of a person; or a class of persons considered as grouped for social, civic, or political purposes; as in the phrases, "the third estate," "the estates of the realm." See 1 Bl. Comm. 153.

"Estate" and "degree," when used in the sense of an individual's personal status, are synonymous, and indicate the individual's rank in life. State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122.


Estate at Sufferance. The interest of a tenant who has come rightfully into possession of lands by permission of the owner, and continues to occupy the same after the period for which he is entitled to hold such permission. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 392; 2 Bl. Comm. 150; Co. Litt. 670.

Estate at Will. A species of estate less than freehold, where lands and tenements are let by one man to another, to have and to hold at the will of the lessor; and the tenant by force of this lease obtains possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 145; 4 Kent, Comm. 110; Litt. § 68. Or it is where lands are let without limiting any certain and determinate estate. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 403, § 1543.

Estate by Elegit. See Elegit.

Estate by Statute Merchant. An estate whereby the creditor, under the custom of London, retained the possession of all his debtor's lands until his debts were paid. 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 515. See Statute Merchant.

Estate by the Curtesy. Tenant by the curtesy of England is where a man survives a wife who was seised in fee-simple or fee-tail of lands or tenements, and has had issue male or female by her born alive and capable of inheriting the wife's estate as heir to her; in which case he will, on the decease of his wife, hold the estate during his life as tenant by the curtesy of England. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. § 1074.

Estate for Life. A freehold estate, not of inheritance, but which is held by
the tenant for his own life or the life or lives of one or more other persons, or for an indefinite period, which may endure for the life or lives of persons in being, and not beyond the period of a life. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 88.

ESTATE FOR YEARS. A species of estate less than freehold, where a man has an interest in lands and tenements, and a possession thereof, by virtue of such interest, for some fixed and determinate period of time; as in the case where lands are let for the term of a certain number of years, agreed upon between the lessor and the lessee, and the lessee enters thereon. 1 Steph. Comm. 263, 264. Blackstone calls this estate a "contract" for the possession of lands or tenements for some determinate period. 2 Bl. Comm. 140. See Hutcheson v. Hodnett, 115 Ga. 990, 42 S. E. 422; Despard v. Churchill, 53 N. Y. 182; Brown v. Bragg, 22 Ind. 125.

ESTATE IN COMMON. An estate in lands held by two or more persons, with interests accruing under different titles; or accruing under the same title, but at different periods; or conferred by words of limitation importing that the grantees are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 323. See TENANCY IN COMMON.

ESTATE IN COPARCENARY. An estate which several persons hold as one heir, whether male or female. This estate has the three unities of time, title, and possession; but the interests of the coparceners may be unequal. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 414; 2 Bl. Comm. 188. See COPARCENARY.

ESTATE IN DOWER. A species of life-estate which a woman is, by law, entitled to claim on the death of her husband, in the lands and tenements of which he was seised in fee during the marriage, and which her issue, if any, might by possibility have inherited. 1 Steph. Comm. 249; 2 Bl. Comm. 129; Cruise, Dig. tit. 6; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 124, § 1117; 4 Kent, Comm. 35. See Dowry.

ESTATE IN EXPECTANCY. One which is not yet in possession, but the enjoyment of which is to begin at a future time; a present or vested contingent right of future enjoyment. These are remainders and reversions. Fenton v. Miller, 108 Mich. 246, 65 N. W. 966; In re Mericio, 63 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 66; Greyston v. Clark, 41 Hun (N. Y.) 30; Ayers v. Trust Co., 187 Ill. 42, 58 N. E. 319.

ESTATE IN FEE-SIMPLE. The estate which a man has where lands are given to him and to his heirs absolutely without any end or limit put to his estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 106; Plowd. 557; 1 Prest. Est. 425; Litt. § 1. The word "fee," used alone, is a sufficient designation of this species of estate, and hence "simple" is not a necessary part of the title, but it is added as a means of clearly distinguishing this estate from a fee-tail or from any variety of conditional estates.

ESTATE IN FEE-TAIL, generally termed an "estate tail." An estate of inheritance which a man has, to hold to him and the heirs of his body, or to him and particular heirs of his body. 1 Steph. Comm. 228. An estate of inheritance by force of the statute De Donis, limited and restrained to some particular heirs of the donee, in exclusion of others. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 22, 23, § 971; Cruise, Dig. tit. 2, c. 1, § 12. See Tail; FEE-TAIL.

ESTATE IN JOINT TENANCY. An estate in lands or tenements granted to two or more persons, to hold in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will. 2 Bl. Comm. 180; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 937. An estate acquired by two or more persons in the same land, by the same title, (not being a title by descent,) and at the same period; and without any limitation by words importing that they are to take in distinct shares. 1 Steph. Comm. 312. The most remarkable incident or consequence of this kind of estate is that it is subject to survivorship.


ESTATE IN REMAINDER. An estate limited to take effect in possession, or in enjoyment, or in both, subject only to any term of years or contingent interest that may intervene, immediately after the regular expiration of a particular estate of freehold previously created together with it, by the same instrument, out of the same subject of property. 2 Fearne, Rem. § 159; 2 Bl. Comm. 163; 1 Greenl. Cruise, Dig. 701.

ESTATE IN REVERSION. A species of estate in expectancy, created by operation of law, being the residue of an estate left in the grantor, to commence in possession after the determination of some particular estate granted out by him. 2 Bl. Comm. 175; 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 978, § 2345. The residue of an estate left in the grantor or his heirs, or in the heirs of a testator, commencing in possession on the determination of a particular estate granted or devised. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 718, (723,) § 12. An estate in reversion is where any estate is derived, by
grant or otherwise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original owner an ulterior estate immediately expectant on that which is so derived; the latter interest being called the "particular estate," (as being only a small part or *particula* of the original one,) and the ulterior interest, the "reversion." 1 Steph. Comm. 290. See Reversion.

**Estate in Sevēralty.** An estate held by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him in point of interest, during his estate. This is the most common and usual way of holding an estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 179; Cruise, Dig. tit. 18, c. 1, § 1.


**Estate of Freehold.** An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or villeinage.)

**Estate of Inheritance.** A species of freehold estate in lands, otherwise called a "fee," where the tenant is not only entitled to enjoy the land for his own life, but where, after his death, it is cast by the law upon the persons who successively represent him *in perpetuum*, in right of blood, according to a certain established order of descent. 1 Steph. Comm. 218; Litt. § 1; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 739; Roulston v. Hall, 66 Ark. 305, 50 S. W. 690, 74 Am. St. Rep. 97; Ipswich v. Topsfield, 5 Metc. (Mass.) 351; Brown v. Freed, 43 Ind. 256.

**Estate pur autre vie.** Estate for another's life. An estate in lands which a man holds for the life of another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; Litt. § 66.

**Estate Tail.** See Estate in Fee-Tail.

**Estate Tail, quasi.** When a tenant for life grants his estate to a man and his heirs, as these words, though apt and proper to create an estate tail, cannot do so, because the grantor, being only tenant for life, cannot grant *in perpetuum*, therefore they are said to create an estate tail *quasi*, or improper. Brown.

**Estate upon condition.** An estate in lands, the existence of which depends upon the happening or not happening of some uncertain event, whereby the estate may be either originally created, or enlarged, or finally defeated. 2 Bl. Comm. 151; 1 Steph. Comm. 279; Co. Litt. 201a. An estate having a qualification annexed to it, by which it may, upon the happening of a particular event, be created, or enlarged, or destroyed. 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

—Estate upon condition expressed. An estate granted, either in fee-simple or otherwise, with an express qualification annexed, whereby the estate granted shall either commence, be enlarged, or be defeated upon performance or breach of such qualification or condition. 2 Bl. Comm. 154. An estate which is so expressly defined and limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than till the contingency happens upon which the estate is to fail. 1 Steph. Comm. 278.—Estate upon condition implied. An estate having a condition annexed to it inseparably from its essence and constitution, although no condition be expressed in words. 2 Bl. Comm. 152; 4 Kent, Comm. 121.

**Estates of the Realm.** The lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons of Great Britain. 1 Bl. Comm. 153. Sometimes called the "three estates."

**Estendard, Estendart, or Standard.** An ensign for horsemen in war.

**Ester in judgment.** L. Fr. To appear before a tribunal either as plaintiff or defendant. Kelham.

**Estimate.** This word is used to express the mind or judgment of the speaker or writer on the particular subject under consideration. It implies a calculation or computation, as to estimate the gain or loss of an enterprise. People v. Clark, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 206.

**Estop.** To stop, bar, or impede; to prevent; to preclude. Co. Litt. 352a. See Estoppel.

**Estoppel.** A bar or impediment raised by the law, which precludes a man from alleging a fact or faking a certain fact or state of facts, in consequence of his previous allegation or denial or conduct or admission, or in consequence of a final adjudication of the matter in a court of law. Demarest v. Hopper, 22 N. J. Law, 619; Martin v. Railroad Co., 83 Me. 100, 21 Atl. 740; Veedder v. Mudgett, 95 N. Y. 295; South v. Deaton, 113 Ky. 312, 68 S. W. 137; Wilkins v. Sutts, 114 N. C. 550, 19 S. E. 606.

A preclusion, in law, which prevents a man from alleging or denying a fact, in consequence of his own previous act, allegation, or denial of a contrary tenor. Steph. Pl. 230. An admission of so conclusive a nature that the party whom it affects is not permitted to aver against it or offer evidence to controvert it. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 778.

Estoppel is that which concludes and "shuts a man's mouth from speaking the truth." When a fact has been agreed on, or decided in a court of record, neither of the parties shall be allowed to call it in question, and have it tried over again at any time thereafter, so long as the judgment or decree stands unreversed; and
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when parties, by deed or solemn act in pais, agree on a state of facts, and act on it, neither shall ever afterwards be allowed to gainsay a fact so agreed on, or be heard to dispute it; in other cases, a solemn declaration shall not be allowed to say that it is not true which he had before in a solemn manner asserted to be true. Armfield v. Moore, 44 N. C. 157.

—Collateral estoppel. The collateral deter-
mation of a question by a court having gen-
eral jurisdiction of the subject. See Small v. Haskins, 26 Vt. 209.—Equitable estoppel (or estoppel by conduct, or in pais) is that species of estoppel which prohibits a person who has made a false representation or a concealment of material facts, with knowledge of the facts, to a party ignorant of the truth of the matter, with the intention that the other party should act upon it, and with the result that such party is actually induced to act upon it, to his damage. Bigelow v. Louisville Banking Co. v. Asher, 65 S. W. 381, 23 Ky. Law Rep. 1061; Bank v. Marston, 85 Me. 488, 27 Atl. 529; Richman v. Baldwin, 89 N. Y. 299; Railroad Co. v. railroad Co., 40 W. Va. 442, 21 S. E. 755.—Estoppel by deed is where a party has executed a deed, that is, a writing under seal (as a bond) reciting a certain fact, and is thereby precluded from after-
wards denying, in any action brought upon that instrument, the fact so recited. Steph. Pl. 197. An estoppel by deed always be estoppel by the conduct or admissions of the par-

—Estoppel by matter in pais. The estoppel raised by the rendition of a valid judgment by a court having jurisdiction, which prevents the parties to the action, and all who are in privity with them, from after-
wards disputing or drawing into controversy the particular facts or issues on which the judge-
ment was based or which were or might have been litigated in the action. 2 Bl. Comm. § 504; State v. Torinus, 28 Minn. 175, 9 N. W. 725.—Estoppel by matter in pais. An estoppel by the conduct or admissions of the par-

—Estoppel by matter of record. An allowance (more commonly called "ali-
mony") granted to a woman divorced a mensa et thoro, for her support out of her husband's estate. 1 Bl. Comm. 441.

The right or privilege which a tenant has to furnish himself with so much wood from the demised premises as may be sufficient or necessary for his fuel, fences, and other agricul-

—Common of estovers. A liberty of taking necessary wood for the use or furniture of a house or farm from off another's estate, in com-

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ESTRAY. Cattle whose owner is unknown. 2 Kent, Comm. 359; Spelman; 29 Iowa, 437. Any beast, not wild, found with-
in any lordship, and not owned by any man. Cowell; 1 Bl. Comm. 297.

Estray must be understood as denoting a wand-
ering beast whose owner is unknown to the person who takes it up. An estray is an animal that has escaped from its owner, and wanders or strays about; usually defined, at common law, as a wandering animal whose owner is unknown. An animal cannot be an estray when on the range where it was raised, and permitted

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ESTREAT. To take out a forfeited recognizance from the records of a court, and return it to the court of exchequer, to be prosecuted. See Estreat, n.

ESTREAT, n. (From Lat. extractum.) In English law. A copy or extract from the book of estreats, that is, the rolls of any court, in which the amercements or fines, recognizances, etc., imposed or taken by that court upon or from the accused, are set down, and which are to be levied by the bailiff or other officer of the court. Cowell; Brown.

A forfeited recognizance taken out from among the other records for the purpose of being sent up to the exchequer, that the parties might be sued thereon, was said to be estreated. 4 Bl. Coram. 253. And see Louisiana Society v. Cage, 45 La. Ann. 1394, 14 South. 422.

ESTRECIATUS. Straightened, as applied to roads. Cowell.

ESTREPE. To strip; to despoil; to lay waste; to commit waste upon an estate, as by cutting down trees, removing buildings, etc. To injure the value of a reversionary interest by stripping or spoiling the estate.

ESTREPEMENT. A species of aggravated waste, by stripping or devastating the land, to the injury of the reversioner, and especially pending a suit for possession. —Estrepement, writ of. This was a common-law writ of waste, which lay in particular for the reversioner against the tenant for life, in respect of damage or injury to the land committed by the latter. As it was only auxiliary to a real action for recovery of the land, and as equity afforded the same relief by injunction, the writ fell into disuse.

ET. And. The introductory word of several Latin and French phrases formerly in common use.

ET ADJOURNATUR. And it is adjourned. A phrase used in the old reports, where the argument of a cause was adjourned to another day, or where a second argument was had. 1 Keb. 692, 754, 773.

ET AL. An abbreviation for et alii, "and others."

ET ALIUS. And another. The abbreviation et al. (sometimes in the plural written et alia) is affixed to the name of the person first mentioned, where there are several plaintiffs, grantors, persons addressed, etc.

ET ALLOCATUR. And it is allowed.

ET CETERA. And others; and other things; and so on. In its abbreviated form (etc.) this phrase is frequently affixed to one of a series of articles or names to show that others are intended to follow or understood to be included. So, after reciting the introductory words of a set formula, or a clause already given in full, etc. is added, as an abbreviation, for the sake of convenience. See Lathers v. Keogh, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 579; Com. v. Ross, 6 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 428; In re Schouler, 134 Mass. 426; High Court v. Schweitzer, 70 III. App. 143.

ET DE CEO SE METTENT EN LE PAYS. L. Fr. And of this they put themselves upon the country.

ET DE HOC PONIT SE SUPER PATRIAM. And of this he puts himself upon the country. The formal conclusion of a common-law plea in bar by way of traverse. The literal translation is retained in the modern form.

ET EI LEGITUR IN HEc VERBA. L. Lat. And it is read to him in these words. Words formerly used in entering the prayer of oyer on record.

ET HABEAS IBI TUNC HOC BREVE. And have you then there this writ. The formal words directing the return of a writ. The literal translation is retained in the modern form of a considerable number of writs.

ET HABUIT. And he had it. A common phrase in the Year Books, expressive of the allowance of an application or demand by a party. Parn. demanda la view. Et habuit, etc. M. 6 Edw. III. 49.

ET HOC PARATUS EST VERIFICARE. And this he is prepared to verify. The Latin form of concluding a plea in confession and avoidance.

These words were used, when the pleadings were in Latin, at the conclusion of any pleading which contained new affirmative matter. They expressed the willingness or readiness of the party so pleading to establish by proof the matter alleged in his pleading. A pleading which concluded in that manner was technically said to "conclude with a verification," in contradistinction to a pleading which simply denied matter alleged by the opposite party, and which for that reason was said to "conclude to the country," because the party merely put himself upon the country, or left the matter to the jury. Brown.
ET HOC PETIT QUOD INQUIRATUR PER PATRIAM. And this he prays may be inquired of by the country. The conclusion of a plaintiff's pleading, tendering an issue to the country. 1 Salk. 6. Literally translated in the modern forms.

ET INDE PETIT JUDICIO. And thereupon [or thereof] he prays judgment. A clause at the end of pleadings, praying the judgment of the court in favor of the party pleading. It occurs as early as the time of Bracton, and is literally translated in the modern forms. Bract. fol. 577; Crabb, Eng. Law, 217.

ET INDE PRODUCIT SECTAM. And thereupon he brings suit. The Latin conclusion of a declaration, except against attorneys and other officers of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

ET MODO AD HUNG DIEM. Lat. And now at this day. This phrase was the formal beginning of an entry of appearance or of a continuance. The equivalent English words are still used in this connection.

ET NON. Lat. And not. A technical phrase in pleading, which introduces the negative averments of a special traverse. It has the same force and effect as the words "absque hoc," and is occasionally used instead of the latter.

ET SEQ. An abbreviation for et sequentia, "and the following." Thus a reference to "p. 1, et seq." means "page first and the following pages."

ET SIC. And so. In the Latin forms of pleading these were the introductory words of a special conclusion to a plea in bar, the object being to render it positive and not argumentative; as et sic nil debet.

ET SIC AD JUDICIO. And so to judgment. Yearb. T. 1 Edw. II. 10.

ET SIC AD PATRIAM. And so to the country. A phrase used in the Year Books, to record an issue to the country.

ET SIC FECIT. And he did so. Yearb. P. 8 Hen. VI. 17.

ET SIC PENDET. And so it hangs. A term used in the old reports to signify that a point was left undetermined. T. Raym. 168.

ET SIC ULTERIUS. And so on; and so further; and so forth. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 50, § 27.

ET UX. An abbreviation for et uxor.—"and wife." Where a grantor's wife joins him in the conveyance, it is sometimes expressed (in abstracts, etc.) to be by "A. B. et ux."

ETIQUETTE OF THE PROFESSION. The code of honor agreed on by mutual understanding and tacitly accepted by members of the legal profession, especially by the bar. Wharton.

Eum qui nocentem infamat, non est antiquum et bonum ob eam rem condemnari; delicta enim nocentium nota esse oportet et expedit. It is not just and proper that he who speaks ill of a bad man should be condemned on that account; for it is fitting and expedient that the crimes of bad men should be known. Dig. 47, 10, 17; 1 Bl. Comm. 125.


EUNDO, MORANDO, ET REDEUNDO. Lat. Going, remaining, and returning. A person who is privileged from arrest (as a witness, legislator, etc.) is generally so privileged eundo, morando, et redeundo; that is, on his way to the place where his duties are to be performed, while he remains there, and on his return journey.

EUNOMY. Equal laws and a well-adjusted constitution of government.

EUNCH. A male of the human species who has been castrated. See Domat, liv. prél. tit. 2, § 1, n. 10. Eckert v. Van Felt, 69 Kan. 357, 76 Pac. 909, 66 L. R. A. 266.


EVASION. A subtle endeavoring to set aside truth or to escape the punishment of the law. This will not be allowed. If one person says to another that he will not strike him, but will give him a pot of ale to strike first, and, accordingly, the latter strikes, the returning the blow is punishable; and, if the person first striking is killed, it is murder, for no man shall evade the justice of the law by such a pretense. 1 Hawk. P. C. 81. So no one may plead ignorance of the law to evade it. Jacob.

EVASIVE. Tending or seeking to evade; elusive; shifting; as an evasive argument or plea.

EVENINGS. In old English law. The delivery at even or night of a certain portion of grass, or corn, etc., to a customary tenant, who performs the service of cutting, mowing, or reaping for his lord, given him
as a gratuity or encouragement. Kennett, Gloss.

EVENT. In reference to judicial and quasi judicial proceedings, the “event” means the conclusion, end, or final outcome or result of a litigation; as, in the phrase “abide the event,” speaking of costs or of an agreement that one suit shall be governed by the determination in another. Reeves v. McGregor, 9 Adol. & El. 576; Benjamin v. Ver Nooy, 168 N. Y. 578, 61 N. E. 971; Commercial Union Assur. Co. v. Scammion, 35 Ill. App. 660.

Eventus est qui ex causâ sequitur; et dictur eventus quia ex causis eventit. 9 Coke, 81. An event is that which follows from the cause, and is called an “event” because it eventuates from causes.


EVERY. Each one of all; the term includes all the separate individuals who constitute the whole, regarded one by one. Geary v. Parker, 65 Ark. 521, 47 S. W. 228; Purdy v. People, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 413.

Every man must be taken to contemplate the probable consequences of the act he does. Lord Ellenborough, 9 East, 277. A fundamental maxim in the law of evidence. Best, Pres. § 19; 1 Phil. Ev. 444.

EYES-DROPERS. See EAVES-DROPPERS.

EVICT. In the civil law. To recover anything from a person by virtue of the judgment of a court or Judicial sentence.

At common law. To dispossess, or turn out of possession of lands by process of law. Also to recover land by judgment at law. “If the land is evicted, no rent shall be paid.” 10 Coke, 128a.

EVICION. Dispossession by process of law; the act of depriving a person of the possession of lands which he has held, in pursuance of the judgment of a court. Reasoner v. Edmundson, 5 Ind. 395; Cowdrey v. Colt, 44 N. Y. 392, 4 Am. Rep. 690; Home Life Ins. Co. v. Sherman, 46 N. Y. 372.

Technically, the dispossession must be by judgment of law; if otherwise, it is an ouster.

Eviction implies an entry under paramount title, so as to interfere with the rights of the grantee. The object of the party making the entry is immaterial, whether it be to take all or a part of the land itself or merely an incorporeal right. Phrases equivalent in meaning are “ouster by paramount title,” “entry and dispossession” from the very thing granted or some substantial part thereof. Knotts v. McGregor, 47 W. Va. 566, 34 S. E. 285; Talbot v. English, 156 Ind. 260, 59 N. E. 857; Seigel v. Neary, 38 Misc. Rep. 297, 77 N. Y. Supp. 854.—Construe eviction, as the term is used with reference to breaching of the covenants of warranty and of quiet enjoyment, means the inability of the purchaser to obtain possession by reason of a paramount outstanding title. Pritz v. Pusey, 31 Minn. 368, 18 N. W. 94. With reference to the relation of landlord and tenant, there is a “constructive eviction” when the former, without intent to oust the latter, does some act which deprives the tenant of the beneficial enjoyment of the demised premises or materially impairs such enjoyment. Realty Co. v. Fuller, 33 Misc. Rep. 109, 67 N. Y. Supp. 146; Talbott v. English, 156 Ind. 290, 59 N. E. 857.


The word “evidence,” in legal acceptance, includes all the means by which any alleged matter of fact, the truth of which is submitted to investigation, is established or disproved. 1 Greenl. Ev. c. 1, § 1.

That which is legally submitted to a jury, to enable them to decide upon the questions in dispute or issue, as pointed out by the pleadings, and distinguished from all comment and aigue-marines. 1 Starkie, Ev. pt. 3, art. 1, § 2, art. 1, no. 83. The abandonment which a buyer is compelled to make of a thing purchased, in pursuance of a judicial sentence.

Eviction is the loss suffered by the buyer of the totality of the thing sold, or of a part thereof, occasioned by the right or claims of a third person. Civil Code La. art. 2500. —Actual eviction is an actual expulsion of the tenant of all or some part of the demised premises; a physical ouster or dispossession from the very thing granted or some substantial part thereof. Knotts v. McGregor, 47 W. Va. 566, 34 S. E. 285; Talbot v. English, 156 Ind. 260, 59 N. E. 857; Seigel v. Neary, 38 Misc. Rep. 297, 77 N. Y. Supp. 854.—Construe eviction, as the term is used with reference to breaching of the covenants of warranty and of quiet enjoyment, means the inability of the purchaser to obtain possession by reason of a paramount outstanding title. Pritz v. Pusey, 31 Minn. 368, 18 N. W. 94. With reference to the relation of landlord and tenant, there is a “constructive eviction” when the former, without intent to oust the latter, does some act which deprives the tenant of the beneficial enjoyment of the demised premises or materially impairs such enjoyment. Realty Co. v. Fuller, 33 Misc. Rep. 109, 67 N. Y. Supp. 146; Talbott v. English, 156 Ind. 290, 59 N. E. 857.


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That which is legally submitted to a jury, to enable them to decide upon the questions in dispute or issue, as pointed out by the pleadings, and distinguished from all comment and argument is termed “evidence.” 1 Starkie, Ev. pt. 1, § 3.

Synonyms distinguished. The term “evidence” is to be carefully distinguished from its synonyms, “testimony” and “proof.” Proof is the logically sufficient reason for asserting to the truth of a proposition advanced. In its juridical sense it is a term of wide import, and
comprehends everything that may be adduced at a trial, within the legal rules, for the purpose of producing conviction in the mind of judge or jury as to the truth of a proposition, existing in the mind, and induced by persuasion, proof, or argument addressed to the judgment.

The bill of exceptions states that all the "testimony," "belief," is a subjective condition resulting from proof. It is a proposition, existing in the mind, and induced by persuasion, proof, or argument addressed to the judgment.

Classification. There are many species of evidence, and it is susceptible of being classified on several different principles. The more usual divisions are the following:

Evidence is either judicial or extrajudicial. Judicial evidence is that which is sanctioned by law, of ascertaining in a judicial proceeding the truth respecting a question of fact. (Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1833) while extrajudicial evidence is that which is used to satisfy private persons as to facts requiring proof.

Evidence is either primary or secondary. Primary evidence is that kind of evidence which, under every possible circumstance, affords the greatest probability of the fact in question. Thus, a written instrument is itself the best possible evidence of its existence and contents. Secondary evidence is that which is inferior to primary. Thus, a copy of an instrument, or oral evidence of its contents, is secondary evidence of the instrument and contents. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. §§ 1825, 1830.

In other words, primary evidence means original or first-hand evidence; the best evidence that the nature of the case admits of; the evidence which is required in the first instance, and which will generally admit of no other evidence to be admitted. Thus, an original document is primary evidence; a copy of it would be secondary evidence. If the basis of the case or question suggests as the proper means of ascertaining the truth. See Cross v. Baskett, 17 Or. 84, 21 Pac. 47; Civ. Code Ga. 1805. § 5164. Secondary evidence is that species of evidence which becomes admissible, as being the next best proof, that is, the best proof of which the law allows. Thus, in a case in which the fact in question is lost or inaccessible, as when a witness details orally the contents of an instrument which is lost or destroyed. Williams v. Wills, 56 Vt. 312; Mills v. Mead, 75 Ala. 388; George, 65 Ala. 261; Roberts v. Dixon, 50 Kan. 138, 31 Pac. 1093.

Evidence is either direct or indirect. Direct evidence is that which is admissible directly in proving any matter, as opposed to circumstantial evidence, which is often called "indirect." It is usually conclusive, like primary evidence, if it is credible, and that on various accounts. It is not to be confounded with primary evidence, as opposed to secondary, although in point of fact it usually is primary. Brown v. Comm., 105 Ind. 129, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 310, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Pease v. Smith, 61 N. Y. 477; State v. Calder, 23 Mont. 504, 59 Pac. 909; People v. Palmer, 11 N. Y. St. Rep. 830; Lake County v. Nellon, 44 Or. 14, 74 Pac. 212. Indirect evidence is evidence which does not tend directly to prove the controverted fact, but to establish a state of facts, or the existence of other facts, which will follow as a logical inference. Inferential evidence as to the truth of a disputed fact, not by testifying to anything directly connected with it, but by collateral circumstances ascertained by competent means. 1 Starkie, Ev. 15. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1903, § 1822; Civ. Code Ga. 1850, § 2143.

Evidence is either intrinsic or extrinsic. Intrinsic evidence is that which is derived from a document without anything to explain it. Extrinsic evidence is external evidence, or that which is not contained in the body of an agreement, contract, and the like. 

Compound and descriptive terms.—Admissibility of evidence. Auxiliary or supplementary evidence, such as is presented for the purpose of explaining and completing other evidence. (Chiefly used in ecclesiastical law.)—Circumstantial evidence. This is proof of various facts or circumstances which usually attend the main fact in dispute, and therefore tend to prove its existence, or to sustantiate, by their consistency, the hypothesis claimed. Or as otherwise defined, it consists in reasoning from facts which are known or proved to establish another supposed to exist beyond a reasonable doubt. Wood v. Chapin, 13 N. Y. 509, 67 Am. Dec. 62; Haupt v. Pohlman, 24 N. Y. Super. Ct. 121; Moore v. Hopkins, 83 Calif. 277, 22 Pac. 136; West v. West, 90 Iowa, 41, 57 N. W. 639; Freese v. Loan Soc., 139 Cal. 392, 73 Pac. 172; People v. Stephenson, 11 Misc. Rep. 141, 92 N. Y. Supp. 1112.—Corroborative evidence. Strengthening or confirming evidence; additional evidence of a different character adduced in support of the same fact or proposition. People v. McAdams, 1 Lea (Tenn.) 504; Horbach v. State, 43 Tex. 249. Also, generally, admissible or relevant, as the opposite of "incompetent," (see infra) State v. Johnson, 12 Minn. 476 (Gil. 378), 93 Am. Dec. 241.—Conclusive evidence is that which is incontrovertible, either because the law does not permit it to be contradicted, or because it is so strong and convincing as to overbear all proof to the contrary and establish the proposition in question beyond any reasonable doubt. Wood v. Chapin, 13 N. Y. 509, 67 Am. Dec. 62; Haupt v. Pohlman, 24 N. Y. Super. Ct. 121; Moore v. Hopkins, 83 Calif. 277, 22 Pac. 136; West v. West, 90 Iowa, 41, 57 N. W. 639; Freese v. Loan Soc., 139 Cal. 392, 73 Pac. 172; People v. Stephenson, 11 Misc. Rep. 141, 92 N. Y. Supp. 1112.—Cumulative evidence. Additional or corroborative evidence to the same point. That which goes to prove what has already been established by other evidence. Glidden v. Dunlap, 28 Me. 388; Parker v. Hardy, 24 Pick. (Mass.) 248; Waller v. Graves,
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20 Conn. 310; Roe v. Kalb, 37 Ga. 499. All evidence material to the issue, after any such evidence has been given, is termed cumulative; that is, is added to what has been given before. It tends to sustain the issue. For example, material evidence from the same source, means evidence from the same or a new witness, simply repeating, in substance and effect, or adding to, what has been before testified to. Parshall v. Hanger, 119 Conn. 513, 174 A. 559. (Y) Material evidence not cumulative merely because it tends to establish the same ultimate or principally controverted fact. Cumulative evidence is additional evidence of the same kind to the point in issue. Able v. Frazier, 43 Iowa, 177.—Documentary evidence. Evidence supplied by writings and documents in the ordinary kind of evidence in the term; evidence derived from conventional symbols (such as letters) by which ideas are represented on material substances.—Evidence aliunde. Evidence from outside the document, or source. In certain cases a written instrument may be explained by evidence aliunde, that is, by evidence drawn from sources exterior to the instrument itself, e.g., the testimony of a witness to conversations, admissions, or preliminary negotiations.—Expert evidence. Testimony given in relation to some scientific, technical, or professional matter by persons qualified to speak authoritatively by reason of their special training, skill, or familiarity with the subject.—Evidence aliunde. With reference to a contract, deed, will, or any writing, extraneous evidence is such as is not furnished by the document itself, but is derived from sources outside the same as evidence aliunde. (See supra.)—Hearsay evidence. Evidence not proceeding from the personal knowledge of the witness, but from the memory of others; in other words, it is not what he or she has heard others say. See, more fully, Hearsay.—Incompetent evidence. Evidence which is not admissible under the established rules of evidence; evidence which the law does not permit to be presented at all, or in relation to the particular matter, on account of lack of originality or of some defect in the witness, the document, or the nature of the evidence itself. Texas Brewing Co. v. Dickey (Tex. Civ. App.) 34 S. W. 578; Bell v. Bumstead, 60 Hun, 590, 14 N. Y. Supp. 556, 38 N. Y. Supp. 468; People v. Mullings, 83 Cal. 138, 23 Pac. 229, 17 Am. St. Rep. 222.—Inculpatory evidence. Criminative evidence; that which tends, or is intended, to fix the guilt of the person in question. The law has heard of hearsay. See, more fully, Hearsay.—Indispensable evidence. That without which a particular fact cannot be proved. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1386; Ballinger's Ann. Comments & St. Or. 1901, § 689.—Proof.—Cumulative evidence. A broad general term meaning all admissible evidence, including both oral and documentary, but with a further implication that it must be of such a character as tends reasonably and substantially to prove the point, not to raise a mere suspicion or conjecture. Lewis v. Clyde S. S. Co., 132 N. C. 304, 44 S. E. 666; Curtis v. Bradley, 65 Conn. 90, 31 Atl. 591, 28 L. R. A. 143, 48 Am. St. Rep. 177; West v. Hayes, 51 Conn. 553.—Material evidence. Such as is relevant and goes to the substance in dispute, or has a legitimate and effective influence or bearing on the decision of the case. Porter v. Valentine, 16 Misc. Rep. 213, 41 N. Y. Supp. 557.—Mathematical demonstration; Mathematical evidence; such as establishes its conclusions with absolute necessity and certainty. It is used in contradistinction to swayed evidence. More formally termed "mathematical" or "demonstrative" evidence, this term denotes that kind of evidence which, by establishing an absolute and necessary certainty, generates a high force of probability or persuasive force. It is founded upon analogy or induction, experience of the ordinary course of nature or the sequence of events, and the testimony of men.—Newly-discovered evidence. Evidence of a new and material fact, or new evidence in relation to a fact in issue, discovered by a party to a cause after the rendition of a verdict or judgment therein. The rule is stated in 13 Am. Digest, 383; 72 N. Y. Supp. 409; Wynne v. Newman, 73 Va. 816; People v. Priori, 164 N. Y. 459, 58 N. E. 668.—Opinion evidence. Evidence of what the witness thinks, believes, or infers in regard to facts in dispute, as distinguished from his personal knowledge of the facts themselves; not admissible except (under certain limitations) in the case of expert or professional witnesses. 75 Miss. 559, 22 South. 210.—Oral evidence. Evidence given by word of mouth; the oral testimony of a witness.—Original evidence. An original document introduced in evidence (Ballinger's Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 682) as distinguished from a copy of it or from extraneous evidence of its contents or purport.—Parol evidence. Oral or verbal evidence; that which is given by word of mouth; the ordinary kind of evidence, given by witnesses in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 369. In a particular sense, and with reference to contracts, deeds, wills, and other writings, parol evidence is the same as extraneous evidence in relation to a contract, deed, will, etc., (See supra.)—Partial evidence is that which goes to establish a detached fact, in a series tending to the fact in dispute. It may be received, subject to the rule of inadmissibility, which is removed momentarily, while evidence is connected with the fact in dispute by proof of other facts; for example, on an issue of title to real property, evidence of the continued possession of a remote occupant is partial, for it is of a detached fact, which may or may not be afterwards connected with the fact in dispute. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1383; Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1853; Direct proof of the fact or point in issue; evidence which, if believed, establishes the truth or falsehood of a fact in issue, and does not arise from any presumption. It is distinguished from circumstantial evidence. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 3057; Cooper v. Holmes, 71 Md. 20, 17 Atl. 711; Davis v. Curry, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 239; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 310, 52 Am. Dec. 711.—Presumptive evidence. This term has several meanings in law. (1) Any evidence which, when spoken of in the abstract, as of any view, minor or other facts incidental to or usually connected with the fact sought to be proved, which, when taken together, inferentially establish or suggest the fact in question with a reasonable degree of certainty; evidence drawn by human experience from the connection of cause and effect and observation of human conduct; the particular facts from which the conclusion is less certainty, according to the experience of mankind of their more or less universal connection, the existence of other facts can be deduced. In this sense the term is nearly equivalent to "circumstantial" evidence. See 1 Starkie, Ev. 558; 2 Saund. Pl. & Ev. 673; Civ. Code Ga. 1886, § 115; Civ. Code Cal. § 1385; 2 Bibb (Ky.) 239; Hornbach v. Miller, 4 Neb. 44; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 564, 32 Atl. 137. (2) Evidence which must be received and treated as true, as trust in human integrity, which is not to be contradicted by any testimony; as, where a statute provides that certain facts shall be presumptive evidence of guilt, of title, etc. State v. Mitchell, 110 N. C. 784, 16 S. E. 595; 2 R. & L. Ev. 247, 358; Urrutia v. Moore, 80 Me. 57, 12 Atl. 704. (3) Evidence which admits of explanation or contradiction by other evidence, as distinguished from conclusive evidence. Evidence of a new and material fact, etc., (See supra.)—Probative evidence. Evidence good and sufficient on its own showing, which admits of explanation or contradiction by other evidence, as distinguished from conclusive evidence. Evidence of a new and material fact, etc., (See supra.)—Probative evidence. Evidence good and sufficient on its face; such evidence as, in the judgment of the law, is sufficient to establish a given fact, the group of facts constituting the party's claim or defense, and which if not rebutted or contradicted, will remain sufficient. Crane v. Morris, 8 Pet. 611, 5 L. Ed. 514; State v. Bur-
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Adequate evidence; such evidence as is adduced for the purpose of proving the existence of proof of a particular fact until contradicted and overcome by other evidence. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1905, § 1833. Evidence which, standing alone and unexplained, would warrant the court or jury in concluding or acting upon the proposition and warrant the conclusion to support which it is introduced. Emmons v. Bank, 97 Mass. 269. An inference or presumption of law, affirming or negating the existence of a fact, in the absence of proof, or until proof can be obtained or produced to overcome it. People v. Thatcher. 5 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 467. Probative evidence. Presumptive evidence is so-called, from its foundation in probability.—Real evidence. Evidence furnished by things themselves, or inspected or inspected as distinguished from a description of them by the mouth of a witness; e. g., the physical appearance of a person when exhibited to the jury, marks, scars, wounds, fingerprints, etc., also the weapons or implements used in the commission of a crime, and other inanimate objects, and evidence of the physical appearance of a place (the scene of an accident or of the commission of a crime or of property to be taken under condemnation proceedings) as obtained by a process or practice which are properly taken. See Dugan v. Trisler, 69 Ind. 555. Evidence which has passed through one or more media before reaching the witness; second-hand evidence.

Evidence which has passed through one or more media before reaching the witness; evidence given by the adverse party. Davis v. Hamblin, 51 Cal. 129, 22 Pac. 124; Pittman v. Pittner, 118 Fed. 457; People v. Stewart, 59 Fed. 74, 8 C. C. A. 1; U. S. v. Lee, 86 N. C. 701; Blough v. Parry, 144 Ind. 653, 48 N. E. 560. Evidence given in opposition to a presumption or the statement formerly made by persons since deceased, in regard to questions of pedigree, ancient boundaries, and the like, where no living witnesses can be produced having knowledge of the facts. Lay v. Nevile, 25 Cal. 554.

Evidence of Debt. A term applied to written instruments or securities for the payment of money, importing on their face the existence of a debt. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 599, § 55.

Evidence of Title. A deed or other document establishing the title to property, especially real estate.

Evidentiary. Having the quality of evidence; constituting evidence; evidencing. A term introduced by Bentham, and, from its convenience, adopted by other writers.

Evocation. In French law. The withdrawal of a cause from the cognizance of an inferior court, and bringing it before another court or judge. In some respects this process resembles the proceedings upon certiorari.

Ewage. (L. Fr. Ewe, water.) In old English law. Toll paid for water passage, the same as aquage. Tomlins.

Ewbrace. Adultery; spouse breach; marriage breach. Cowell; Tomlins.

Ewry. An office in the royal household where the table linen, etc., is taken care of. Wharton.

Ex. 1. A Latin preposition meaning, from out of, by, on, on account of, or according to.

2. A prefix, denoting removal or cessation. Prefixed to the name of an office, relation, status, etc., it denotes that the person spoken of once occupied that office or relation, but does no longer, or that he is now out of it. Thus, ex-mayor, ex-partner, ex-judge.

3. A prefix which is equivalent to “without,” “reserving,” or “excepting.” In this use, probably an abbreviation of “except.” Thus, ex-interest, ex-coupons.

“A sale of bonds ‘ex. July coupons’ means a sale reserving the coupons; that is, a sale in which the seller reserves the coupons, in addition to the purchase price, the benefit of the coupons, which benefit he may realize either by detaching them or receiving from the buyer an equivalent consideration.” Porter v. Wormser, 94 N. Y. 445.

4. Also used as an abbreviation for “exhibit.” See Dugan v. Trisler, 69 Ind. 665.
EX ABUNDANTI. Out of abundance; abundantly; superfluously; more than sufficient. Calvin.

EX ABUNDANTI CAUTELA. Lat. Out of abundant caution. "The practice has arisen abundANTI cautela." 8 East, 326; Lord Ellenborough, 4 Maule & S. 544.

EX ADVERSE. On the other side. 2 Show. 461. Applied to counsel.

EX AEQUITATE. According to equity; in equity. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

EX AEQUO ET BONO. A phrase derived from the civil law, meaning, in justice and fairness; according to what is just and good; according to equity and conscience. 3 Bl. Comm. 163.

EX ALTERA PARTE. Of the other part.

Ex antecedentibus et consequentibus fit optima interpretation. The best interpretation [of a part of an instrument] is made from the antecedents and the consequents, [from the preceding and following parts.] 2 Inst. 317. The law will judge of a deed or other instrument, consisting of divers parts or clauses, by looking at the whole; and will give to each part its proper office, so as to ascertain and carry out the intention of the parties. Broom, Max. §577. The whole instrument is to be viewed and compared in all its parts, so that every part of it may be made consistent and effectual. 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

EX ARBITRIO JUDICIS. At, in, or upon the discretion of the judge. 4 Bl. Comm. 394. A term of the civil law. Inst. 4, 6, 31.

EX ASSENSU CURIE. By or with the consent of the court.

EX ASSENSU PATRIS. By or with the consent of the father. A species of dower ad ostium ecclesiae, during the life of the husband; the son, by the father's consent expressly given, endowing his wife with parcel of his father's lands. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 105, § 13.

EX ASSENSU SUO. With his assent. Formal words in judgments for damages by default. Comb. 220.

EX BONIS. Of the goods or property. A term of the civil law; distinguished from in bonis, as being descriptive of or applicable to property not in actual possession. Calvin.

EX CATHEDRA. From the chair. Originally applied to the decisions of the popes from their cathedra, or chair. Hence, authoritative; having the weight of authority.

EX CAUSA. L. Lat. By title.

EX CERTA SCIENTIA. Of certain or sure knowledge. These words were anciently used in patents, and imported full knowledge of the subject-matter on the part of the king. See 1 Coke, 409.

EX COLORE. By color; under color of; under pretense, show, or protection of. Thus, ex colore officii, under color of office.

EX COMITATE. Out of comity or courtesy.

EX COMMODATO. From or out of loan. A term applied in the old law of England to a right of action arising out of a loan, (commodatum.) Glanv. lib. 10, c. 13; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 166.

EX COMPARATIONE SCRIPTORUM. By a comparison of writings or handwritings. A term in the law of evidence. Best, Pres. 218.

EX CONCESSIS. From the premises granted. According to what has been already allowed.

EX CONSULTO. With consultation or deliberation.

EX CONTINENTI. Immediately; without any interval or delay; incontinently. A term of the civil law. Calvin.

EX CONTRACTU. From or out of a contract. In both the civil and the common law, rights and causes of action are divided into two classes,—those arising ex contractu, (from a contract,) and those arising ex delicto, (from a delict or tort.) See 3 Bl. Comm. 117; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 384. See Scharf v. People, 134 Ill. 240, 24 N. E. 761.

EX CURIA. Out of court; away from the court.

EX DEBITO JUSTITAE. From or as a debt of justice; in accordance with the requirement of justice; of right; as a matter of right. The opposite of ex gracia, (g. v.) 3 Bl. Comm. 48, 67.

EX DEFECTU SANGUINIS. From failure of blood; for want of issue.

EX DELICTO. From a delict, tort, fault, crime, or malfeasance. In both the civil and the common law, obligations and causes of action are divided into two great classes,—those arising ex contractu, (out of a contract,) and those ex delicto. The latter are such as grow out of or are founded
upon a wrong or tort, e.g., trespass, trover, replevin. These terms were known in English law at a very early period. See Inst 4, 1, pr.; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 384; 3 Bl. Comm. 117; Bract. fol. 101b.

Ex delicto non ex supplicio emergit infamia. Infamy arises from the crime, not from the punishment.

EX DEMISSIO. (commonly abbreviated ex dem.) Upon the demise. A phrase forming part of the title of the old action of ejectment.

EX DIRECTO. Directly; immediately. Story, Bills, § 199.

Ex diuturnitate temporis, omnia presumuntur esse acta. From length of time [after lapse of time] all things are presumed to have been done in due form. Co. Litt. 69; Best, Ev. Introd. § 43; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 20.

EX DOLO MALO. Out of fraud; out of deceitful or tortious conduct. A phrase applied to obligations and causes of action vitiated by fraud or deceit.

Ex dolo malo non oritur actio. Out of fraud no action arises; fraud never gives a right of action. No court will lend its aid to a man who founds his cause of action upon an immoral or illegal act. Cowp. 343; Broom, Max. 729.

Ex donationibus ante fœda militia vel magnum serjeantium non continetibus oritur nobis somnum generale, quod est socagium. From grants not containing military fees or grand serjeanty, a kind of general name is used by us, which is “socage.”

EX EMPTO. Out of purchase; founded on purchase. A term of the civil law, adopted by Bracton. Inst. 4, 6, 28; Bract. fol. 102. See ACTIO EX EMPTO.

EX FACIE. From the face; apparently; evidently. A term applied to what appears on the face of a writing.

EX FACTO. From or in consequence of a fact or action; actually. Usually applied to an unlawful or tortious act as the foundation of a title, etc. Sometimes used as equivalent to “de facto.” Bract. fol. 172.

Ex factu jus oritur. The law arises out of the fact. Broom, Max. 102. A rule of law continues in abstraction and theory, until an act is done on which it can attach and assume as it were a body and shape. Best, Ev. Introd. § 1.

EX FICITIO JURIS. By a fiction of law.

Ex frequenti delicto augetur pena. Punishment increases with increasing crime.

EX GRATIA. Out of grace; as a matter of grace, favor, or indulgence; gratuitous. A term applied to anything accorded as a favor; as distinguished from that which may be demanded ex debito, as a matter of right.

EX GRAVI QUERELA. (From or on the grievous complaint.) In old English practice. The name of a writ (so called from its initial words) which lay for a person to whom any lands or tenements in fee were devised by will, (within any city, town, or borough wherein lands were devisable by custom,) and the heir of the devisor entered and detained them from him. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 198, L, et seq.; 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 49. Abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 38.

EX HYPOTHESI. By the hypothesis; upon the supposition; upon the theory or facts assumed.

EX INDUSTRIA. With contrivance or deliberation; designedly; on purpose. See 1 Kent, Comm. 318; Martin v. Hunter, 1 Wheat. 354, 4 L. Ed. 97.

EX INTEGRO. Anew; afresh.

EX JUSTA CAUSA. From a just or lawful cause; by a just or legal title.

EX LEGE. By the law; by force of law; as a matter of law.

EX LEGIBUS. According to the laws. A phrase of the civil law, which means according to the intent or spirit of the law, as well as according to the words or letter. Dig. 50, 16, 6. See Calvin.

EX LICENTIA REGIS. By the king's license. 1 Bl. Comm. 168, note.

EX LOCATO. From or out of lease or letting. A term of the civil law, applied to actions or rights of action arising out of the contract of locatum, (q. v.) Inst. 4, 6, 23. Adopted at an early period in the law of England. Bract. fol. 102; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 168.

EX MALEFICIO. Growing out of, or founded upon, misdoing or tort. This term is frequently used in the civil law as the synonym of “ex delicto,” (q. v.) and is thus contrasted with “ex contracto.” In this sense it is of more rare occurrence in the common law, though found in Bracton, (folis. 99, 101, 102.)

Ex maleficio non oritur contractus. A contract cannot arise out of an act radically vicious and illegal. 1 Term, 734; 3 Term, 422; Broom, Max. 734.
EX MALIS MORIBUS

Ex mali moribus bona leges natus sunt. 2 Inst. 161. Good laws arise from evil morals, i.e., are necessitated by the evil behavior of men.

EX MALITIA. From malice; maliciously. In the law of libel and slander, this term imports a publication that is false and without legal excuse. Dixon v. Allen, 69 Cal. 527, 11 Pac. 179.

EX MERO MOTU. Of his own mere motion; of his own accord; voluntarily and without prompting or request. Royal letters patent which are granted at the crown's own instance, and without request made, are said to be granted ex mero motu. When a court interferes, of its own motion, to object to an irregularity, or to do something which the parties are not strictly entitled to, but which will prevent injustice, it is said to act ex mero motu, or ex proprio motu, or sua sponte, all these terms being here equivalent.

EX MORA. From or in consequence of delay. Interest is allowed ex mora; that is, where there has been delay in returning a sum borrowed. A term of the civil law. Story, Bailm. § 84.

EX MORE. According to custom. Calvin.

Ex multitudine signorum, colligitur identitas vera. From a great number of signs or marks, true identity is gathered or is easily identified, though, as to some, the description may not be strictly correct. Id.

EX MUTUO. From or out of loan. In the old law of England, a debt was said to arise ex mutuo when one lent another anything which consisted in number, weight, or measure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 169; Bract. fol. 99.

EX NECESSITATE. Of necessity. 3 Rep. Ch. 123.

—Ex necessitate legis. From or by necessity of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 394—Ex necessitate rei. From the necessity or urgency of the thing or case. 2 Pow. Dev. (by Jarman) 308.


Ex nudo pacto non oritur [nascitur] actio. Out of a nude or naked pact [that is, a bare parol agreement without consideration] no action arises. Bract. fol. 99; Flea, lib. 2, c. 56, § 2; PLOWD. 305. Of a promise neither attended with particular solemnity (such as belongs to a specialty) nor with any consideration no legal liability can arise.
EX PARTE TALIS. A writ that lay for a bailiff or receiver, who, having auditors appointed to take his accounts, cannot obtain of them reasonable allowance, but is cast into prison. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 129.

Ex pacius dictis intendere plurima positis. Litt. § 384. You can imply many things from few expressions.

EX POST FACTO. After the fact; by an act or fact occurring after some previous act or fact, and relating thereto; by subsequent matter; the opposite of ab initio. Thus, a deed may be good ab initio, or, if invalid at its inception, may be confirmed by matter ex post facto.

EX POST FACTO LAW. A law passed after the occurrence of a fact or commission of an act, which retrospectively changes the legal consequences or relations of such fact or deed. By Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, the states are forbidden to pass "any ex post facto law." In this connection the phrase has a much narrower meaning than its literal translation would justify, as will appear from the extracts given below.

The phrase "ex post facto," in the constitution, extends to criminal and not to civil cases. And under this head is included: (1) Every law that makes an action, done before the passing of the law, and which was innocent when done, criminal, and punishes such action. (2) Every law that aggravates a crime, or makes it greater than it was when committed. (3) Every law that changes the punishment, and inflicts a greater punishment than the law annexed to the crime when committed. (4) Every law that alters the legal rules of evidence, and receives less or different testimony than the law required at the time of the commission of the offense, in order to convict the offender. All these, and similar laws, are prohibited by the constitution. But a law may be ex post facto, and still not amenable to this constitutional inhibition; that is, provided it mollifies, instead of aggravating, the rigor of the criminal law. Boston v. Cummins, 16 Ga. 102, 60 Am. Dec. 717; Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 277, 18 L. Ed. 358; U. S. v. Hall, 2 Wash. C. C. 368, Fed. Cas. No. 15,285; Woart v. Winnick, 3 N. H. 473, 14 Am. Dec. 384; Calder v. Bull, 3 Dall. 386, 1 L. Ed. 648; 3 Story, Const. 212.

An ex post facto law is one which renders an act punishable, in a manner in which it was not punishable when committed. Such a law may inflict penalties on the person, or pecuniary penalties which swell the public treasury. The legislature is therefore prohibited from passing a law by which a man's estate, or any part of it, is made the subject of a crime, which was not declared, by some previous law, to render him liable to such punishment. Fletcher v. Peck, 6 Cranch St. 219, 3 L. Ed. 162.

The plain and obvious meaning of this prohibition is that the legislature shall not pass any law, after a fact done by any citizen, which shall have relation to that fact, so as to punish that which was innocent when done; or to add to the punishment of that which was innocent as the matter of a crime; or to retrench the rules of evidence, so as to make conviction more easy. This definition of an ex post facto law is sanctioned by long usage. Strong v. State, 1 Blackf. (Ind.) 196.

The term "ex post facto law," in the United States constitution, cannot be construed to include and to prohibit the enacting any law after a fact, nor even to prohibit the depriving a citizen of his estate, or of any part of it, to the extent of a fine or imprisonment. Calder v. Bull, 3 Dall. 386, 1 L. Ed. 648. "Ex post facto" and "retrospective" are not convertible terms. The latter is a term of wider signification than the former and includes it. All ex post facto laws are necessarily retrospective, but not ex converso. A curative or confirmatory statute is retrospective, but not ex post facto. Constitutions of nearly all the states contain prohibitions against ex post facto laws, but only a few forbid retrospective legislation in specific terms. Black, Const. Prohib. §§ 170, 172, 222.

Retrospective laws divesting vested rights are impolitic and unjust; but they are not "ex post facto laws," within the meaning of the constitution of the United States, nor repugnant to any other of its provisions; and, if not repugnant to the state constitution, a court cannot pronounce them to be void, merely because in their judgment they are contrary to the principles of natural justice. Albee v. May, 2 Paine, 74, Fed. Cas. No. 134.

Every retrospective act is not necessarily an ex post facto law. That phrase embraces only such laws as impose or affect penalties or forfeitures. Locke v. New Orleans, 4 Wall. 172, 18 L. Ed. 334.

Retrospective laws which do not impair the obligation of contracts, or affect vested rights, or partake of the character of ex post facto laws, are not prohibited by the constitution. Bay v. Gage, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 447.

Ex precedentibus et consequentibus optima it interpretatio. 1 Roll. 374. The best interpretation is made from the context.

EX PRECEGITATA MALICIA. Of malice aforethought. Reg. Orig. 102.

EX PROPRIIO MOTU. Of his own accord.

EX PROPRIIO VIGORE. By their or its own force. 2 Kent, Comm. 457.

EX PROVISONIS HOMINIS. By the provision of man. By the limitation of the party, as distinguished from the disposition of the law. 11 Coke, 809.

EX PROVISONIS MARITI. From the provision of the husband.

EX QUASI CONTRACTU. From quasi contract. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60.

EX RELATIONE. Upon relation or information. Legal proceedings which are instituted by the attorney general (or other proper person) in the name and behalf of the state, but on the information and at the instigation of an individual who has a private interest in the matter, are said to be taken "on the relation" (ex relatione) of such person, who is called the "relator." Such a cause is usually entitled thus: "State ex rel. Doe v. Roe." In the books of reports, when a case is said
to be reported *ex relatione*, it is meant that the reporter derives his account of it, not from personal knowledge, but from the relation or narrative of some person who was present at the argument.

**EX RIGORE JURIS.** According to the rigor or strictness of law; in strictness of law. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 10, § 3.

**EX SCRIPTIS OLIM VISIS.** From writings formerly seen. A term used as descriptive of that kind of proof of handwriting where the knowledge has been acquired by the witness having seen letters or other documents professing to be the handwriting of the party, and having afterwards communicated personally with the party upon the contents of those letters or documents, or having otherwise acted upon them by written answers, producing further correspondence or acquiescence by the party in some matter to which they relate, or by the witness transacting with the party some business to which they relate, or by any other mode of communication between the party and the witness which, in the ordinary course of the transactions of life, induces a reasonable presumption that the letters or documents were the handwriting of the party. 5 Adol. & E. 730.

**EX STATUTO.** According to the statute. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 11, § 1.

**EX STIPULATU ACTIO.** In the civil law. An action of stipulation. An action given to recover marriage portions. Inst. 4, 6, 29.

**EX TEMPORE.** From or in consequence of time; by lapse of time. Bract. fols. 51, 52. *Ex diuturno tempore*, from length of time. Id. fol. 51b.

Without preparation or premeditation.

**EX TESTAMENTO.** From, by, or under a will. The opposite of *ad intestato*, (q. v.)

*Ex tota materia emergat resolutio.* The explanation should arise out of the whole subject-matter; the exposition of a statute should be made from all its parts together. Wing. Max. 238.

*Ex turpi causa non oritur actio.* Out of a base [illegal, or immoral] consideration, an action does [can] not arise. 1 Selw. N. P. 63; Broom, Max. 730, 732; Story, Ag. § 195.

*Ex turpi contractu actio non oritur.* From an immoral or iniquitous contract an action does not arise. A contract founded upon an illegal or immoral consideration cannot be enforced by action. 2 Kent, Comm. 406; Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4.

**EX UNA PARTE.** Of one part or side; on one side.

**EX UNO DISCE OMNES.** From one thing you can discern all.

**EX UTRASQUE PARENTIBUS CONJUNCTI.** Related on the side of both parents; of the whole blood. Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.

**EX VI TERMINI.** From or by the force of the term. From the very meaning of the expression used. 2 Bl. Comm. 106, 115.

**EX VISCERIBUS.** From the bowels. From the vital part, the very essence of the thing. 10 Coke, 246; Homer v. Shelton, 2 Metc. (Mass.) 213. *Ex viscibis verborum*, from the mere words and nothing else. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 980; Fisher v. Fields, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 485.

Also by natural, as distinguished from violent, causes. When a coroner’s inquest finds that the death was due to disease or other natural cause, it is frequently phrased *ex visita etione Dei*.

**EX VISITATIONE DEI.** By the dispensation of God; by reason of physical incapacity. Anciently, when a prisoner, being arraigned, stood silent instead of pleading, a jury was impaneled to inquire whether he obstinately stood mute or was dumb *ex visitatione Dei*. 4 Steph. Comm. 394.

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**EX VISU SCRIPTURIS.** From sight of the writing; from having seen a person write. A term employed to describe one of the modes of proof of handwriting. Best, Pres. 218.

**EX VOLUNTATE.** Voluntarily; from free-will or choice.

**EXACTION.** The wrongful act of an officer or other person in compelling payment of a fee or reward for his services, under color of his official authority, where no payment is due.

Between “extortion” and “exaction” there is this difference: that in the former case the officer extorts more than his due, when something is due to him, but when something is not due to him; in the latter, he exacts what is not his due, when there is nothing due to him. Co. Litt. 368.

**EXACTOR.** In the civil law. A gatherer or receiver of money; a collector of taxes. Cod. 10, 19.

**EXACTOR.** In the old English law. A collector of the public moneys; a tax gatherer. Thus, *exactor regis* was the name of the king’s tax collector, who took up the taxes and other debts due the treasury.

**EXALTARE.** In old English law. To raise; to elevate. Frequently spoken of water, i. e., to raise the surface of a pond or pool.

EXAMINATION. An investigation; search; interrogating.

In trial practice. The examination of a witness consists of the series of questions put to him by a party to the action, or his counsel, for the purpose of bringing before the court and jury in legal form the knowledge which the witness has of the facts and matters in dispute, or of probing and sifting his evidence previously given.

In criminal practice. An investigation by a magistrate of a person who has been charged with crime and arrested, or of the facts and circumstances which are alleged to have attended the crime and to fasten suspicion upon the party so charged, in order to ascertain whether there is sufficient ground to hold him to bail for his trial by the proper court. U. S. v. Stanton, 70 Fed. 890, 17 C. C. A. 475; State v. Conrad, 95 N. C. 669.

Cross-examination. In practice. The examination of a witness upon a trial or hearing, or upon taking a deposition, by the party opposed to the one who produced him, upon his evidence given in chief, to test its truth, to further develop it, or for other purposes. Direct examination. This is the first interrogation when the witness is first interro­gated or examination of a witness, on the merits, by the party on whose behalf he is called. This is to be distinguished from an examination or examination of the correctness of which is merely preliminary, and is had when the competency of the witness is challenged; from the cross-examination, which is conducted by the adverse party; and from the redirect examination which follows the cross-examination, and is had by the party who first examined the witness. Examination de bene esse. A provisional examination of a witness; an examination of a witness whose testimony is important and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial and in the cross-examination, which is conducted by the adverse party; and from the redirect examination which follows the cross-examination, and is had by the party who first examined the witness.

Separate examination. This phrase does not mean the examination of the account to ascertain if she acts of her own will and her husband, for the purpose of acknowledging a deed or other instrument which is challenged by such party for the purpose. Sweet.

EXAMINED COPY. A copy of a record, public book, or register, and which has been compared with the original. 1 Campb. 459.

EXAMINER. In English law. A person appointed by a court to take the examination of witnesses in an action, i. e., to take down the result of their interrogation by the parties or their counsel, either by written interrogatories or vivâ voce. An examiner is generally appointed where a witness is in a foreign country, or is too ill or infirm to attend before the court, and is either an officer of the court, or a person specially appointed for the purpose. Sweet.

In New Jersey. An examiner is an officer appointed by the court of chancery to take testimony in cases depending in that court. His powers are similar to those of the English examiner in chancery.

In the patent-office. An officer in the patent-office charged with the duty of examining the patentability of inventions for which patents are asked.

EXAMINER in chancery. An officer of the court of chancery, before whom witnesses are examined, and their testimony reduced to writing, for the purpose of being read on the hearing of the cause. Cowell. Examiners. Persons appointed to question students of law in order to ascertain their qualifications before they are admitted to practice. Special examiner. In English law. Some person, not one of the examiners of the court of chancery, appointed to take evidence in a particular suit. This may be done when the state of business in the examiner's office is such that it is impossible to obtain an appointment at a conveniently early day, or when the witnesses may be unable to come to London. Hunt. Ex. pt. I. c. 5, § 2.

EXANNUAL ROLL. In old English practice. A roll into which (in the old way to the court to direct an inquiry whether the applicant has any, and what interest in the property; and this inquiry is called an "examination pro interesse suo." Hyde, 110 U. S. 276, 4 Sup. Ct. 27, 28 L. Ed. 145; Hitz v. Jenks, 185 U. S. 155, 22 Sup. Ct. 586, 46 L. Ed. 851. Examination pro interesse suo, an examination charged with crime, before a magistrate, as above explained. See In re Dolph, 17 Colo. 35, 28 Pac. 476; Van Buren v. State, 65 Neb. 223, 91 N. W. 201. Examination de bene esse. An examination or interrogation, by a magistrate, of a married woman who is grantor in a deed or other instrument which is challenged by such party for the purpose of ascertaining whether her will in the matter is free and unconstrained. Muir v. Galloway, 61 Cal. 506; Hadley v. Geiger, 9 N. J. Law, 293. Examination de beneficiis. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination. Separate examination. The interrogation of a married woman, who appears before an officer for the purpose of acknowledging a deed or other instrument and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial and in the cross-examination, which is conducted by the adverse party; and from the redirect examination which follows the cross-examination, and is had by the party who first examined the witness. Examination de bene esse. A provisional examination of a witness; an examination of a witness whose testimony is important and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial and might otherwise be lost, held out of court and before the trial, with the proviso that the deposition so taken may be used on the trial.
EXCAMB. In Scotch law. To exchange. 6 Bell, App. Cas. 19, 22.

EXCAMBIATOR. An exchanger of lands; a broker. Obsolete.


EXCAMBIUM. An exchange; a place where merchants meet to transact their business; also an equivalent in recompense; a recom pense in lieu of dower ad ostium ecclesiae.

EXCELLENCY. In English law. The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In America. The title is sometimes given to the chief executive of a state or of the nation.

EXCEPTANT. One who excepts; one who makes or files exceptions; one who objects to a ruling, instruction, or anything proposed or ordered.

EXCEPTIO. In Roman law. An exception. In a general sense, a judicial allegation opposed by a defendant to the plaintiff's action. Calvin.

A stop or stay to an action opposed by the defendant. Cowell.

Answering to the "defense" or "plea" of the common law. An allegation and defense of a defendant by which the plaintiff's claim or complaint is defeated, either according to strict law or upon grounds of equity.

In a stricter sense, the exclusion of an action that lay in strict law, upon grounds of equity, (actionis jure stricte competentis ob aquitatem exclusio.) Heinene. A kind of limitation of an action, by which it was shown that the action, though otherwise just, did not lie in the particular case. Calvin.

A species of defense allowed in cases where, though the action as brought by the plaintiff was in itself just, yet it was unjust as against the particular party sued. Inst. 4, 13, pr.

In modern civil law. A plea by which the defendant admits the cause of action, but alleges new facts which, provided they be true, totally or partially answer the allegations put forward on the other side; thus distinguished from a mere traverse of the plaintiff's averments. Tomkins & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 90. In this use, the term corresponds to the common-law plea in confession and avoidance.

—Exceptio dilatoria. A dilatory exception; called also "temporalis," (temporaty;) one which defeated the action for a time, (qua ad tempus

EXCEPTIO. In Roman law. An exception or plea of matter in fact. Inst. 4, 13, 4.—Exceptio metnus. An exception in an action founded on a contract involving mutual duties or obligations, to the effect that the plaintiff is not entitled to sue because he has not performed his own part of the agreement. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 217.—Exceptio peremptoria. A peremptory exception; called also "perpetua," (perpetual;) one which forever destroyed the subject-matter or ground of the action, (qua ad rem de qua agitur perimit;) such as the exceptio doli mali, the exceptio metus, etc. Inst. 4, 13, 9. See Dig. 44, 1, 2.—Exceptio rei indigentiae. An exception or plea of matter adjudged; a plea that the subject-matter of the action had been determined in a previous action. Inst. 4, 13, 5. This term is adopted by Bracton, and is constantly used in modern law to denote a defense founded upon a previous adjudication of the same matter. Bract. fols. 100b, 177; 2 Kent. Comm. 129; 2 Kent. ple. of a former recovery or judgment.—Exceptio rei vendita et traditse. An exception or plea of the sale and delivery of the thing. This exception is thought to have been founded upon a true and a proper tradition; but though, in consequence of the rule that no one can transfer to another a greater right than he himself has, no property is transferred, yet because of some particular circumstance the real owner is estopped from contesting it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 304.—Exceptio rei vendita et traditse. An exception or plea of a former recovery or judgment. Mac- edonian. A defense to an action for the recovery of money loaned, on the ground that the loan was made to a minor or person under the
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paternal power of another; so named from the decree of the senate which forbade the recovery of such loans. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 432.—Exception senatusconsulti Velleianii. A defense to an action on a contract of suretyship on the ground that the surety was a woman and therefore incapable of becoming bound for another; so named from the decree of the senate forbidding it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 455.—Exception temporis. An exception or plea analogous to that of the statute of limitations in our law; viz., that the time prescribed by law for bringing such actions has expired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 213.

Exception ejus rei cuius petitur dissolutio nulla est. A plea of that matter the dissolution of which is sought [by the action] is null, [or of no effect.] Jenk. Cent. 37, case 71.

Exception falsi omnium ultima. A plea denying a fact is the last of all.

Exception nulla est versus actionem qua exceptionem perimit. There is [can be] no plea against an action which destroys [the matter of] the plea. Jenk. Cent. 106, case 2.

Exception probat regulam. The exception proves the rule. 11 Coke, 41; 3 Term, 722. Sometimes quoted with the addition "de rebus non exceptis," ("so far as concerns the matters not excepted.")

Exception quo firmat legem, exponit legem. An exception which confirms the law explains the law. 2 Bulst. 189.

Exception semper ultimo ponenda est. An exception should always be put last. 9 Coke, 53.

EXCEPTION. In practice. A formal objection to the action of the court, during the trial of a cause, in refusing a request or overruling an objection; implying that the party excepting does not acquiesce in the decision of the court, but will seek to procure its reversal, and that he means to save the trial of a cause, in refusing a request or objection in some part of the thing granted, and of a thing esse; a reservation is always of a thing not in case, but newly created or reserved out of the land or tenement demised. Co. Litt. 47a; 4 Kent, Comm. 468. It has been also said that there is a diversity between an exception and a saving, for an exception exempts clearly, but a saving goes to the matters touched, and does not exempt. Powd. 361.

In the civil law. An exception or plea. Used in this sense in Louisiana. Declinatory exceptions are such dilatory exceptions as merely decline the jurisdiction of the judge before whom the action is brought. Code Proc. La. 334.

Dilatory exceptions are such as do not tend to defeat the action, but only to retard its progress.

Peremptory exceptions are those which tend to the dismissal of the action.

—Exception to bail. An objection to the special bail put in by the defendant to an action at law made by the plaintiff on grounds of the insufficiency of the bail. 1 Tidd, Pr. 255.

EXCEPTIS EXCIPIENDIS. Lat. With all necessary exceptions.

EXCEPTOR. In old English law. A party who entered an exception or plea.

EXCERPTA, or EXCERPTS. Extracts.

EXCESS. When a defendant pleaded to an action of assault that the plaintiff trespassed on his land, and he would not depart when ordered, whereupon he, molliter manus imposuit, gently laid hands on him, the replication of excess was to the effect that the defendant used more force than necessary. Wharton.

EXCESSIVE. Tending to or marked by excess, which is the quality or state of ex-
ceeding the proper or reasonable limit or measure. Railway Co. v. Johnston, 106 Ga. 130, 32 S. E. 78.

—Excessive bail. Bail in a sum more than will be reasonably sufficient to prevent evasion of the law by flight or concealment; bail which is per se unreasonably great and clearly disproportionate to the offense involved, or shown to be so by the special circumstances of the particular case. In re Losasso, 15 Colo. 163, 27 Soc. 1050, 10 L. R. A. 847; Ex parte Ryan of 44 Cal. 558; Ex parte Duncan, 53 Cal. 410; Byldenburgh v. Miles, 59 Conn. 490.—Excessive damages. See DAMAGES.

Excessivum in jure repubratur. Excessus in re qualibet jure repubratur commun. Co. Litt. 44. Excess in law is reprehended. Excess in anything is reprehended at common law.

EXCHANGE. In conveyancing. A mutual grant of equal interests, (in lands or tenements,) the one in consideration of the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 323; Windsor v. Collinson, 32 Or. 297, 52 Pac. 26; Gamble v. McClure, 69 Pa. 252; Hartwell v. De Vault, 159 Ill. 325, 42 N. E. 759; Long v. Fuller, 21 Wis. 121. In the United States, it appears, exchange does not differ from bargain and sale. See 2 Bouv. Inst. 2065.

In commercial law. A negotiation by which one person transfers to another funds, which he has in a certain place, either at a price agreed upon or which is fixed by commercial usage. Nicely v. Bank, 15 Ind. App. 233; Windsor v. Collinson, 32 Or. 297, 52 Pac. 26; Gamble v. McClure, 69 Pa. 252; Hartwell v. De Vault, 159 Ill. 325, 42 N. E. 759; Long v. Fuller, 21 Wis. 121. In the United States, it appears, exchange does not differ from bargain and sale. See 2 Bouv. Inst. 2065.

In law of personal property. Exchange of goods is a commutation, transmutation, or transfer of goods for other goods, as distinguished from sale, which is a transfer of goods for money. 2 Bl. Comm. 446; 2 Steph. Comm. 120; Elwell v. Chamberlin, 31 N. Y. 624; Cooper v. State, 37 Ark. 418; Preston v. Keene, 14 Pet. 137, 10 L. Ed. 387.

Exchange is a contract by which the parties mutually give, or agree to give, one thing for another, neither thing, or both things, being money only. Clv. Code Cal. § 1504; Clv. Code Dak. § 1029; Clv. Code La. art. 2660.

The distinction between a sale and exchange of property is rather one of shadow than of substance. In both cases the title to property is absolutely transferred; and the same rules of law are applicable to the transaction, whether the consideration of the contract is money or by way of barter. It can make no essential difference in the rights and obligations of parties that goods and merchandise are transferred and paid for by other goods and merchandise instead of by money, which is but the representative of value or property. Com. v. Clark, 14 Gray (Mass.) 367.

—Arbitration of exchange. The business of buying and selling exchange (bills of exchange) in the two or more countries and by taking advantage of the fact that the rate of exchange may be higher in the one place than in the other at the same time.—Dry exchange. In English law. A term formerly in use, said to have been invented for the purpose of disguising and covering usury; something being pretended to pass on both sides, whereas, in truth, nothing passed but on one side, in which respect it was called "dry." Cowell; Blount.—Exchange, bill of. See BILL OF EXCHANGE.—Exchange broker. One who negotiates bills of exchange drawn on foreign countries or on other places in the same country; one who makes and concludes bargains for others in matter of money or merchandise. Little Rock v. Barton, 53 Ark. 444; Portland v. O'Neill, 1 Or. 219.—Exchange of livings. In ecclesiastical law. This is effected, regarding them into a bishop, and each party being induced into the other's benefice. If either die before both are inducted, the exchange is void.—First of exchange, Second of exchange. See First.-Oweity of exchange. See ÖWELTY.

EXCHEQUER. That department of the English government which has charge of the collection of the national revenue; the treasury department.

It is said to have been so named from the chequered cloth, resembling a chess-board, which at the time covered the table there, and on which, when certain of the king's accounts were made up, the sums were marked and scored with counters. 3 Bl. Comm. 44.

—Exchequer bills. Bills of credit issued in England by authority of parliament. Brande. Instruments issued at the exchequer, under the authority, for the most part, of acts of parliament. Brande. Instruments which contain an engagement on the part of the government for repayment of the principal sums advanced with interest after a certain term. See BILLS OF EXCHANGE.—Exchequer chamber. A division of the English high court of justice, to which the special business of the court of exchequer was specially assigned by section 34 of the judicature act of 1873. Merged in the queen's bench division from and after 1881, by order in council under section 31 of that act. Wharton.

EXCISE. An inland imposition, paid sometimes upon the consumption of the commodity, and frequently upon articles of sale. 1 Bl. Com. 318; Story, Const. § 960; Scholey v. Rew, 23 Wall. 367, 23 L. Ed. 99; Patton v. Brady, 184 U. S. 608, 22 Sup. Ct. 493, 46 L. Ed. 713; Portland Bank v. Apthorp, 12 Mass. 256; Union Bank v. Hill, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 323.

The words "tax" and "excise," although often used as synonymous, are to be considered as having entirely distinct and separate significations. Wharton, §§ 17, 81. The former is a charge apportioned either among
the whole people of the state or those residing within certain districts, municipalities, or sec-
tic cognizance. It is described in the books

courts for offenses falling under ecclesias-
censure pronounced by one of the spiritual

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which only the grantee thereof can exercise,
from interference or participation; vested in
press a sluice. Cowell.

to carry off water; the payment to the lord

EXCOMMUNICATION. A
EXCLUSA.

EXCOMMENCEMENT. Excommunica-

The term is also extended to the imposi-
tion of public charges, in the nature of taxes,
upon other subjects than the manufacture
and sale of commodities, such as licenses to
pursue particular callings, the franchises of
corporations and particularly the franchise of
corporate existence, and the inheritance or
succession of estates. Pollock v. Farmers' L.
L. Ed. 1108; Scholey v. Rew, 23 Wall. 346, 28
N. J. Law, 289, 41 Atl. 846, 42 L. R. A.
882.

In English law. The name given to the
duties or taxes paid on certain articles pro-
duced and consumed at home, among which
spirits have always been the most important;
but, exclusive of these, the duties on the
licenses of auctioneers, brewers, etc., and on
the licenses to keep dogs, kill game, etc., are
included in the excise duties. Wharton.

—Excise law. A law imposing excise duties
on specified commodities, and providing for the
collecting of revenue therefrom. In a more
restricted and more popular sense, a law regu-
larizing, restricting, or taxing the manufacture
or sale of intoxicating liquors.

EXCLUSA. In old English law. A sluice
to carry off water; the payment to the lord
for the benefit of such a sluice. Cowell.

EXCLUSIVE. Shutting out; debarring from
interference or participation; vested in
one person alone. An exclusive right is one
which only the grantee thereof can exercise,
and from which all others are prohibited or
shut out. A statute does not grant an "ex-
clusive" privilege or franchise, unless it shuts
out or excludes others from enjoying such a
privilege or franchise. In re Union Fer-
ry Co., 98 N. Y. 151.

EXCOMMENGENMENT. Excommunica-
tion, (q. v.) Co. Litt. 134a.

EXCOMMUNICATION. A sentence of
censure pronounced by one of the spiritual
courts for offenses falling under ecclesias-
tical cognizance. It is described in the books
as twofold: (1) The lesser excommunication,
which is an ecclesiastical censure, excluding
the party from the sacraments; (2) the great-
er, which excludes him from the company of
all Christians. Formerly, too, an excommu-
icated man was under various civil disabili-
ties. He could not serve upon juries, or be a
witness in any court; neither could he bring
an action to recover lands or money due to
him. These penalties are abolished by St. 53
Geo. III. c. 127. 3 Steph. Comm. 721.

EXCOMMUNICATO CAPIENDO. In
ecclesiastical law. A writ issuing out of
chancery, founded on a bishop's certificate
that the defendant had been excommunicated,
and requiring the sheriff to arrest and impris-
ion him, returnable to the king's bench.
4 Bl. Comm. 415; Bac. Abr. "Excommuni-
cation." E.

EXCOMMUNICATO DELIBERANDO. A
writ to the sheriff for delivery of an ex-
communicated person out of prison, upon
certificate from the ordinary of his confor-
mity to the ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Fitzh.
Nat. Brev. 63.

Excommunicato interdictum omnis ac-
tus legitimus, quisque agere non potest,
nee aliquem convenire, licet ipsa ab aliis
possit conveniri. Co. Litt. 133. Every
legal act is forbidden an excommunicated
person, so that he cannot act, nor sue any
person, but he may be sued by others.

EXCOMMUNICATO RECAPIENDO. A
writ commanding that persons excommu-
icated, who for their obstinacy had been
committed to prison, but were unlawfully
set free before they had given caution to obey
the authority of the church, should be sought
after, retaken, and imprisoned again. Reg.
Orig. 67.

EXCULPATION, LETTERS OF. In
Scotch law. A warrant granted at the suit
of a prisoner for citing witnesses in his own
defense.

EXCUSABLE. Admitting of excuse or
palliation. As used in the law, this word im-
plies that the act or omission spoken of is on
its face unlawful, wrong, or liable to entail
loss or disadvantage on the person charge-
able, but that the circumstances attending it
were such as to constitute a legal "excuse"
for it, that is, a legal reason for withholding
the punishment, liability, or disadvantage
which otherwise would follow.

Excusable assault. One committed by ac-
cident or misfortune in doing any lawful act
by lawful means, with ordinary caution and
without any unlawful intent. People v. O'Con-
nor, 82 App. Div. 55, 81 N. Y. Supp. 555—

Excusable homicide. See Homicide.—Ex-
cusable neglect. In practice, and particular-
ly with reference to the setting aside of a judg-
ment taken against a party through his "excus-
able neglect," this means a failure to take the
proper steps at the proper time, not in conse­quence of the party’s own carelessness, inattention, or willful disregard of the process of the court, but in consequence of some unex­pected or unavoidable hindrance or accident, or reliance on the care and vigilance of his counsel or on promises made by the adverse party. See 1 Bl. Judgm. § 340.

**EXECUTUS AUT EXTENATUM**

In the civil law. An excuse or reason which exempts from some duty or obligation.

**EXCUSATOR.** In English law. An excuser.

In old German law. A defendant; he who utterly denies the plaintiff’s claim. Du Cange.

**EXCUSAT OR EXTENUAT.** In old English law. Rescue or rescous.

In old practice. Execution; the final process in an action.

**EXCUSATIO.** In the civil law. An executing of goods. See IMPUGNATUM.

**EXCUSAT AUT EXTENUAT.** In the civil law. A permission which a bishop grants to a priest to go out of his diocese; or a fine upon acknowledgment of the right of the cognizor. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

**EXECUTED.** Completed; carried into full effect; already done or performed; taking effect immediately; now in existence or in possession; conveying an immediate right or possession. The opposite of executory.

**-Executed consideration.** A consideration which is wholly past. 1 Pars. Cont. 331. An act done or value given before the making of the agreement.—**Executed contract.** See **CONTRACT**.—**Executed estate.** See **Estate.**—**Executed fine.** The fine sur cognizance de droit, use ceo que il ad de son done; or a fine upon acknowledgment of the right of the cognizor. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74.

**Executed remainder.** See **REMAINDER.**—**Executed sale.** One completed by delivery of the property; one where nothing remains to be done by either party to effect a complete transfer of the subject-matter of the sale. Fogel v. Brubaker, 122 Pa. 7, 15 Atl. 692; Smith v. Harrow County, 44 Wis. 691; Foley v. Palath, 98 Ala. 178, 13 South. 455, 39 Am. St. Rep. 39.

**Executed trust.** See **TRUST.**—**Executed use.** See **Use.**—**Executed writ.** In practice. A writ carried into effect by the officer to whom it is directed. The term “executed,” applied to a writ, has been held to mean “used.” Amb. 61.

**EXECUTIO.** Lat. The doing or following up of a thing; the doing a thing completely or thoroughly; management or administration.

In old practice. Execution; the final process in an action.

**-Executio honorum.** In old English law. Management or administration of goods. Ad ecclesiam et ad amicos pertinet executio hono­rum, the execution of the good shall belong to the church and to the friends of the deceased. Bract. fol. 608.

**Executio est executio juris secundum judicium.** 3 Inst. 212. Execution is the execution of the law according to the judgment.

**EXECUTIO EST FINIS ET FRUCTUS LEGIS.** Co. Litt. 280. Execution is the end and fruit of the law.

**EXECUTIO JURIS NON HABET INJURIAM.** 2 Roll. 301. The execution of law does no injury.

**EXECUTION.** The completion, fulfillment, or perfecting of anything, or carrying it into operation and effect. The signing, sealing, and delivery of a deed. The signing and publication of a will. The performance of a contract according to its terms.

In practice. The last stage of a suit, whereby possession is obtained of anything recovered. It is styled “final process,” and

Also the name of a writ issued to a sheriff, constable, or marshal, authorizing and requiring him to execute the judgment of the court.

At common law, executions are said to be either final or quo warranto; the former, where complete satisfaction of the debt is intended to be procured by this process; the latter, where the execution is only a means to an end, as where the defendant is arrested on ca sa.

In criminal law. The carrying into effect of the sentence of the law by the infliction of capital punishment. 4 Bl. Comm. 403; 4 Steph. Comm. 470.

It is a vulgar error to speak of the "execution of criminals". It is the sentence of the court which is "executed"; the criminal is put to death.

In French law. A method of obtaining satisfaction of a debt or claim by sale of the debtor's property privately, i. e., without judicial process, authorized by the deed or agreement of the parties or by custom; as, in the case of a stockbroker, who may sell securities of his customer, bought under his instructions or deposited by him, to indemnify himself or make good a debt. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 537.

—Execution paree. In French law. A right founded on an act passed before a notary, by which the creditor may immediately, without citation or summons, seize and cause to be sold the property of his debtor, out of the proceeds of which to receive his payment. It imports a confession of judgment, and is not unlike a warrant of attorney. Code Proc. La. art. 732; Dormant execution.

—A writ that lay for taking property according to his testamentary provisions after his decease. Scott v. Guernsey, 60 W. 100.


EXECUTIONE FACIENDA IN WITHERNAMIA. A writ that lay for taking cattle of one who has conveyed the cattle of another out of the county, so that the sheriff cannot replevy them. Reg. Orig. 82.

EXECUTIONE JUDICII. A writ directed to the judge of an inferior court to do execution upon a judgment therein, or to return some reasonable cause wherefore he delays the execution. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 20.

EXECUTIONER. The name given to him who puts criminals to death, according to their sentence; a hangman.

EXECUTIVE. As distinguished from the legislative and judicial departments of government, the executive department is that which is charged with the detail of carrying the laws into effect and securing their due observance. The word "executive" is also used as an impersonal designation of the chief executive officer of a state or nation. Comm. v. Hall, 9 Gray (Mass.) 267, 69 Am. Dec. 285; In re Railroad Com'rs, 15 Neb. 679, 50 N. W. 276; In re Davies, 168 N. Y. 89, 61 N. E. 118, 56 L. R. A. 855; State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 382, 21 N. E. 252, 4 L. R. A. 79.

—Executive administration, or ministry. A political term in England, applicable to the higher and responsible class of public officials by whom the chief departments of the government of the kingdom are administered. The number of these amounts to fifty or sixty persons. Their tenure of office depends on the confidence of a majority of the house of commons, and they are supposed to be agreed on all matters of general policy except such as are specifically left open questions. Cab. Lawy. —Executive officer. An officer of the executive department of government; one in whom resides the power to execute the laws; one whose duties are to cause the laws to be executed and obeyed. Thorne v. San Francisco, 4 Cal. 146; People v. Salsbury, 134 Mich. 387, 96 N. W. 363; Peterson v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 100.

EXECUTOR. A person appointed by a testator to carry out the directions and requests in his will, and to dispose of the property according to his testamentary provisions after his decease. Scott v. Guernsey, 60
EXECUTOR

Barb. (N. Y.) 175; In re Lamb’s Estate, 122 Mich. 239, 80 N. W. 1081; Compton v. McMahon, 19 Mo. App. 505.

One to whom another man commits by his last will the execution of that will and testament. 2 Bl. Comm. 506.

A person to whom a testator by his will commits the execution, or putting in force, of that instrument and its codicils. Exmbl. 307.

Executors are classified according to the following several methods:

They are either general or special. The former term denotes an executor who is to have charge of the whole estate, wherever found, and administer it to a final settlement; while a special executor is only empowered by the will to take charge of a limited portion of the estate, or such part as may lie in one place, or to carry on the administration only to a prescribed point.

They are either instituted or substituted. An instituted executor is one who is appointed by the testator without any just condition; while a substituted executor is one named to fill the office in case the person first nominated should refuse to act.

In the phraseology of ecclesiastical law, they are of the following kinds:

Executor à lege constitutus, an executor appointed by law; the ordinary of the dioceese.

Executor ad episcopo constitutus, or executor dativus, an executor appointed by the bishop; an administrator to an intestate.

Executor a testatorte constitutus, an executor appointed by a testator. Otherwise termed “executor testamentarius,” a testamentary executor.

An executor to the tenor is one who, though not directly constituted executor by the will, is therein charged with duties in relation to the estate which can only be performed by the executor.

—Executor creditor. In Scotch law. A creditor of a decedent who obtains a grant of administration on the estate, at least to the extent of so much of it as will be sufficient to discharge his debt, when the executor named in the will has declined to serve, or those other persons who would be preferentially entitled to administer.—Executor dative. In Scotch law. One appointed by the court; equivalent to the English “administrator with the will annexed.”—Executor de non tort. Executor of his own wrong. A person who assumes to act as executor of an estate without any lawful warrant or authority, but who, by his intermeddling, makes himself liable as an executor to a certain extent. If a stranger takes upon him to act as executor without any just authority, (as by intermeddling with the goods of the deceased, and many other transactions,) he is called in law an “executor of his own wrong.” de non tort. 2 Bl. Comm. 507. Allen v. Hurst, 120 Ga. 763, 48 S. E. 341; Noon v. Finnegar, 29 Minn. 418, 13 N. W. 197; Brown v. Lewis, 36 La. 443, 16 La. Rep. 11, 42 Me. 349.—Executor lucratus. An executor who has assets of his testator who in his lifetime made himself liable by a wrongful interference with the property of another. 6 Del. (N. S.) 543.—General executor. One whose power is not limited either territorially or as to the duration or subject of his trust.—Joint executors. Co-executors; two or more who are joined in the execution of a will.—Limited executor. An executor who is qualified by limitations as to the time or place wherein, or the subject-matter whereon, the office is to be exercised; as distinguished from one who is authorized by the will to act at any time and place. 6 Jur. Executors. 349.—Special executor. One whose power and office are limited, either in respect to the time or place of their exercise, or restricted to a particular portion of the decedent’s estate.

In the civil law. A ministerial officer who executed or carried into effect the judgment or sentence in a cause.

EXECUTORY. That which is yet to be executed or performed; that which remains to be carried into operation or effect; incomplete; depending upon a future performance or event. The opposite of executed.

—Executor consideration. A consideration which is to be performed after the execution of the contract for which it is a consideration is made.—Executor interest. Interest which is to be performed after the contract for which it is a consideration is made, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor, or event. The opposite of executory interest.

—Executor process. A process which can be enforced in the following cases, namely: (1) When the right of the creditor arises from an act importing confession of judgment, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor; (2) when the creditor demands the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Prac. La. art. 732; Marin v. Lalley, 17 Wall. 14, 21 La. Ed. 596.

As to executor “Requests,” “Contracts,” “Devises,” “Estates,” “Remainders,” “Trusts,” and “Uses,” see those titles.

EXECUTRESS. A female executor. Hardr. 165, 473. See EXECUTrix.

EXECUTRIX. A woman who has been appointed by will to execute such will or testament.

EXECUTRY. In Scotch law. The movable estate of a person dying, which goes to his nearest of kin. So called as falling under the distribution of an executor. Bell.

Exempla illustrant non restringunt legem. Co. Litt. 240. Examples illustrate, but do not restrain, the law.

EXEMPLARY DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

EXEMPLI GRATIA. For the purpose of example, or for instance. Often abbreviated “ex. gr.” or “a. gr.”

EXEMPLIFICATION. An official transcript of a document from public records.
made in form to be used as evidence, and authenticated as a true copy.

EXEMPLIFICATION. A writ granted for the exemplification or transcript of an original record. Reg. Orig. 290.

EXEMPLUM. In the civil law. Copy; a written authorized copy. This word is also used in the modern sense of "example,"—ad exemplum constituti singulares non trahi, exceptional things must not be taken for examples. Calvin.

EXEMPT, v. To relieve, excuse, or set free from a duty or service imposed upon the general class to which the individual exempted belongs; as to exempt from militia service. See 1 St. at Large, 272.

To relieve certain classes of property from liability to sale on execution.

EXEMPT, ». One who is free from liability to military service; as distinguished from a detail, who is one belonging to the army, but detached or set apart for the time to some particular duty or service, and liable, at any time, to be recalled to his place in the ranks. In re Strawbridge, 39 Ala. 379.


A privilege allowed by law to a judgment debtor, by which he may hold property to a certain amount, or certain classes of property, free from all liability to levy and sale on execution or attachment. Turrill v. McCarthy, 114 Iowa, 681, 87 N. W. 667; Williams v. Smith, 117 Wis. 142, 93 N. W. 464.

—Exception laws. Laws which provide that a certain amount or proportion of a debtor's property shall be exempt from execution.—Exemption, words of. It is a maxim of law that words of exemption are not to be construed to import any liability; the maxim lex expressa unius exclusio alterius, or its converse, exclusio unius inclusio alterius, not applying to such a case. For example, an exemption of the crown from the bankruptcy act 1869, in one specified particular, would not inferentially subject the crown to that act in any other particular. Brown.

EXEMPTS. Persons who are not bound by law, but excused from the performance of duties imposed upon others.

EXENNIIUM. In old English law. A gift; a new year's gift. Cowell.

EXEQUATUR. Lat. Let it be executed. In French practice, this term is subscribed by judicial authority upon a transcript of a judgment from a foreign country, or from another part of France, and authorizes the execution of the judgment within the jurisdiction where it is so indorsed.

In international law. A certificate issued by the foreign department of a state to a consul or commercial agent of another state, recognizing his official character, and authorizing him to fulfill his duties.

EXERCISE. To make use of. Thus, to exercise a right or power is to do something which it enables the holder to do. U. S. v. Souders, 27 Fed. Cas. 1297; Cleaver v. Comm., 34 Pa. 284; Branch v. Glass Works, 95 Ga. 573, 23 S. E. 128.

EXERCITALIS. A soldier; a vassal. Spelman.

EXERCITOR NAVIS. Lat. The temporary owner or charterer of a ship. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512; The Phebe, 19 Fed. Cas. 418.

EXERCITATORIA ACTIO. In the civil law. An action which lay against the employer of a vessel (exercitor navis) for the contracts made by the master. Inst. 4, 7, 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 161. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 512.

EXERCITORIAL POWER. The trust given to a ship-master.

EXERCITUAL. In old English law. A heriot paid only in arms, horses, or military accouterments.

EXERCITUS. In old European law. An army; an armed force. The term was absolutely indefinite as to number. It was applied, on various occasions, to a gathering of forty-two armed men, of thirty-five, or even of four. Spelman.

EXETER DOMESDAY. The name given to a record preserved among the muniments and charters belonging to the dean and chapter of Exeter Cathedral, which contains a description of the western parts of the kingdom, comprising the counties of Wilts, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, and Cornwall. The Exeter Domesday was published with several other surveys nearly contemporary, by order of the commissioners of the public records, under the direction of Sir Henry Ellis, in a volume supplementary to the Great Domesday, folio, London, 1816. Wharton.

EXFESTUCARE. To abdicate or resign; to resign or surrender an estate, office, or dignity, by the symbolical delivery of a staff or rod to the alinee.

EXFREDIARE. To break the peace; to commit open violence. Jacob.

EXHÆREDAATIO. In the civil law. Dishinheriting; disherison. The formal method of excluding an indefeasible (or forced) heir...
from the entire inheritance, by the testator's express declaration in the will that such person shall be exheres. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 711.

EXHERES. In the civil law. One dis-inherited. Vicat; Du Cange.

EXHEREDATE. In Scotch law. To disinherit; to exclude from an inheritance.

EXHIBERE. To present a thing corporeally, so that it may be handled. Vicat. To appear personally to conduct the defense of an action at law.

EXHIBIT, v. To show or display; to offer or present for inspection. To produce anything in public, so that it may be taken into possession. Dig. 10, 4, 2.

To present; to offer publicly or officially; to file of record. Thus we speak of exhibiting a charge of treason, exhibiting a bill against an officer of the king's bench by way of proceeding against him in that court. In re Wiltse, 5 Misc. Rep. 105, 25 N. Y. Supp. 737; Newell v. State, 2 Conn. 40; Comm. v. Alsop, 1 Brewst. (Pa.) 345.

To administer; to cause to be taken; as medicines.

EXHIBIT, n. A paper or document produced and exhibited to a court during a trial or hearing, or to a commissioner taking depositions, or to auditors, arbitrators, etc., as a voucher, or in proof of facts, or as otherwise connected with the subject-matter, and which, on being accepted, is marked for identification and annexed to the deposition, report, or other principal document, or filed of record, or otherwise made a part of the case.

A paper referred to in and filed with the bill, answer, or petition in a suit in equity, or with a deposition. Brown v. Redwyne, 16 Ga. 68.

EXHIBITANT. A complainant in articles of the peace. 12 Adol. & E. 599.

EXHIBITIO BILLE. Lat. Exhibition of a bill. In old English practice, actions were instituted by presenting or exhibiting a bill to the court, in cases where the proceedings were by bill; hence this phrase is equivalent to "commencement of the suit."

EXHIBITION. In Scotch law. An action for compelling the production of writings.

In ecclesiastical law. An allowance for meat and drink, usually made by religious appropriators of churches to the vicar. Also the benefaction settled for the maintaining of scholars in the universities, not depending on the foundation. Paroch. Antiq. 304.

EXHUMATION. Disinterment; the removal from the earth of anything previously buried therein, particularly a human corpse.

EXIGENCE, or EXIGENCY. Demand, want, need, imperativeness.

—Exigency of a bond. That which the bond demands or exacts, i. e., the act, performance, or event upon which it is conditioned.—Exigency of a writ. The command or imperativeness of a writ; the directing part of a writ; the act or performance which it commands.

EXIGENDARY. In English law. An officer who makes out exigents.

EXIGENT, or EXIGI FACIAS. L. Lat. In English practice. A judicial writ made use of in the process of outlawry, commanding the sheriff to demand the defendant, or cause him to be demanded, exigi faciat, from county court to county court, until he be outlawed; or, if he appear, then to take and have him before the court on a day certain in term, to answer to the plaintiff's action. 1 Tidd. Pr. 132; 3 Bl. Comm. 283, 284; Archb. N. Pr. 485. Now regulated by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 39.

EXIGENTER. An officer of the English court of common pleas, whose duty it was to make out the exigens and proclamations in the process of outlawry. Cowell. Abolished by St 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict c. 30. Holthouse.

EXIGI FACIAS. That you cause to be demanded. The emphatic words of the Latin form of the writ of exigent. They are sometimes used as the name of that writ.

EXIGIBLE. Demandable; requirable

EXILE. Banishment; the person banished.

EXILII. Lat. In old English law.

(1) Exile; banishment from one's country.

(2) Driving away; despoiling. The name of a species of waste, which consisted in driving away tenants or vassals from the estate; as by demolishing buildings, and so compelling the tenants to leave, or by enfranchising the bond-servants, and unlawfully turning them out of their tenements. Fleta, 1. 1, c. 8.

Exilium est patriae privatio, natalis soli mutatio, legum nativarium amissio. 7 Coke, 20. Exile is a privation of country, a change of natural soil, a loss of native laws.

EXIST. To live; to have life or animating force; to be in present force, activity, or effect at a given time; as in speaking of "existing" contracts, creditors, debts, laws, rights, or liens. Merritt v. Grover, 57 Iowa, 403, 10 N. W. 579; Whitaker v. Rice, 9 Minn. 13 (Gil. 1), 68 Am. Dec. 78; Wing v. Slater, 10
EXISTIMATIO. In the civil law. The civil reputation which belonged to the Roman citizen, as such. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135. Called a state or condition of unimpeached dignity or character, (dignitatis inesse status;) the highest standing of a Roman citizen. Dig. 50, 13, 5, 1.

Also the decision or award of an arbiter.

EXIT. Lat. It goes forth. This word is used in docket entries as a brief mention of the issue of process. Thus, “exit fl. fa.” denotes that a writ of fieri facias has been issued in the particular case. The “exit of a writ” is the fact of its issuance.

EXIT WOUND. A term used in medical jurisprudence to denote the wound made by a weapon on the side where it emerges, after it has passed completely through the body, or through any part of it.

EXITUS. Children; offspring. The rents, issues, and profits of lands and tenements. An export duty. The conclusion of the pleadings.

EXLEGARE. In old English law. Outlawry. Spelman.

EXLEGATUS. He who is prosecuted as an outlaw. Jacob.

EXLEX. In old English law. To outlaw; to deprive one of the benefit and protection of the law, (esseure aliquem beneficiō legis.) Spelman.

EXLEXUS. In old English law. An outlaw; qui est extra legem, one who is out of the law’s protection. Bract. fol. 125. Qui beneficio legis privatuar. Spelman.

EXOINE. In French law. An act or instrument in writing which contains the reasons why a party in a civil suit, or a person accused, who has been summoned, agreeably to the requisitions of a decree, does not appear. Poth. Proc. Crim. § 3, art. 3. The same as “Essolin,” (q. v.)

EXONERATION. The removal of a burden, charge, or duty. Particularly, the act of relieving a person or estate from a charge or liability by casting the same upon another person or estate. Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Comm., 114 Ky. 787, 71 S. W. 916; Bannon v. Burnes (C. C.) 39 Fed. 898.

A right or equity which exists between those who are successively liable for the same debt. “A surety who discharges an obligation is entitled to look to the principal for reimbursement, and to invoke the aid of a court of equity for this purpose, and a subsequent surety who, by the terms of the contract, is responsible only in case of the default of the principal and a prior surety, may claim exoneratation at the hands of either.” Bisk. Eq. § 331.

In Scotch law. A discharge; or the act of being legally disburdened of, or liberated from, the performance of a duty or obligation. Bell.

EXONERATIONE SECTEE. A writ that lay for the crown’s ward, to be free from all suit to the county court, hundred court, leet, etc., during wardship. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 158.

EXONERATIONE SECCTE AD CURIAM BARON. A writ of the same nature as that last above described, issued by the guardian of the crown’s ward, and addressed to the sheriffs or stewards of the court, forbidding them to distrain him, etc., for not doing suit of court, etc. New Nat. Brev. 352.

EXONERETUR. Lat. Let him be relieved or discharged. An entry made on a bail-piece, whereby the surety is relieved or discharged from further obligation, when the condition is fulfilled by the surrender of the principal or otherwise.

EXORDIUM. The beginning or introductory part of a speech.

EXPATRIATION. The voluntary act of abandoning one’s country, and becoming a citizen or subject of another. Ludlam v. Ludlam, 31 Barb. (N. Y.) 489. See Emigration.

EXPECT. To await; to look forward to something intended, promised, or likely to happen. Atchison, etc., R. Co. v. Hamlin, 67 Kan. 476, 73 Pac. 55.

—Expectancy. The condition of being deferred to a future time, or of dependence upon an expected event; contingency as to possession or enjoyment. With respect to the time of their enjoyment, estates may either be in possession or in expectancy; and of expectancies there are two sorts,—one created by the act of the parties, called a “remainder;” the other by act of law, called a “reversion.” 2 Bl. Comm. 163.

—Expectant. Having relation to, or dependent upon, a contingency.—Expectant estates. See ESTATE IN EXPECTANCY.—Expectant heir. A person who has the expectation of inheriting property or an estate, but small present means. The term is chiefly used in equity, where relief is afforded to such persons against the enforcement of “catching bargains.” (q. v.) Jeffers v. Lampson, 10 Ohio St. 106; Whelen v. Phillips, 151 Pa. 312, 25 Atl. 44; In re Robbins’ Estate, 199 Pa. 500, 49 Atl. 253.—Expectant right. A contingent right vested; one which depends on the continued
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existence of the present condition of things un­til the happening of some future event. Pearl­sall v. Great Northern R. Co., 161 U. S. 646, 16 Sup. Ct. 705, 40 L. Ed. 838—Expectation of life, in the doctrine of life annuities, is the share or number of years of life which a person of a given age may, upon an equality of chance, expect to enjoy. Wharton.

EXPEDIENTE. In Mexican law, a term including all the papers or documents constituting a grant or title to land from government. Vanderslice v. Hanks, 3 Cal. 27, 38.

EXPEDIMENT. The whole of a person's goods and chattels, bag and baggage. Whar­ton.

Expedit reipublice ne sua re quia male utatur. It is for the interest of the state that a man should not enjoy his own property improperly, (to the injury of others.) Inst. 1, 8, 2.

Expedit reipublice ut sit finis litium. It is for the advantage of the state that there be an end of suits; it is for the public good that actions be brought to a close. Co. Litt. 3038.

EXPEDITAE ARBORES. Trees root­ed up or cut down to the roots. Fleta, L 2, c. 41.

EXPEDITATION. In old forest law. A cutting off the claws or ball of the forefoot of mastiffs or other dogs, to prevent their running after deer. Spelman; Cowell.

EXPEDITIO. An expedition; an irregular kind of army. Spelman.

EXPEDITIO BREVIS. In old practice. The service of a writ. Townsh. Pl. 43.

EXPEL. In regard to trespass and other torts, this term means to eject, to put out to drive out, and generally with an implication of the use of force. Perry v. Fitzhowe, 9 Q. B. 779; Smith v. Leo, 22 Hun, 242, 36 N. Y. Supp. 949.

EXPEDITORS. Paymasters. Those who expend or disburse certain taxes. Especially the sworn officer who supervised the repairs of the banks of the canals in Romney Marsh. Cowell.

EXPENSES LITIS. Costs or expenses of the suit, which are generally allowed to the successful party.

EXPENSIS MILITUM NON LEVANDIS. An ancient writ to prohibit the sheriff from levying any allowance for knights of the shire upon those who held lands in ancient demesne. Reg. Orig. 261.

Experientia per varios actus legem facit. Magistra rerum experientia. Co. Litt. 60. Experience by various acts makes law. Experience is the mistress of things.

EXPERIMENT. In patent law, either a trial of an uncompleted mechanical structure to ascertain what changes or additions may be necessary to make it accomplish the design of the projector, or a trial of a comple­ted machine to test or illustrate its practical efficiency. In the former case, the inventor's efforts, being incomplete, if they are then abandoned, will have no effect upon the right of a subsequent inventor; but if the experiment proves the capacity of the machine to affect what its inventor proposed, the law assigns to him the merit of having produced a complete invention. Northwestern Fire Ex­tinguisher Co. v. Philadelphia Fire Extinguisher Co., 10 Phila. 227, 18 Fed. Cas. 394.

EXPERTS. Persons examined as wit­nesses in a cause, who testify in regard to some professional or technical matter arising in the case, and who are permitted to give their opinions as to such matter on account of their special training, skill, or familiarity with it.

An expert is a person who possesses peculiar skill and knowledge upon the subject-matter that he is required to give an opinion upon. State v. Phair, 48 Vt. 366.


EXPIRE. In the civil law. To spoil; to rob or plunder. Applied to inheritances. Dig. 47, 19; Cod. 9, 32.

EXPIRATION. Cessation; termination from mere lapse of time; as the expiration of a lease, or statute, and the like. Marshall v. Rugg, 6 Wyo. 270, 45 Pac. 486, 33 L. R. A. 679; Bowman v. Foot, 29 Conn. 385; Stuart v. Hamilton, 56 Ill. 255; Farn­um v. Piatt 8 Pick. (Mass.) 341, 19 Am. Dec. 320.

EXPIRY OF THE LEGAL. In Scotch law and practice.Expiration of the period within which an adjudication may be re­deemed, by paying the debt in the decree of adjudication. Bell.
EXPLOSION. A sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report.

The word "explosion" is variously used in ordinary speech, and is not one that admits of exact definition. Every combustion of an explosive substance, whereby other property is ignited and consumed, would not be an "explosion," within the ordinary meaning of the term. It is not used as a synonym of "combustion.

An explosion may be described generally as a sudden and rapid combustion, causing violent expansion of the air, and accompanied by a report. But the rapidity of the combustion, the violence of the expansion, and the vehemence of the report vary in intensity as often as the occurrences multiply. Hence an explosion is an idea of degrees; and the true meaning of the word, in each particular case, must be settled, not by any fixed standard or accurate measurement, but by the common experience and notions of men in matters of that sort. Insurance Co. v. Foote, 22 Ohio St. 345, 10 Am. Rep. 735, and see Insurance Co. v. Dorsey, 56 Id. 81, 40 Am. Rep. 403; Mitchell v. Insurance Co., 16 App. D. C. 270; Louisville Underwriters v. Durand, 123 Ind. 544, 24 N. E. 221, 7 L. R. A. 390.

EXPORT, n. To send, take, or carry an article of trade or commerce out of the country. To transport merchandise from one country to another in the course of trade. To carry out or convey goods by sea. State v. Turner, 5 Har. Pel. 501.

EXPORTATION. The act of sending or exporting goods and merchandise from one country to another.

EXPLOTA, EXPLETA, or EXPLECIA. In old records. The rents and profits of an estate.

EXPPLICATIO. In the civil law. The fourth pleading; equivalent to the surrejoinder of the common law. Calvin.

EXPLORATION. In mining law. The examination and investigation of land supposed to contain valuable minerals, by drilling, boring, sinking shafts, driving tunnels, and other means, for the purpose of discovering the presence of ore and its extent. Colvin v. Wetmer, 64 Minn. 37, 63 N. W. 1079.

EXPLORATOR. A scout, huntsman, or chaser.

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The word "explosion" is variously used in ordinary speech, and is not one that admits of exact definition. Every combustion of an explosive substance, whereby other property is ignited and consumed, would not be an "explosion," within the ordinary meaning of the term. It is not used as a synonym of "combustion.

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EXPOSITIO que ex visceribus cause nasçitur, est aptissima et fortissima in lege. That kind of interpretation which is born [or drawn] from the bowels of a cause is the aptest and most forcible in the law. 10 Coke, 246.

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EXPRESS. Made known distinctly and explicitly, and not left to inference or implication. Declared in terms; set forth in words. Manifested by direct and appropriate language, as distinguished from that which is inferred from conduct. The word is usually contrasted with "implied." State v. Denny, 118 Ind. 449, 21 N. E. 274, 4 L. R. A. 65.

—Express abrogation. Abrogation by express provision or enactment; the repeal of a law or provision by a subsequent one, referring directly to it.—Express assumpsit. An undertaking to do some act, or to pay a sum of money to another, manifested by express terms.

—Express color. An evasive form of special pleading in a case where the defendant ought to plead the general issue. Abolished by the common-law procedure act, 1852, (15 & 16 Vict. c. 76, § 94)—Express company. A firm or corporation engaged in the business of transporting parcels or other movable property, in the capacity of common carriers, and especially undertaking the safe carriage and speedy delivery of small but valuable packages of goods and money. Alsop v. Southern Exp. Co., 104 N. C. 273, 10 S. E. 297, 6 L. R. A. 271; Pflaumer v. Central Pac. Ry. Co., 70 Cal. 169, 11 Pac. 686, 59 Am. Rep. 404.—Express consideration. A consideration which is distinctively and specifically named in the written contract or in the oral agreement of the parties.


Express nocent, non expressa non nocent. Things expressed are [may be] prejudicial; things not expressed are not. Express words are sometimes prejudicial, which, if omitted, had done no harm. Dig. 35, 1, 52; 1d. 60, 17, 195. See Calvin.

Expressa non prosunt quae non expressa procerunt. 4 Coke, 73. The expression of things of which, if unexpressed, one would have the benefit, is useless.

Expressio corum quae tacite insunt nihil operatur. The expression or express mention of those things which are tacitly implied avails nothing. 2 Inst. 365. A man's own words are void, when the law speaketh as much. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 8, no. 26. Words used to express what the law will imply without them are mere words of abundance. 5 Coke, 11.

Expressio unius est exclusio alterius. The expression of one thing is the exclusion of another. Co. Litt. 210a. The express mention of one thing [person or place] implies the exclusion of another.

Expressio unius personae est exclusio alterius. Co. Litt. 210. The mention of one person is the exclusion of another. See Broom, Max. 651.

Expressum factum cessare tacitum. That which is expressed makes that which is implied to cease, [that is, supersedes it, or controls its effect.] Thus, an implied covenant in a deed is in all cases controlled by an express covenant. 4 Coke, 80; Broom, Max. 651.

Expressum servitium regat vel declarat tacitum. Let service expressed rule or declare what is silent.

EXPROMISSIO. In the civil law. The species of novation by which a creditor accepts a new debtor, who becomes bound instead of the old, the latter being released. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 802.

EXPROMISSOR. In the civil law. A person who assumes the debt of another, and becomes solely liable for it, by a stipulation with the creditor. He differs from a surety, inasmuch as this contract is one of novation, while a surety is jointly liable with his principal. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 538.

EXPROMITTERE. In the civil law. To undertake for another, with the view of becoming liable in his place. Calvin.

EXPROPRIATION. This word properly denotes a voluntary surrender of rights or claims; the act of divesting oneself of that which was previously claimed as one's own, or renouncing it. In this sense it is the opposite of "appropriation." But a meaning has been attached to the term, imported from its use in foreign jurisprudence, which makes it synonymous with the exercise of the power of eminent domain, i.e., the compulsory taking from a person, on compensation made, of his private property for the use of a railroad, canal, or other public work.

In French law. Expropriation is the compulsory realization of a debt by the creditor out of the lands of his debtor, or the usufruct thereof. When the debtor is co-tenant with others, it is necessary that a partition should first be made. It is confirmed, in the first place, to the lands (if any) that are in hypothèque, but afterwards extends to the lands not in hypothèque. Moreover, the debt must be of a liquidated amount. Brown.

EXPULSION. A putting or driving out. The act of depriving a member of a corporation, legislative body, assembly, society, commercial organization, etc., of his membership in the same, by a legal vote of the body itself, for breach of duty, improper conduct, or other sufficient cause. New York Protective Ass'n v. McGrath (Super. Ct.) 5 N. Y. Supp. 10; Palmetto Lodge v. Hubbell, 2 Strob. (S. C.) 462, 49 Am. Dec. 604. Also, in the law of torts and of landlord and tenant, an eviction or forcible putting out. See Expel.
EXPUNGE. To blot out; to efface designedly; to obliterate; to strike out wholly. Webster. See CANCEL.

EXPURGATION. The act of purging or cleansing, as where a book is published without its obscene passages.

EXPURGATOR. One who corrects by expurging.

EXQUensteinAM. In Roman law. One who had filled the office of quaestor. A title given to Tribonian. Inst. process. § 3. Used only in the ablativ case, (equeestor).

EXROGARE. (From ex, from, and rogare, to pass a law.) In Roman law. To take something from an old law by a new law. Tagl. Civil Law, 155.


EXTENT. In English practice. A writ of execution. To value the lands or tenements of a person bound by a statute or recognizance which has become forfeited, to their full extent or recognizance which has become forfeited, to their full extended value. 3 Bl. Comm. 420; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 131. To execute the writ of extent or extendi facias, (q. v.) 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043, 1044.

EXTENDED FACIAS. Lat. You caused to be extended. In English practice. The name of a writ of execution, (derived from its two emphatic words;) more commonly called an "extent." 2 Tidd, Pr. 1043; 4 Steph. Comm. 45.

EXTENSION. In mercantile law. An allowance of additional time for the payment of debts. An agreement between a debtor and his creditors, by which they allow him further time for the payment of his liabilities.

EXTENSION, In patent law. An extension of the life of a patent for an additional period of seven years, formerly allowed by law in the United States, upon proof being made that the inventor had not succeeded in obtaining a reasonable remuneration from his patent-right. This is no longer allowed, except as to designs. See Rev. St. U. S. § 4924 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3396).

EXTENSORES. In old English law. Extenders or appraisers. The name of certain officers appointed to appraise and divide or apportion lands. It was their duty to make a survey, schedule, or inventory of the lands, to lay them out under certain heads, and then to ascertain the value of each, as preparatory to the division or partition. Bract. folis. 729, 75; Brit. c. 71.

EXTENT. In English practice. A writ of execution issuing from the exchequer upon a debt due the crown, or upon a debt due a private person, if upon recognizance or statute merchant or staple, by which the sheriff is directed to appraise the debtor's lands, and, instead of selling them, to set them off to the creditor for a term during which the rental will satisfy the judgment. Hackett v. Amsden, 56 Vt. 201; Nason v. Fowler, 70 N. H. 291, 47 Atl. 263.


EXTENT IN AID. That kind of extent which issues at the instance and for the benefit of a debtor to the crown, for the recovery of a debt due to himself. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045; 4 Steph. Comm. 47.—EXTENT IN CHIEF. The principal kind of extent, issuing at the suit of the crown, for the recovery of the crown's debt. 4 Steph. Comm. 47. An adverse processing by the king, for the recovery of his own debt. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1045.

EXTENTA MANERII. (The extent or survey of a manor.) The title of a statute passed 4 Edw. I. St. 1; being a sort of direction for making a survey or terrier of a manor, and all its appendages. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 140.

EXTENUATE. To lessen; to palliate; to mitigate. Connell v. State, 46 Tex. Cr. R. 259, 81 S. W. 748.

EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES. Such as render a delict or crime less aggravated, heinous, or reprehensible than it would otherwise be, or tend to palliate or lessen its guilt. Such circumstances may or-
dinarily be shown in order to reduce the punishment or damages.

EXTERRITORIALITY. The privilege of those persons (such as foreign ministers) who, though temporarily resident within a state, are not subject to the operation of its laws.

EXTERUS. Lat. A foreigner or alien; one born abroad. The opposite of civis.

Externus non habet terras. An alien holds no lands. Tray. Lat. Max. 203.

EXTINCT. Extinguished. A rent is said to be extinguished when it is destroyed and put out. Co. Litt. 147b. See Extirpation.

Extincto subjecto, tollitur adjunctum. When the subject is extinguished, the incident ceases. Thus, when the business for which a partnership has been formed is completed, or brought to an end, the partnership itself ceases. Inst. 3, 28, 6; 3 Kent, Comm. 52, note.

EXTINGUISHMENT. The destruction or cancellation of a right, power, contract, or estate. The annihilation of a collateral thing or subject in the subject itself out of which it is derived. Prest. Merig. 6. For the distinction between an extinguishment and a passing of a right, see 2 Shars. Bl. Comm. 325, note.

“Extinguishment” is sometimes confounded with “merger,” though there is a clear distinction between them. “Merger” is only a mode of extinguishment, and applies to estates only under particular circumstances, but “extinguishment” is a term of general application to rights, as well as estates. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 367, § 1457.

—Extinguishment of common. Loss of the right to have common. This may happen from various causes. —Extinguishment of copyhold. In English law. A copyhold is said to be extinguished when the freehold and copyhold interests unite in the same person and in the same right, which may be either by the copyhold interest coming to the freehold or by the freehold interest coming to the copyhold. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 670, § 864. —Extinguishment of debts. This takes place by payment; by accord and satisfaction; by novation, or the substitution of a new debtor; by merger, when the creditor recovers a judgment or accepts a security of a higher nature than the original obligation; by a release; by the marriage of a femme sole creditor with the debtor, or of an obligee with one of two joint obligors; and where one of the parties, debtor or creditor, or, makes the other his executor. —Extinguishment of rent. If a person have a yearly rent of lands, and afterwards purchase those lands, so that he has as good an estate in the land as in the rent, the rent is extinguished. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Co. Litt. 147. Rent may also be extinguished by conjunction of estates, by confirmation, by grant, by release, and by surrender. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. pp. 210—213, § 260. —Extinguishment of ways. This is usually effected by unity of possession. As if a man have a way over the close of an

other, and he purchase that close, the way is extinguished. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 341, § 384.

EXTIRPATION. In English law. A species of destruction or waste, analogous to estrepelement. See Extirpation.

EXTIRPATIONE. A judicial writ, either before or after judgment, that lay against a person who, when a verdict was found against him for land, etc., maliciously overturned any house or extirpated any trees upon it. Reg. Jud. 13, 56.

EXTOCARE. In old records. To grub woodland, and reduce it to arable or meadow; “to stock up.” Cowell.

EXTORSIVELY. A technical word used in indictments for extortion. It is a sufficient averment of a corrupt intent, in an indictment for extortion, to allege that the defendant “extorsively” took the unlawful fee. Leeman v. State, 35 Ark. 488, 37 Am. Rep. 44.

EXTORT. The natural meaning of the word “extort” is to obtain money or other valuable thing either by compulsion, by actual force, or by the force of motives applied to the will, and often more overpowering and irresistible than physical force. Com. v. O’Brien, 12 Cush. (Mass.) 90. See Extortion.

Extortio est crimen quando quis colore officii extorquuet quod non est debitum, vel supra debitum, vel ante tempus quod est debitum. 10 Coke, 102. Extortion is a crime when, by color of office, any person extorts that which is not due, or more than is due, or before the time when it is due.

EXTORTION. Any oppression by color or pretense of right, and particularly the action by an officer of money, by color of his office, either when none at all is due, or not so much is due, or when it is not yet due. Preston v. Bacon, 4 Conn. 420.

Extortion consists in any public officer unlawfully taking, by color of his office, from any person any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or more than his due. Code Ga. 1852, § 4507.

Extortion is the obtaining of property from another, with his consent, induced by wrongful use of force or fear, or under color of official right. Pen. Code Cal. § 518; Pen. Code Dak. § 608. And see Cohen v. State, 37 Tex. Cr. R. 118, 58 S. W. 1005; U. S. v. Deaver (D. C.) 14 Fed. 597; People v. Homan, 126 Cal. 396, 58 Pac. 856; State v. Logan, 104 La. 760, 29 South. 336; People v. Barondess, 61 Hun, 571, 16 N. Y. Supp. 436.

Extortion is an abuse of public justice, which consists in any officer unlawfully taking, by
color of his office, from any man any money or thing of value that is not due to him, or before it is due. 4 Bl. Comm. 141.

Exortion is any oppression under color of right. In a stricter sense, the taking of money by any officer, by color of his office, when none, or not so much, is due, or it is not yet due. 1 Hawk. P. C. (Curw. Ed.) 418.

It is the corrupt demanding or receiving by a public officer, of a fee for services which should be performed gratuitously; or, where compensation is permissible, of a larger fee than the law justifies, or a fee not due. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 390.

The distinction between "bribery" and "exortion" seems to be this: the former officer condists in offering a present, or receiving one, if offered; the latter, in demanding a fee or present, by color of office. Jacob.

For the distinction between "exortion" and "exactation," see Exactation.

**EXTRA.** A Latin preposition, occurring in many legal phrases; it means beyond, except, without, out of, outside.


Those charges which do not appear upon the face of the proceedings, such as witnesses’ expenses, fees to counsel, attendances, court fees, etc., an affidavit of which must be made, to warrant the master in allowing them upon taxation of costs. Wharton.—**Extra feodum.** Out of his fees, out of the seignior, or not holden of him that claims it. Co. Litt. 10; Reg. Orig. 976.—**Extra judicium.** Extra-judicial, out of the proper cause; out of court; beyond the jurisdiction. See Extrajudicial.

—**Extra jus.** Beyond the law; more than the law requires. In jure, vel extra jure. Bract. fol. 1696.—**Extra legem.** Out of the law; out of the protection of the law. —**Extra presentiam mariti.** Out of her husband’s presence. —**Extra quattuor maria.** Beyond the four seas; out of the kingdom of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 457.—**Extra regnum.** Out of the realm. 7 Coke, 184; 2 Kent, Comm. 42, note.

—**Extra services.** When used with reference to officers, to any services incident to the office in question, but for which compensation has not been provided by law. Miami County v. Blake, 24 Ind. 335. In the law of Louisiana this term is used to designate that property which forms no part of the dowry of a woman, and which is also called "paraphernal property." Civ. Code La. art. 2315.

—**Extra terrenum.** Beyond the state from which he is demanded, on demand of the executive authority of the state from which he fled. Abbott.

—**Extra-DOTAL PROPERTY.** In Louisiana this term is used to designate that property which forms no part of the dowry of a woman, and which is also called "paraphernal property." Civ. Code La. art. 2315. Fletas v. Richardson, 147 U. S. 550, 13 Sup. Ct. 495, 37 L. Ed. 276.

—**EXTRAHAZARDOUS.** In the law of insurance. Characterized or attended by circumstances or conditions of special and unusual danger. Reynolds v. Insurance Co., 47 N. Y. 907; Russell v. Insurance Co., 71 Iowa, 69, 32 N. W. 95.

—**EXTRAHURA.** In old English law. An animal wandering or straying about, without an owner; an estray. Spelman.

—**EXTRAJUDICIAL.** That which is done, given, or effected outside the course of regular judicial proceedings; not founded upon, or unconnected with, the action of a court of law; as extrajudicial evidence, an extrajudicial oath.

That which, though done in the course of regular judicial proceedings, is unnecessary to such proceedings, or interpolated, or beyond their scope; as an extrajudicial opinion, (dictum.)

That which does not belong to the judge or his jurisdiction, notwithstanding which he takes cognizance of it.

—**EXTRAJUDICIAL confession.** One made by the party out of court, or to any person, official or otherwise, when made not in the course of a judicial examination or investigation. State
EXTRALATERAL RIGHT. In mining law. The right of the owner of a mining claim duly located on the public domain to follow, and mine, any vein or lode the apex of which lies within the boundaries of his location on the surface, notwithstanding the course of the vein on its dip or downward direction may so far depart from the perpendicular as to extend beyond the planes which would be formed by the vertical extension downwards of the side lines of his location. See Rev. Stat. U. S. § 2322 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1425).

EXTRANEUS. In old English law. One foreign born; a foreigner. 7 Coke, 16.

In Roman law. An heir not born in the family of the testator. Those of a foreign state. The same as alienus. Viciat; Du Cange.

Extranens est subditus qui extra terram, i. e., potestatem regis natus est. 7 Coke, 16. A foreigner is a subject who is born out of the territory, i. e., government of the king.

EXTRAPAROCHIAL. Out of a parish; not within the bounds or limits of any parish. 1 Bl. Comm. 113, 294.

EXTRA- TERRITORIALITY. The extra-territorial operation of laws; that is, their operation upon persons, rights, or jural relations, existing beyond the limits of the enacting state, but still amenable to its laws.

EXTRAVAGANTES. In canon law. Those decretal epistles which were published after the Clementines. They were so called because at first they were not digested or arranged with the other papal constitutions, but seemed to be, as it were, detached from the canon law. They continued to be called by the same name when they were afterwards inserted in the body of the canon law. The first extravagantes are those of Pope John XXII., successor of Clement V. The last collection was brought down to the year 1483, and was called the "Common Extravagantes," notwithstanding that they were likewise incorporated with the rest of the canon law. Enc. Lond.


EXTREME HAZARD. To constitute extreme hazard, the situation of a vessel must be such that there is imminent danger of her being lost, notwithstanding all the means that can be applied to get her off. King v. Hartford Ins. Co., 1 Conn. 421.

EXTREMIS. When a person is sick beyond the hope of recovery, and near death, he is said to be in extremis.

Extremis probatis, presumuntur media. Extremes being proved, intermediate things are presumed. Tray. Lat. Max. 207.

EXTRINSIC. Foreign; from outside sources; dehors. As to extrinsic evidence, see Evidence.

EXTUMÆ. In old records. Relics. Cowell.

EXUERE PATRIAM. To throw off or renounce one's country or native allegiance; to expatriate one's self. Phillim. Dom. 13.

EXULARE. In old English law. To exile or banish. Nullus liber homo, exuletur, nisi, etc., no freeman shall be exiled, unless, etc. Magna Charta, c. 29; 2 Inst. 47.

EXUPERARE. To overcome; to apprehend or take. Leg. Edm. c. 2.

EY. A watery place; water. Co. Litt. 6.

EYDE. Aid; assistance; relief. A subsidy.
EYE-WITNESS. One who saw the act, fact, or transaction to which he testifies. Distinguished from an ear-witness, (auritus.)

EYOTT. A small island arising in a river. Fleta, l. 3, c. 2, § 9; Bract. l. 2, c. 2.

EYRE. Justices in eyre were judges commissioned in Anglo-Norman times in England to travel systematically through the kingdom, once in seven years, holding courts in specified places for the trial of certain descriptions of causes.

EYER. L. Fr. To travel or journey; to go about or itinerate. Brit. c. 2.

EZARDAR. In Hindu law. A farmer or renter of land in the districts of Hindoo-stan.
F. Inold English criminal law, this letter was branded upon felons upon their being admitted to clergy; as also upon those convicted of fights or frays, or falsity. Jacob; Cowell; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 392; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 455.

F. O. B. In mercantile contracts, this abbreviation means "free on board," and imports that the seller or consignor of goods will deliver them on the car, vessel, or other conveyance by which they are to be transported without expense to the buyer or consignee, that is, without charge for packing, crating, drayage, etc., until delivered to the carrier. Vogt v. Shienbeck, 122 Wis. 491, 100 N. W. 528, 67 L. R. A. 575; Silberman v. Clark, 96 N. Y. 523; Sheffield Furnace Co. v. Hull Coal & Coke Co., 101 Ala. 446, 14 South. 672.

FABRIC LANDS. In English law. Lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches. Cowell; Blount.

FABRICA. In old English law. The making or coining of money.

FABRICARE. Lat. To make. Used in old English law of a lawful coining, and also of an unlawful making or counterfeiting of coin. See 1 Salk. 342.

FABRICATE. To fabricate evidence is to arrange or manufacture circumstances or indicia, after the fact committed, with the purpose of using them as evidence, and of deceitfully making them appear as if accidental or undesigned; to devise falsely or contrive by artifice with the intention to deceive. Such evidence may be wholly forged and artificial, or it may consist in so warping and distorting real facts as to create an erroneous impression in the minds of those who observe them and then presenting such impression as true and genuine.

Fabricated evidence. Evidence manufactured or arranged after the fact, and either wholly false or else warped and discolored by artifice and contrivance with a deceitful intent. See supra.—Fabricated fact. In the law of evidence. A fact existing only in statement, without any foundation in truth. An actual or genuine fact to which a false appearance has been designedly given; a physical object placed in a false connection with another, or with a person on whom it is designed to cast suspicion.

FABULA. In old European law. A contract or formal agreement; but particularly used in the Lombardic and Visigothic laws to denote a marriage contract or a will.

FAC SIMILE. An exact copy, preserving all the marks of the original.

FAC SIMILE PROBATE. In England, where the construction of a will may be affected by the appearance of the original paper, the court will order the probate to pass in fac simile, as it may possibly help to show the meaning of the testator. 1 Williams, Exrs., (7th Ed.) 321, 326, 593.

FACE. The face of an instrument is that which is shown by the mere language employed, without any explanation, modification, or addition from extrinsic facts or evidence. Thus, if the express terms of the paper disclose a fatal legal defect, it is said to be "void on its face."

Regarded as an evidence of debt, the face of an instrument is the principal sum which it expresses to be due or payable, without any additions in the way of interest or costs. Thus, the expression "the face of a judgment" means the sum for which the judgment was rendered, excluding the interest accrued thereon. Osgood v. Bringolf, 32 Iowa, 265.

FACERE. Lat. To do; to make. Thus, facere defaltam, to make default; facere duellum, to make the duel, or make or do battle; facere finem, to make or pay a fine; facere sacramentum, to make oath.

FACIAS. That you cause. Occurring in the phrases "scire facias," (that you cause to know), "fieri facias," (that you cause to be made), etc.

FACIENDO. In doing or paying; in some activity.

FACIES. Lat. The face or countenance; the exterior appearance or view; hence, contemplation or study of a thing on its external or apparent side. Thus, prima facie means at the first inspection, on a preliminary or exterior scrutiny. When we speak of a "prima facie case," we mean one which, on its own showing, on a first examination, or without investigating any alleged defenses, is apparently good and maintainable.

FACILE. In Scotch law. Easily persuaded; easily imposed upon. Bell.

FACILITIES. This name was formerly given to certain notes of some of the banks in the state of Connecticut, which were made payable in two years after the close of the war of 1812. Springfield Bank v. Merrick, 14 Mass. 322.

FACILITY. In Scotch law. Pilancy of disposition. Bell.

Facinus quos inquinat equat. Guilt makes equal those whom it stains.
FACT. A thing done; an action performed or an incident transpiring; an event or circumstance; an actual occurrence.

In the earlier days of the law "fact" was used almost exclusively in the sense of "action" or "deed;" but, although this usage survives, in some such phrases as "accessory before the fact," it has now acquired the broader meaning given above.

A fact is either a state of things, that is, an existence, or a motion, that is, an event. 1 Benth. Jud. Ev. 48.

In the law of evidence. A circumstance, event of occurrence as it actually takes or took place; a physical object or appearance, as it actually exists or existed. An actual and absolute reality, as distinguished from mere supposition or opinion; a truth, as distinguished from fiction or error. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 218.

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FACTA. In old English law. Deeds. Facta armorum, deeds or feats of arms; that is, jousts or tournaments. Cowell.

Facts. Facta et causae, facts and cases. Bract. fol. 10b.

Facta sunt potentiora vel unis. Deeds are more powerful than words.

Facta tenent multa que fieri prohibentur. 12 Coke, 124. Deeds contain many things which are prohibited to be done.

FACTIO TESTAMENTI. In the civil law. The right, power, or capacity of making a will; called "factio activa." Inst. 2, 10, 6.

The right or capacity of taking by will; called "factio passiva." Inst. 2, 10, 6.

FACTO. In fact: by an act; by the act or fact. Ipso facto, by the act itself; by the mere effect of a fact, without anything superadded, or any proceeding upon it to give it effect. 3 Kent, Comm. 55, 58.

FACTOR. 1. A commercial agent, employed by a principal to sell merchandise consigned to him for that purpose, for and in behalf of the principal, but usually in his own name, being intrusted with the possession and control of the goods, and being remunerated by a commission, commonly called "factorage." Howland v. Woodruff, 60 N. Y. 80; In re Rabenau (D. C.) 118 Fed. 474; Lawrence v. Stonington Bank, 6 Conn. 527; Graham v. Duckwall, 8 Bush (Ky.) 17.

A factor is an agent who, in the pursuit of an independent calling, is employed by another to sell property for him, and is vested by the latter with the possession or control of the property, or authorized to receive payment therefor from the purchaser. Civ. Code Cal. § 2023; Civ. Code Dek. § 1163.

Classification. Factors are called "domestic" or "foreign" according as they reside and do business in the same state or country, or in a different state or country. A domestic factor is sometimes called a "home" factor. Ruffner v. Hewitt, 7 W. Va. 586.

Synonyms. A factor differs from a "broker" in that he is intrusted with the possession, management, and control of the goods, which gives him a special property in them, while a broker acts as a mere intermediary without control or possession of the property; and further, a factor is authorized to buy and sell in his own name, as well as in that of the principal, which a broker is not. Edwards v. Hoeffhinghoff (C. C.) 38 Fed. 641; Delafield v. Smith, 101 Wis. 665, 75 N. W. 170, 70 Am. St. Rep. 928; Graham v. Duckwall, 8 Bush (Ky.) 12; Slack v. Tucker, 23 Wall. 330, 23 L. Ed. 143. Factors are also frequently called "commission merchants," and it is said that there is no difference in the meaning of these terms, the latter being perhaps more commonly used in America. Thompson v. Woodruff, 7 Coll. 410; Duguid v. Edwards, 50 Barb. (N. Y.) 258; Lyon v. Alford, 18 Conn. 80. Where an owner of goods to be shipped by sea consigns them to the care of a factor, and the goods are loaded on the same ship as are the sails on the same vessel, has charge of the cargo on board, sells it abroad, and buys a return cargo out of the proceeds, such agent is strictly and properly a "factor," though in maritime law and usage he is commonly called a "supercargo." Beaw. Lex Merc. 44, 47; Liverm. Ag. 69, 70.

Factorage. The allowance or commission paid to a factor by his principal. Winn v. Hammond, 18 Hill, 515; State v. Texas, 129 Mo. 12, 25 S. W. 346.—Factors' acts. The name given to several English statutes (6 Geo. IV. c. 51; 5 & 6 Vic. c. 39; 40 & 41 Vic. c. 39) by which a factor is enabled to make a valid pledge of the goods, or of any part thereof, to one who believes him to be the bona fide owner of the goods.

2. The term is used in some of the states to denote the person who is elsewhere called "garnishee" or "trustee." See Factoring Process.

3. In Scotch law, a person appointed to transact business or manage affairs for another, but more particularly an estate-agent or one intrusted with the management of a landed estate, who finds tenants, makes leases, collects the rents, etc.


FACTORY. In English law. The term includes all buildings and premises wherein, or within the close or curtilage of which, steam, water, or any mechanical power is used to move or work any machinery employed in preparing, manufacturing, or finishing cotton, wool, hair, silk, flax, hemp, jute, or tow. So defined by the statute 7 Vic. c. 15, § 73. By later acts this definition has been extended to various other manufacturing places. Mozley & Whitely.

Also a place where a considerable number of factors reside, in order to negotiate for their masters or employers. Enc. Brit.

In American law. The word "factory" does not necessarily mean a single building or edifice, but may apply to several, where they are used in connection with each other, for a common purpose, and stand together in the same inclosure. Liebenstein v. Insurance Co., 45 Ill. 303. And see Insurance Co. v. Brock, 57 Pa. 82; Herrnischel v. Texas Drug Co., 26 Tex. Civ. App. 1, 61 S. W. 419; Schott v. Harvey, 105 Pa. 227, 51 Am. Rep. 201.

In Scotch law. This name is given to a species of contract or employment which falls under the general designation of "agency," but which partakes of both the nature of a mandate and of a ballment of the kind called "locatio ad operandum." 1 Bell, Comm. 259.

—Factory prices. The prices at which goods may be bought at the factories, as distinguish—
ed from the prices of goods bought in the mar-
ket after they have passed into the hands of
third persons or shop-keepers. Whipple v. Lev-
et, 2 Mason, 50, Fed. Cas. No. 17,518.

Facts cannot lie. 18 How. State Tr. 1187; 17 How. State Tr. 1430.

FACTUM. Lat. In old English law. A deed; a person’s act and deed; anything
stated or made certain; a sealed instrument; a deed of conveyance.
A fact; a circumstance; particularly a fact in evidence. Bract. fol. 1b.

In testamentary law. The execution or
due execution of a will. The factum of an
instrument means not barely the signing of
it, and the formal publication or delivery,
but proof that the party well knew and un-
derstood the contents thereof, and did give,
will, dispose, and do, in all things, as in the
said will is contained. Weatherhead v. Bask-
eville, 11 How. 354, 13 L. Ed. 717.

In the civil law. Fact; a fact; a mat-
ter of fact, as distinguished from a matter of
law. Dig. 41, 2, 1, 3.

In French law. A memoir which con-
tains concisely set down the fact on which
a contest has happened, the means on which
a party founds his pretensions, with the refu-
tation of the means of the adverse party.
Vicat.

In old European law. A portion or al-
lotment of land. Spelman.

—Factum juridicum. A juridical fact. De-
notes one of the factors or elements constitut-
ing an obligation.—Factum probandum. Lat.
In the law of evidence. The fact to be
proved; a fact which is in issue, and to which evidence is to be directed. 1 Greenl. Br. § 13.

—Factum probans. A probative or evidenti-
ary fact; a subsidiary or connected fact tending
to prove the principal fact in issue; a piece of
circumstantial evidence.

Factum a judice quod ad ejus officium
non spectat non ratum est. An action of
a judge which relates not to his office is
of no force. Dig. 50, 17, 170; 10 Coke, 76.

Factum cuique suum non adversario,
nocere debet. Dig. 50, 17, 155. A party’s
own act should prejudice himself, not his ad-
versary.

Factum infectum sibi nequit. A thing
done cannot be undone. 1 Kames, Eq. 96,
250.

Factum negantis nulla probatio sit. Cod.
4, 19, 23. There is no proof incumbent
upon him who denies a fact.

“Factum” non dicitur quod non per-
severat. 5 Coke, 96. That is not called
a “deed” which does not continue operative.

Factum unius alteri noceri non debit.
Co. Litt. 352. The deed of one should not
hurt another.

Facultas probationum non est angus-
tanda. The power of proofs [right of offer-
ing or giving testimony] is not to be nar-
rowed. 4 Inst. 279.

FACULTIES. In the law of divorce.
The capability of the husband to render a
support to the wife in the form of alimony,
whether temporary or permanent, including
not only his tangible property, but also his
income and his ability to earn money. 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 446; Lovett v. Lovett,-11
Ala. 763; Wright v. Wright, 3 Tex. 168.

FACULTIES, COURT OF. In English
ecclesiastical law. A jurisdiction or tribunal
belonging to the archbishop. It does not
hold pleas in any suits, but creates rights to
pews, monuments, and particular places, and
modes of burial. It has also various powers
under 25 Hen. VIII. c. 21, in granting li-
censes of different descriptions, as a license
to marry, a faculty to erect an organ in a
parish church, to level a church-yard, to re-
mote bodies previously buried. 4 Inst. 337.

FACULTY. In ecclesiastical law. A
license or authority; a privilege granted by
the ordinary to a man by favor and indul-
gence to do that which by law he may not
do; e. g., to marry without banns, to erect
a monument in a church, etc. Termes de la
Ley.

In Scotch law. A power founded on
consent, as distinguished from a power
founded on property. 2 Kames, Eq. 295.

FACULTY OF A COLLEGE. The corps
of professors, instructors, tutors, and lec-
turers. To be distinguished from the board
of trustees, who constitute the corporation.

FACULTY OF ADVOCATES. The col-
lege or society of advocates in Scotland.

FADERFIUM. In old English law. A
marriage gift coming from the father or
brother of the bride.

FEDE-R-FEOH. In old English law.
The portion brought by a wife to her hus-
band, and which reverted to a widow, in case
the heir of her deceased husband refused his
consent to her second marriage; i. e., it re-
verted to her family in case she returned to
them. Wharton.

Festing-Men. Approved men who
were strong-armed; habentes homines or rich
men, men of substance; pledges or bondsmen,
who, by Saxon custom, were bound to
answer for each other’s good behavior. Cow-
ell; Du Cange.

FAGGOT. A badge worn in popish times
by persons who had recanted and abjured
what was then adjudged to be heresy, as an
emblem of what they had merited. Cowell.
FAGGOT VOTES. A faggot vote is where a man is formally possessed of a right to vote for members of parliament, without possessing the substance which the vote should represent; as if he is enabled to buy a property, and at the same moment mortgage it to its full value for the mere sake of the vote. Such a vote is called a “faggot vote.” See 7 & 8 Wm. III. c. 25, § 7. Wharton.

FAIDA. In Saxon law. Malice; open and deadly hostility; deadly feud. The word designated the enmity between the family of a murdered man and that of his murderer, which was recognized, among the Teutonic peoples, as justification for vengeance taken by any one of the former upon any one of the latter.

FAIL. 1. The difference between “fail” and "refuse" is that the latter involves an act of the will, while the former may be an act of inevitable necessity. Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 344, 6 L. Ed. 101. See Stallings v. Thomas, 55 Ark. 325, 18 S. W. 184; Telegraph Co. v. Irvin, 27 Ind. App. 62, 59 N. E. 327; Persons v. Hight, 4 Ga. 497.

2. A person is said to “fail” when he becomes insolvent and unable to meet his obligations as they mature. Davis v. Campbell, 3 Stew. (Ala.) 321; Mayer v. Hermann, 16 Fed. Cas. 1,242.

—Failing circumstances. A person (or a corporation or institution) is said to be in failing circumstances when he is about to fail, that is, when he is actually insolvent and is acting in contemplation of giving up his business because he is unable to carry it on. Apell of Millard, 62 Conn. 184, 25 Atl. 558; Utley v. Smith, 24 Conn. 310, 63 Am. Dec. 163; Dodge v. Martin (C. C.) 17 Fed. 663.—Failing of record. When an action is brought against a corporation or institution, the defendant to produce a record which he has alleged and relied on in his plea.—Failure of consideration. As applied to the failure of reparation for a particular right, the failure of reparation for a particular wrong, from the lack of a legal remedy for the enforcement of the one or the redress of the other.—Failure of record. Failure of the defendant to produce a record which he has alleged and relied on in his plea.—Failure of issue. The inability or failure of a vendor to make good title to the whole or a part of the property which he has contracted to sell.—Failure of trust. The lapsing or non-eficiency of a proposed trust, by reason of the defect of the deed or instrument creating it, or on account of illegality, indefiniteness, or other legal impediment.

FAINT (or FEIGNED) ACTION. In old English practice. An action was so called where the party bringing it alleged a false title to recover, although the words of the writ were true; a false action was properly where the words of the writ were false. Litt. § 689; Co. Litt. 361.

FAINT PLEADER. A fraudulent, false, or collusive manner of pleading to the deception of a third person.

FAIR, n. In English law. A greater species of market; a privileged market. It is an incorporeal hereditament, granted by royal patent, or established by prescription presupposing a grant from the crown.

In the earlier English law, the franchise to hold a fair conferred certain important privileges; and fairs, as legally recognized institutions, possessed distinctive legal characteristics. The fairs of privileges and franchises, however, are now obsolete. In America, fairs, in the ancient technical sense, are unknown, and, in the modern and popular sense, they are entirely voluntary and non-legal, and
transactions arising in or in connection with
them are subject to the ordinary rules govern­
ing sales, etc.

FAIR, adj. Just; equitable; even-hand­ed; equal, as between conflicting interests.

—Fair abridgment. In copyright law. An abridgment consisting not merely in the ar­rangement of excerpts, but one involving real and substantial condensation of the mate­rials by the exercise of intellectual labor and judg­ment. Folsom v. Marsh, 9 Fed. Cas. 242—

Fair consideration. In bankruptcy law. One which is honest or free from suspicion, or one actually valuable, but not necessarily ade­quate or a full equivalent. Myers v. Fults, 124 Iowa, 437, 100 N. W. 351.—Fair-play men. A local irregular tribunal which existed in Pennsylvania about the year 1763, as to which see Serg. Land Laws Pa. 77; 2 Smith, Laws Pa. 195.—Fair pleader. See Beau­pleader.—Fair preponderance. In the law of evidence. Such a predominancy of the evi­dence on one side that the fact of its outweigh­ing the evidence on the other side can be perceiv­ed if the whole evidence is fairly considered. Bryan v. Railroad Co., 63 Iowa, 19 N. W. 295; State v. Grear, 29 Minn. 225, 13 N. W. 140.—Fair sale. In foreclosure and other ju­dicial proceedings, this means a sale conducted with fairness and impartiality as respects the rights and interests of the parties affected. La­lor v. McCarthy, 24 Minn. 419.—Fair trial. One conducted according to due course of law; a trial before a competent and impartial jury. Railroad Co. v. Cook, 37 Neb. 495, 55 N. W. 948; Railroad Co. v. Gardner, 19 Minn. 138 (Gil. 90), 18 Am. Rep. 334.

FAIRLY. Justly; rightly; equitably. With substantial correctness.

“Fairly” is not synonymous with “truly,” and “truly” should not be substituted for it in a commissioner's oath to take testimony, fairly. Language may be truly, yet unfairly, reported; that is, an answer may be truly written down, yet in a manner conveying a different meaning from that intended and conveyed. And lan­guage may be fairly reported, yet not in accord­ance with strict truth. Lawrence v. Finch, 17 N. J. Eq. 234.

FAIT. L. Fr. Anything done. A deed; act; fact.


FAIT ENROLLE. A deed enrolled, as a bargain and sale of freeholds. 1 Reb. 563.

FAIT JURIDIQUE. In French law. A juridical fact. One of the factors or ele­ments constitutive of an obligation.

FAITH. 1. Confidence; credit; reliance. Thus, an act may be said to be done “on the faith” of certain representations.

2. Belief; credence; trust. Thus, the con­stitution provides that “full faith and credit” shall be given to the judgments of each state in the courts of the others.

3. Purpose; intent; sincerity; state of knowledge or design. This is the meaning of the word in the phrases “good faith” and “bad faith.”

In Scotch law. A solemn pledge; an oath. “To make faith” is to swear, with the

right hand uplifted, that one will declare the truth. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 235.

FAITHFULLY. As used in bonds of pub­lic and private officers, this term imports not only honesty, but also a punitious discharge of all the duties of the office, requiring com­petence, diligence, and attention, without any malfeasance or nonfeasance, aside from mere mistakes. State v. Chadwick, 10 Or. 468; Hoboken v. Evans, 31 N. J. Law, 343; Har­ris v. Hanson, 11 Me. 245; American Bank v. Adams, 12 Pick. (Mass.) 306; Union Bank v. Clossey, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 273; Perry v. Thompson, 16 N. J. Law, 73.

FAKIR. A street peddler who disposes of worthless wares, or of any goods above their value, by means of any false representa­tion, trick, device, lottery, or game of chance. Mills' Ann. St. Colo. § 1400.

FAITOURS. Idle persons; idle livers; vagabonds. Cowell; Blount.

FALANG. In old English law. A Jack­et or close coat. Blount.

FALCARE. In old English law. To mow. Falcare prata, to mow or cut grass in mead­ows laid in for hay. A customary service to the lord by his inferior tenants. Jus falcandi, the right of cutting wood. Bract. fol. 231.

Falcata, grass fresh mown, and laid in swaths. Falcatio, a mowing. Bract. fols. 355, 230. Falcator, a mower; a servile tenant who performed the labor of mowing. Falcatura, a day's mowing.

FALCIDIA. In Spanish law. The Fal­cidian portion; the portion of an inheritance which could not be legally bequeathed away from the heir, viz., one-fourth.

FALCIDIAN LAW. In Roman law. A law on the subject of testamentary disposi­tion, enacted by the people in the year of Rome 714, on the proposition of the tribune Falcidius. By this law, the testator's right to burden his estate with legacies was sub­jected to an important restriction. It pre­scribed that no one could bequeath more than three-fourths of his property in legacies, and that the heir should have at least one-fourth of the estate, and that, should the testator violate this prescript, the heir may have the right to make a proportional deduction from each legatee, so far as necessary. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 771; Inst. 2, 22.

FALCIDIAN PORTION. That portion of a testator's estate which, by the Falcidian law, was required to be left to the heir, amounting to at least one-fourth.

FALD, or FALDA. A sheep-fold. Cow­ell.
FALDA. Span. In Spanish law. The slope or skirt of a hill. Fossat v. United States, 2 Wall. 673, 17 L. Ed. 739.

FALDAE CURSUS. In old English law. A fold-course; the course (going or taking about) of a fold. Spelman.

A sheep walk, or feed for sheep. 2 Vent. 159.

FALDAGE. The privilege which anciently several lords reserved to themselves of setting up folds for sheep in any fields within their manors, the better to manure them, and this not only with their own but their tenants' sheep. Called, variously, "secta faldae," "fold-course," "free-fold," "faldagiu." Cowell; Spelman.

FALDATA. In old English law. A flock or fold of sheep. Cowell.

FALDFEY. Sax. A fee or rent paid by a tenant to his lord for leave to fold his sheep on his own ground. Blount.

FALDISDORY. In ecclesiastical law. The bishop's seat or throne within the chancel.

FALDSOCA. Sax. The liberty or privilege of foldage.

FALDSTOOL. A place at the south side of the altar at which the sovereign kneels at his coronation. Wharton.

FALDWORTH. In Saxon law. A person of age that he may be reckoned of some decennary. Du Fresne.

FALFA. In Scotch law. To lose. To fall from a right is to lose or forfeit it. 1 Carnes, Eq. 228.

FALFA. In Spanish law. False designation; erroneous description of a person or thing in a written instrument. Inst. 2, 20, 30.

Falsa demonstratio non nocet, emum de corpore (persona) constat. False description does not injure or vitiate, provided the thing or person intended has once been sufficiently described. Mere false description does not make an instrument inoperative. Broom, Max. 629; 6 Term. 670; 11 Mees. & W. 159; Cleaveland v. Smith, 2 Story, 291, Fed. Cas. No. 2.374.

Falsa demonstratione legatum non perim. A bequest is not rendered void by an erroneous description. Inst. 2, 20, 30; Broom, Max. 645.

Falsa grammatica non vitiat concessionem. False or bad grammar does not vitiate a grant. Shep. Touch. 55; 9 Coke, 48a. Neither false Latin nor false English will make a deed void when the intent of the parties doth plainly appear. Shep. Touch. 87.

FALSA MONETA. In the civil law. False or counterfeit money. Cod. 9, 24.

Falsa orthographia non vitiat chartam, concessionem. False spelling does not vitiate a deed. Shep. Touch. 55, 87; 9 Coke, 48a; Wing. Max. 19.

FALSARE. In old English law. To counterfeit. Quia falsavit sigillum, because he counterfeited the seal. Bract. fol. 276b.


FALSE. Untrue; erroneous; deceitful; contrived or calculated to deceive and injure. Unlawful. In law, this word means something, more than untrue; it means something designedly untrue and deceitful, and implies an intention to perpetrate some treachery or fraud. Hatcher v. Dunn, 102 Iowa, 411, 71 N. W. 343, 36 L. R. A. 689; Mason v. Association, 18 U. C. C. P. 19; Ratterman v. Ingalls, 48 Ohio St 468, 28 N. E. 168.

—False action. See FEIGNED ACTION.—False answer. In pleading. A sham answer; one which is false in the sense of being a mere pretense set up in bad faith and without color of fact. Howe v. Elwell, 57 App. Div. 257, 67 N. Y. Supp. 1108; Farnsworth v. Halstead (Sup.) 10 N. Y. Supp. 763.—False character. Personating the master or mistress of a servant, or any representative of such master or mistress, and giving a false character to the servant is an offense punishable in England with a fine of £20. St. 32 Geo. III. c. 56.—False claim, in the forest law, was where a man claimed more than his due, and was amerced and punished for the same. Manw. c. 25; Tomlins.—False entry. In banking law. An entry in the books of a bank which is intentionally made to represent what is not true or does not exist, with intent either to deceive its officers or a bank examiner or to defraud the bank. Agnew v. U. S., 105 U. S. 36, 17 Sup. Ct. 235, 41 L. Ed. 624; U. S. v. Peters (C. C.) 57 Fed. 894.—False fact. In the law of evidence. A
feigned, simulated, or fabricated fact; a fact not founded in truth, but existing only in assertion; the deceitful semblance of a fact.—False imprisonment. See IMPRISONMENT.—False representation. A counterfeit; one made in the similitude of a genuine instrument and purporting on its face to be such. U. S. v. Ruff, 43 Fed. 435; 20 L. Ed. 395; U. S. v. Owens (C. C.) 37 Fed. 115; State v. Willson, 23 Minn. 32, 9 N. W. 28.—False judgment. In old English law. A writ which lay when a false judgment had been pronounced in a court not of record, as a county court, court baron, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brv. 104; 2 Nels. 830. There was no part in a suit that had the privilege of accusing the judges of pronouncing a false or corrupt judgment, whereupon the issue was determined by his challenging them to the combat or duel in. This was called the "appeal of false judgment." Montesq. Esprit Des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.—False Latin. When law proceedings were written in Latin, if a word were significant though not good Latin, yet an indictment, declaration, or fine should not be made void by it; but if the whole proceeding was written in Latin, not only the law, and it were in a material point, it made the whole vicious. (5 Coke, 121; 2 Nels. 830.) Wharton.—False lights and signals. Lights and signals falsely and displayed for the purpose of bringing a vessel into danger.—False news. Spreading false news, whereby discord may grow between the queen of England and her people, or the great men of the realm, or which may produce other mischief, shall be sn damn as a misdemeanor, under St. 2 Edw. I. c. 34. Steph. Cr. Dig. § 86-c.—False oath. See PERJURY.—False persona- tion. The criminal offense of falsely representing one or two persons and asserting in the charac- ter thus unlawfully assumed, in order to de- ceive others, and thereby gain some profit or advantage, or enjoy some right or privilege be- longing to the one so personated, or subject him to some expense, charge, or liability. See 4 Steph. Comm. 181, 250.—False plea. See SHAM PLEA.—False pretenses. In criminal law. False representations and statements, made with a fraudulent design to obtain money, goods, wares, or merchandise, with intent to cheat. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2596. A representation of some fact or circumstance, calculated to mis- lead, which is not true. Com. v. Drew, 19 Fed. 98; State v. Rockley, 24 Iowa, 216, 53 N. W. 120. False statements or repre- sentations made with intent to defraud, for the purpose of obtaining money or property. A false or fraudulent declaration to others something false and feigned. This may be done either by words or actions, which amount to false representations. In fact, false repre- sentations are inseparable from the idea of a pretense. Without a representation which is false there can be no pretense. State v. Jos- qulin, 43 Iowa, 132.—False representation. See FRAUD; DECEIT.—False return. See RETURN.—False swearing. The misdemeanor of committing in English law by a person who swears falsely before any person authorized to administer an oath upon a matter of public concern, under such circumstances that the false swearing would have amounted to per- jury if committed in a judicial proceeding; as where a person makes a false affidavit under the bills of sale acts. Steph. Cr. Dig. p. 84. And see O'Bryan v. State, 27 Tex. App. 333, 11 S. W. 443.—False token. In criminal law. A false document or sign of the existence of a fact, used with intent to defraud, for the pur- pose of obtaining money or property. State v. Rench, 38 Or. 584, 56 Pac. 275, 44 L. R. A. 906; 27 L. Ed. 758; 127 Pac. 720. Stone v. Stone (N. Y.) 388.—False verdict. See VERDICT.—False weights. False weights and measures are such as do not comply with the standard prescribed by the state or govern- ment, or with the custom prevailing in the place and businesses in which they are used. Pen. Code Cal. 1903, § 552; Pen. Code Idaho, 1901, § 5003.—Falsead. In Spanish law. Falsity; an alteration of the truth. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 26, l. 1. Deception; fraud. Id. pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 21.—Falsehood. A statement or assertion known to be untrue, and intended to deceive. A willful act or declaration contrary to the truth. Putnam v. Osgood, 51 N. H. 207.—In Scotch law. A fraudulent imitation or suppression of truth, to the prejudice of another. Bell. "Something used and published falsely." An old Scottish nomem juris. "Falsehood is undoubtedly a nom- inate crime, so much so that Sir George Mac- kenzie and our older lawyers used no other term for the falsification of writs, and the name 'forgery' has been of modern intro- duction." "If there is any distinction to be made between 'forgery' and 'falsehood,' I would consider the latter to be more comprehensive than the former." 2 Broun, 77, 78.—False crimen. Falsehood. Subornation or concealment, with design to darken or hide the truth, and make things appear otherwise than they are. It is committed (1) by words, as when a witness swears falsely; (2) by writing, as when a person an- tedates a contract; (3) by deed, as sell- ing by false weights and measures. Wharton. See CRIMEN FAUX.—Falsification. In equity practice. The showing an item in the debit of an account to be either wholly false or in some part erroneous. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. And see Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. 29; Pit- t v. Chalmersley, 2 Ves. Sr. 565; Kennedy v. Adickes, 37 S. C. 174, 15 S. E. 922; Tate v. Gairdner, 119 Ga. 133, 46 S. E. 73.—False. To disprove; to prove to be false or erroneous; to avoid or defeat; spoken of verdicts, appeals, etc. To counterfeit or forge; to make something false; to give a false appearance to anything. In equity practice. To show, in accounting before a master in chancery, that a charge has been inserted which is wrong; that is, either wholly false or in some part erroneous. Pull. Accts. 162; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. See FALSIFICATION.—Falsifying a record. A high offense against public justice, punishable in England by 24 & 25 Vict. c. 98, §§ 27, 28, and in the United States, generally, by stat- ute. The showing an item in the debit of an account to be either wholly false or in some part erroneous. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 525. And see Phillips v. Belden, 2 Edw. Ch. 29; Pit- t v. Chalmersley, 2 Ves. Sr. 565; Kennedy v. Adickes, 37 S. C. 174, 15 S. E. 922; Tate v. Gairdner, 119 Ga. 133, 46 S. E. 73.—False. 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Making or proving false.

—Falsing of dooms. In Scotch law. The proving the injustice, falsely, or error of the dooms or sentence of a court. Tomlin; Jacob. The reversal of a sentence or judgment. Skene. An appeal. Bell.

FALSIF DECRETOR. A forgery; a counterfeiter. 1 Vill. 424.

FALSUM. Lat. False; fraudulent; erroneous. Deceitful; mistaken.

Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus. False in one thing, false in everything. Where a party is clearly shown to have embezzled one article of property, it is a ground of presumption that he may have embezzled others also. The Boston, 1 Sumn. 328, 356, Fed. Cas. No. 1,673; The Santissima Trinidad, 7 Wheat. 339, 5 L. Ed. 454. This maxim is particularly applied to the testimony of a witness, who, if he is shown to have sworn falsely in one detail, may be considered unworthy of belief as to all the rest of his evidence. Grimes v. State, 65 Ala. 193; Wilson v. Coulter, 29 App. Div. 85, 51 N. Y. Supp. 804; White v. Dishier, 67 Cal. 402, 7 Fac. 326.

FAMA. Lat. Fame; character; reputation; report of common opinion.

Fama, fides et oculus non patiuntur ludum. 3 Bulst. 226. Fame, faith, and eyesight do not suffer a cheat.

Fama que suspicenom inducit, oriri debet apud bonos et graves, non quidem malevolos et malédeicios, sed probas et fide dignas personas, non semel sed semper, quia clamor minus et defamatio manifestat. 2 Inst. 52. Report, which induces suspicion, ought to arise from good and grave men; not, indeed, from malevolent and malicious men, but from cautious and credible persons; not only once, but frequently; for clamor diminishes, and defamation manifests.

FAMACIDE. A killer of reputation; a slanderer.

FAMILIA. In Roman law. A household; a family. On the composition of the Roman family, see AGNATT, COGNATI; and see Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 144.

Family right; the right or status of being the head of a family, or of exercising the patria potestas over others. This could belong only to a Roman citizen who was a "man in his own right," (homo sui juris.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 133, 144.

In old English law. A household; the body of household servants; a quantity of land, otherwise called "mansa," sufficient to maintain one family.

In Spanish law. A family, which might consist of domestics or servants. It seems that a single person owning negroes was the "head of a family," within the meaning of the colonization laws of Coahuila and Texas. State v. Sullivan, 9 Tex. 156.

FAMILÆ EMPTOR. In Roman law. An intermediate person who purchased the aggregate. Inheritance when sold per as et libram, in the process of making a will under the Twelve Tables. This purchaser was merely a man of straw, transmitting the inheritance to the héres proper. Brown.

FAMILÆ ERCISCUNDÆ. In Roman law. An action for the partition of the aggregate succession of a familia, where that devolved upon co-heredes. It was also applicable to enforce a contribution towards the necessary expenses incurred on the familia. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 499.


A family comprises a father, mother, and children. In a wider sense, it may include domestic servants; all who live in one house under one head. In a still broader sense, a group of blood-relatives; all the relations who descend from a common ancestor, or who spring from a common root. See Civil Code La. art. 3522, no. 16; 9 Ves. 323.

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FARDEL OF LAND. In old English law. The fourth part of a yard-land. Noy says an eighth only, because, according to him, two fardeles make a nook, and four nooks a yard-land. Wharton.

FARDELLA. In old English law. A bundle or pack; a fardele. Fieta, lib. 1, c. 22, § 10.

FARDING-DEAL. The fourth part of an acre of land. Spelman.

FARE. A voyage or passage by water; also the money paid for a passage either by land or by water. Cowell.

The price of passage, or the sum paid or to be paid for carrying a passenger. Chase v. New York Cent. R. Co., 26 N. Y. 526.

FARINAGIUM. A mill; a toll of meal or flour. Jacob; Spelman.

FARLEU. Money paid by tenants in lieu of a heriot. It was often applied to the best chatted, as distinguished from heriot, the best beast. Cowell.

FARLINGARII. Whoremongers and adulterers.

FARM, n. A certain amount of provision reserved as the rent of a messuage. Spelman.

Rent generally which is reserved on a lease; when it was to be paid in money, it was called "blanche farme." Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 42.

A term, a lease of lands; a leasehold interest. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 301, note. The land itself, let to farm or rent. 2 Bl. Comm. 363.

A portion of land used for agricultural purposes, either wholly or in part.

The original meaning of the word was "rent," and by a natural transition it came to mean the land out of which the rent issued.

In old English law. A lease of other things than land, as of imposts. There were several of these, such as "the sugar farm," "the silk farm," and farms of wines and currents, called "petty farms." See 2 How. State Tr. 1197-1206.

In American law. "Farm" denotes a tract of land devoted in part, at least, to cultivation, for agricultural purposes, without reference to its extent, or to the tenure by which it is held. In re Drake (D. C.) 114 Fed. 231; People ex rel. Rogers v. Caldwell, 142 Ill. 434, 32 N. E. 691; Kendall v. Miller, 47 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 445; Com. v. Carmalt, 2 Bin. (Pa.) 238.

FARM, v. To lease or let; to demise or grant for a limited term and at a stated rental.

FARM let. Operative words in a lease, which strictly mean to let upon payment of a
certain rent in farm; i.e., in agricultural produce.—Farm out. To let for a term at a stated rental. Among the Romans the collection of revenue was farmed out, and in England taxes and tolls sometimes are.

FARMER. 1. The lessee of a farm. It is said that every lessee for life or years, although he be but of a small house and land, is called “farmer.” This word implies no mystery, except it be that of husbandman. Cunningham; Cowell.

2. A husbandman or agriculturist; one who cultivates a farm, whether the land be his own or another’s.

3. One who assumes the collection of the public revenues, taxes, excise, etc., for a certain commission or percentage; as a farmer of the revenues.

FARO. An unlawful game of cards, in which all the other players play against the banker or dealer, staking their money upon the order in which the cards will lie and be dealt from the pack. Webster; Ward v. State, 22 Ala. 19; U. S. v. Smith, 27 Fed. Cas. 1149; Patterson v. State, 12 Tex. App. 224.


FARTHING. The fourth part of an English penny.

FARYNDON INN. The ancient appellation of Serjeants’ Inn, Chancery lane.

FAS. Lat. Right; Justice; the divine law. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; Calvin.

FASiUS. In old English law. A faggot of wood.

FAST. In Georgia, a “fast” bill of exceptions is one which may be taken in injunction suits and similar cases, at such time and in such manner as to bring the case up for review with great expedition. It must be certified within twenty days from the rendering of the decision. Sewell v. Edmonston, 66 Ga. 353.

FAST-DAY. A day of fasting and penitence, or of mortification by religious abstinence. See 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 160, et seq.

FAST ESTATE. See ESTATE.

FASTERMANS, or FASTING-MEN. Men in repute and substance; pledges, sureties, or bondsmen, who, according to the Saxon polity, were fast bound to answer for each other’s peaceable behavior. Enc. Lond.

FATUIUS PRESUMITUR. In Roman law. Lawful. Dies fasti, lawful days; days on which justice could lawfully be administered by the praetor. See Dies Fasti.

Fatetus facinus qui judicium fugit. 3 Inst. 14. He who flees judgment confesses his guilt.

FATHER. The male parent. He by whom a child is begotten. As used in law, this term may (according to the context and the nature of the instrument) include a putative as well as a legal father, also a stepfather, an adoptive father, or a grandfather, but is not as wide as the word “parent,” and cannot be so construed as to include a female. Lind v. Burke, 56 Neb. 785, 77 N. W. 444; Crook v. Webb, 125 Ala. 457, 28 South. 384; Cotheal v. Cotheal, 40 N. Y. 410; Lantzester v. State, 19 Tex. App. 321; Thornburg v. American Strawboard Co., 141 Ind. 443, 40 N. E. 1062, 50 Am. St. Rep. 334.

—FATHER-IN-LAW. The father of one’s wife or husband.—Putative father. The alleged or reputed father of an illegitimate child. State v. Nestaval, 72 Minn. 415, 79 N. W. 725.

FATHOM. A nautical measure of six feet in length. Occasionally used as a superficial measure of land and in mining, and in that case it means a square fathom or thirty-six square feet. Naholelua v. Kaaahu, 9 Hawaii, 601.

FATUA MULIER. A whore. Du Fresne.

FATUITAS. In old English law. Fatuity; idiocy. Reg. Orig. 296.

FATUM. Lat. Fate; a superhuman power; an event or cause of loss, beyond human foresight or means of prevention.

FATUOUS PERSON. One entirely destitute of reason; is qui omnino desipit. Ersk. Inst. 1, 7, 48.

FATUUS. An idiot or fool. Bract. fol. 420b. Foolish; absurd; indiscreet; or ill considered. Fatum judicium, a foolish judgment or verdict. Applied to the verdict of a jury which, though false, was not criminally so, or did not amount to perjury. Bract. fol. 289.

Fatuus, apud jurisconsultos nostros, accipitur pro non compos mentis; et fatuus dicitur, qui omnino desipit. 4 Coke, 128. Fatuous, among our jurisconsults, is understood for a man not of right mind; and he is called “fatuus” who is altogether foolish.

Fatuus praemunitur qui in propri nomine errat. A man is presumed to be simple who makes a mistake in his own name. Code, 6, 24, 14; Van Alst v. Hunter, 5 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 145, 161.
FAUBOURG. In French law, and in Louisiana. A district or part of a town adjoining the principal city; a suburb. See City Council of Lafayette v. Holland, 18 La. 283.

FAUCES TERRÆ. (Jaws of the land.) Narrow headlands and promontories, inclosing a portion or arm of the sea within them. 1 Kent, Comm. 367, and note; Hale, De Jure Mar. 10; The Harriet, 1 Story, 251, 259, Fed. Cas. No. 6,099.

FAULT. In the civil law. Negligence; want of care. An improper act or omission, injurious to another, and transpiring through negligence, rashness, or ignorance. There are in law three degrees of faults,—the gross, the slight, and the very slight fault. The gross fault is that which proceeds from inexcusable negligence or ignorance; it is considered as nearly equal to fraud. The slight fault is that want of care which a prudent man usually takes of his business. The very slight fault is that which is excusable, and for which no responsibility is incurred. Civil Code La. art. 3556, par. 13.

In American law. Negligence; an error or defect of judgment or of conduct; any deviation from prudence, duty, or rectitude; any shortcoming or neglect of care or performance resulting from inattention, incapacity, or perversity; a wrong tendency, course, or act. Railroad Co. v. Berry, 2 Ind. App. 427, 28 N. E. 714; Railway Co. v. Austin, 104 Ga. 614, 30 S. E. 770; School Dist. v. Boston, H. & E. R. Co., 102 Mass. 553, 3 Am. Rep. 502; Dorr v. Harkness, 49 N. J. Law, 571, 10 Atl. 400, 60 Am. Rep. 656.

In commercial law. Defect; Imperfection; blemish. See WITH ALL FAULTS.

In mining law. A dislocation of strata; particularly, a severance of the continuity of a vein or lode by the dislocation of a portion of it.

FAUTOR. In old English law. A favorer or supporter of others; an abettor. Cowell; Jacob. A partisan. One who encouraged resistance to the execution of process.

In Spanish law. Accomplice; the person who aids or assists another in the commission of a crime.


In French law. A falsification or fraudulent alteration or suppression of a thing by words, by writings, or by acts without either. Biret.

"Faux may be understood in three ways. In its most extended sense it is the alteration of truth, with or without intention; it is nearly synonymous with "lying." In a less extended sense, it is the alteration of truth, accompanied with fraud, mutatio veritatis cum dolo facta. And lastly, in a narrow, or rather the legal, sense of the word, when it is a question to know if the faux be a crime, it is the fraudulent alteration of the truth in those cases ascertained and punished by the law." Touillier, t. 9, n. 158.

In the civil law. The fraudulent alteration of the truth. The same with the Latin faleum or crimmen falsi.

FAVOR. Bias; partiality; lenity; prejudice. See CHALLENGE.

Favorabilia in lege sunt siccus, dos, vita, libertas. Jenk. Cent. 94. Things favorably considered in law are the treasury, dower, life, liberty.

Favorabiliiores rei, potius quam ac­tores, habentur. The condition of the defendant must be favored, rather than that of the plaintiff. In other words, mei­lor est condi­tio defendentis. Dig. 50, 17, 125; Broom, Max. 715.

Favorabiliiores sunt executiones aliis processibus quibuscumque. Co. Litt. 280. Executions are preferred to all other processes whatever.

Favores ampliandi sunt; edia restrin­genda. Jenk. Cent. 136. Favors are to be enlarged; things hateful restrained.

FEAL. Faithful. Tenants by knight service swore to their lords to be feal and leal; i. e., faithful and loyal.

FEAL AND DIVOT. A right in Scotland, similar to the right of turbary in England, for fuel, etc.

FEALTY. In feudal law. Fidelity; allegiance to the feudal lord of the manor; the feudal obligation resting upon the tenant or vassal by which he was bound to be faithful and true to his lord, and render him obedience and service. See De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 497, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

Fealty signifies fidelity, the phrase "feal and leal" meaning simply "faithful and loyal." Tenants by knights' service and also tenants in socage were required to take an oath of fealty to the king or others, their immediate lords; and fealty was one of the conditions of their tenure, the breach of which operated a forfeiture of their estates. Brown. Although foreign jurists consider fealty and homage as convertible terms, because in some continental countries they are blended so as to form one engagement, yet they are not to be confounded in our country, for they do not imply the same thing, homage being the acknowledgment of tenure, and fealty, the vassal oath of fidelity, being the essential feudal bond, and the animating principle of a feud, without which it could not subsist. Wharton.

FEAR. Apprehension of harm. Apprehension of harm or punishment, as exhibited by outward and visible marks of
emission. An evidence of guilt in certain cases. See Burrill, Circ. Ev. 476.

FEASANCE. A doing; the doing of an act. See Malefasance; Misfeasance; Nonfeasance.

A making; the making of an indenture, release, or obligation. Litt. § 371; Dyer, (Fr. Ed.) 505. The making of a statute. Kelil. 1b.

FEASANT. Doing, or making, as, in the term "damage feasant," (doing damage or Injury,) spoken of cattle straying upon another's land.

FEASOR. Doer; maker. Feasors del estatute, makers of the statute. Dyer, 3b. Also used in the compound term, "tort-feasor," one who commits or is guilty of a tort.

FEASTS. Certain established festivals or holidays in the ecclesiastical calendar. These days were ancienly used as the dates of legal instruments, and in England the quarter-days, for paying rent, are four feast-days. The terms of the courts, in England, before 1875, were fixed to begin on certain days determined with reference to the occurrence of four of the chief feasts.

FECIAL LAW. The nearest approach to a system of international law known to the ancient world. It was a branch of Roman jurisprudence, concerned with embassies, declarations of war, and treaties of peace. It received this name from the fœciales, (q. e.) who were charged with its administration.

FECIALES. Among the ancient Romans, that order of priests who discharged the duties of ambassadors. Subsequently their duties appear to have related more particularly to the declaring war and peace. Calvin.; 1 Kent, Comm. 6.

FEDERAL. In constitutional law. A term commonly used to express a league or compact between two or more states.

In American law. Belonging to the general government or union of the states. Founded on or organized under the constitution or laws of the United States.

The United States has been generally styled, in American political and judicial writings, a "federal government." The term has not been imposed by any specific constitutional authority, but only expresses the general sense and opinion upon the nature of the form of government. In recent years, there is observable a disposition to employ the term "national" in speaking of the government of the Union. Neither word settles anything as to the nature or powers of the government. "Federal" is somewhat more appropriate if the government is considered a union of the states; "national" is preferable if the view is adopted that the state governments and the Union are two distinct systems, each established by the people directly, one for local and the other for national purposes. See United States v. Crikushank, 92 U. S. 542, 23 L. Ed. 588; Abbott.


—Federal government. The government administered in a state formed by the union or confederation of several independent or quasi independent states; also the composite state so formed. In strict usage, there is a distinction between a confederation and a federal government. The former term denotes a league of independent states, each of which is fully sovereign and independent, and each of which retains its full dignity, organization, and sovereignty, though yielding a part of its sovereignty and power for a few limited purposes, such as external and diplomatic relations. In this case, the component states are the units, with respect to the confederation, and the central government acts upon them, not upon the individual citizens. In a federal government, on the other hand, the allied states form a union, not, indeed, to such an extent as to destroy their separate organization or deprive them of quasi sovereignty with respect to the administration of local concerns, but so that the central power is erected into a true state or nation, possessing sovereignty both external and internal, while the administration of national affairs is directed, and its effects felt, not by the separate states deliberating as units, but by the people of all, in their collective capacity, as citizens of the nation. The distinction is expressed, by the German writers, by the use of the two words "Staatsrecht" and "Bundesrecht," the former denoting a league or confederation of states, and the latter a federal government, or state formed by means of a league or confederation.—Federal question. Cases arising under the constitution of the United States, acts of congress, or treaties, and involving the interpretation or application, and of which jurisdiction is given to the federal courts, are commonly described by the legal profession as cases involving a "federal question." In re Sievers (D. C. ) 91 Fed. 372; U. S. v. Douglas, 113 N. C. 190, 18 S. E. 202; Williams v. Bruffy, 102 U. S. 248, 26 L. Ed. 335.

FEE. 1. A freehold estate in lands, held of a superior lord, as a reward for services, and on condition of rendering such a service or return for it. The true meaning of the word "fee" is the same as that of "feud" or "fief," and in its original sense it is taken in contradistinction to "allodium," which latter is defined as a man's own land, which he possesses merely in his own right, without owning any rent or service to any superior. 2 Bl. Comm. 105. See Wendell v. Crandall, 1 N. Y. 491.

In modern English tenures, "fee" signifies an estate of inheritance, being the highest and most extensive interest which a man can have in a feud; and when the term is used simply, without any adjunct, or in the form "fee-simple," it imports an absolute inheritance clear of any condition, limitation, or restriction to particular heirs, but descendent to the heirs general, male or female, lineal or collateral. 2 Bl. Comm. 106.

—Base fee. A determinable or qualified fee; an estate having the nature of a fee, but not a fee simple absolute.—Conditional fee. An estate restrained to some particular heirs, exclusive of any right of the heir male, female, or collateral body, by which only his lineal descendants were
admitted, in exclusion of collateral; or to the heirs male of his body, in exclusion of heirs female, whether lineal or collateral. It was called a "conditional fee," by reason of the condition imposed or implied in it that, if the donee died without such particular heirs, the land should revert to the donor. 2 Bl. Comm. 110; Kirk v. Furgerson, 6 Cold. (Ky.) 50; 17 N. Y. 197; 31 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 277; Moody v. Walker, 3 Ark. 190. — Determinable fee. (Feoffment.) When the condition or disability expressed or implied in the conveyance is at an end; otherwise the fee is determinable. In old English law, this was a species of tenure peculiar to peasants or small farmers, some­what like gavelkind, by which the lands derived thereout, and mergeable therein. It may be enjoyed not only in land, but also in advowsons, commons, estovers, and other services than such as are specially comprised in the feoffment. It corresponds very nearly to the "emphyteusis" of the Roman law.

Fee-farm. This is a species of tenure, where land is held of another in perpetuity at a yearly rent, without fealty, homage, or other services than such as are specially comprised in the feoffment. It corresponds very nearly to the "emphyteusis" of the Roman law.

Fee-farm rent. The rent reserved on a conveyance, by which the lands are held of another in perpetuity at a yearly rent, without fealty, homage, or other services than such as are specially comprised in the feoffment. It corresponds very nearly to the "emphyteusis" of the Roman law.

Fee-farm rent is a rent-charge issuing out of the value of the land, according to Cowell; one-third, according to other authors. Spelman: Terms de la Ley; 2 Bl. Comm. 43; 1 Steph. Comm. 676. Fee-farms are lands held in fee to render for them annually the true value, or more or less; so called because a farm rent is reserved upon a grant in fee. Such estates are estates of inheritance. They are classed among estates in fee-simple. No reverusary interest remains in the lessor, and they are therefore subject to the operation of the legal principles which forbid restraints upon alienation in all cases where no feudal relation exists between gran­tor and grantee. De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 497, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

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Fee-bill. A schedule of the fees to one for the performance of official duties (clerk of court, sheriff, etc.) or for profes­sional services, as in the case of an attorney at law or a physician.

Contingent fee. A fee stipulated to be paid to an attorney for his services in conducting a suit or other foreign proceeding only in case he wins it; it may be a percentage of the amount recovered. — Determinable fee. When the condition or disability expressed or implied in the conveyance is at an end; otherwise the fee is determinable. In old English law, this was a species of tenure peculiar to peasants or small farmers, some­what like gavelkind, by which the lands derived thereout, and mergeable therein. It may be enjoyed not only in land, but also in advowsons, commons, estovers, and other hereditary matters, as well as in personality, as an annuity or dignity, and also in an upper chamber, though the lower buildings and soil belong to another. Wharton.

In American law. An absolute or fee­simple estate is one in which the owner is entitled to the entire property, with unconditional power of disposition during his life, and descending to his heirs and legal representatives upon his death intestate. Code Ga. 1882, § 2246. And see Friedman v. Stein­er, 107 Ill. 131; Woodberry v. Matherson, 10

5. A reward, compensation, or wage given to one for the performance of official duties (clerk of court, sheriff, etc.) or for professional services, as in the case of an attorney at law or a physician.

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FEE-SIMPLE


Feesimple signifies a pure fee; an absolute estate of inheritance; that which a person holds inheritable to him and his heirs forever. It is called "fee-simple," that is, "pure," because clear of any condition or restriction to particular heirs, being descendable to the heirs general, whether male or female, lineal or collateral. It is the largest estate and most extensive interest that can be enjoyed in land, being the entire property therein, and it confers an unlimited power of alienation. Haynes v. Bourn, 42 Vt. 686.

A fee-simple is the largest estate known to the law, and where no words of qualification or limitation are added, it means an estate in possession, and owned in severalty. It is undoubtedly true that a person may own a remainder or reversion in fee. But such an estate is not a fee-simple; it is a fee qualified or limited. So, when a person owns in common with another, he does not own the entire fee—a fee-simple; it is a fee divided or shared with another. Brackett v. Ridlon, 54 Me. 426.

Absolute and conditional. A fee simple absolute is an estate which is limited absolutely to a man and his heirs and assigns forever, without any limitation or condition. Frisby v. Ballance, 7 Ill. 144. At the common law, an estate in fee simple conditional was a fee limited or restrained to some particular heirs, exclusive of others. But the statute "De Donis" converted all such estates into estates tail. 2 Bl. Comm. 110.

FEE-TAIL. An estate tail; an estate of inheritance given to a man and the heirs of his body, or limited to certain classes of particular heirs. It corresponds to the feudum talliatum of the feudal law, and the idea is believed to have been borrowed from the Roman law, where, by way of fidei commissa, lands might be entailed upon children and freedmen and their descendants, with restrictions as to alienation. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 66. For the varieties and special characteristics of this kind of estate, see TAIL.

FEELD. A field; in composition, wild. Blount.

FELE, FEAL. L. Fr. Faithful. See FEAL.

FELLATION. See SODOMY.

FELLOW. A companion; on a with whom we consort; one joined with another in some legal status or relation; a member of a college or corporate body.

FELLOW-HEIR. A co-heir; partner of the same inheritance.

FELLOW-SERVANTS. "The decided weight of authority is to the effect that all who serve the same master, work under the same control, derive authority and compensation from the same common source, and are engaged in the same general business, though it may be in different grades or departments of it, are fellow-servants, who take the risk of each other's negligence." 2 Thomp. Neg. p. 1026, § 1. And see McAndrews v. Burns, 39 N. J. Law, 119; Justice v. Pennsylvania Co., 130 Ind. 321, 30 N. E. 303; Wright v. New York Cent. R. Co., 25 N. Y. 566; Glover v. Kansas City Bolt Co., 153 Mo. 327, 55 S. W. 88; Brunell v. Southern Pac. Co., 34 Or. 256, 56 Pac. 129; Doughty v. Penobscot Log Driving Co., 76 Me. 146; McMaster v. Illinois Cent R. Co., 65 Miss., 59 Am. St Rep. 653; Daniels v. Union Pac. Ry. Co., 6 Utah, 357, 23 Pac. 762; Weeks v. Scherer, 129 Fed. 335, 64 C. C. A. 11.

FELO DE SE. A felon of himself; a suicide or murderer of himself. One who deliberately and intentionally puts an end to or commission of a crime, but only for the purpose of discovering their plans and confederates and securing evidence against them. See People v. Bolinger, 71 Cal. 17, 11 Pac. 300.—Feigned action. In practice. An action brought on a pretended right, when the plaintiff has no true cause of action, for some illegal purpose. In a feigned action the words of the writ are true. It differs from false action, in which case the words of the writ are false. Co. Litt. 361.—Feigned issue. An issue made up by the direction of a court of equity, (or by consent of parties,) and sent to a common-law court, for the purpose of obtaining the verdict of a jury on some disputed matter of fact which the court has not jurisdiction, or is unwilling, to decide. It rests upon a suppositional wager between the parties. See 3 Bl. Comm. 453.
his own life, or who commits some unlawful or malicious act which results in his own death. Hale, P. C. 411; 4 Bl. Comm. 189; Life Ass'n v. Waller, 57 Ga. 536.

FELON. One who has committed felony; one convicted of felony.

FELONIA. Felony. The act or offense by which a vassal forfeited his fee. Spelman; Calvin. *Feloniam, with a criminal intention. Co. Litt. 391.


Felonia implicatur in quallibet probationibus. 3 Inst. 15. Felony is implied in every treason.

FELONICE. Feloniously. Anciently an indispensable word in indictments for felony, and classed by Lord Coke among those *voces artis* (words of art) which cannot be expressed by any periphrasis or circumlocution. 4 Coke, 39; Co. Litt. 391a; 4 Bl. Comm. 307.


—Felonious assault. Such an assault upon the person as, if consummated, would subject the party making it, upon conviction, to the punishment of a felony, that is, to imprisonment in a penitentiary. Hinkle v. State, 94 Ga. 596, 21 S. E. 595.—Felonious homicide. In criminal law. The offense of killing a human creature, of any age or sex, without justification or excuse. There are two degrees of this offense, manslaughter and murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 128, 150; 4 Steph. Comm. 108, 111; State v. Symmes, 40 S. C. 383, 19 S. E. 16; Connor v. Com., 76 Ky. 718; State v. Miller, 9 Houst. (Del.) 154, 32 Atl. 137.

FELONIOUSLY. With a felonious intent; with the intention of committing a crime. An indispensable word in modern indictments for felony, as *felonice* was in the Latin forms. 4 Bl. Comm. 307; State v. Jesse, 19 N. C. 300; State v. Smith, 31 Wash. 245, 71 Pac. 767; State v. Halpin, 16 S. D. 170, 91 N. W. 605; People v. Willett, 102 N. Y. 251, 6 N. E. 301; State v. Watson, 41 La. Ann. 508, 7 South. 125; State v. Bryan, 112 N. C. 845, 16 S. E. 900.

FELONY. In English law. This term meant originally the state of having forfeited lands and goods to the crown upon conviction for certain offenses, and then, by translation, any offense upon conviction for which such forfeiture followed, in addition to any other punishment prescribed by law; as distinguishing from a “misdemeanor,” upon conviction for which no forfeiture followed. All indictable offenses are either felonies or misdemeanors, but a material part of the distinction is taken away by St. 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, which aboliishes forfeiture for felony.

In American law. The term has no very definite or precise meaning, except in some cases where it is defined by statute. For the most part, the state laws, in describing any particular offense, declare whether or not it shall be considered a felony. Apart from this, the word seems merely to imply a crime of a gravier or more atrocious nature than those designated as “misdemeanors.” U. S. v. Coppersmith (C. C) 4 Fed. 205; Bannon v. U. S., 156 U. S. 464, 15 Sup. Ct. 467, 39 L. Ed. 494; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 386; State v. Lincoln, 49 N. H. 469.

The statutes or codes of several of the states define felony as any public offense upon conviction of which the offender is liable to be sentenced to death or to imprisonment in a penitentiary or state prison. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1290; Code Ala. 1886, § 3703; Code Ga. 1882, § 3404; 34 Ohio St. 301; 1 Wis. 385; 2 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 587, § 95; People v. Van Steenburgh, 1 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 39.

In feudal law. An act or offense on the part of the vassal, which cost him his fee, or in which the vassal was the party, in which the fee fell into the hands of his lord; that is, became forfeited. (See *Felonia.*) Perfidy, ingratitude, or disloyality to a lord.

—Felony act. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 23, abolishing forfeitures for felony, and sanctioning the appointment of *interim curators* and administrators of the property of felons. Mosley & Whitley; 4 Steph. Comm. 10, 459—Felony, compounding of. See COMPOUNDING FELONY.—Misprision of felony. See MISPRISION.

FEMALE. The sex which conceives and gives birth to young. Also a member of such sex. The term is generic, but may have the specific meaning of “woman,” if so indicated by the context. State v. Hemm, 82 Iowa, 609, 48 N. W. 971.

FEME. L. Fr. A woman. In the phrase “*baron et feme*” (q. v.) the word has the sense of “wife.”

—Feme covert. A married woman. Generally used in reference to the legal disabilities of a married woman, as compared with the condition of a *feme sole*. Hoker v. Boggs, 63 Ill. 10; *Feme sole*. A single woman, including those who have been married, but whose marriage has been dissolved by death or divorce, and, for most purposes, those women who are judicially separated from their husbands. Mosley & Whitley; 2 Steph. Comm. 250. Kirkley v. Lacey, 7 Houst. (Del.) 215, 30 Atl. 994. —Feme sole trader. In English law. A married woman, who, by the custom of London, trades on her own account, independently of her husband; so called because, with respect to her trading, she is the same as a *feme sole*. Jacob; Cro. Car. 68. The term is applied al-
FEMICIDE. The killing of a woman. Wharton.

FENATIO. In forest law. The fawning of deer; the fawning season. Spelman.

FENCE, v. In old Scotch law. To defend or protect by formalities. To "fence a court" was to open it in due form, and interdict all manner of persons from disturbing their proceedings. This was called "fencing," q. d., defending or protecting the court.

FENCE, n. A hedge, structure, or partition, erected for the purpose of inclosing a piece of land, or to divide a piece of land into distinct portions, or to separate two contiguous estates. See Kimball v. Carter, 95 Va. 77, 27 S. E. 823; See 2 Bl. Comm. 105, 40, L. Ed. 72.

FENCE-MONTH, or DEFENSE-MONTH. In old English law. A period of time, occurring in the middle of summer, during which it was unlawful to hunt deer in the forest, that being their fawning season. Probably so called because the deer were then defended from pursuit or hunting. Manwood; Cowell.

FENERATION. Usury; the gain of interest; the practice of increasing money by lending.

FENGELD. In Saxon law. A tax or imposition, exacted for the repelling of enemies.

FENIAN. A champion, hero, giant. This word, in the plural, is generally used to signify invaders or foreign spoilers. The modern meaning of "fianen" is a member of various classes of feudal succession and tenure. Spelman. There were various classes of feoda, among which may be enumerated the following: Feodum laicum, a lay fee. Feodum militare, a knight's fee. Feodum improprium, an improper or derivative fee. Feodum proprium, a proper and original fee, regulated by the strict rules of feudal succession and tenure. Feodum simples, a simple or pure fee; fee-simple. Feodum nullius, a fee-tail. See 2 Bl. Comm. 68, 62; Litt. §§ 4, 13; Bract. fol. 57; Glan. 3, 27.


A fee; a perquisite or compensation for a service. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 7.

—Feodum antiquum. A feud which devolved upon a vassal from his intestate ancestor.

—Feodum nobile. A feud which devolved upon a vassal from his intestate ancestor. Spelman. —Feodum novum. A feud acquired by a vassal himself.

Feodum est quod quis tenet ex quacunque causa sive sit tenementum sive reeditus. Co. Litt. 1. A fee is that which any one holds from whatever cause, whether tenement or rent.

Feodum simplex quia feodum idem est quod hereditas, et simplex idem est quod legitimum vel purum; et sic feodum simplex idem est quod hereditas legitima vel hereditas pura. Litt. § 4. A fee-simple, so called because fee is the same as inheritance, and simple is the same as lawful or
pure; and thus fee-simple is the same as a lawful inheritance, or pure inheritance.

Feodum talliatum, i. e., hereditas in quandam certitudinem limitata. Litt. § 13. Fee-tail, i. e., an inheritance limited in a definite descent.


Feoffare. To enfeoff; to bestow a fee. The bestower was called "feoffator," and the grantee or feoffee, "feoffatus."

Feoffator. In old English law. A feoffor; one who gives or bestows a fee; one who makes a feoffment. Bract. fol. 120, 81.

Feoffatus. In old English law. A feoffee; one to whom a fee is given, or a feoffment made. Bract. fol. 17b, 44b.

Feoffee. He to whom a fee is conveyed. Litt. § 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 20.

—Feoffee to uses. A person to whom land was conveyed for the use of a third party. The latter was called "cestui que use."

Feoffment. The gift of any corporeal hereditament to another, (2 Bl. Comm. 310), operating by transmutation of possession, and requiring, as essential to its completion, that the seisin be passed, (Watk. Conv. 183), which might be accomplished either by investiture or by livery of seisin. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 33. See Thatcher v. Omans, 3 Pick. (Mass.) 532; French v. French, 3 N. H. 260; Perry v. Price, 1 Mo. 554; Orndoff v. Turman, 2 Leigh (Va.) 233, 21 Am. Dec. 608.

Also the deed or conveyance by which such corporeal hereditament is passed.

A feoffment originally meant the grant of a feu or fee; that is, a barony or knight's fee, for which certain services were due from the feoffee to the feoffor. This was the proper sense of the word; but by custom it came afterwards to signify also a grant (with livery of seisin) of a free inheritance to a man and his heirs, referring rather to the perpetuity of the estate than to the feudal tenure. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90, 91. It was for ages the only method (in ordinary use) for conveying the freehold of land in possession, but has now fallen in great measure into disuse, even in England, having been almost entirely supplanted by some of that class of conveyances founded on the statute law of the realm. 1 Steph. Comm. 497, 498.

—Feoffment to uses. A feoffment of lands to one person to the use of another.

Feoffor. The person making a feoffment, or enfeoffing another in fee. 2 Bl. Comm. 310; Litt. §§ 1, 57.

Feoh. This Saxon word meant originally cattle, and thence property or money, and, by a second transition, wages, reward, or fee. It was probably the original form from which the words "feod," "feudum," "feet," "feu," and "fee" (all meaning a feudal grant of land) have been derived.

Feonatio. In forest law. The fawning season of deer.

Feorne. A certain portion of the produce of the land due by the grantee to the lord according to the terms of the charter. Spel. Feuds, c. 7.

Fæ Bestlie. Wild beasts.

Fæ Naturæ. Lat. Of a wild nature or disposition. Animals which are by nature wild are so designated, by way of distinction from such as are naturally tame, the latter being called "domitie naturæ." Fleet v. Hegeman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 43; State v. Taylor, 27 N. J. Law, 119, 72 Am. Dec. 347; Gillet v. Mason, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 17.


Ferdella terræ. A fardel-land; ten acres; or perhaps a yard-land. Cowell.


Ferdingus. A term denoting, apparently, a freeman of the lowest class, being named after the cotseti.

Ferdwite. In Saxon law. An acquittance of manslaughter committed in the army; also a fine imposed on persons for not going forth on a military expedition. Cowell.

Feria. In old English law. A week-day; a holiday; a day on which process could not be served; a fair; a ferry. Cowell; Du Cange; Spelman.

Ferial Days. Holidays; also week-days, as distinguished from Sunday. Cowell.


Fering. In old records. The fourth part of a penny; also the quarter of a ward in a borough.

Ferringata. A fourth part of a yard-land.

FERM, or FERM. A house or land, or both, let by lease. Cowell.

FERME. A farm; a rent; a lease; a house or land, or both, taken by indenture or lease. Plowd. 195; Vicat. See FARM.

FERMENTED LIQUORS. Beverages produced by, or which have undergone, a process of alcoholic fermentation, to which they owe their intoxicating properties, including beer, wine, hard cider, and the like, but not spirituous or distilled liquors. State v. Lemp, 16 Mo. 381; State v. Biddle, 54 N. H. 383; People v. Foster, 64 Mich. 715, 31 N. W. 596; State v. Gill, 59 Minn. 502, 55 N. W. 449; State v. Adams, 51 N. H. 568.

FERMER, FERMOR. A lessee; a farmer. One who holds a term, whether of lands or an incorporeal right, such as occupations or revenue.

FERMER. In French law. One who farms any public revenue.

FERMISONA. In old English law. The winter season for killing deer.

FERMORY. In old records. A place in monasteries, where they received the poor, (hospicio excipiebant,) and gave them provisions, (ferm, firma.) Spelman. Hence the modern infirmary, used in the sense of a hospital.

FERNIGO. In old English law. A waste ground, or place where fern grows. Cowell.

FERR. In the civil law. To be borne; that is on or about the person. This was distinguished from portari, (to be carried,) which signified to be carried on an animal. Dig. 50, 16, 235.

FERRIAGE. The toll or fare paid for the transportation of persons and property across a ferry.

Literally speaking, it is the price or fare fixed by law for the transportation of the traveling public, with such goods and chattels as they may have with them, across a river, bay, or lake. People v. San Francisco & A. R. Co., 35 Cal. 606.


FERRY. A liberty to have a boat upon a river for the transportation of men, horses, and carriages with their contents, for a reasonable toll. The term is also used to designate the place where such liberty is exercised. See New York v. Starin, 8 N. Y. St. Rep. 605; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 831, 55 Am. Rep. 633; Einstman v. Black, 14 Ill. App. 381; Chapelle v. Wells, 4 Mart. (La. N. S.) 426.

"Ferry" properly means a place of transit across a river or arm of the sea; but in law it is treated as a franchise, and as defined as the exclusive right to carry passengers across a river, or arm of the sea, from one point to the other, or to connect a continuous line of road leading from one township or will to another. It is not a servitude or easement. It is wholly uncompelled, and in consideration of the ownership or occupation of land, so much so that the owner of the ferry need not have any property in the soil adjacent on either side. (12 C. B., N. S., 32.) Brown.

-Public and private. A public ferry is one to which all the public have the right to resort, for which a regular fare is established, and the ferryman is a common carrier, bound to take over all who apply, and bound to keep his ferry in operation and good repair. Huds peth v. Hall, 111 Ga. 610, 36 S. E. 779; Broadnax v. Baker, 94 N. C. 681, 55 Am. Rep. 653. A private ferry is one mainly for the use of the owner, and though he may take pay for ferriage, he does not follow it as a business. His ferry is not open to the public at its demand, and he may or may not keep it in operation. Huds peth v. Hall, supra.—Ferry franchise. The public grant of a right to maintain a ferry at a particular place; a right conferred to land at a particular point and secure toll for the transportation of persons and property from that point across the stream. Mills v. St. Clair County, 7 Ill. 206.—Ferryman. One employed in taking persons across a river or other stream, in boats or other contrivances, at a ferry. State v. Clarke, 2 McCord (S. C.) 43, 13 Am. Dec. 701.

FESTA IN CAPPI. In old English law. Grand holidays, on which choirs wore caps. Jacob.

Festinatio justitiae est noverea infortunii. Hob. 97. Hasty justice is the stepmother of misfortune.

FESTING-PENNY. Earnest given to servants when hired or retained. The same as aries-penny. Cowell.

FESTING-MAN. In old English law. A frank-pledge, or one who was surety for the good behavior of another. Monasteries enjoyed the privilege of being "free from festing-men," which means that they were "not bound for any man's forthcoming who should transgress the law." Cowell. See FRANK-PLEDGE.

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FESTINUM REMEDII. Lat. A speedy remedy. The writ of assise was thus characterized (in comparison with the less expeditious remedies previously available) by the statute of Westminster 2, (13 Edw. I. c. 24.)

FESTUM. A feast or festival. Festum stiullorum, the feast of fools.

FEETERS. Chains or shackles for the feet; irons used to secure the legs of convicts, unruly prisoners, etc. Similar chains securing the wrists are called "handcuffs."

FEU. In Scotch law. A holding or tenure where the vassal, in place of military serv-
Feudalism.—The feudal system; the aggregate of feudal principles and usages.

FEUDAL. In feudal law. An estate in land held of a superior on condition of rendering him services. 2 Bl. Comm. 105.

An inherent right to the use and occupation of lands, held on condition of rendering services to the lord or proprietor, who himself retains the property in the lands. See Spe. Feuds, c. 1.

In this sense the word is the same as "feod," "feodum," "feudum," "fief," or "flee." In Saxon and old German law. An entity, or species of private war, existing between the family of a murdered man and the family of his slayer; a combination of the former to take vengeance upon the latter. See Deadly Feud; Faida.

Military feuds. The genuine or original feuds which were in the hands of military men, who performed military duty for their tenures.

FEUDA. Feuds or fees.

FEUDAL. Pertaining to feuds or fees; relating to or growing out of the feudal system or feudal law; having the quality of a feud, as distinguished from "alodial."—Feudal actions. An ancient name for real actions, or such as concern real property only. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

FEUDAL. The body of jurisprudence relating to feuds, the real-property law of the feudal system; the law anciently regulating the property relations of lord and vassal, and the creation, incidents, and transmission of feudal estates. The body of laws and usages constituting the "feudal law" was originally customary and unwritten, but a compilation was made in the twelfth century, called "Feodarum Consuetudines," which has formed the basis of later digests. The feudal law prevailed over Europe from the twelfth to the fourteenth century, and was introduced into England at the Norman Conquest, where it formed the entire basis of the law of real property until comparatively modern times. Survivals of the feudal law, to the present day, so affect and color that branch of jurisprudence as to require a certain knowledge of the feudal law in order to the perfect comprehension of modern tenures and rules of real-property law.—Feudal possession. The equivalent of "selsin" under the feudal system.—Feudal system. The system of fees. A political and social system which prevailed throughout Europe during the eleventh, twelfth, and thirteenth centuries, and is supposed to have grown out of the peculiar usages and policy of the Teutonic nations who overran the continent after the fall of the Western Empire. A holding by tenure of rendering grain or money in place of military service. Bell.—Feunar. The tenant of a feu; a feu-vassal. Bell.
er subsidies to which the plebeia feuda (vulgar for feodum habitationis). Spelman.—Feudum improprium. An impropre, or derivative feod or fieft. 2 Bl. Comm. 58.—Feudum individuum. An indivi
disvisible or impartible feod or fieft; descended to the eldest son alone. 2 Bl. Comm. 215.—
Feudum ligatum. A liege feod or fieft; a fieft held immediately of the sovereign; one for
which the vassal owed fealty to his lord against all persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 287; Spelman.—
Feudum maternum. A maternal fieft; a sieft descended to the feodatory from his mother. 2
Bl. Comm. 212.—Feudum noble. A sieft for which the tenant did guard and owed fealty and
homage. Spelman.—Feudum novum. A new feod or fieft; a sieft which began in the person
of the feodatory, and did not come to him by succession. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 212; Priest
v. Cummings, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 349.—Feudum novum ut antiquum. A new sieft held with
the qualities and incidents of an ancient one. 2 Bl. Comm. 212.—Feudum patentum. A sieft
which the paternal ancestors had held for four generations. Calh. One dereight able to heirs on
the paternal side. 2 Bl. Comm. 293. One which might be held by males only. Du
Cange.—Feudum proprium. A proper, genu
ine, and original sieod or fieft; being of a purely
military character, and held by military service. 2 Bl. Comm. 57, 58.—Feudum talliatum. A
restricted sieft. One limited to descend to cer
tain classes of heirs. 2 Bl. Comm. 112; note; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 66.

FEW. An indefinite expression for a
small or limited number. In cases where exac
t description is required, the uses of this
word will not answer. Butts v. Stowe, 53 Vt. 603; Allen v. Kirwan, 159 Pa. 612, 28

FF. A Latin abbreviation for "Frag
menta," designating the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian; so
called because work is made up of frag
ments or extracts from the writings of nu

FI. FA. An abbreviation for fieri facias,
(which see.)

FIANCER. L. Fr. To pledge one's faith.
Kelham.

FIANZA. Sp. In Spanish law, trust, con
fidence, and correlativey a legal duty or ob
ligation arising therefrom. The term is suffi
ciently broad in meaning to include both a
general obligation and a restricted liability
under a single instrument. Martinez v. Run
kle, 57 N. J. Law, 111, 30 Atl. 503. But
in a special sense, it designates a surety or
guarantor, or the contract or engagement of
suretyship.

FIAR. In Scotch law. He that has the
fee or feu. The proprietor is termed "far," in contradistinction to the life-renter. 1
Kames, Eq. Pref. One whose property is
charged with a life-rent.

FIARS PRICES. The value of grain in
the different counties of Scotland, fixed year
ly by the respective sheriffs, in the month of
February, with the assistance of juries. These regulate the prices of grain stipulated
to be sold at the far prices, or when no price
has been stipulated. Ersk. 1, 4, 5.

FIAT. (Lat. "Let it be done.") In Eng
lish practice. A short order or warrant of a
judge or magistrate directing some act to
be done; an authority issuing from some
competent source for the doing of some legal
act.

One of the proceedings in the English
bankrupt practice, being a power, signed by
the lord chancellor, addressed to the court of
bankruptcy, authorizing the petitioning cred
tor to prosecute his complaint before it. 2
Steph. Comm. 199. By the statute 12 & 13
Vct. c. 116, flats were abolished.

—Fiat justitia. Let justice be done. On
a petition to the king for his warrant to bring a
writ of error in parliament, he writes on the
top of the petition. "Fiat justitia," and then
the writ of error is made out, etc. Jacob.—
Fiat ut petitur. Let it be done as it is asked.
A form of granting a petition.—Joint fiat.
In English law. A fiat in bankruptcy, issued
against two or more trading partners.

—Flat justitia, rust ocelum. Let right be
done, though the heavens should fall.

—Fiat propt fieri consuevit, (all temere
novandum.) Let it be done as it hath used to
be done, (nothing must be rashly innovat
ed.) Jenk. Cent. 116, case 39; Branch, Princ.

FICTIO. In Roman law. A fiction; an
assumption or supposition of the law.

"Fictio" in the old Roman law was properly
a term of pleading, and signified a false aver
ment on the part of the plaintiff which the de
fendant was not allowed to traverse; as that
the plaintiff was a Roman citizen, when in
truth he was a foreigner. The object of the
fiction was to give the court jurisdiction.
Maine, Anc. Law, 23.

Fictio eedit veritati. Fictio juris non
est ubi veritas. Fiction yields to truth.
Where there is truth, fiction of law exists not.

Fictio est contra veritatem, sed pro
veritate habetur. Fiction is against the
truth, but it is to be esteemed truth.

Fictio juris non est ubi veritas. Where
truth is, fiction of law does not exist.

Fictio legis inique operatur alieni dam
num vel injuriam. A legal fiction does not
properly work loss or injury. 3 Coke, 38;
Broom, Max. 129.

Fictio legis neminem ludit. A fiction of
law injures no one. 2 Rolle, 502; 3 Bl.
Comm. 43; Low v. Little, 17 Johns. (N. Y.)
348.

FICTION. An assumption or supposition
of law that something which is or may be
false is true, or that a state of facts exists

FICTION

A fiction is a rule of law which assumes as true, and will not allow to be disproved, something which is false, but not impossible. Best, Ev. 419.

These assumptions are of an innocent or even beneficial character, and are made for the advancement of the ends of justice. They secure this end chiefly by the extension of procedure from cases to which it is applicable to other cases to which it is not strictly applicable, the ground of inapplicability being some difference of an immaterial character. Brown.

Fictions are to be distinguished from presumptions of law. By the former, something known to be false or unreal is assumed as true; by the latter, an inference is set up, which may be and probably is true, but which, at any rate, the law will not permit to be controverted.

Mr. Best distinguishes legal fictions from presumptions jurie et de jure, and divides them into three kinds,—affirmative or positive fictions, negative fictions, and fictions by relation. Best, Pres. p. 27, § 24.

FICTITIOUS. Founded on a fiction; having the character of a fiction; false, feldog, or pretended.

—Fictitious action. An action brought for the sole purpose of obtaining the opinion of the court on a point of law, not for the settlement of any actual controversy between the parties. Smith v. Junction Ry. Co., 29 Ind. 551. —Fictitious name. A counterfeit, feldog, or pretended name taken by a person, differing in some essential particular from his true name, (consisting of Christian name and patronymic,) with the implication that it is meant to deceive or mislead. But a fictitious name may be used so long or under such circumstances as to become an "assumed" name, in which case it may become a proper designation of the individual for ordinary business and legal purposes. See Pollard v. Fidelity F. Ins. Co., 1 S. D. 570, 47 N. W. 1060; Carlock v. Cagnacci, 88 Cal. 600, 28 Pac. 597. —Fictitious plaintiff. A person appearing in the writ or record as the plaintiff, in a suit, but who does not keep that fealty which he has sworn to the lord. Leg. Hen. I. c. 53.

FIDE-JUBERE. In the civil law. To order a thing upon one’s faith; to pledge one’s self; to become surety for another. Fide-jubes! Fide-jubeo: Do you pledge yourself? I do pledge myself. Inst. 3, 16, 1. One of the forms of stipulation.

FIDE-JUSSOR. In Roman law. A guarantor; one who becomes responsible for the payment of another’s debt, by a stipulation which binds him to discharge it if the principal debtor fails to do so. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 452; 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

The sureties taken on the arrest of a defendant, in the court of admiralty, were formerly designated "fide jussorae." 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

FIDE-PROMISSOR. See Fide-Jussor.

FIDELITAS. Lat. Fealty, (q. v.)

Fidelitas. De nullo tenemento, quod tenetur ad terminum, fit homaggi; fit tamen inde fidelitatis sacramentum. Co. Litt. 676. Fealty. For no tenement which is held for a term is there the oath of homage, but there is the oath of fealty.

FIDELITY INSURANCE. See Insurance.

FIDEM MENTIRI. Lat. To betray faith or fealty. A term used in feudal and old English law of a feudatory or feudal tenant who does not keep that fealty which he has sworn to the lord. Leg. Hen. I. c. 63.

FIDES. Lat. Faith; honesty; confidence; trust; veracity; honor. Occurring in the phrases "bona fides," (good faith,) "mala fides," (bad faith,) and "uberrima fides," (the utmost or most abundant good faith.)

Fides est obligatio conscientie aliena ad intentionem alterius. Bacon. A trust is an obligation of conscience of one to the will of another.

Fides servanda est. Faith must be observed. An agent must not violate the confidence reposed in him. Story, Ag. § 192.

Fides servanda est; simplicitas juris gentium pravaleat. Faith must be kept; the simplicity of the law of nations must prevail. A rule applied to bills of exchange as a sort of sacred instruments. 3 Burrows, 1672; Story, Bills, § 15.
FIDUCIA. In Roman law. An early form of mortgage or pledge, in which both the title and possession of the property were passed to the creditor by a formal act of sale, (properly with the solemnities of the transaction known as sacripcatio,) there being at the same time an express or implied agreement on the part of the creditor to reconvey the property by a similar act of sale provided the debt was duly paid; but on default of payment, the property became absolutely vested in the creditor without foreclosure and without any right of redemption. In course of time, this form of security gave place to that known as hypotheca, while the contemporary contract of pignus or pawn underwent a corresponding development. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 334; Tomb & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 182; Hadley, Rom. Law, 201-203; Pothier, Pand. tit. "Fiducia." 

FIDUCIAL. An adjective having the same meaning as "fiduciary;" as, in the phrase "public or fiducial office." Ky. St. § 3752; Moss v. Rowlett, 112 Ky. 121, 65 S. W. 158.

FIDUCIARIUS TUTOR. In Roman law. The elder brother of an emancipated pupillus, whose father had died leaving him still under fourteen years of age.

FIDUCIARY. The term is derived from the Roman law, and means (as a noun) a person holding the character of a trustee, or a character analogous to that of a trustee, in respect to the trust and confidence involved in it and the scrupulous good faith and candor which it requires. Thus, a person is a fiduciary who is invested with rights and powers to be exercised for the benefit of another person. See Benjamin, Jurgen, 144 Ill. 507, 33 N. E. 955; Stoll v. King, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 299.

As an adjective it means of the nature of a trust; having the characteristics of a trust; analogous to a trust; relating to or founded upon a trust or confidence.

Fiduciary capacity. One is said to act in a "fiduciary capacity" or to receive money or contract a debt in a "fiduciary capacity," when the business which he transacts, or the money or property which he handles, is not his own or for his own benefit, but for the benefit of another person, as to whom he stands in a relation implying and necessitating great confidence and trust on the one part and a high degree of good faith on the other part. The term is not restricted to technical or express trusts, but includes also such offices or relations as those of an attorney at law, a guardian, executor or heir, trustee and custod. que trust, landlord and tenant, etc. See Roberts v. Hope, 57 Cal. 497; Thomas v. Whitney, 186 Ill. 226, 57 N. E. 808; Central Nat. Bank v. Hugens, 169 Ind. 1, 104 Ind. 68, 26 L. Ed. 695; Meyer v. Reimer, 65 Ind. 822, 70 Pac. 509; Studybaker v. Cashfield, 159 Mo. 596, 61 S. W. 246.

FIEF. A fee, feeod, or feud.

FIEF D'HAUBERT. Fr. In Norman feudal law. A fee or fee held by the tenure of knight-service; a knight's fee. 2 Bl. Com. 62.

FIEF-TENANT. In old English law. The holder of a fief or fee; a feodholder or freeholder.

FIELD. In Spanish law. A sequestrator; a person in whose hands-a thing in dispute is judicially deposited; a receiver. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 9, 1. 1.

FIELD. This term might well be considered as definite and certain a description as "close," and might be used in law; but it is not a usual description in legal proceedings. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 160.

FIELD-ALE. An ancient custom in England, by which officers of the forest and bailiffs of hundreds had the right to compel the hundred to furnish them with ale. Tomlin.

FIELD REEVE. An officer elected, in England, by the owners of a regulated pasture to keep in order the fences, ditches, etc., on the land, to regulate the times during which animals are to be admitted to the pasture, and generally to maintain and manage the pasture subject to the instructions of the owners. (General Inclosure Act, 1846, § 118.) Sweet.

FIELDAH. In Spanish law. Sequestration. This is allowed in six cases by the Spanish law where the title to property is in dispute. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 3, 1. 1.

FIERDING COURTS. Ancient Gothic courts of an inferior jurisdiction, so called that he will restore it to him.—Fiduciary relation. A relation subsisting between two persons in regard to a business, contract, or piece of property, or in regard to the general business or estate of one of them, of such a character that each must repose trust and confidence in the other and must exercise a corresponding degree of fairness and good faith. Out of such a relation, the law raises the rule that neither party may exert influence or pressure upon the other, take selfish advantage of his trust, or deal with the subject-matter of the trust in such a way as to benefit himself or prejudice the other except in the exercise of the utmost good faith and with the full knowledge and consent of that other, business shrewdness, hard bargaining, and astuteness to take advantage of the forgetfulness or negligence of another being totally prohibited as between persons standing in such a relation to each other. Examples of fiduciary relations are those existing between attorney and client, guardian and ward, principal and agent, executor and heir, trustee and custod. que trust, landlord and tenant, etc. See Robins v. Hope, 57 Cal. 497; Thomas v. Whitney, 186 Ill. 226, 57 N. E. 808; Central Nat. Bank v. Hugens, 169 Ind. 1, 104 Ind. 68, 26 L. Ed. 695; Meyer v. Reimer, 65 Ind. 822, 70 Pac. 509; Studybaker v. Cashfield, 159 Mo. 596, 61 S. W. 246.

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because four were instituted within every inferior district or hundred. 3 Bl. Comm. 34.

**FIERI.** Lat. To be made; to be done. See In Fieri.

**FIERI FACIAS.** (That you cause to be made.) In practice. A writ of execution commanding the sheriff to levy and make the amount of a judgment from the goods and chattels of the judgment debtor.

-Fieri facias de bonis ecclesiasticis. When a sheriff to a common fi. fa. returns nulla bona, and that the defendant is a beneficed clerk, not having any lay fee, a plaintiff may issue a fi. fa. de bonis ecclesiasticis, addressed to the bishop of the diocese or to the archbishop, (during the vacancy of the bishop's see,) commanding him to make of the ecclesiastical goods and chattels belonging to the defendant within his diocese the sum therein mentioned. 2 Chit. 1112.-Fieri facias de bonis testatoris. The writ issued on an ordinary judgment against an executor when sued for a debt due by his testator. If the sheriff returns to this writ nulla bona, and a deves-tavit, (q. v.,) the plaintiff may sue out a fieri facias de bonis propriis, under which the goods of the executor himself are seized. Sweet.

-Fieri non debet, (debit,) sed factum valet. It ought not to be done, but [if] done, it is valid. Shep. Touch. 6; 5 Coke, 39; T. Raym. 58; 1 Strange, 526. A maxim frequently applied in practice. Nichols v. Ketcham, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 84, 92.

**FIFTEENTHS.** In English law. This was originally a tax or tribute, levied at intervals by act of parliament, consisting of one-fifteenth of all the movable property of the subject or personality in every city, township, and borough. Under Edward III., the taxable property was assessed, and the value of its fifteenth part (then about £29,000) was recorded in the exchequer, whence the tax, levied on that valuation, continued to be called a “fifteenth,” although, as the wealth of the kingdom increased, the name ceased to be an accurate designation of the proportion of the tax to the value taxed. See 1 Bl. Comm. 309.


**FIGHTWITE.** Sax. A mulct or fine for making a quarrel to the disturbance of the peace. Called also by Cowell “foris factura.”

**FILIATION.** The relation of a child to its parent; correlative to “paternity.” The judicial assignment of an illegitimate child to a designated man as its father.

**FILIATE.** To fix a bastard child on some one, as its father. To declare whose child it is. 2 W. Bl. 1017.


**FILIAL.** To be an accurate designation of the proportion of the tax to the value taxed. See 1 Bl. Comm. 309.

**FILIAE.** See In Fieri.

**FILIAE.** In the civil law. The descent of son or daughter, with regard to his or her father, mother, and their ancestors.

**FILIAE.** To declare whose child it is. 2 W. Bl. 1017.

**FILIAE.** The amount was one hundred and twenty shillings. Cowell.

**FILACER.** An officer of the superior courts at Westminster, whose duty it was to file the writs on which he made process. There were fourteen fillacers, and it was their duty to make out all original process. Cowell; Blount. The office was abolished in 1837.

**FILARE.** In old English practice. To file. Townsh. Pl. 67.

**FILE.** n. A thread, string, or wire upon which writs and other exhibits in courts and offices are fastened or filed for the more safe-keeping and ready turning to the same. Spelman; Cowell; Tomlins. Papers put together and tied in bundles. A paper is said also to be filed when it is delivered to the proper officer, and by him received to be kept on file. 13 Vin. Abr. 211; 1 Litt. 113; 1 Hawk. P. C. 7, 207; Phillips v. Beene, 38 Ala. 251; Holman v. Chevaillier, 14 Tex. 305; Beebe v. Morerell, 76 Mich. 114, 42 N. W. 1119, 15 Am. St. Rep. 288. But, in general, “file,” or “the files,” is used loosely to denote the official custody of the court or the place in the offices of a court where the records and papers are kept.

**FILE.** v. In practice. To put upon the files, or deposit in the custody or among the records of a court.

“Filing a bill” in equity is an equivalent expression to “commencing a suit.”

“To file” a paper, on the part of a party, is to place it in the official custody of the clerk. “To file,” on the part of the clerk, is to induce upon the paper the date of its reception, and retain it in his office, subject to inspection by whosoever it may concern. Holman v. Chevaillier, 14 Text. 339.

The expressions “filing” and “entering of record” are not synonymous. They are nowhere so used, but always convey distinct ideas. “Filing” originally signified placing papers in order on a thread or wire for safe-keeping. In this country and at this day it means, agreeably to our practice, depositing them in due order in the proper office. Entering of record uniformly implies writing. Naylor v. Moody, 2 Blackf. (Ind.) 247.


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**Filiatio non potest probari.** Co. Litt. 126. Filiation cannot be proved.

**FILATION.** The relation of a child to its parent; correlative to “paternity.” The judicial assignment of an illegitimate child to a designated man as its father.
FILICICTUM. In old English law. A ferny or bracky ground; a place where fern grows. Co. Litt. 4b; Shep. Touch. 95.

FILIOLOGUS. In old records. A godson. Spelman.

FILIUS. Lat. A son; a child.

A distinction was sometimes made, in the civil law, between "filius" and "filius攒 the latter word including grandchildren, (nepotes) the former not. Inst. 1, 14, 5. But, according to Paulus and Julianus, they were of equally extensive import. Dig. 50, 16, 84; Id. 50, 15, 201.

—Filius familia. In the civil law. The son of a family; an emancipated son. Inst. 2, 12, pr.; Id. 4, 5, 2; Story, Conn. Laws, § 61.


28 Am. Rep. 414.—Filius nullius. The son of nobody; i. e., a bastard.—Filius populi. A son of the people; a natural child.

Filius est nomen nature, sed heres nomen juris. 1 Sid. 193. Son is a name of nature, but heir is a name of law.

Filius in utero matris est pars viscerum matris. 7 Coke, 8. A son in the mother's womb is part of the mother's vitals.

FILL. To make full; to complete; to satisfy or fulfill; to possess and perform the duties of.

The election of a person to an office constitutes the essence of his appointment; but the office cannot be considered as actually filled until his acceptance, either express or implied. Johnston v. Wilson, 2 N. H. 202, 9 Am. Dec. 50.

Where one subscribes for shares in a corporation, agreeing to "take and fill" a certain number of shares, assumpst will lie against him to recover an assessment on his shares; the word "fill" in this connection, amounting to a promise to pay assessments. Bangor Bridge Co. v. McMahon, 10 Me. 473.

To fill a prescription is to furnish, prepare, and combine the requisite materials in due proportion as prescribed. Ray v. Burbank, 61 Ga. 506, 34 Am. Rep. 106.

FILLY. A young mare; a female colt.


FILUM. Lat. In old practice. A file; 4. An imaginary thread or line passing through the middle of a stream or road, as in the following phrases:

—Fillum aquae. A thread of water; a line of water; the middle line of a stream or water, supposed to divide it into two equal parts, and constituting in many cases the boundary between the riparian proprietors on each side. Ingraham v. Wilkinson, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 273, 16 Am. Dec. 342.—Fillum forestae. The border of the forest. 2 Bl. Comm. 419; 4 Inst. 308.

—Fillum visæ. The thread or middle line of a road. An imaginary line drawn through the middle of a road, and constituting the boundary between the owners of the land on each side. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. (Am. Ed.) 98, note.

FIN. Fr. An end, or limit; a limitation, or period of limitation.

FIN DE NON RECEVOIR. In French law. An exception or plea founded on law, which, without entering into the merits of the action, shows that the plaintiff has no right to bring it, either because the time during which it ought to have been brought has elapsed, which is called "prescription," or that there has been a compromise, accord and satisfaction, or any other cause which has destroyed the right of action which once subsisted. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 2, art. 2.

FINAL. Definitive; terminating; completed; last. In its use in jurisprudence, this word is generally contrasted with "interlocutory." Johnson v. New York, 48 Hun, 626, 1 N. Y. Supp. 254; Garrison v. Dougherty, 18 S. C. 488; Rondeau v. Beaumette, 4 Minn. 224 (Gil. 168); Blanding v. Sayles, 23 R. I. 226, 49 Atl. 992.

—Final decision. One from which no appeal or writ of error can be taken. Railway Co. v. Gilligan, 165 Ind. 454, 63 N. E. 845; Blanding v. Sayles, 23 R. I. 226, 49 Atl. 992.—Final disposition. When it is said to be essential to the validity of an award that it should make a "final disposition" of the matters embraced in the submission, this term means such a disposition that nothing further remains to fix the rights and obligations of the parties, and no further controversy or litigation is required or can arise on the matter. It is such an award that the party against whom it is made can perform or pay it without any further assurance of rights or duties. Colorod v. Fletcher, 50 Me. 401.—Final hearing. This term designates the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, which are termed "interlocutory." Smith v. W. U. Tel. Co. (C. C.) 81 Fed. 243; Dudley v. Vilas, 24 Wis. 171, 1 Am. Rep. 166; Galpin v. Critchlow, 112 Mass. 343, 17 Am. Rep. 175.—Final passage. In parliamentary law. The final passage of a bill is the vote on its passage in either house of the legislature, after it has received the prescribed number of readings on as many different days in that house. State v. Buckley, 54 Ala. 613.


FINALS CONCORDIA. A final or conclusive agreement. In the process of "levying a fine," this was a final agreement entered by the litigating parties upon the record, by permission of court, settling the title to the land, and which was binding upon them like any judgment of the court. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *70.

FINANCES. The public wealth of a state or government, considered either statically

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(as the property or money which a state now owns) or dynamically, (as its income, revenue, or public resources.) Also the revenue or wealth of an individual.

FINANCIER. A person employed in the economical management and application of public money; one skilled in the management of financial affairs.

FIND. To discover; to determine; to ascertain and declare. To announce a conclusion, as the result of judicial investigation, upon a disputed fact or state of facts; as a jury are said to "find a will." To determine a controversy in favor of one of the parties; as a jury "find for the plaintiff." State v. Bulkeley, 61 Conn. 287, 23 Atl. 186, 14 L. R. A. 657; Weeks v. Trask, 81 Me. 127, 16 Atl. 413, 2 L. R. A. 532; Southern Bell Tel., etc., Co. v. Watts, 66 Fed. 460, 13 C. C. A. 579.

FINDER. One who discovers and takes possession of another's personal property, which was then lost. Kincaid v. Eaton, 98 Mass. 139, 93 Am. Dec. 142.

A searcher employed to discover goods imported or exported without paying custom. Jacob.

FINDING. A decision upon a question of fact reached as the result of a judicial examination or investigation by a court. Jury, referee, coroner, etc. Williams v. Giblin, 86 Wis. 648, 57 N. W. 1111; Rhodes v. United States Bank, 66 Fed. 514, 13 C. C. A. 612, 34 L. R. A. 742.

—Finding of fact. A determination of a fact by the court, such fact being averred by one party and denied by the other, and the determination being based on the evidence in the case; also the answer of the jury to a specific interrogatory propounded to them as to the existence or non-existence of a fact in issue. Murphy v. Bennett, 68 Cal. 528, 9 Pac. 738; Morley v. Railway Co., 116 Iowa, 84, 89 N. W. 105.—General and special findings. Where issues of fact in a case are submitted to the court by consent of parties to be tried without a jury, the "finding" is the decision of the court as to the disputed facts, and it may be either general or special, the former being a general statement that the facts are in favor of such a party or entitle him to judgment, the latter being a specific setting forth of the ultimate facts established by the evidence and which are determinative of the judgment which was acknowledge to the plaintiff. See Rhodees, United States Nat. Bank, 66 Fed. 514, 13 C. C. A. 612, 34 L. R. A. 742; Searcy County v. Thompson, 66 Fed. 94, 18 C. C. A. 349; Humphreys v. Third Nat. Bank, 75 Fed. 550, 21 C. C. A. 553.

FINE, v. To impose a pecuniary punishment or mulct. To sentence a person convicted of an offense to pay a penalty in money. Goodman v. Durant B. & L. Ass'n, 71 Miss. 310, 14 South. 146; State v. Belle, 92 Iowa, 258, 60 N. W. 525.

FINE, n. In conveyancing. An amicable composition or agreement of a suit, either actual or fictitious, by leave of the court, by which the lands in question become, or are acknowledged to be, the right of one of the parties. 2 Bl. Comm. 349; Christy v. Burch, 25 Fla. 942, 2 South. 258; First Nat. Bank v. Roberts, 9 Mont. 323, 23 Pac. 718; Hitts v. Jenks, 123 U. S. 297, 8 Sup. Ct. 143, 31 L. Ed. 156; McGregor v. Comstock, 17 N. Y. 106. Fines were abolished in England by St. 3 & Wm. IV. c. 74, substituting a disentailing deed, (q. v.)

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In the law of tenancy. A fine is a money payment made by a feudal tenant to his lord. The most usual fine is that payable on the admission of a new tenant, and is also due in some manors fines upon alienation, on a license to demise the lands, or on the death of the lord, or other events. Elton, Copyh. 159; De Peyster v. Michael, 6 N. Y. 495, 57 Am. Dec. 470.

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convicted of crime or misdemeanor. Lancaster v. Richardson, 4 Lans. (N. Y.) 140; State v. Belle, 92 Iowa, 258, 60 N. W. 525; State v. Ostwalt, 118 N. C. 1208, 24 S. E. 660, 32 L. R. A. 396. It means, among other things, "a sum of money paid at the end, to make an end of a transaction, suit, or prosecution; mulct; penalty." In ordinary legal language, however, it means a sum of money imposed by a court according to law, as a punishment for the breach of some penal statute. Railroad Co. v. State, 22 Kan. 15. It is not confined to a pecuniary punishment of an offense, inflicted by a court in the exercise of criminal jurisdiction. It has other meanings, and may include a forfeiture, or a penalty recoverable by civil action. Hanscomb v. Russell, 11 Gray (Mass.) 373.

—Joint fine. In old English law. "If a whole will is to be fined, a joint fine may be laid, and it will be good for the necessity of it; but, in other cases, fines for offenses are to be severally imposed on each particular offender, and not jointly upon all of them." Jacob.

FINE ANULLANDO LEVATO DE TENEMENTO QUOD FUIT DE ANTIQ- UO DOMINICO. An abolished writ for disannulling a fine levied of lands in ancient demesne to the prejudice of the lord. Reg. Orig. 15.

FINE CAPIENDO PRO TERRIS. An obsolete writ which lay for a person who, upon conviction by jury, had his lands and goods taken, and his body imprisoned, to be remitted his imprisonment, and have his lands and goods redelivered to him, on obtaining favor of a sum of money, etc. Reg. Orig. 142.

FINE NON CAPIENDO PRO PUL- CRE PLACITANDO. An obsolete writ to inhibit officers of courts to take fines for fair pleading.

FINE PRO REDISSEISINÃ CAPIEN- DO. An old writ that lay for the release of one imprisoned for a redisselin, on payment of a reasonable fine. Reg. Orig. 222.

FINE-FORCE. An absolute necessity or inevitable constraint. Plowd. 94; 6 Coke, 11; Cowell.

FINEM FACERE. To make or pay a fine. Bract. 106.

FINES LE ROY. In old English law. The king's fines. Fines formerly payable to the king for any contempt or offense, as where one committed any trespass, or falsely denied his own deed, or did anything in contempt of law. Termes de la Ley.

FINIRE. In old English law. To fine, or pay a fine. Cowell. To end or finish a matter.

FINIS. Lat. An end; a fine; a boundary or terminus; a limit. Also in L. Lat., a fine (q. v.)
In a house. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 99.-

**FIRE district.** One of the districts into which a city may be (and commonly is) divided for the purpose of more efficient service by the fire department in the extinction of fires. Des Moines v. Gilchrist, 67 Iowa, 210, 25 N. W. 138.

**FIRE insurance.** See INSURANCE.-Fire ordinance. See ORDEAL.-Fire policy. A policy of fire insurance. See INSURANCE.-Fire-proof. To say of any article that it is "fire-proof" conveys no other idea than that the material out of which it is formed is incombustible. To say of a building that it is fire-proof excludes the idea that it is of wood, and necessarily implies that it is of some substance fitted for the erection of fire-proof buildings. To say of a certain portion of a building that it is fire-proof suggests a comparison between that portion and other parts of the building not so characterized, and warrants the conclusion that it is of a different material. Hickey v. Morrell, 102 N. Y. 459, 7 N. E. 321, 55 Am. Rep. 524.-Firewood. Wood suitable for fuel, not including standing or felled timber which is suitable and valuable for other purposes. Hogan v. Hogan, 102 Mich. 641, 61 N. W. 73.

**FIRLOT.** A Scotch measure of capacity, containing two gallons and a pint. Spelman.

**FIRM.** A partnership; the group of persons constituting a partnership. The name or title under which the members of a partnership transact business.—People v. Strauss, 97 Ill. App. 55; Boyd v. Thompson, 153 Pa. 82, 26 Atl. 709, 94 Am. St. Rep. 656; McCooker v. Banks, 84 Md. 292, 35 Atl. 935.

**FIRMA.** In old English law. The contract of lease or letting; also the rent (or lease) reserved upon a lease of lands, which was frequently payable in provisions, but sometimes in money, in which latter case it was called "alba firma," white rent. A message, with the house and garden belonging thereto. Also provision for the table; a banquet; a tribute towards the entertainment of the king for one night. —Firma feodii. In old English law. A farm or lease of a fee; a fee-farm.

**FIRMAN.** A Turkish word denoting a decree or grant of privileges, or passport to a traveler.

**FIRMARATIO.** The right of a tenant to his lands and tenements. Cowell.

**FIRMARIUM.** In old records. A place containing two gallons and a pint. Spelman.

**FIRMARIUS.** L. Lat. A fermor. A lessee of a term. Firmarit comprehends all such as hold by lease for life or lives or for year, by deed or without deed. 2 Inst. 144, 145; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 107.

**FIRMATIO.** The doe season. Also a supplying with food. Cowell.

**FIRME.** In old records. A farm.

**FIRMER et potentior est operatio legis quam dispositio hominis.** The operation of the law is firmer and more powerful [or efficacious] than the disposition of man. Co. Litt. 102a.

**FIRMITAS.** In old English law. An assurance of some privilege, by deed or charter.

**FIRMLY.** A statement that an affiant "firmly believes" the contents of the affidavit imports a strong or high degree of belief, and is equivalent to saying that he "verily" believes it. Bradley v. Eccles, 1 Browne (Pa.) 258; Thompson v. White, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 137. The operative words in a bond or recognizance, that the obligor is held and "firmly bound," are equivalent to an acknowledgment of indebtedness and promise to pay. Shattuck v. People, 5 Ill. 477.

**FIRMURA.** In old English law. Liberty to scour and repair a mill-dam, and carry away the soil, etc. Blount.

**FIRST.** Initial; leading; chief; preceding all others of the same kind or class in sequence. (Numerical or chronological; entitled to priority or preference above others. Redman v. Railroad Co., 33 N. J. Eq. 163; Thompson v. Grand Gulf R. & B. Co., 3 How. (Miss.) 247, 34 Am. Dec. 81; Happgood v. Brown, 102 Mass. 452.

**First devisee.** The person to whom the estate is first given by the will, the term "next devisee" referring to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 3 N. J. Law, 689; Wilcox v. Heywood, 12 R. I. 198.

**First fruits.** In English ecclesiastical law. The first year's whole profits of every benefice or spiritual living, anciently paid by the incumbent to the pope, but afterwards transferred to the fund called "Queen Anne's Bounty," for increasing the revenue from poor livings from parochial to the pope, but afterwards transferred to the fund called "Queen Anne's Bounty," for increasing the revenue from poor livings. In feudal law. One year's profits of land which belonged to the king on the death of a tenant in capite, otherwise called "primo seisin." One of the incidents to the old feudal tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 66, 67.-First heir. The person who will be first entitled to succeed to the title to an estate after the termination of a life estate or estate for years. Winter v. Perratt, 5 Barn. & C. 48.-First impression. A case is said to be "of the first impression" when it presents an entirely novel question of law for the decision of the court, and cannot be governed by any existing precedent.—First purchaser. In the law of conveyance, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants. Blair v. Adams (C. C.) 59 Fed. 247.-First of exchange. Where a set of bills of exchange is drawn in duplicate or triplicate, for greater safety in their transmission, all being of the same tenor, and the intention being that the acceptance and payment of any one of them (the first to arrive safely) shall cancel the others of the set, they are called individually the "first of exchange," "second of exchange," etc. See Bank of Pittsburgh v. Neal, 22 How. 96, 110, 16 L. Ed. 323.

FIRST-CLASS. Of the most superior or excellent grade or kind; belonging to the head or chief or numerically precedent of several classes into which the general subject is divided.

—First-class mail-matter. In the postal laws. All mailable matter containing writing and all else that is sealed against inspection.

—First-class misdemeanant. In English law. Under the crimes act (29 & 29 Vict. c. 125, § 67) persons in the county, city, and borough prisons convicted of misdemeanor, and not sentenced to hard labor, are divided into two classes, one of which is called the "first division;" and it is in the discretion of the court to order that such a person be treated as a misdemeanant of the first division, usually called "first-class misdemeanant," and as such not to be deemed a criminal prisoner, i. e., a prisoner convicted of a crime. Bouvier.—First-class title. A marketable title, shown by a clean record, and which will not depend upon presumptions that must be overcome or facts that are uncertain. Vought v. Williams, 120 N. Y. 293, 24 N. E. 195, 8 L. R. A. 591, 17 Am. St. Rep. 634.

FISC. An Anglicized form of the Latin "fiscus," (which see.)

FISCAL. Belonging to the fisc, or public treasury. Relating to accounts or the management of revenue.

—Fiscal agent. This term does not necessarily mean depositary of the public funds, so as, by the simple use of it in a statute, without any directions in this respect, to make it the duty of the state treasurer to deposit with him any moneys in the treasury. State v. Dubuclet, 27 La. Ann. 29.—Fiscal officers. Those charged with the collection and distribution of public money, as, the receiver of a state, county, or municipal corporation. Rev. St. Mo. 1859, § 5533 (Ann. St. 1905, p. 2776).—Fiscal judge. A public officer named in the laws of the Ripon and some other Germanic peoples, apparently the same as the "graf," "reeve," "comes," or "count," and so called because charged with the collection of public revenue, either directly or by the imposition of fines. See Spelman, voc. "Graf."—Fiscal year. In the administration of a state or government corporation, the fiscal year is a period of twelve months (not necessarily concurrent with the calendar year) with reference to which all obligations, its variations and expenditures authorized, and at the end of which its accounts are made up and the books balanced. See Moore v. State, 49 Ark. 499, 5 S. W. 885.

FISCUS. In Roman law. The treasury of the prince or emperor, as distinguished from "aquarium," which was the treasury of the state. Spelman.

The treasury or property of the state, as distinguished from the private property of the sovereign.

In English law. The king's treasury, as the repository of forfeited property.

The treasury of a noble, or of any private person. Spelman.

FISH. An animal which inhabits the water, breathes by means of gills, swims by the aid of fins, and is oviparous.

—Fish commissioner. A public officer of the United States, created by act of congress of February 9, 1871, whose duties principally concern the preservation and increase throughout the country of fish suitable for food. Rev. St. § 4395 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3001).—Fish royal. These were the whale and the sturgeon which, if thrown ashore or caught near the coast of England, became the property of the king by virtue of his prerogative and in recompense for his protecting the shore from pirates and robbers. 3 Bl. Comm. 296; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 86, 10 Am. Dec. 356.

FISHERY. A place prepared for catching fish with nets or hooks. This is commonly applied to the place of drawing a seine or net. Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 131, 132.

A right or liberty of taking fish; a species of incorporeal hereditament, anciently termed "piscary," of which there are several kinds. 2 Bl. Comm. 34, 39; 3 Kent, Comm. 409–418; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 22, 10 Am. Dec. 356; Gould v. James, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 376; Hart v. Hill, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 124.

—Common fishery. A fishing ground where all persons have a right to take fish. Bennett v. Commonwealth, 119 Va. 158, 85 S. E. 205; U. S. v. Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Ry. Co., 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 Atl. 612. Not to be confounded with "common of fishery," as to which see COMMON, n.—Common fiscus. A series of statutes passed in England for the regulation of fishing, especially to prevent the destruction of fish during the breeding season, and of small fish, spawn, etc., and the employment of improper modes of taking fish. 3 Steph. Comm. 365.—Free fishery. A franchise in the hands of a subject, existing by grant or prescription, distinct from an ownership in the soil. It is an exclusive right, and applies to a public navigable river, without any right in the soil. 3 Kent, Comm. 419. Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 57, 10 Am. Dec. 356. See Albright v. Sussex County Lake & Park Com'n, 68 N. J. Law, 523, 53 Atl. 612; Brookhaven v. Strong, 60 N. Y. 64.—Right of fishery. The general and common right of the citizens to take fish from public waters, such as the sea, great lakes, etc. Shively v. City of Galway, 152 U. S. 1, 14 Sup. Ct. 458, 38 L. Ed. 331.

Several fishery. A fishery of which the owner is also the owner of the soil, or derives his right from the state. In re Pacific Ry. Com'n, 39, 40; 1 Steph. Comm. 671, note. And see Freary v. Cooke, 14 Mass. 440; Brookhaven v. Strong, 60 N. Y. 64; Holford v. Bailey, 8 Q. B. 1033.

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FISK. In Scotch law. The fiscaur or fines. The revenue of the crown. Generally used of the personal estate of a rebel which has been forfeited to the crown. Bell.

FISSURE VEIN. A term descriptive of a vein or fissure in a mountain which is an extended fracture of the earth's crust. See Albright v. Costar, 8 Taunt. 183; Albright v. Parke, 62 N. J. Law, 307; In re.dispatch or discharge of the said party, with respect to the state of the country and its resources. Vought v. Williams, 120 N. Y. 293, 24 N. E. 195, 8 L. R. A. 591, 17 Am. St. Rep. 634. A term descriptive of the country of fish suitable for food. Rev. St. § 4395 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3001).—Fish royal. These were the whale and the sturgeon which, if thrown ashore or caught near the coast of England, became the property of the king by virtue of his prerogative and in recompense for his protecting the shore from pirates and robbers. 3 Bl. Comm. 296; Arnold v. Mundy, 6 N. J. Law, 86, 10 Am. Dec. 356.

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FISTULA. In the civil law. A pipe for conveying water. Dig. 8, 2, 18.

FIT. In medical jurisprudence. An attack or spasm of muscular convulsions, generally attended with loss of self-control and of consciousness; particularly, such attacks occurring in epilepsy. In a more general sense, the period of an acute attack of any disease, physical or mental, as, a fit of insanity. See Gunter v. State, 53 Ala. 96, 3 South. 600.

FITZ. A Norman word, meaning "son." It is used in law and genealogy; as Fitzherbert, the son of Herbert; Fitzjames, the son of James; Fitzroy, the son of the king. It was originally applied to illegitimate children.

FIVE-MILE ACT. An act of parliament, passed in 1665, against non-conformists, whereby ministers of that body were prohibited from coming within five miles of any corporate town, or place where they had preached or lectured. Brown.


Personal chattels which have been annexed to land, and which may be afterwards severed and removed by the party who has annexed them, or by his personal representative, against the will of the owner of the freehold. Ferard, Fitt., 2, Bouvier.

The word "fixtures" has acquired the peculiar meaning of chattels which have been annexed to the freehold, but which are removable at the will of the person who annexed them. Hallet v. Rutherford, 1 Crompt. N. & R. 258.

"Fixtures" does not necessarily import things affixed to the freehold. The word is a modern one, and is generally understood to comprehend any article which a tenant has the power to remove. Sheen v. Rickie, 5 Mees. & W. 174; Rogers v. Gillinger, 30 Pa. 155, 159, 72 Am. Dec. 694.

2. Chattels which, by being physically annexed or affixed to real estate, become a part of and accessory to the freehold, and the property of the owner of the land. Hill.

Things fixed or affixed to other things. The rule of decision among them is to be a part of the maxim, "accessio cedit principi," "the accessory goes with, and as part of, the principal subject-matter." Brown.

A thing is deemed to be affixed to land when it is attached to it by roots, as in the case of trees, vines, or shrubs; or imbedded in it, as in the case of walls; or permanently resting upon it, as in the case of buildings; or permanently attached to what is thus permanent, as by means of cement, plaster, nails, bolts, or screws. Civ. Code Cal. § 660.

3. That which is fixed or attached to something permanently as an appendage, and not removable. Webster.

That which is fixed, or a piece of furniture fixed to a house, as distinguished from movable, something fixed or immovable. Worcester.

The general result seems to be that three views have been taken. One is that "fixture" means something which has been affixed to the reality, so as to become a part of it; it is fixed, irremovable. An opposite view is that "fixture," means something which appears to be a part of the reality, but is not fully so; it is only a chattel fixed to it, but removable. An intermediate view is that "fixture" means a chattel annexed, affixed, to the reality, but imports nothing as to whether it is removable; that is to be determined by considering its circumstances and the relation of the parties. Abbott.

—Domestic fixtures. All such articles as a tenant attaches to a dwelling house in order to render his occupation more comfortable or convenient, and which may be separated from it without doing substantial injury, such as furnaces, stoves, cupboards, shelves, bells, gas fixtures, or things merely ornamental, as painted wainscots, statues, and chimney pieces, although attached to the walls with screws, marble chimney pieces, grates, beds nailed to the walls, window blinds, and curtains. Wright v. Due, 13 Ga. 765, 40 S. E. 747, 57 L. R. A. 669.—Trade fixtures. Articles placed in or attached to rented buildings by the tenant, to prosecute the trade or business for which he occupies the premises, or to be used in connection with such business, or promote convenience and efficiency in conducting it. Herkimer County L. & P. Co. v. Johnson, 37 App. Div. 257, 55 N. Y. Supp. 224; Brown v. Reno Electric...
FLACO. A place covered with standing water.

FLAG. A national standard on which are certain emblems; an ensign; a banner. It is carried by soldiers, ships, etc., and commonly displayed at forts and many other suitable places.

_FLAG, duty of the._ This was an ancient ceremony in acknowledgment of British sovereignty over the British seas, by which a foreign vessel struck her flag and lowered her top-sail on meeting the British flag.—Flag of the United States. By the act entitled "An act to establish the flag of the United States," (Rev. St. §§ 1791, 1792 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1225],) it is provided "that, from and after the fourth day of July next, the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be twenty stars, white in a blue field; that, on the admission of every new state into the Union, one star be added to the union of the flag; and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission."—Law of the flag. See Law.


FLAGRANS. Lat. Burning; raging; in actual perpetration.

_FLAGrans bellum._ A war actually going on. Flagrantem delictum. During an actual state of war.—Flagrante bello. In the very act of committing the crime. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

FLAGRANT DELIT. In French law. A crime which is in actual process of perpetration or which has just been committed. Code d'Instr. Crim. art. 41.

FLAGRANT NECESSITY. A case of urgency rendering lawful an otherwise illegal act, as an assault to remove a man from impending danger.

FLASH CHECK. A check drawn upon a banker by a person who has no funds at the banker's and knows that such is the case.


FLECA. A feathered or fleet arrow. Cowell.

FLEDWITE. A discharge or freedom from amercements where one, having been an outlawed fugitive, cometh to the place of our lord of his own accord. Termes de la Ley.

The liberty to hold court and take up the amercements for beating and striking. Cowell.

The fine set on a fugitive as the price of obtaining the king's freedom. Spelman.


FLEE TO THE WALL. A metaphorical expression, used in connection with homicide done in self-defense, signifying the exhaustion of every possible means of escape, or of averting the assault, before killing the assailant.

FLEET. A place where the tide flows; a creek, or inlet of water; a company of ships or navy; a prison in London, (so called from a river or ditch formerly in its vicinity,) now abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.

FLEM. In Saxon and old English law. A fugitive bondman or villein. Spelman.

The privilege of having the goods and fines of fugitives.

FLEMENES FRIT, FLEMEMES FRINTHE—FLYMENA FRYNTHE. The reception or relief of a fugitive or outlaw. Jacob.

FLEMEMWITE. The possession of the goods of fugitives. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 147.

FLET. In Saxon law. Land; a house; home.

FLETA. The name given to an ancient treatise on the laws of England, founded mainly upon the writings of Bracton and Glanville, and supposed to have been written in the time of Edw. I. The author is unknown, but it is surmised that he was a judge or learned lawyer who was at that time confined in the Fleet prison, whence the name of the book.

FLIGHWITE. In Saxon law. A fine on account of brawls and quarrels. Spelman.
FLIGHT. In criminal law. The act of one under accusation, who evades the law by voluntarily withdrawing himself. It is presumptive evidence of guilt. U. S. v. Candler (D. C.) 65 Fed. 312.


FLOATING CAPITAL, (or circulating capital.) The capital which is consumed at each operation of production and reappears transformed into new products. At each sale of these products the capital is represented in cash, and it is from its transformations that profit is derived. Floating capital includes raw materials destined for fabrication, such as wool and flax, products in the warehouses of manufacturers or merchants, such as cloth and linen, and money for wages, and stores. De Laveleye, Pol. Ec.

Capital retained for the purpose of meeting current expenditure.

FLOATING DEBT. By this term is meant that mass of lawful and valid claims against the corporation for the payment of which there is no money in the corporate treasury specifically designed, nor any taxation nor other means of providing money to pay particularly provided. People v. Wood, 71 N. Y. 374; City of Huron v. Second Ward Sav. Bank, 86 Fed. 276, 90 C. C. A. 38, 49 L. R. A. 584.


FLOOD-MARK. Flood-mark, high-water mark. The mark which the sea, at flowing water and highest tide, makes on the shore. Blount.


A term used metaphorically, in parliamentary practice, to denote the exclusive right to address the body in session. A member who has been recognized by the chairman, and who is in order, is said to "have the floor," until his remarks are concluded. Similarly, the "floor of the house" means the main part of the hall where the members sit, as distinguished from the galleries, or from the corridors or lobbies.

In England, the floor of a court is that part between the judge's bench and the front row of counsel. Litigants appearing in person, in the high court or court of appeal, are supposed to address the court from the floor.

FLORENTINE PANDECTS. A copy of the Pandects discovered accidentally about the year 1137, at Amalphi, a town in Italy, near Salerno. From Amalphi, the copy found its way to Pisa, and, Pisa having submitted to the Florentines in 1406, the copy was removed in great triumph to Florence. By direction of the magistrates of the town, it was immediately bound in a superb manner, and deposited in a costly chest. Formerly, these Pandects were shown only by torch-light. In the presence of two magistrates, and two Cistercian monks, with their heads uncovered. They have been successively collated by Politian, Bolognini, and Antonius Augustinus. An exact copy of them was published in 1553 by Franciscus Taurellus. For its accuracy and beauty, this edition ranks high among the ornaments of the press. Brenchman, who collated the manuscript about 1710, refers it to the sixth century. Butl. Hor. Jur. 90, 91.

FLORIN. A coin originally made at Florence, now of the value of about two English shillings.

FLOTAGES. 1. Such things as by accident swim on the top of great rivers or the sea. Cowell.


FLOTSAM, FLOTSAN. A name for the goods which float upon the sea when cast overboard for the safety of the ship, or when a ship is sunk. Distinguished from "jetsam" and "ligan." Bract. lib. 2, c. 5; 5 Coke, 106; 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

FLOUDE-MARKE. In old English law. High-water mark; flood-mark. 1 And. 58, 80.

FLOWING LANDS. This term has acquired a definite and specific meaning in law. It commonly imports raising and setting back water on another's land, by a dam placed across a stream or water-course which is the natural drain and outlet for surplus water on such land. Call v. Middlesex County Com'r, 2 Gray (Mass.) 235.

FLUCTUS. Flood; flood-tide. Bract. fol. 255.

FLUMEN. In Roman law. A servitude which consists in the right to conduct the rain-water, collected from the roof and carried off by the gutters, onto the house or
ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317; Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 9. Also a river or stream.

In old English law. Flood; flood-tide.

Flumina et portus publica sunt, idaeque jus piscandi omnibus communi est. Rivers and ports are public. Therefore the right of fishing there is common to all. Day. Ir. K. B. 55; Branch, Princ.

FLUMINÆ VOLUCRÆ. Wild fowl; water-fowl. 11 East, 571, note.

FLUVIUS. Lat. A river; a public river; flood; flood-tide.

FLUXUS. In old English law. Flow. Per fluxum et refluxum maris, by the flow and reflow of the sea. Dal. pi. 10.

FLY FOR IT. On a criminal trial in former times, it was usual after a verdict of not guilty to inquire also, "Did he fly for it?" This practice was abolished by the 7 & 8 Geo. IV., § 5. Wharton.

FLYING SWITCH. In railroading, a flying switch is made by uncoupling the cars from the engine while in motion, and throwing the switch, after the engine has passed it upon the main track. Greenleaf v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 29 Iowa, 39, 4 Am. Rep. 181; Baker v. Railroad Co., 122 Mo. 533, 26 S. W. 20.

FLYMA. In old English law. A runaway; fugitive; one escaped from justice, or who has no "halaford."

FLYMAN-FRYMTH. In old English law. The offense of harboring a fugitive, the penalty attached to which was one of the rights of the crown.

FOCAGE. House-bote; fire-bote. Cowell.


FODDER. Food for horses or cattle. In feudal law, the term also denoted a prerogative of the prince to be provided with corn, etc., for his horses by his subjects in his wars.

FODERTORIUM. Provisions to be paid by custom to the royal purveyors. Cowell.

FODERUM. See FODDER.

FODINA. A mine. Co. Litt. 6a.

FŒDUS. In international law. A treaty; a league; a compact.

FEMINA VIRO CO-OPERATA. A married woman; a feme covert.

FOETICIDE. In medical jurisprudence. Destruction of the fetus; the act by which criminal abortion is produced. 1 Beck, Med. Jur. 288; Guy, Med. Jur. 133.

FOETUS. In medical jurisprudence. An unborn child. An infant in ventre sa mère.

FOG. In maritime law. Any atmospheric condition (including not only fog properly so called, but also mist or falling snow) which thickens the air, obstructs the view, and so increases the perils of navigation. Flint & P. M. R. Co. v. Marine Ins. Co. (O. C.) 71 Fed. 210; Dolner v. The Monticello, 7 Fed. Cas. 859.

FOGAGIUM. In old English law. Foggage or fog; a kind of rank grass of late growth, and not eaten in summer. Spelman; Cowell.


FOINESUN. In old English law. The fawning of deer. Spelman.

FOIRFAULT. In old Scotch law. To forfeit. 1 How. State Tr. 927.
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FoiTERERS. Vagabonds. Blount.

Folc-Gemote. In Saxon law. A general assembly of the people in a town or shire. It appears to have had judicial functions of a limited nature, and also to have discharged political offices, such as deliberating upon the affairs of the commonwealth or complaining of misgovernment, and probably possessed considerable powers of local self-government. The name was also given to any sort of a popular assembly. See Spelman; Manwood; Cunningham.

Folc-Land. In Saxon law. Land of the folk or people. Land belonging to the people or the public. Folc-land was the property of the community. It might be occupied in common, or possessed in severalty; and, in the latter case, it was probably parceled out to individuals in the folc-gemote or court of the district, and the grant sanctioned by the freemen who were there present. But, while it continued to be folc-land, it could not be alienated in perpetuity; and therefore, on the expiration of the term for which it had been granted, it reverted to the community, and was again distributed by the same authority. It was subject to many burdens and exactions from which boc-land was exempt. Wharton.

Folc-Mote. A general assembly of the people, under the Saxons. See Folc-Gemote.

Folc-Right. The common right of all the people. 1 Bl. Comm. 65, 67. The jus commune, or common law, mentioned in the laws of King Edward the Elder, declaring the same equal right, law, or justice to be due to persons of all degrees. Wharton.

Fold-Course. In English law. Land to which the sole right of folding the cattle of others is appurtenant. Sometimes it means merely such right of folding. The right of folding on another's land, which is called "common foldage." Co. Litt. 62, note 1.

Foldage. A privilege possessed in some places by the lord of a manor, which consists in the right of having his tenant's sheep to feed on his fields, so as to manure the land. The name of foldage is also given in parts of Norfolk to the customary fee paid to the lord for exemption at certain times from this duty. Elton, Com. 45, 46.

Folgarii. Menial servants; followers. Bract.

Folgeres. In old English law. A free- man, who has no house or dwelling of his own, but is the follower or retainer of another, (heorthfoest,) for whom he performs certain predial services.

Folio. 1. A leaf. In the ancient law-books it was the custom to number the leaves, instead of the pages; hence a folio would include both sides of the leaf, or two pages. The references to these books are made by the number of the folio, the letters "a" and "b" being added to show which of the two pages is intended; thus "Bracton, fol. 100a." 2. A large size of book, the page being obtained by folding the sheet of paper once only in the binding. Many of the ancient law-books are folios.

3. In computing the length of written legal documents, the term "folio" denotes a certain number of words, fixed by statute in some states at one hundred.

The term "folio," when used as a measure for computing fees or compensation, or in any legal proceedings, means one hundred words, counting every figure necessarily used as a word; and any portion of a folio, when in the whole draft or figure there is not a complete folio, and when there is any excess over the last folio, shall be computed as a folio. Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 4, § 1, par. 4.

Folk-Land; Folk-Mote. See Folc-Land; Folc-Gemote.

Follow. To conform to, comply with, or be fixed or determined by; as in the expressions "costs follow the event of the suit," "the situs of personal property follows that of the owner," "the offspring follows the mother," (partus sequitur ventrem).


Fonds Perdus. In French law. A capital is said to be invested à fonds perdus when it is stipulated that in consideration of the payment of an amount as interest, higher than the normal rate, the lender shall be repaid his capital in this manner. The borrower, after having paid the interest during the period determined, is free as regards the capital itself. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 560.

Fonsadera. In Spanish law. Any tribute or loan granted to the king for the purpose of enabling him to defray the expenses of a war.


Foot. 1. A measure of length containing twelve inches or one-third of a yard. 2. The base, bottom, or foundation of anything; and, by metonomy, the end or termination; as the foot of a fine.

Foot of the Fine. The fifth part of the conclusion of a fine. It includes the whole matter, reciting the names of the parties, day, year, and place, and before whom it was acknowledged or levied. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.
FOOTGELD. In the forest law. An amercement for not cutting out the ball or cutting off the claws of a dog's feet, (expediting him.) To be quit of footgeld is to have the privilege of keeping dogs in the forest without punishment or control. Manwood.

FOOT-PRINTS. In the law of evidence. Impressions made upon earth, snow, or other surface by the feet of persons, or by the shoes, boots, or other covering of the feet. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 294.

FOR. Fr. In French law. A tribunal. Le for interieur, the interior forum; the tribunal of conscience. Poth. Obl. pt. 1, c. 1, § 1, art. 5, § 4.

FOR. Instead of; on behalf of; In place of; as, where one signs a note or legal instrument "for" another, this formula importing agency or authority. Emerson v. Hat Mfg. Co., 12 Mass. 240, 7 Am. Dec. 66; Donovam v. Welch, 11 N. D. 113, 90 N. W. 262; Wilks v. Black, 2 East, 142.

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when we say that a statute or a contract is "in force."

In old English law. A technical term applied to a species of accessory before the fact.

In Scotch law. Coercion; duress. Bell.

—Force and arms. A phrase used in declarations of trespass and in indictments, but now unnecessary in declarations, to denote that the act complained of was done with violence. 2 Chit. Pl. 540, 850.—Force and fear, called also "vi metuque," means that any contract or act extorted under the pressure of force (vis) or under the influence of fear (metus) is voidable on that ground, provided, of course, that the force or the fear was such as influenced the party. Brown.—Forces. The military and naval power of the country.

FORCE MAJEURE. Fr. In the law of insurance. Superior or irresistible force. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 12.

FORCED HEIRS. In Louisiana. Those persons whom the testator or donor cannot deprive of the portion of his estate reserved for them by law, except in cases where he has a just cause to disinherit them. Civil Code La. art. 1495. And see Crain v. Crain, 17 Tex. 90; Hagerty v. Hagerty, 12 Tex. 456; Miller v. Miller, 105 La. 257, 29 South. 802.

FORCED SALE. In practice. A sale made at the time and in the manner prescribed by law. In virtue of execution issued on a judgment already rendered by a court of competent jurisdiction; a sale made under the process of the court, and in the mode prescribed by law. Sampson v. Williamson, 6 Tex. 110, 55 Am. Dec. 702.

A forced sale is a sale against the consent of the owner. The term should not be deemed to embrace a sale under a power in a mortgage. Patterson v. Taylor, 15 Fla. 336.

FORCHEAPUM. Pre-emption; forestalling the market. Jacob.

FORCIBLE DETAINER. The offense of violently keeping possession of lands and tenements, with menaces, force, and arms, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148; 4 Steph. Comm. 280.

Forcible detainer may ensue upon a peaceable entry, as well as upon a forcible entry; but it is most commonly spoken of in the phrase "forcible entry and detainer." See infra.

FORCIBLE ENTRY. An offense against the public peace, or private wrong, committed by violently taking possession of lands and tenements with menaces, force, and arms, against the will of those entitled to the possession, and without the authority of law. 4 Bl. Comm. 148; 4 Steph. Comm. 280; Code Ga. 1852, § 4524.

Every person is guilty of forcible entry who either (1) by breaking open doors, windows, or other parts of a house, or by any kind of violence or circumstance of terror, enters upon or into any real property; or (2) who, after entering peaceably upon real property, turns out by force, threats, or menacing the party in possession. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1159.

At common law, a forcible entry was necessarily one effected by means of force, violence, menaces, display of weapons, or otherwise with the strong hand; but this rule has been relaxed, either by statute or the course of judicial decisions, in many of the states, so that an entry effected without the consent of the rightful owner, or against his remonstrance, or under circumstances which amount to no more than a mere trespass, is now technically considered "forcible," while a detainer of the property consisting merely in the refusal to surrender possession after a lawful demand, is treated as "a forcible" detainer; the reason in both cases being that the action of "forcible entry and detainer" (see next title) has been found an extremely convenient method of proceeding to regain possession of property as against a trespasser or against a tenant refusing to quit, the "force" required at common law being now supplied by a mere fiction. See Rev. St. Tex. 1885, art. 2521; Goldsberry v. Bishop, 2 Duv. (Ky.) 144; Wells v. Darby, 13 Mont. 504, 34 Pac. 1052; Willard v. Warren, 17 Wend. (N. Y.) 261; Franklin v. Gebo, 50 W. Va. 27, 3 S. E. 168; Phelps v. Randolph, 147 Ill. 335, 35 N. E. 243; Brawley v. Risdon Iron Works, 13 Cal. 504; Herkimer v. Keeler, 109 Iowa, 650, 81 N. W. 178; Young v. Young, 109 Ky. 125, 58 S. W. 552.

The action of forcible entry and detainer is a summary proceeding to recover possession of premises forcibly or unlawfully detained. The inquiry in such cases does not involve title, but is confined to the actual and peaceable possession of the plaintiff and the unlawful or forcible ouster or detention by defendant; the object of the law being to prevent the disturbance of the public peace by the forcible assertion of a private right. Gore v. Altice, 33 Wash. 335, 74 Pac. 556; Eveloth v. Gill, 97 Me. 315, 54 Atl. 757.

FORCIBLE TRESPASS. In North Carolina, this is an invasion of the rights of another with respect to his personal property, of the same character, or under the same circumstances, which would constitute a "forcible entry and detainer" of real property at common law. It consists in taking or seizing the personal property of another by force, violence, or intimidation. State v. Lawson, 123 N. C. 740, 31 S. E. 667, 68 Am. St. Rep. 844; State v. Barefoot, 89 N. C. 507; State v. Ray, 32 N. C. 40; State v. Sowls, 61 N. C. 151; State v. Laney, 87 N. C. 535.

FORDA. In old records. A ford or shallow, made by damming or penning up the water. Cowell.

FORDAL. A butt or headland, jutting out upon other land. Cowell.

FORDANNO. In old European law. He who first assaulted another. Speelman.
FORECLOSURE. A process in chancery by which all further right existing in a mortgagee to redeem the estate is defeated and lost to him, and the estate becomes the absolute property of the mortgagee; being applicable when the mortgagee has forfeited his estate by non-payment of the money due on the mortgage at the time appointed, but still retains the equity of redemption. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 237. Goodman v. White, 26 Conn. 322; Arrington v. Liscom, 34 Cal. 376, 94 Am. Dec. 722; Appeal of Ansonia Nat. Ass'n, 38 Conn. 257, 18 Atl. 1030; Williams v. Wilson, 42 Or. 299, 70 Pac. 1031, 95 Am. St. Rep. 745.

The term is also loosely applied to any of the various methods, statutory or otherwise, known in different jurisdictions, of enforcing payment of the debt secured by a mortgage, by taking and selling the mortgaged estate.

Foreclosure is also applied to proceedings founded upon some other liens; thus there are proceedings to foreclose a mechanic's lien.

—Foreclosure decree. Properly speaking, a decree ordering the strict foreclosure (see infra) of a mortgage; but the term is also loosely and conventionally applied to a decree ordering the sale of the mortgaged premises and the satisfaction of the mortgage out of the proceeds. Hanover F. Ins. Co. v. Brown, 77 Md. 64, 25 Atl. 989, 39 Am. St. Rep. 396.—Foreclosure sale. A sale of mortgaged property to obtain satisfaction of the mortgage out of the proceeds, whether authorized by a decree of the court or by a power of sale contained in the mortgage. See Johnson v. Cook, 96 Mo. App. 442, 70 S. W. 526.—Statutory foreclosure. The term is sometimes applied to foreclosure by execution of a power of sale contained in the mortgage, without recourse to the courts, as it must conform to the provisions of the statute regulating such sales. See Morvy v. Sanborn, 11 Hun (N. Y.) 548.—Strict foreclosure. A decree of strict foreclosure of a mortgage finds the amount due under the mortgage, orders its payment within a certain limited time, and provides that, in default of such payment, the debtor's right and equity of redemption shall be forever barred and foreclosed; its effect is to vest the title of the property absolutely in the mortgagee, on default in payment, without any sale of the property. Champion v. Hinkle, 46 N. J. Eq. 622, 46 At. 701; Lightfoot v. Bradby, 196 Ill. 310, 58 N. E. 221; Warner Bros. Co. v. Freud, 138 Cal. 651, 72 Pac. 345.

FOREFAULT. In Scotch law. To forfeit; to lose.

FOREGIFT. A premium for a lease.

FOREGOERS. Royal purveyors. 23 Edw. III. c. 5.

FOREHAND RENT. In English law. Rent payable in advance; or, more properly, a species of premium or bonus paid by the tenant on the making of the lease, and particularly on the renewal of leases by ecclesiastical corporations.

FOREIGN. Belonging to another nation or country; belonging or attached to another jurisdiction; made, done, or rendered in another state or jurisdiction; subject to another jurisdiction; operating or solvable in another territory; extrinsic; outside; extraordinary.

—Foreign answer. In old English practice. An answer which was not triable in the county where it was made. (St. 15 Hen. VI. c. 5.) Blount.—Foreign apposer. An officer in the exchequer who examines the sheriff's estreats, comparing them with the records, and apposes (interposes) the sheriff what is due in each particular sum therein. 4 Inst. 107; Blount; Cowell.—Foreign bought and sold. A custom in England, by which, being forbidden to sell to sellers of cattle in Smithfield, was abolished. Wharton.—Foreign coins. Coins issued as money under the authority of a foreign government.

FOREIGN court. A court or by a power of sale contained in the mortgage, without recourse to the courts, as it must conform to the provisions of the statute regulating such sales. See Mowry v. Sanborn, 42 Or. 299, 70 Pac. 1031, 95 Am. St. Rep. 745.

FOREIGN DOMINION. In English law this means a country which at one time formed part of the dominions of a foreign state or potentate, but which by conquest or cession has become a part of the dominions of the British crown. 5 Est. & S. 290.—Foreign enlistment act. The statute 39 Geo. III. c. 69, prohibiting the enlistment, as a soldier or sailor, in any foreign service. 4 Steph. Comm. 226. A later and more stringent act is that of 33 & 34 Vict. c. 90.—Foreign exchange. Drafts drawn on a foreign state or country. Foreign-going ship. By the English merchant shipping act, 1854, (38 & 39 Vict. c. 100) every ship employed in trading, going between some place or places in the United Kingdom and some place or places situate beyond the following limits, that is to say: The coasts of the United Kingdom, the islands of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, Alderney, and Man, and the continent of Europe, between the river Elbe and Brest, inclusive. Home-trade ship includes every ship employed in trading and going between places within the last-mentioned limits. Foreign matter. In old practice. Matter triable or done in another county. Cowell.—Foreign office. The department of state through which the English sovereign communicates with foreign powers. A secretary of state is head.

 Till the middle of the last century, the functions of a secretary of state as to foreign and home questions were not disunited. Foreign service, in feudal law, was that whereby a mine lord held another, without the compass of his own fee, or that which the tenant performed in service to his own lord or to the lord paramount out of the fee. (Kitch. 299) Foreign service seems also to be used for knight's service, or escuage uncertain. (Perk. 650.) Jacob.

FOREIGNER. In old English law, this term, when used with reference to a particular city, designated any person who was not an inhabitant of that city. According to later usage, it denotes a person who is not a citizen or subject of the state or country of which mention is made, or any one owing allegiance to a foreign state or sovereign.

For the distinctions, in Spanish law, between "domiciliated" and "transient" foreigners, see Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 168.

FOREIN. An old form of foreign, (q. v.) Blount.

FOREJUDGE. In old English law and practice. To expel from court for some offense or misconduct. When an officer or attorney of a court was expelled for any offense, or for not appearing to an action by bill filed against him, he was said to be forejudged the court. Cowell.

To deprive or put out of a thing by the judgment of a court. To condemn to lose a thing.

To expel or banish.

—Forejudger. In English practice. A judgment by which a man is deprived or put out of a thing; a judgment of expulsion or banishment.

FOREMAN. The presiding member of a grand or petit jury, who speaks or answers for the jury.

FORENSIC. Belonging to courts of justice.

FORENSIC MEDICINE, or medical jurisprudence, as it is also called, is "that science which teaches the application of every branch of medical knowledge to the purposes of the law; hence its limits are, on the one hand, the requirements of the law, and, on the other, the whole range of medicine. Anatomy, physiology, medicine, surgery, chemistry, physics, and botany lend their aid as necessity arises; and in some cases all these branches of science are required to enable a court of law to arrive at a proper conclusion on a contested question affecting life or property." Tayl. Med. Jur. 1.

FORENSIS. In the civil law. Belonging to or connected with a court; forensic. Forensis homo, an advocate; a pleader of causes; one who practices in court. Calvin.

In old Scotch law. A strange man or stranger; an out-dwelling man; an "unfree-man," who dwells not within burgh.


FORESHORE. Foresaken; disavowed. 10 Edw. II. c. 1.

FORESHORE. That part of the land adjacent to the sea which is alternately covered and left dry by the ordinary flow of the tides; i.e., by the medium line between the greatest and least range of tide, (spring tides and neap tides.) Sweet.

FOREST. In old English law. A certain territory of wooded ground and fruitful pastures, privileged for wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, and warren, to rest and abide in the safe protection of the prince for his princely delight and pleasure, having a peculiar court and officers. Manw. For. Laws, c. 1, no. 1; Terms de la Ley; 1 Bl. Comm. 229. A royal hunting-ground which lost its peculiar character with the extinction of its courts, or when the franchise passed into the hands of a subject. Spelman; Cowell.

The word is also used to signify a franchise or right, being the right of keeping, for the purpose of hunting, the wild beasts and fowls of forest, chase, park, and warren, in a territory or precinct of woody ground or pasture set apart for the purpose. 1 Steph. Comm. 665.

—Forest courts. In English law. Courts instituted for the government of the king's forest in different parts of the kingdom, and for the punishment of all injuries done to the king's deer or venison, to the covert or greenwood, and to the covert in which such deer were lodged. They consisted of the courts of attachments, of regard, of sweinmote, and of justice-seat; but in later times these courts are no longer held. 3 Bl. Comm. 71. —Forest law. The system or body of old law relating to the royal forests.

—Forestage. A duty or tribute payable to the king's foresters. Cowell.—Forester. A sworn officer of the forest, appointed by the king's letters patent to walk the forest, watching both the vert and the venison, attaching and taking those persons who committed the offense of forestalling. Blount.

10 Edw. II. c. 1. Termes de la Ley; 1 Bl. Comm. 289; Cowell.

FORESTALLING THE MARKET. The act of the buying or contracting for any mer-
chandise or provision on its way to the market, with the intention of selling it again at a higher price; or the dissuading persons from bringing their goods or provisions there; or persuading them to enhance the price when there. 4 Bl. Comm. 158. Barton v. Morris, 10 Phila. (Pa.) 361. This was formerly an indictable offense in England, but is now abolished by St. 7 & 8 Vict. c. 24. 4 Steph. Comm. 291, note.

Forestalling differs from "engrossing," in that the latter consists in buying up large quantities of goods or provisions already on the market with the view to effecting a monopoly or acquiring so large a quantity as to be able to dictate prices. Both forestalling and engrossing may enter into the manipulation of what is now called a "corner."

FORESTARIUS. In English law. A forester. An officer who takes care of the woods and forests. De forestario opponenda, a writ that it lay to appoint a forester to prevent further commission of waste when a tenant in dower had committed waste. Bract. 316; Du Cange.

In Scotch law. A forester or keeper of woods, to whom, by reason of his office, pertains the bark and the hewn branches. And, when he rides through the forest, he may take a tree as high as his own head. Skene de Verb. Sign.

FORETHOUGHT FELONY. In Scotch law. Murder committed in consequence of a previous design. Ersk. Inst 4, 4, 50; Bell.

FORFANG. In old English law. The taking of provisions from any person in fairs or markets before the royal purveyors were served with necessaries for the sovereign. Cowell. Also the seizing and rescuing of stolen or strayed cattle from the hands of a thief, or of those having illegal possession of them; also the reward fixed for such rescue. 493. Du Cange.

FORESTALLING THE MARKET

FORFEIT. To lose an estate, a franchise, or other property belonging to one, by the act of the law, and as a consequence of some misfeasance, negligence, or omission. Cassell v. Crothers, 193 Pa. 359, 44 Atl. 446; State v. De Gress, 72 Tex. 242, 11 S. W. 1029; State v. Walbridge, 119 Mo. 353, 24 S. W. 457, 41 Am. St. Rep. 663; State v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 12 Gill & J. (Md.) 492, 38 Am. Dec. 319. The further ideas connoted by this term are that it is a deprivation, (that is, against the will of the losing party,) and that the property is either transferred to another or resumed by the original grantor.

To incur a penalty; to become liable to the payment of a sum of money, as the consequence of a certain act.

FORFEITABLE. Liable to be forfeited; subject to forfeiture for non-user, neglect, crime, etc.

FORFEITURE. 1. A punishment annexed by law to some illegal act or negligence in the owner of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, whereby he loses all his interest therein, and they go to the party injured as a recompense for the wrong which he alone, or the public together with himself, hath sustained. 2 Bl. Comm. 237. Wiseman v. McNulty, 26 Cal. 237.

2. The loss of land by a tenant to his lord, as the consequence of some breach of fidelity. 1 Steph. Comm. 166.


4. The loss of goods or chattels, as a punishment for some crime or misdemeanor in the party forfeiting, and as a compensation for the offense and injury committed against him to whom they are forfeited. 2 Bl. Comm. 420.

It should be noted that "forfeiture" is not an identical or convertible term with "confiscation." The latter is the consequence of the former. Forfeiture is the result which the law attaches as an immediate and necessary consequence to the illegal acts of the individual; but confiscation implies the action of the state; and property, although it may be forfeited, cannot be said to be confiscated until the government has formally claimed or taken possession of it.

5. The loss of office by abuser, non-user, or refusal to exercise it.

6. The loss of a corporate franchise or charter in consequence of some illegal act, or of malfeasance or non-feasance.

7. The loss of the right to life, as the consequence of the commission of some crime to which the law has affixed a capital penalty.

8. The incurring a liability to pay a definite sum of money as the consequence of violating the provisions of some statute, or refusal to comply with some requirement of law. State v. Marion County Com'r's, 85 Ind. 463.

9. A thing or sum of money forfeited. Something imposed as a punishment for an offense or delinquency. The word in this sense is frequently associated with the word "penalty." Van Buren v. Digges, 11 How. 477, 13 L. Ed. 771.

10. In mining law, the loss of a mining claim held by location on the public domain (unpatented) in consequence of the failure of the holder to make the required annual expenditure upon it within the time allowed. McKay v. McDougall, 25 Mont. 258, 64 Pac. 699, 87 Am. St. Rep. 395; St. John v. Kidd, 26 Cal. 271.

-Forfeiture of a bond. A failure to perform the condition on which the obligor was to be excused from the penalty in the bond.—Forfeiture of marriage. A penalty incurred by a ward in chivalry who married without the consent or against the will of the guardian. See DUPLEX VALOR MARITAGII.—Forfeiture of silk, supposed to lie in the docks, used in
forgery of stock certificates, and for extending to Scotland certain provisions of the forgery act of 1861. Mosley & Whitley.

FORHERDA. In old records. A herd-land, headland, or foreland. Cowell.

FORDISPUTATIONES. In the civil law. Discussions or arguments before a court. 1 Kent, Comm. 530.

FORINSECUS. Lat. Foreign; exterior; outside; extraordinary. Servitium forinsecum, the payment of aid, scutage, and other extraordinary military services. Forinsecum maneriae, the manor, or that part of it which lies outside the bars or town, and is not included within the liberties of it. Cowell; Blount; Jacob; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 273.

FORINSIC. In old English law. Exterior; foreign; extraordinary. In feudal law, the term "forinsic services" comprehended the payment of extraordinary aids or the rendition of extraordinary military services, and in this sense was opposed to "intrinsice services." 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 273.

FORIS. Lat. Abroad; out of doors; on the outside of a place; without; extrinsic.

FORISBANITUS. In old English law. Banished.

FORSACERE. Lat. To forfeit; to lose an estate or other property on account of some criminal or illegal act. To confisicate.

To act beyond the law, i. e., to transgress or infringe the law; to commit an offense or wrong; to do any act against or beyond the law. See Co. Litt. 59a; Du Cange; Spelman.

Forisfacere, i. e., extra legem seu consuetudinem facere. Co. Litt. 59. Forisfacere, i. e., to do something beyond law or custom.


FORSACERUM. A crime or offense through which property is forfeited. A fine or punishment in money. Forfeiture. The loss of property or life in consequence of crime.

Forisfactus plenus. A forfeiture of all a man's property. Things which were forfeited. Du Cange; Spelman.

FORISFACTUS. A criminal. One who has forfeited his life by commission of a capital offense. Spelman.

Forisfactus servus. A slave who has been a free man, but has forfeited his freedom by crime. Du Cange.
FORFAMILIARE. In old English and Scotch law. Literally, to put out of a family, (foris familiai ponere.) To portion off a son, so that he could have no further claim upon his father. Glanv. lib. 7, c. 3.

To emancipate, or free from paternal authority.

FORFAMILIATED. In old English law. Portioned off. A son was said to be forsfamilliated (forisfamiliarit) if his father assigned him part of his land, and gave him seisin thereof, and did this at the request or with the free consent of the son himself, who expressed himself satisfied with such portion. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 42, 110.

FORFAMILIATUS. In old English law. Put out of a family; portioned off; emancipated; forsfamilliated. Bract. fol. 64.


FORISJUDICATUS. Forejudged; sent from court; banished. Deprived of a thing by judgment of court. Bract. fol. 250b; Co. Litt. 100b; Du Cange.

FORISJURARE. To forswear; to abjure; to abandon.

—Forisjurare parentilam. To remove oneself from parental authority. The person who did this lost his rights as heir. Du Cange.—Provinciam forisjurare. To forswear the country. Spelman.

FORJUDGE. See FORJUDGE.

FORJURER. L. Fr. In old English law. to forswear; to abjure.

—Forjuror regalme. To abjure the realm. Britt. cc. 1, 16.

FORLER-LAND. Land in the diocese of Hereford, which had a peculiar custom attached to it, but which has been long since disused, although the name is retained. But. Surv. 99.

FORM. 1. A model or skeleton of an instrument to be used in a judicial proceeding, containing the principal necessary matters, the proper technical terms or phrases, and whatever else is necessary to make it formally correct, arranged in proper and methodical order, and capable of being adapted to the circumstances of the specific case.

2. As distinguished from "substance," "form" means the legal or technical manner or order to be observed in legal instruments or juridical proceedings, or in the construction of legal documents or processes.

The distinction between "form" and "substance" is often important in reference to the validity or amendment of pleadings. If the matter of the plea is bad or insufficient, irrespective of the manner of setting it forth, the defect is one of substance. If the matter of the plea is good and sufficient, but is inartificially or defectively pleaded, the defect is one of form. Pierson v. Insurance Co., 7 Houst. (Del.) 307, 31 Atl. 966.

—Common form. Solemn form. See PRABATE.—Form of the statute. The words, language, or frame of a statute, and hence the inhibition or command which it may contain; used in the phrase, (in criminal pleading) "against the form of the statute in that case made and provided."—Forms of action. The general designation of the various species or kinds of personal actions known to the common law, such as trover, trespass, debt, assumpsit, etc. These differ in their pleadings and evidence, as well as in the circumstances to which they are respectively applicable. Trux v. Parvis, 7 Houst. (Del.) 330, 32 Atl. 227.—Matter of form. In pleadings, indictments, conveyances, etc., matter of form (as distinguished from matter of substance) is all that relates to the mode, form, or style of expressing the facts involved, the choice or arrangement of words, and other such particulars, without affecting the substantial validity or sufficiency of the instrument, or without going to the merits. Railway Co. v. Kurtz, 10 Ind. App. 60, 37 N. E. 305; Meath v. Mississippi Levee Com'rs, 109 U. S. 238, 3 Sup. Ct. 284, 27 L. Ed. 930; State v. Amidon, 58 Vt. 524, 2 Atl. 154.

FORMA. Lat. Form; the prescribed form of judicial proceedings.

—Forma et figura judicii. The form and shape of the proceeding or judicial action. 3 Bl. Comm. 271.—Forma pauperis. See IN FORMA PAUPERIS.

Forma dat esse. Form gives being. Called "the old physical maxim." Lord Henley, Ch., 2 Eden, 99.

Forma legalis forma essentialis. Legal form is essential form. 10 Coke, 100.

Forma non observata, infringit aduolatio actus. Where form is not observed, a nullity of the act is inferred. 12 Coke, 7. Where the law prescribes a form, the nonobservance of it is fatal to the proceeding, and the whole becomes a nullity. Best, Ev. Introd. § 59.

FORMAL. Relating to matters of form; as, "formal defects;" inserted, added, or joined pro forma. See FARRINS.

FORMALITIES. In England, robes worn by the magistrates of a city or corporation, etc., on solemn occasions. Enc. Lond.

FORMALITY. The conditions, in regard to method, order, arrangement, use of technical expressions, performance of specific acts, etc., which are required by the law in the making of contracts or conveyances, or in the taking of legal proceedings, to insure their validity and regularity. Succession of Seymour, 48 La. Ann. 963, 20 South. 217.

FORMATA. In canon law. Canonical letter. Spelman.
FORMATA BREVIA. Formed writs; writs of form. See BREVIA FORMATA.

FORMED ACTION. An action for which a set form of words is prescribed, which must be strictly adhered to. 10 Mod. 140, 141.

FORMED DESIGN. In criminal law, and particularly with reference to homicide, this term means a deliberate and fixed intention to kill, whether directed against a particular person or not. Mitchell v. State, 60 Ala. 33; Wilson v. State, 128 Ala. 17, 29 South. 569; Ake v. State, 30 Tex. 473.

FORMEDON. An ancient writ in English law which was available for one who had a right to lands or tenements by virtue of a gift in tail. It was in the nature of a writ of right, and was the highest action that a tenant in tail could have; for he could not have an absolute writ of right, that being confined to such as claimed in fee-simple, and for that reason this writ of formedon was granted to him by the statute de donis, (Westm. 2, 13 Edw. I. c. 1,) and was emphatically called "his" writ of right. The writ was distinguished into three species, viz.: Formedon in the descender, in the remainder, and in the reverser. It was abolished in England by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. See 3 Bl. Comm. 191; Co. Litt. 316; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 225.

—Formedon in the descender. A writ of formedon which lay where a gift was made in tail, and the tenant in tail aliened the lands or was diseased of them and died, for the heir in tail to recover them, against the actual tenant of the freehold. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.—Formedon in the remainder. A writ of formedon which lay where a man gave lands to another for life or in tail, and the tenant in tail and remainder died, for the heir in remainder to recover the lands. 3 Bl. Comm. 192.

FORMELLA. A certain weight of above 70 lbs., mentioned in 51 Hen. III. Cowell.

FORMER ADJUDICATION, or FORMER RECOVERY. An adjudication or recovery in a former action. See RES JUDICATA.

FORMIDO PERICULI. Lat. Fear of danger. 1 Kent, Comm. 23.

FORMULA. In common-law practice, a set form of words used in judicial proceedings. In the civil law, an action. Calvin.

FORMULÆ. In Roman law. When the legis actiones were proved to be inconvenient, a mode of procedure called "per formulas," (i. e., by means of formule,) was gradually introduced, and eventually the legis actiones were abolished by the Lex Aburiæa, B. C. 164, excepting in a very few exceptional matters. The formule were four in number, namely: (1) The Demonstratio, wherein the plaintiff stated, i. e., showed, the facts out of which his claim arose; (2) the Intentio, where he made his claim against the defendant; (3) the Adjudicatio, wherein the judex was directed to assign or adjudicate the property or any portion or portions thereof according to the rights of the parties; and (4) the Condemnatio, in which the judex was authorized and directed to condemn or to acquit according as the facts were or were not proved. These formule were obtained from the magistrate, (in juris,) and were thereafter proceeded with before the judex, (in judicato.) Brown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 294.

FORMULARIES. Collections of formula, or forms of forensic proceedings and instruments used among the Franks, and other early continental nations of Europe. Among these the formulary of Marculpus may be mentioned as of considerable interest. Bull. Co. Litt. note 77, lib. 3.

FORNAGIUM. The fee taken by a lord of his tenant, who was bound to bake in the lord's common oven, (in forno domini,) or for a commission to use his own.

FORNICATION. Unlawful sexual intercourse between two unmarried persons. Further, if one of the persons be married and the other not, it is fornication on the part of the latter, though adultery for the former. In some jurisdictions, however, by statute, it is adultery on the part of both persons if the woman is married, whether the man is married or not. Banks v. State, 90 Ala. 73, 11 South. 404; Hood v. State, 56 Ind. 203, 25 Am. Rep. 21; Com. v. Lafferty, 6 Grat. (Va.) 673; People v. Rouse, 2 Mich. N. P. 209; State v. Shear, 51 Wis. 460, 8 Ala. 78, 11 South. 404; Hood v. State, 56 Ind. 203, 25 Am. Rep. 21; Com. v. Lafferty, 6 Grat. (Va.) 673; People v. Rouse, 2 Mich. N. P. 209; State v. Shear, 51 Wis. 460, 8 N. W. 287; Buchanan v. State, 55 Ala. 154.

FORNIX. In Spanish law. A brothel; fornication.


FORO. In Spanish law. The place where tribunals hear and determine causes,—exercendarum litium locus.


FORPRISE. An exception; reservation; excepted; reserved. Anciely, a term of frequent use in leases and conveyances. Cowell; Blount.

In another sense, the word is taken for any exaction.
FORSCHEL. A strip of land lying next to the highway.

FORSES. Waterfalls. Camden, Brit.

FORSPENER. An attorney or advocate in a cause. Blount; Whishaw.

FORSPERCA. In old English law. Prolocutor; paranymphus.

FORSTAI*. See FOBESTAIX.

Forstellarius est panpeivm depressor et totius communissitatis et patriae publicus inimicus. 3 Inst. 196. A forestaller is an oppressor of the poor, and a public enemy of the whole community and country.

FORSTWEAR. In criminal law. To make oath to that which the deponent knows to be untrue.

This term is wider in its scope than "perjury," for the latter, as a technical term, includes the idea of the oath being taken before a competent court or officer, and relating to a material issue, which is not implied by the word "forswear." Fowle v. Robbins, 12 Mass. 501; Tomlinson v. Brittlebank, 4 Barn. & A. 632; Railway Co. v. McCurdy, 114 Pa. 554, 8 Atl. 230, 60 Am. Rep. 363.

FORT. This term means "something more than a mere military camp, post, or station. The term implies a fortification, or a place protected from attack by some such means as a moat, wall, or parapet." U. S. v. Tichenor (C. C.) 12 Fed. 424.

FORTALICE. A fortress or place of strength, which anciently did not pass without a special grant 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

FORTALITnJM. In old Scotch law. A fortalice; a castle. Properly a house or tower which has a battlement or a ditch or moat about it.

FORTHCOMING. In Scotch law. The action by which an arrestment (garnishment) is made effectual. It is a decree or process by which the creditor is given the right to demand that the sum arrested be applied for payment of his claim. 2 Karnes, Eq. 288, 289; Bell.

FORTHCOMING BOND. A bond given to a sheriff who has levied on property, conditioned that the property shall be forthcoming, i. e., produced, when required. On the giving of such bond, the goods are allowed to remain in the possession of the debtor. Hill v. Manser, 11 Grat. (Va.) 522; Nichols v. Chittenden, 14 Colo. App. 49, 59 Pac. 954.

The sheriff or other officer levying a writ of fieri facias, or distress warrant, may take from the debtor a bond, with sufficient surety, payable to the creditor, reciting the service of such writ or warrant, and the amount due thereon, (including the fee for taking the bond, commissions, and other lawful charges, if any,) with condition that the property shall be forthcoming at the day and place of sale; whereupon such property may be permitted to remain in the possession and at the risk of the debtor. Code Va. 1857, § 3617.

FORTHWITH. As soon as, by reasonable exertion, confined to the object, a thing may be done. Thus, when a defendant is ordered to plead forthwith, he must plead within twenty-four hours. When a statute enacts that an act is to be done "forthwith," it means that the act is to be done within a reasonable time. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 164; Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 151, 20 Sup. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 423; Falivre v. Manderscheid, 117 Iowa, 724, 90 N. W. 70; Martin v. Pifer, 96 Ind. 248.

FORTIA. Force. In old English law. Force used by an accessary, to enable the principal to commit a crime, as by binding or holding a person while another killed him, or by aiding or counseling in any way, or commanding the act to be done. Bract fols. 138, 1386. According to Lord Coke, fortia was a word of art and properly signified the furnishing of a weapon of force to do the fact, and by force whereof the fact was committed, and he that furnished it was not present when the fact was done. 2 Inst. 182.

Fortia frisca. Fresh force, (q. v.)

FORTILITY. In old English law. A fortified place; a castle; a bulwark. Cowell; 11 Hen. VII. c. 18.

FORTIOR. Lat. Stronger. A term applied, in the law of evidence, to that species of presumption, arising from facts shown in evidence, which is strong enough to shift the burden of proof to the opposite party. Burill, Circ. Ev. 64, 66.

FORTIOR est custodia legis quam hominis. 2 Rolle, 225. The custody of the law is stronger than that of man.

FORTIORI. See A FOBTIOBI.

FORTIS. Lat. Strong.

Fortis et sana, strong and sound; staunch and strong; as a vessel. Townsh. PI. 227.

FORTLETT. A place or port of some strength; a little fort. Old Nat Brev. 45.

FORTUIT. In French law. Accidental; fortuitous. Cas fortuit, a fortuitous event Fortuitment, accidentally; by chance.
FORTUITOUS. Accidental; undesigned; adventitious. Resulting from unavoidable physical causes.


—Furtitious event. In the civil law. That which happens by a cause which cannot be resisted. An unforeseen occurrence, not caused by either of the parties, nor such as they could prevent. In French it is called "cas fortuit." Civ. Code La. art. 3556, no. 15. There is a difference between a fortuitous event, or inevitable accident, and irresistible force. By the former, commonly called the "act of God," is meant any accident produced by physical causes which are irresistible; such as a loss by lightning or storms, by the perils of the seas, by inundations and earthquakes, or by sudden death or illness. By the latter is meant such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable. Of this nature are losses occasioned by the inroads of a hostile army, or by public enemies. Story, Bailm. § 25.

FORTUNA. Lat. Fortune; also treasure-trove. Jacob.

Fortunam factum judicem. They make fortune the judge. Co. Litt. 167. Spoken of the process of making partition among coparceners by drawing lots for the several purparts.

FORTUNE-TELLERS. In English law. Persons pretending or professing to tell fortunes, and punishable as rogues and vagabonds or disorderly persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 62.

FORTUNIUM. In old English law. A tournament or fighting with spears, and an appeal to fortune therein.

FORTY. In land laws and conveyancing, in those regions where grants, transfers, and deeds are made with reference to the subdivisions of the government survey, this term means forty acres of land in the form of a square, being the tract obtained by quartering a section of land (640 acres) and again quartering one of the quarters. Lente v. Clarke, 22 Fla. 515, 1 South. 149.

FORTY-DAYS COURT. In old English law. The court of attachment in forests, or wood-mote court.

FORUM. Lat. A court of justice, or judicial tribunal; a place of jurisdiction; a place where a remedy is sought; a place of litigation. 3 Story, 247.

In Roman law. The market place, or public paved court, in the city of Rome, where such public business was transacted as the assemblies of the people and the judicial trial of causes, and where also elections, markets, and the public exchange were held.

—Forum actus. The forum of the act. The forum of the place where the act was done which is now called in question.—Forum contestationis. The forum or tribunal of contention. A contentious forum or court; a place of litigation; the ordinary court of justice, as distinguished from the tribunal of conscience. 3 Bl. Comm. 211.

—Forum contractus. The forum of the contract; the court of the place where a contract is made; the place where a contract is made, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.—Forum domesticius. A domestic forum or tribunal. The visitatorial power is called a "forum domesticum," calculated to determine, sine strepitu, all disputes that arise within themselves. 1 W. Bl. 596. A place of domicile. The forum or court of the domicile; the domicile of a defendant, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 465.—Forum ecclesiasticum. A place of jurisdiction and ecclesiastical court. The spiritual jurisdiction, as distinguished from the secular.—Forum legatium. The forum of defendant's allegiance. The court or jurisdiction of the country to which he owes allegiance.—Forum origines. The court of one's nativity. The place of a person's birth, considered as a place of jurisdiction.—Forum regium. The king's court. St. Westm. 2 c. 43.—Forum rei. This term may mean either (1) the forum of the defendant, that is, of his domicile; or (2) the forum of the res or thing in controversy, that is, of the place where the property is situated. The ambiguity springs from the fact that res may be the genitive of either reus or res.—Forum rei gestae. The forum or court of a res gestae, (thing done;) the place where an act is done, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.—Forum rei sitae. The court where the thing in controversy is situated. The place where the subject-matter in controversy is situated, considered as a place of jurisdiction. 2 Kent, Comm. 463.—Forum securale. A secular, as distinguished from an ecclesiastical or spiritual, court.

FORURTH. In old records. A long slip of ground. Cowell.

FORWARDING MERCHANT, or FORWARDER. One who receives and forwards goods, taking upon himself the expenses of transportation, for which he receives a compensation from the owners, having no concern in the vessels or wagons by which they are transported, and no interest in the freight, and hot being deemed a common carrier, but a mere warehouseman and agent. Story, Bailms. §§ 502, 509. Schloss v. Wood, 11 Com. 287, 17 Pac. 910; Ackley v. Kellogg, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 224; Place v. Union Exp. Co., 2 Hilt. (N. Y.) 19; Bush v. Miller, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 458.

FOSSA. In the civil law. A ditch; a receptacle of water, made by hand. Dig. 43, 14, 1, 5.

In old English law. A ditch. A pit full of water, in which women committing felony were drowned. A grave or sepulcher. Spelman.

FOSSAGIUM. In old English law. The duty levied on the inhabitants for repairing the moat or ditch round a fortified town.

FOSSATORUM OPERATIO. In old English law. Fosse-work; or the service of laboring, done by inhabitants and adjoining tenants, for the repair and maintenance of
the ditches round a city or town, for which some paid a contribution, called "fossagium." Cowell.

**FOSSATUM.** A dyke, ditch, or trench; a place inclosed by a ditch; a moat; a canal.

**FOSSEWAY, or FOSS.** One of the four ancient Roman ways through England. Spelman.

**FOSSELLUM.** A small ditch. Cowell.

**FOSTERING.** An ancient custom in Ireland, in which persons put away their children to fosterers. Fostering was held to be a stronger alliance than blood, and the foster children participated in the fortunes of their foster fathers. Mozley & Whitley.

**FOSTERIAND.** Land given, assigned, or allotted to the finding of food or victuals for any person or persons; as in monasteries for the monks, etc. Cowell; Blount.

**FOSTERLEAN.** The remuneration fixed for the rearing of a foster child; also the jointure of a wife. Jacob.

**FOUJDAR.** In Hindu law. Under the Mogul government a magistrate of the police over a large district, who took cognizance of all criminal matters within his jurisdiction, and sometimes was employed as receiver general of the revenues. Wharton.


**FOUNDATION.** The founding or building of a college or hospital. The incorporation or endowment of a college or hospital is the foundation; and he who endows it with land or other property is the founder. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat.-629; Seagrave’s Appeal, 125 Pa. 302, 17 Atl. 412; Union Baptist Ass’n v. Hunn, 7 Tex. Civ. App. 249, 26 S. W. 755.

**FOUNDED.** Based upon; arising from, growing out of, or resting upon; as in the expressions "founded in fraud," "founded on a consideration," "founded on contract," and the like. See In re Grant Shoe Co., 130 Fed. 881, 66 C. C. A. 78; State v. Morgan, 40 Conn. 46; Palmer v. Preston, 45 Vt. 158, 12 Am. Rep. 191; Steele v. Hoo, 14 Adol. & El. 431; In re Morales (D. C.) 105 Fed. 761.

**FOUNDER.** The person who endows an eleemosynary corporation or institution, or supplies the funds for its establishment. See Foundation.

**FOUNDEROSA.** Founderous; out of repair, as a road. Cro. Car. 366.

**FOUNDLING.** A deserted or exposed infant; a child found without a parent or guardian, its relatives being unknown. It has a settlement in the district where found.

—Foundling hospitals. Charitable institutions which exist in most countries for taking care of infants forsaken by their parents, such being generally the offspring of illegal connections. The foundling hospital act in England is the 13 Geo. II. c. 29.

**FOUR.** Fr. In old French law. An oven or bake-house. Four banal, an oven, owned by the seignior of the estate, to which the tenants were obliged to bring their bread for baking. Also the proprietary right to maintain such an oven.

**FOUR CORNERS.** The face of a written instrument. That which is contained on the face of a deed (without any aid from the knowledge of the circumstances under which it is made) is said to be within its four corners, because every deed is still supposed to be written on one entire skin, and so to have but four corners.

To look at the four corners of an instrument is to examine the whole of it, so as to construe it as a whole, without reference to any one part more than another. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 295.

**FOUR SEAS.** The seas surrounding England. These were divided into the Western, including the Scotch and Irish; the Northern, or North sea; the Eastern, being the German ocean; the Southern, being the British channel.

**FOURCHER.** Fr. To fork. This was a method of delaying an action anciently resorted to by defendants when two of them were joined in the suit. Instead of appearing together, each would appear in turn and cast an essoin for the other, thus postponing the trial.


**FOWLs OF WARREN.** Such fowls as are preserved under the game laws in warrens. According to Manwood, these are partridges and pheasants. According to Coke, they are partridges, rails, quails, woodcocks, pheasants, mallards, and herons. Co. Litt. 233.

**FOX’S LIBEL ACT.** In English law. This was the statute 52 Geo. III. c. 60, which secured to juries, upon the trial of indictments for libel, the right of pronouncing a general verdict of guilty or not guilty upon the whole matter in issue, and no longer bound them to find a verdict of guilty on proof of the publication of the paper charged to be a libel, and of the sense ascribed to it in the indictment. Wharton.

**FOY.** L. Fr. Faith; allegiance; fidelity.

**FR.** A Latin abbreviation for "fragmentum," a fragment, used in citations to the
FRACTION. A breaking, or breaking up; a fragment or broken part; a portion of a thing less than the whole.

FRACTIONAL. As applied to tracts of land, particularly townships, sections, quarter sections, and other divisions according to the government survey, and also mining claims, this term means that the exterior boundary lines are laid down to include the whole of such a division or such a claim, but that the tract in question does not measure up to the full extent or include the whole acreage, because a portion of it is cut off by an overlapping survey, a river or lake, or some other external interference. See Tolleston Club v. State, 141 Ind. 197, 38 N. E. 214; Parke v. Meyer, 28 Ark. 287; Goltz v. Schlemeyer, 111 Mo. 404, 19 S. W. 457.

FRACTIONEM DIEM NON RECIPT LEX. Loft, 572. The law does not take notice of a portion of a day.


FRAGMENTA. Lat. Fragments. A name sometimes applied (especially in citations) to the Digest or Pandects in the Corpus Juris Civilis of Justinian, as being made up of numerous extracts or "fragments" from the writings of various jurists. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 74.

FRAIS. Fr. Expense; charges; costs.

FRAIS DE JUSTICE. In French and Canadian law. Costs incurred incidentally to the action.

FRAIS JUSQU'À BORD. Fr. In French commercial law. Expenses to the board; expenses incurred on a shipment of goods, in packing, cartage, commissions, etc., up to the point where they are actually put on board the vessel. Barrels v. Redfield (C. C.) 16 Fed. 586.

FRANC. A French coin of the value of a little over eighteen cents.

FRANC ALEU. In French feudal law. An alod; a free inheritance; or an estate held free of any services except such as were due to the sovereign.

FRANCHE-COMTÉ. In France a province of the department of Haute-Saône, formed of the former states of Franche-Comté and Faucigny.

FRANCHISE. A special privilege conferred by government upon an individual or corporation, and which does not belong to the citizens of the country generally, of common right. It is essential to the character of a franchise that it should be a grant from the sovereign authority, and in this country no franchise can be held which is not derived from a law of the state. In England, a franchise is defined to be a royal privilege in the hands of a subject. In this country, it is a privilege of a public nature, which cannot be exercised without a legislative grant. See Bank of Augusta v. Earle, 13 Pet. 595, 10 L. Ed. 274; Dike v. State, 38 Minn. 366, 38 N. W. 95; Chicago Board of Trade v. People, 91 Ill. 82; Lasher v. People, 183 Ill. 226, 55 N. E. 663, 47 L. R. A. 802, 75 Am. St. Rep. 108; Southampton v. Jessup, 162 N. Y. 122, 56 N. E. 568; Thompson v. People, 23 Wend. (N. Y.) 573; Black River Imp. Co. v. Holway, 111 Mo. 404, 19 S. W. 457; Central Pacific R. Co. v. California, 182 U. S. 91, 16 Sup. Ct. 766, 40 L. Ed. 903; Chicago & W. I. R. Co. v. Dunbar, 95 Ill. 575; State v. Weatherby, 45 Mo. 20; Morgan v. Louisiana, 93 U. S. 223, 22 L. Ed. 860.

A franchise is a privilege or immunity of a public nature, which cannot be legally exercised without legislative grant. To be a corporation is a franchise. The various powers conferred on corporations are franchises. The execution of a policy of insurance by an insurance company, and the issuing a bank-note by an incorporated bank, are franchises. People v. Utica Ins. Co., 15 Johns. (N. Y.) 578; Black River Imp. Co. v. Holway, 111 Mo. 404, 19 S. W. 457; Central Pacific R. Co. v. California, 182 U. S. 91, 16 Sup. Ct. 766, 40 L. Ed. 903; Chicago & W. I. R. Co. v. Dunbar, 95 Ill. 575; State v. Weatherby, 45 Mo. 20; Morgan v. Louisiana, 93 U. S. 223, 22 L. Ed. 860.

The term "franchise" has various significations, both in a legal and popular sense. A corporation is itself a franchise belonging to the members of the corporation, and the corporation, itself a franchise, may hold other franchises. So, also, the different powers of a corporation, such as the right to hold and dispose of property, are its franchises. In a popular sense, the political rights of subjects and citizens are franchises, such as the right of suffrage, etc. Pierce v. Emery, 32 N. H. 484.

The term "franchise" has several significations, and there is some confusion in its use. When used with reference to corporations, the better opinion, deduced from the authorities, seems to be that it consists of the entire privileges embraced in and constituting the grant. It does not embrace the property acquired by the exercise of the franchise. Bridgeport v. New York & N. H. R. Co., 36 Conn. 265, 4 Am. Rep. 63.

GENERAL AND SPECIAL. The charter of a corporation is its "general" franchise, while a "special" franchise consists in any rights granted by the public to use property for a public use but with private profit. Lord v. Equitable Life Ins. Assur. Soc., 171 N. Y. 212, 57 N. E. 4, 22 L. R. A. (N. S.) 420.—Elective franchise. The right of suffrage; the right or privilege of voting in public elections.—Franchise tax. A tax on the franchise of a corporation, that is, on the right and privilege of carrying on business in the character of a corporation, for the purposes for which it was created, and in the conditions which surround it. Though the value of the franchise, for purposes of taxation, may be measured by the amount of business done, or the amount of earnings or dividends, or by the total value of the capital or stock of the cor-
corporation in excess of its tangible assets, a franchise tax is not a tax on either property, capital, stock, earnings, or dividends. Home Ins. Co. v. New York, 154 U. S. 594, 10 S. Ct. 593, 33 L. Ed. 1025; Worth v. Petersburg R. Co., 89 N. C. 201. See Home Ins. Co. v. Lowell, 178 Mass. 469, 59 N. E. 1007; Chicago & I. R. Co. v. State, 158 Ind. 134, 51 N. E. 924; Marsden Co. v. State Board of Assessors, 136 N. J. L. 461, 36 Atl. 199. People v. Knight, 174 N. Y. 475, 67 N. E. 65, 63 L. R. A. 57.—Personality. A franchise of corporate existence being sometimes called the "primary" franchise of a corporation, its "secondary" franchises are the special and peculiar rights, privileges, or grants which it may receive under its charter or from a legislative act. In such a franchise the right to use the public streets, exact tolls, collect fares, etc. See State v. Topka Water Co., 61 Kan. 547, 58 Pac. 248; Virginia Canals Toll Road Co. v. People, 22 Colo. 429, 45 Pac. 398, 37 L. A. 711.—Secondary franchises. The franchise of corporate existence being sometimes called the "primary" franchise of a corporation, its "secondary" franchises are the special and peculiar rights, privileges, or grants which it may receive under its charter or from a legislative act. In such a franchise the right to use the public streets, exact tolls, collect fares, etc. See State v. Topka Water Co., 61 Kan. 547, 58 Pac. 248; Virginia Canals Toll Road Co. v. People, 22 Colo. 429, 45 Pac. 398, 37 L. A. 711.—Secondary franchises. The franchise of corporate existence being sometimes called the "primary" franchise of a corporation, its "secondary" franchises are the special and peculiar rights, privileges, or grants which it may receive under its charter or from a legislative act. In such a franchise the right to use the public streets, exact tolls, collect fares, etc. See State v. Topka Water Co., 61 Kan. 547, 58 Pac. 248; Virginia Canals Toll Road Co. v. People, 22 Colo. 429, 45 Pac. 398, 37 L. A. 711.—Secondary franchises.

FRANCIA. France. Bract. fol. 4275.

FRANCIGENA. A man born in France. A designation formerly given to aliens in England.

FRANCUS. L. Lat. Free; a freeman; a Frank. Spelman.


FRANK, v. To send matter through the public mails free of postage, by a personal or official privilege.

FRANK, adj. In old English law. Free. Occurring in several compounds.

—Frank-almoigne. In English law. Free aims. A spiritual tenure whereby religious corporations, aggregate or sole, held lands of the donor to them and their successors forever. They were discharged of all other except religious services, and the trivium necessitas. It differs from tenure by divine service, in that the latter required the performance of certain divine services, whereas the former, as its name imports, is free. This tenure is expressly excepted in the 12 Car. II. c. 24, § 7, and therefore still subsists in some few instances. 2 Broom & H. Comm. 208.—Frank bank. In old English law. Free bank. See free-grant. Co. Litt. 110b. See FREE-BENCH.—Frank-chase. A liberty of free chase enjoyed by any one, with a view to have possession of any thing lying within that compass are forbidden to cut down wood, etc., even in their own demesnes, to the prejudice of the owner of the liberty. Cowell. See CHASE. —Frank-ferm. Freehold lands exempted from all services, but not from homage; lands held otherwise than in ancient demesne. That which a man holds to himself and his heirs, and not by such service as is required in ancient demesne, according to the custom of the manor. Cowell.—Frank-ferm. In English law. A species of estate held in socage, said by Britton to be "lands and tenements whereof the nature of the tenure of such his seigniory, in behalf of the good health and life, etc., of his demesnes, to manure his land. Keilw. 198.—Frank-land. An obsolete expression signifying the rights and privileges of a citizen, or the liberties and civil rights of a freeman.

FRANK-marriage. A species of entails estates, in English law, now grown out of use, but still capable of subsisting. When tenements are given by one to another, together with a wife, who is a daughter or cousin of the donor, to hold in frank-marriage, the donees shall have the tenements to them and the heirs of their two bodies begotten, e. g., in special tail. For the word "frank-marriage," "ez vi fermisi, both creates and limits an inheritance, not only supplying words of descent, but also terms of procreation. The donees are liable to no service except fealty, and a reserved rent would be void, until the fourth degree of consanguinity be passed between the issues of the donor and donee, when they were capable by the law of the church of intermarrying. Litt. § 19; 2 Bl. Comm. 247; Wells.—Frank-tenant. A freeholder. See FRANK-TENEMENT.

FRANKING PRIVILEGE. The privilege of sending certain matter through the public mails without payment of postage, in pursuance of a personal or official privilege.

FRANKLEYN, (spelled, also, "Francling" and "Franklin.") A gentleman. Blount; Cowell.

FRASSETUM. In old English law. A wood or wood-ground where ash-trees grow. Co. Litt. 4b.

FRATER. In the civil law. A brother. Frater consangunae, a brother having the same name, but born of a different mother. Frater uterinus, a brother born of the same mother, but by a different father. Frater nutricus, a bastard brother.

Frater fratri uterino non succedit in hereditate paterna. A brother shall not succeed a uterine brother in the paternal inheritance. 2 Bl. Comm. 223; Fortes. de Laud. c. 5. A maxim of the common law of England, now superseded by the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 103, § 9. See Broom, Max. 530.

FRATERIA. In old records. A fraternity, brotherhood, or society of religious persons, who were mutually bound to pray for the good health and life, etc., of their living
brethren, and the souls of those that were dead. Cowell.

FRATERNAL. Brotherly; relating or belonging to a fraternity or an association of persons formed for mutual aid and benefit, but not for profit.

FRATERNAL benefit association. A society or voluntary association organized and carried on for the mutual aid and benefit of its members, not for profit; which ordinarily has a lodge system, a ritualistic form of work, and a representative government, makes provision for the payment of death benefits, and (sometimes) for benefits in case of accident, sickness, or old age, the funds therefore being derived from dues paid or assessments levied on the members. National Union v. Marlow, 74 Fed. 778, 21 C. C. A. 89; Walker v. Giddings, 105 Mich. 344, 61 N. W. 512.—Fraternal insurance. The form of life (or accident) insurance furnished by a fraternal beneficial association, consisting in the payment to a member, or his heirs in case of death, of a stipulated sum of money, out of funds raised for that purpose by the payment of dues or assessments by all the members of the association.

FRATERNIA. A fraternity or brotherhood.

FRATERNITY. In old English law. "A corporation is an investing of the people of a place with the local government thereof, and therefore their laws shall bind strangers; but a fraternity is some people of a place united together in respect to a mystery or inheritance."

FRATRES PYES. In old English law. Certain friars who wore white and black garments. Walsingham, 124.

FRATRIAGE. A younger brother's inheritance.

FRATRICIDE. One who has killed a brother or sister; also the killing of a brother or sister.

FRAUD. Fraud consists of some deceitful practice or willful device, resorted to with intent to deprive another of his right, or in some manner to do him an injury. As distinguished from negligence, it is always positive, intentional. Maher v. Hibernia Ins. Co. v. Arnold, 108 Ga. 449, 84 S. E. 178.

Fraud, as applied to contracts, is the cause of an event bearing on a material part of the contract, created or continued by artifice, with design to obtain some unjust advantage to the one party, or to cause an inconvenience or loss to the other. Civil Code La. art. 1847.

Fraud, in the sense of a court of equity, properly includes all acts, omissions, and concealments which involve a breach of legal or equitable duty, trust, or confidence justly reposed, and are injurious to another, or by which an undue and unconscientious advantage is taken of another. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 187.

Synonyms. The term "fraud" is sometimes used as synonymous with "covin," "collusion," or "deceit." But distinctions are properly taken in the meanings of these words, for which reference may be had to the titles COVIN; COLLUSION; DECEIT.

Classification. Fraud is either actual or constructive. Actual fraud consists in deceit, artifice, trick, design, some direct and active operation of the mind; it includes cases of the intentional and successful employment of any cunning, deception, or artifice used to circumvent or cheat another; it is something said, done, or omitted by a person with the design of perpetrating what he knows to be a cheat or deception. Constructive fraud consists in any act of omission or commission contrary to legal or equitable duty, trust, or confidence justly reposed, which is contrary to good conscience and operates to the injury of another. Or, as otherwise defined, it is an act, statement or omission which operates as a virtual fraud on an individual, or which, if generally permitted, would be prejudicial to the public welfare, and yet may have been unconnected with any selfish or evil design. Or, according to Story, constructive frauds are such acts or contracts as, though not originating in any actual evil design or contrivance to perpetrate a positive fraud or injury upon other persons, are yet, by their tendency to deceive or mislead other persons, or to contrive or facilitate or publicize an injury to another, to impair or injure the public interests, deemed equally reprehensible with actual fraud. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 208. And see, generally, Code Ga. 1906, § 132; People v.егgs, 30 N. Y. 261; Haas v. Sternbach, 156 Ill. 44, 41 N. E. 356; Newell v. Wagness, 1 N. D. 62, 44 N. W. 1014; Carty v. Connolly, 91 Cal. 15, 27 Pac. 596.

Fraud is also classified as fraud in fact and fraud in law. The former is actual, positive, intentional fraud. Fraud disclosed by matters of fact, as distinguished from constructive fraud or fraud in law. McKibbin v. Martin, 64 Pac. 356, 3 Am. Rep. 588; Cook v. Burnham, 3 Kan. App. 27, 44 Pac. 447. Fraud in law is fraud in contemplation of law; fraud implied or inflicted by fraud made to constitute a construction of law, as distinguished from fraud found by a jury from matter of fact; constructive fraud (q. v.). See 2 Kent, Com. 512-532; 3 Page, Equity 290; 17 Va. Jur. 547; 49 N. B. 65, 44 N. E. 356, 3 Am. Rep. 588; Cook v. Burnham, 3 Kan. App. 27, 44 Pac. 447. Fraud in law is fraud in contemplation of law; fraud implied or inflicted by fraud made to constitute a construction of law, as distinguished from fraud found by a jury from matter of fact; constructive fraud (q. v.). See 2 Kent, Com. 512-532; 3 Page, Equity 290; 17 Va. Jur. 547; 49 N. B. 65, 44 N. E. 356, 3 Am. Rep. 588.

Fraud is also said to be legal or positive. The former is fraud made out by legal construction or inference, or the same thing as constructive fraud. Newell v. Wagness, 1 N. D. 62, 44
other creditors, shall be deemed fraudulent and void if the debtor become bankrupt within three months. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 71, § 92.—Fraudulent representation. A false statement, made with knowledge of its falsity, with the intention to persuade another or influence his action, and on which that other relies and by which he is deceived to his prejudice. Wakefield Rattan Co. v. Tappan, 70 Hun. 405, 24 N. Y. Supp. 430; Montgomery St. Ry. Co. v. Matthews, 77 Ala. 364, 44 Am. Rep. 60; Righter v. Roller, 31 Ark. 174; Page v. Parker, 43 N. H. 363, 80 Am. Dec. 172.

FRAUN, FRAUNCH, FRAUNKE. See FRAN.

FRAUNCHISE. L. Fr. A franchise.

FRANS. Lat. Fraud. More commonly called, in the civil law, "dolus," and "dolus malus," (q. v.) A distinction, however, was sometimes made between "dolus opus," and "dolus;" the former being held to be of the most extensive import. Calvin.

-Fraus dans locum contractui. A misrepresentation or concealment of some fact that is material to the contract, and had the truth regarding which been known the contract would not have been made as made, is called a "fraud dans locum contractui;" i.e., a fraud occasioning the contract, or giving place or occasion for the contract.—Fraus legis. Lat. In the civil law. Fraud of law; fraud upon law. See In Fraude Legis.

Fraus est celare fraudem. It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. 1 Vern. 240; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 359, 360.

Fraus est odiosa et non presumenda. Fraud is odious, and not to be presumed. Cro. Car. 550.

Fraus et dolus nemini patrocinari debent. Fraud and deceit should defend or excuse no man. 3 Coke, 78; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 13, § 15; Id. lib. 6, c. 6, § 5.

Fraus et jus nunquam ohabitant. Wing. 669. Fraud and justice never dwell together.

Fraus latet in generalibus. Fraud lies hid in general expressions.

Fraus meretur fraudem. Plowd. 100. Fraud merits fraud.

FRAXINETUM. In old English law. A wood of ashes; a place where ashes grow. Co. Litt. 4b; Shep. Touch. 95.

FRAY. See AFFRAY.

FRECTUM. In old English law. Freight. Quod frectum navium suarum, as to the freight of his vessels. Blount.

FREDNITE. In old English law. A liberty to hold courts and take up the fines for beating and wounding. To be free from fines. Cowell.
FREDSTOLE

FREDSTOLE. Sanctuaries; seats of peace.

FREDUM. A fine paid for obtaining pardon when the peace had been broken. Spelman; Blount. A sum paid the magistrate for protection against the right of revenge.

FREE. 1. Unconstrained; having power to follow the dictates of his own will. Not subject to the dominion of another. Not compelled to involuntary servitude. Used in this sense as opposed to "slave."

2. Not bound to service for a fixed term of years; in distinction to being bound as an apprentice.

3. Enjoying full civil rights.

4. Available to all citizens alike without charge; as a free school.

5. Available for public use without charge or toll; as a free bridge.

6. Not despotical; assuring liberty; defending individual rights against encroachment by any person or class; instituted by a free people; said of governments, institutions, etc. Webster.

7. Certain, and also consistent with an honorableness in life; as free services, in the feudal law.

8. Confined to the person possessing, instead of being shared with others; as a free fishery.

9. Not engaged in a war as belligerent or ally; neutral; as in the maxim, "Free ships make free goods."

-FREE alms. The name of a species of tenure. See FRANK-ALMOIGNE.-Free and clear. The title to property is said to be "free and clear" when it is not incumbered by any liens; but it is said that an agreement to convey land "free and clear" is satisfied by a conveyance passing a good title. Meyer v. Madreperla, 68 N. J. Law, 258, 53 Atl. 477, 96 Am. St. Rep. 536.-Free bench. A widow's dower out a fence. Cowell; Blount. The right of passing a good title. Meyer v. Madreperla, 68 N. J. Law, 258, 53 Atl. 477, 96 Am. St. Rep. 536.-Free choice. In admiralty law. A vessel having the wind from a favorable quarter is said to sail on a "free course," or said to be "going free" when she has a fair following wind and her yards braced in. The Queen Elizabeth (D. C.) 100 Fed. 576.-Free entry, egress, and regress. An expression used to denote that a person has the right to go on land again and again as often as may be reasonably necessary. Thus, in the case of a tenant entitled to emblements.-Free entry.-Free law. A term formerly used in England to designate the free

dom of civil rights enjoyed by freemen. It was liable to forfeiture on conviction of treason or an infamous crime. McCafferty v. Gayer, 59 Pa. 116.-Free services. In feudal and old English law. Such feudal services as were not unbecoming the character of a soldier or a free man to perform; as to serve under his lord in the wars, to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 60, 61.-Free shareholders. The free shareholders of a building and loan association are subscribers to its capital stock who are not borrowers from the association. Steinberger v. Independent B. & S. Ass'n, 84 Md. 625, 38 Atl. 459.-Free ships. In international law. Ships of a neutral nation. The phrase "free ships shall make free goods" is often inserted in treaties, meaning that goods, even though belonging to an enemy, shall not be seized or confiscated, if found in neutral ships. Wheat. Int. Law, 507, et seq.-Free socage. See SOCAGE.-Free tenure. Tenure by free services; freehold tenure.-Free warren. See WARREN.

FREE ON BOARD. A sale of goods "free on board" imports that they are to be delivered on board the cars, vessels, etc., without expense to the buyer for packing, cartage, or other such charges.

In a contract for sale and delivery of goods "free on board vessel," the seller is under no obligation to act until the buyer names the ship to which the delivery is to be made. Dwight v. Eckert, 117 Pa. 508, 12 Atl. 32.

FREEDMAN. In Roman law. One who was set free from a state of bondage; an emancipated slave. The word is used in the same sense in the United States, respecting negroes who were formerly slaves. Fairfield v. Lawson, 50 Conn. 513, 47 Am. Rep. 669; Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 333.

FREEDOM. The state of being free; liberty; self-determination; absence of restraint; the opposite of slavery.

The power of acting, in the character of a moral personality, according to the dictates of the will, without other check, hindrance, or prohibition than such as may be imposed by just and necessary laws and the duties of social life.

The prevalence, in the government and constitution of a country, of such a system of laws and institutions as secure civil liberty to the individual citizen.

-Freedom of speech and of the press. See LIBERTY.

FREELAND. An estate in land or other real property, of uncertain duration; that is, either of inheritance or which may possibly last for the life of the tenant at the least, (as distinguished from a leasehold;) and held by a free tenure, (as distinguished from copyhold or villeinage.). Nevitt v. Woodburn, 175 Ill. 378, 51 N. E. 593; Railroad Co. v. Hemp­hill, 55 Miss. 22; Neilis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 739; Jones v. Jones, 20 Ga. 700.

Such an interest in lands of frank-tenement as may endure not only during the owner's life, but which is cast after his death upon the persons who successively represent him, according to certain rules elsewhere explained.
FREEMAN. This word has had various meanings at different stages of history. In the Roman law, it denoted one who was either born free or emancipated, and was the opposite of "slave." In feudal law, "freeman" was a term used to designate a freehold estate. Shively v. Lankford, 174 Mo. 389, 52 S. W. 628; People v Scott, 8 Hun (N. Y.) 567.

FREIGHT. Freight is properly the price or compensation paid for the transportation of goods by a carrier, at sea, from port to port. But the term is also used to denote the hire paid for the carriage of goods on land from place to place, (usually by a railroad company, not an express company,) on inland streams or lakes. The name is also applied to the goods or merchandise transported by any of the above means. Brittan v. Barnaby, 21 How. 533, 16 L. Ed. 177; Huth v. Insurance Co., 8 Bosw. (N. Y.) 532; Christie v. Davis Coal Co. (D. Ct.) 95 Fed. 838; Hagar v. Donaldson, 154 Pa. 242, 25 Atl. 824; Paradise v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 6 La. Ann. 506.

Property carried is called "freight." the reward, if any, to be paid for its carriage is called "freightage." the person who delivers the freight to the carrier is called the "consignor," and the person to whom it is to be delivered is called the "consignee." Civil Code Cal. § 2110; Civil Code Dak. § 1220.

The term "freight" has several different meanings, as the price to be paid for the carriage of goods, or for the hire of a vessel under a charter-party or otherwise; and sometimes it designates goods carried, as "a freight of lime," or the like. But, as a subject of insurance, it is used in one of the two former senses. Lord v. Neptune Ins. Co., 10 Gray (Mass.) 109.

The term "freight" is also used to designate the sum agreed on for the hire of a ship, entirely or in part, for the carriage of goods from one port to another. 13 East. 300. All rewards or compensation paid for the use of ships. Giles v. Cynthia, 1 Pet. Adm. 206, Fed. Cas. No. 5424.

Freight is a compensation received for the transportation of goods and merchandise from port to port; and is never claimable by the owner of the vessel until the voyage has been performed and terminated. Patapoos Ins. Co. v. Biscoe, 7 Gill & J. (Md.) 300, 28 Am. Dec. 319.

"Dead freight" is money payable by a person who has chartered a ship and only partly loaded her, in respect of the loss of freight caused to the ship-owner by the deficiency of cargo. L. R. 2 H. L. Sc. 128.

Freight is the mother of wages. 2 Show. 283; 3 Kent, Comm. 196. Where a voyage is broken up by "vis major," and no freight earned, no wages, eo nomine, are due.

FREIGHTER. In maritime law. The party by whom a vessel is engaged or chartered; otherwise called the "charterer." 2 Steph. Comm. 148. In French law, the owner of a vessel is called the "freighter," "(fretueur;)") the merchant who hires it is called the "affreighter," "(affreteur;)") Emerig. Tr. des Ass. ch. 11, § 3.

FRENCHMAN. In early times, in English law, this term was applied to every stranger or "outlandish" man. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 15.

FRENDLESMAN. Sax. An outlaw. So called because on his outlawry he was denied all help of friends after certain days. Cowell; Blount.

FRENDWITE. In old English law. A mulct or fine exacted from him who harbored an outlawed friend. Cowell; Tomlins.
FRENETICUS. In old English law. A madman, or person in a frenzy. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 36.

FREOBORGH. A free-surety, or free-pledge. Spelman. See FRANK-PLEDGE.

FREQUENT. v. To visit often; to resort to often or habitually. Green v. State, 109 Ind. 175, 9 N. E. 781; State v. Ah Sam, 14 Or. 347, 13 Pac. 309.

Frequentia actus multum operatur. The frequency of an act effects much. 4 Coke, 78; Wing. Max. p. 719, max. 192. A continual usage is of great effect to establish a right.

FRERE. Fr. A brother. Frere eyrie, elder brother. Frere puisne, younger brother. Britt c. 75.

FRESCA. In old records. Fresh water, or rain and land flood.

FRESH. Immediate; recent; following without any material interval.

-Fresh disseisin. By the ancient common law, where a man had been disseised, he was allowed to right himself by force, by ejecting the disseisor from the premises, without resort to law, provided this was done forthwith, while the disseisin was fresh. Bract. fol. 1626. No particular time was limited for doing this, but Bracton suggested it should be fifteen days. See Brit. cc. 32, 43, 44, 65.-Fresh fine. In old English law. A fine that had been levied within a year past. St. Westm. 2, c. 45; Cowell.-Fresh force. Force done within forty days. Fitiz, Nat. Brev. 7; Old Nat. Brev. 4. The heir or reversioner in a case of disseisin by fresh force was allowed a remedy in chancery by bill before the mayor. Cowell.-Fresh pursuit. A pursuit instituted immediately, and with intent to reclaim or recapture, after an animal escaped, a thief dying with stolen goods, etc. People v. Pool, 27 Cal. 578; White v. State, 70 Miss. 253, 11 South. 692.-Fresh suit. In old English law. Immediate and unremitting pursuit of an escaping thief. "Such a present and earnest following of a robber as never ceases from the time of the robbery until apprehension. The party pursuing then had back again his goods, which otherwise were forfeited to the crown." Staunef. P. C. lib. 3, cc. 10, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 297.


FRITURER. Fr. In French marine law. To freight a ship; to let it. Emerig. Tr. des Ass. c. 11, § 3.

FRITUM, FRECTUM. In old English law. The freight of a ship; freight money. Cowell.

FRICT. Lat. A Strait.

-Frectum Britannicum. The strait between Dover and Calais.

FRIARS. An order of religious persons, of whom there were four principal branches, viz.: (1) Minors, Grey Friars, or Francis­cans; (2) Augustine; (3) Dominicans, or Black Friars; (4) White Friars, or Carmel­lites, from whom the rest descend. Wharton.

FRIUSCVOLUM. In the civil law. A temporary separation between husband and wife, caused by a quarrel or estrangement, but not amounting to a divorce, because not accompanied with an intention to dissolve the marriage.


FRIDHUBRGUS. In old English law. A kind of frank-pledge, by which the lords or principal men were made responsible for their dependents or servants. Bract. fol. 124b.

FRIEND. See AMICUS CURIAE.

FRIENDLESS MAN. In old English law. An outlaw; so called because he was denied all help of friends. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 12.

FRIENDLY SOCIETIES. In English law. Associations supported by subscription, for the relief and maintenance of the members, or their wives, children, relatives, and nominees, in sickness, infancy, advanced age, widowhood, etc. The statutes regulating these societies were consolidated and amended by St. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 60. Whar­ton.

FRIENDLY SUIT. A suit brought by a creditor in chancery against an executor or administrator, being really a suit by the ex­ecutor or administrator, in the name of a creditor, against himself, in order to compel the creditors to take an equal distribution of the assets. 2 Williams, Ex'rs, 1915. Also any suit instituted by agreement between the parties to obtain the opinion of the court upon some doubtful question in which they are interested.

FRIGIDITY. Impotence. Johnson.

FRILINGI. Persons of free descent, or freemen born; the middle class of persons among the Saxons. Spelman.

FRITH

FRITH. Sax. Peace, security, or protection. This word occurs in many compound terms used in Anglo-Saxon law.

—FRITHBORE. Frank-pledge. Cowell.—FRITHBOTE. A satisfaction or fine for a breach of the peace.—FRITHBREACH. The breaking of the peace. See FRITH SCAPE. The particular place or meeting for peace and friendship.—FRITHGILDA. Guildhall; a company or fraternity for the maintenance of peace and public security; and also fine for breach of the peace. Jacob.—FRITHMAN. A member of a company or fraternity.—FRITHSONE. Surety of defense. Jurisdiction of the peace. The franchise of preserving the peace. Also spelled "frithsonen."—FRITHSPLOT. A spot or plot of land, encircling some stone, tree, or well, considered sacred, and therefore affording sanctuary to criminals.—FRITHTOOL. The stool of peace. A stool or chair placed in a church or cathedral, and which was the symbol and place of sanctuary to those who fled to it and reached it.

FRIVOLOUS. An answer or plea is called "frivolous" when it is clearly insufficient on its face, and does not controvert the material points of the opposite pleading, and is presumably interposed for mere purposes of delay or to embarrass the plaintiff. Erwin v. Perry, 64 N. C. 321; Strong v. Sproul, 53 N. Y. 499; Gray v. Gildere, 4 Strob. (S. C.) 442; Peacock v. Williams (C. C.) 110 Fed. 916.

A frivolous demurrer has been defined to be one which is so clearly untenable, or its insufficiency so manifest upon a bare inspection of the pleadings, that its character may be determined without argument or research. Cottrill v. Cramer, 40 Wis. 595.

Synonyms. The terms "frivolous" and "sham," as applied to pleadings, do not mean the same thing. A sham plea is good on its face, but false in fact; it may, to all appearances, constitute a perfect defense, but is a pretense because false and because not pleaded in good faith. A frivolous plea may be perfectly true in its allegations, but yet is liable to be stricken out because totally insufficient in substance. Andrews v. Bandler (Sup.) 56 N. Y. Supp. 614; Brown v. Jenison, 1 Code R. N. S. (N. Y.) 157.


FRONTAGE—FRONTAGER. In English law a frontager is a person owning or occupying land which abuts on a highway, river, sea-shore, or the like. The term is generally used with reference to the liability of frontagers on streets to contribute towards the expense of paving, draining, or other works on the highway carried out by a local authority, in proportion to the frontage of their respective tenements. Sweet.

The term is also in a similar sense in American law, the expense of local improvements made by municipal corporations (such as paving, curbing, and sewering) being generally assessed on abutting property owners in proportion to the "frontage" of their lots on the street or highway, and an assessment so levied being called a "frontage assessment." Neenan v. Smith, 50 Mo. 531; Lyon v. Tonawanda (C. C.) 98 Fed. 366.

FRONTIER. In international law. That portion of the territory of any country which lies close along the border line of another country, and so "fronts" or faces it. The term means something more than the boundary line itself, and includes a tract or strip of country, of indefinite extent, contiguous to the line. Stoughton v. Mott, 15 Vt. 100.

FRUCTARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One who had the usufruct of a thing; i. e., the use of the fruits, profits, or increase, as of land or animals. Inst. 2, 1, 36, 58. Bracton applies it to a lessee, fermor, or farmer of land, or one who held lands ad firmam, for a farm or term. Bract. fol. 261.

FRUCTA. Lat. In the civil law. Fruit, fruits; produce; profit or increase; the organic productions of a thing. The right to the fruits of a thing belonging to another.

The compensation which a man receives from another for the use or enjoyment of a thing, such as interest or rent. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 167; Inst. 2, 1, 35, 37; Dig. 7, 1, 33; Id. 5, 3, 29; Id. 22, 1, 84.

—FRUCTUS CIVILIS. All revenues and recom pense which, though not fruits, properly speaking, are recognized as such by the law. The term includes such things as the rents and income of real property, interest on money loaned, and annuities. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 545.—FRUCTUS FUNDI. The fruits (produce or yield) of land.—FRUCTUS INDUSTRIALES. Industrial fruits, or fruits of industry. Those fruits of a thing, as of land, which are produced by the labor and industry of the occupant, as crops of grain; as distinguished from such as are produced solely by the powers of nature. Embellishments are so called in the common law. 2 Steph. Com. 228; 1 Chit. Com. Pr. 92. Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W. 36, 18 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571; Farnum v. Percy, 40 Mo. 223, 3 Am. Rep. 591; Smock v. Smock, 37 Mo. App. 54.

FRUCTUS NATURALES. Those products which are produced by the powers of nature alone; as wool, metals, milk, the young of animals. Sparrow v. Pond, 49 Minn. 412, 52 N. W. 36, 18 L. R. A. 103, 32 Am. St. Rep. 571.—FRUCTUS PENDENS. The produce or increase of flocks or herds.—FRUCTUS PENDENTES. Hanging fruits; those not severed from the stalk. These form a part of the principal thing. FRUCTUS REI ALIENAE. The fruits of another's property; fruits taken from another's estate. —FRUCTUS REI ALIENAE. Separate fruits; the fruits of a thing when they are separated from it. Dig. 7, 4, 13.—FRUCTUS STANTES. Standing fruits; those not yet severed from the stalk or stem.

FRUCTUS ANGUENT HEREDITATUM. The yearly increase goes to encrease the inheritance. Dig. 5, 3, 20, 3.

FRUCTUS PENDENTES PARS FUNDII VIDENTUR. Hanging fruits make part of the land. Dig. 6, 1, 44; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.
Fructus perceptos villa non esse constat. Gathered fruits do not make a part of the farm. Dig. 19, 1, 17; 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1578.


Fruit. The produce of a tree or plant which contains the seed or is used for food. This term, in legal acceptation, is not confined to the produce of those trees which in popular language are called "fruit trees," but applies also to the produce of oak, elm, and walnut trees. Bullen v. Denning, 5 Barn. & C. 847.

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Frumenta quae sata sunt solo cedere intelliguntur. Grain which is sown is understood to form a part of the soil. Inst. 2, 1, 32.

Frumentum. In the civil law. Grain. That which grows in an ear. Dig. 50, 16, 77.

Frumgyld. Sax. The first payment made to the kindred of a slain person in compensation for his murder. Blount.


Frusca Terra. In old records. Uncultivated and desert ground. 2 Mon. Angl. 327; Cowell.


Frustra agit qui judicium prosequi nequit cum effectu. He sue to no purpose who cannot prosecute his judgment with effect, [who cannot have the fruits of his judgment.] Fleta, lib. 6, c. 37, § 9.

Frustra [vana] est potentia quae nunquam venit in actum. That power is to no purpose which never comes into act, or which is never exercised. 2 Coke, 51.

Frustra expectatur eventus cujus effectus nullus sequitur. An event is vainly expected from which no effect follows.

Frustra furnatur leges nisi subditis et obedientibus. Laws are made to no purpose, except for those that are subject and obedient. Branch, Princ.

Frustra fit per plura, quod fieri potest per panegra. That is done to no purpose by many things which can be done by fewer. Jenk. Cent. p. 68, case 28. The employment of more means or instruments for effecting a thing than are necessary is to no purpose.

Frustra legis auxillum invocat [quem-quit qui in legem committit. He vainly invokes the aid of the law who transgresses the law. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 2, § 3; 2 Hale, P. C. 386; Broom, Max. 278, 297.

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when, being called in the county court, he does not appear, which legal interpretation makes flight. Wharton.

FUERO. In Spanish law. A law; a code. A general usage or custom of a province, having the force of law. Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 446, 9 L. Ed. 1137. Ir contra fuero, to violate a received custom. A grant of privileges and immunities. Conceder fueros, to grant exemptions. A charter granted to a city or town. Also designated as "cartas pueblos." An act of donation made to an individual, a church, or convent, on certain conditions. A declaration of a magistrate, in relation to taxation, fines, etc. A charter granted by the sovereign, or those having authority from him, establishing the franchises of towns, cities, etc. A place where justice is administered. A peculiar forum, before which a party is amenable.

The jurisdiction of a tribunal, which is entitled to take cognizance of a cause; as fuero ecclesiastico, fuero militar. See Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 64.

—Fuero de Castilla. The body of laws and customs which formerly governed the Castilians.—Fuero de correos y caminos. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the post-office and roads.—Fuero de guerra. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters in relation to persons serving in the army.—Fuero de marina. A special tribunal taking cognizance of all matters relating to the navy and to the persons employed therein.—Fuero Juzgo. The Forum Judicium; a code of laws established in the seventh century for the Visigothic kingdom in Spain. Some of its principles and rules are found surviving in the modern jurisprudence of that country. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 28.—Fuero militar. The body of laws granted to a city or town for its government and the administration of justice.—Fuero Real. The title of a code of Spanish law promulgated by Alphonso the Learned, (el Sabio), A. D. 955. It was the precursor of the Partidas. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 67.—Fuero Viejo. The title of a compilation of Spanish law, published about A. D. 992. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 65.


FUGACIA. A chase. Blount.

FUGAM FECIT. Lat. He has made flight; he fled. A clause inserted in an inquisition, in old English law, meaning that a person indicted for treason or felony had fled. The effect of this is to make the party forfeit his goods absolutely, and the profits of his lands until he has been pardoned or acquitted.


FUGTITATE. In Scotch practice. To outlaw, by the sentence of a court; to outlaw for non-appearance in a criminal case. 2 Ala. Crim. Pr. 350.

Fugitivation. When a criminal does not obey the court's order to answer, the court enacts sentence of fugitation against him, which induces a forfeiture of goods and chattels to the crown.

FUGITIVE. One who flees; always used in law with the implication of a flight, evasion, or escape from some duty or penalty or from the consequences of a misdeed.


—Fugitive offenders. In English law. Where a person accused of any offense punishable by imprisonment, with hard labor, for twelve months or more, has left that part of his majesty's dominions where the offense is presumed to have been committed, he is liable, if found in any other part of his majesty's dominions, to be apprehended and returned in manner provided by the fugitive offenders' act, 1831, to the part from which he is a fugitive. Wharton.—Fugitive slave. One who, held in bondage, flies from his master's power.—Fugitive act. An act of desertion. A fugitive act in 1703 (and also one enacted in 1859) providing for the surrender and deportation of slaves who escaped from their masters and fled into the territory of another state, generally a "free" state.

FUGITIVUS. In the civil law. A fugitive; a runaway slave. Dig. 11, 4; Cod. 6, 1. See the various definitions of this word in Dig. 21, 1, 17.

FUGUES. Fr. In medical jurisprudence. Ambulatory automatism. See AUTOMATISM.

FULL. Ample; complete; perfect; mature; not wanting in any essential quality. Mobile School Com'rs v. Putnam, 44 Ala. 537; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 177; Quinn v. Donovan, 85 Ill. 195.

—Full age. The age of legal majority, twenty-one years at common law, twenty-five in the civil law. 4 Bl. Comm. 463; Inst. 1, 23, pr.

—Full answer. In pleading. A complete and meritorious answer; one not wanting in any essential quality. Mobile School Com'rs v. Putnam, 44 Ala. 537; Reed v. Hazleton, 37 Kan. 177; Quinn v. Donovan, 85 Ill. 195.

—Full copy. In equity practice. A complete and unabridged transcript of all or other pleading, with all endorsements, and including a copy of all exhibits. Finley v. Hunter, 2 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 210, note.

—Full court. In practice. A court duly organized with all the judges present.
FUND, n. A sum of money set apart for a specific purpose, or available for the payment of debts or claims.

In its narrower and more usual sense, "fund" signifies "capital," as opposed to "interest" or "income;" as where we speak of a corporation funding the arrears of interest due on its bonds, or the like, meaning that the interest is capitalized with a view to providing a fund or permanent revenue for the payment thereof. Merrill v. Monticello (C. C.) 22 Fed. 596.

-Funded debt. To fund a debt is to pledge a specific fund to keep down the interest and reduce the principal. The term "fund" was originally applied to that portion of the public revenue set apart or pledged to the payment of a particular debt. Hence, as applied to the pecuniary obligations of states or municipal corporations, a funded debt is one for the payment of which a fund is appropriated, either specifically, or by a quasi pledging in advance of the public revenue. Ketchum v. Buffalo, 14 N. Y. 356; People v. Carpenter, 31 App. Div. 606, 62 N. Y. Supp. 781. As applied to the financial management of corporations (and sometimes of estates in course of administration or properties under receivership) funding means the borrowing of a sufficient sum of money to discharge a variety of debts or claims, or the like, and creating a "sinking fund" to keep down the interest and provide for the payment of debts or claims, as the case may be. People v. Carpenter, 31 App. Div. 606, 62 N. Y. Supp. 781; Lawrey v. Sterling, 41 Or. 518, 69 Pac. 460. This term is also sometimes so called, as where we speak of a corporation funding the arrears of interest due on its bonds, or the like, meaning that the interest is capitalized with a view to providing a fund or permanent revenue for the payment thereof. Merrill v. Monticello (C. C.) 22 Fed. 596.

FUNCTIONARY. A public officer or employee. An officer of a private corporation is also sometimes so called.

FUNCTION. Office; duty; fulfillment of a definite end or set of ends by the correct adjustment of means. The occupation of an office. By the performance of its duties, the officer is said to fulfill his function. Dig. 32, 65, 1. See State v. Hyde, 121 Ind. 20, 22 N. E. 644.

FUNCTIONAL DISEASE. In medical jurisprudence. One which prevents, obstructs, or interferes with the due performance of its special functions by any organ of the body, without anatomical defect or abnormality in the organ itself. See Higbee v. Guardian Mut. L. Ins. Co., 66 Barb. (N. Y.) 472. Distinguished from "organic" disease, which is due to some injury to, or lesion or malformation in, the organ in question.

FUL CUM AQUE. A stream, or form of water. Blount.

FULL. Money in hand; cash; money available for the payment of debts or claims.

FULLY ADMINISTERED. The English equivalent of the Latin phrase "plene administravit," being a plea by an executor or administrator who has completely and legally disposed of all the assets of the estate, and has nothing left out of which a new claim could be satisfied. See Ryan v. Boogher, 169 Mo. 673, 69 S. W. 1048.

FULLUM AQUAE. In old English law. The equivalent of the Latin phrase "plene administravit," meaning that the interest is capital, as opposed to "interest" or "income." In its narrower and more usual sense, "fund" signifies "capital," as opposed to "interest" or "income;" as where we speak of a corporation funding the arrears of interest due on its bonds, or the like, meaning that the interest is capitalized with a view to providing a fund or permanent revenue for the payment thereof. Merrill v. Monticello (C. C.) 22 Fed. 596.

FUNCTUS OFFICIO. Lat. Having fulfilled the function, discharged the office, or accomplished the purpose, and therefore of no further force or authority. Applied to an officer whose term has expired, and who has consequently no further official authority; and also to an instrument, power, agency, etc., which has fulfilled the purpose of its creation, and is therefore of no further virtue or effect.

FUND, v. To capitalize with a view to the production of interest. Stephen v. Miller, 24 N. J. Eq. 376. Also, to put into the form of bonds, stocks, or other securities, bearing regular interest, and to provide or appropriate a fund or permanent revenue for the payment thereof. Merrill v. Monticello (C. C.) 22 Fed. 596.

FULL INDORSEMENT. A full endorsement. In pleading. The formula of defense in a plea, stated at length and without abbreviation, thus: "And the said C. D., by BL...
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2. The proceeds of sales of real and personal estate, or the proceeds of any other assets converted into money. Doane v. Insurance Co., 43 N. J. Eq. 533, 11 Atl. 739.

3. Corporate stocks or government securities; in this sense usually spoken of as the "funds."

4. Assets, securities, bonds, or revenue of a state or government appropriated for the discharge of its debts.

—No funds. This term denotes a lack of assets or money for a specific use. It is the return made by a bank to a check drawn upon it by a person who has no deposit to his credit there; also by an executor, trustee, etc., who has no assets for the specific purpose.—Public funds. An untechnical name for (1) the revenue or money of a government, state, or municipal corporation; (2) the bonds, stocks, or other securities of a national or state government.—Sinking fund. The aggregate of sums of money (as those arising from particular taxes or sources of revenue) set apart and invested, usually at fixed intervals, for the extinguishment of the debt of a government or corporation, by the accumulation of interest. Elser v. Pt. Worth (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 740; Union Pac. R. Co. v. Buffalo County Com'r, 9 Neb. 449, 4 N. W. 53; Brooke v. Philadelphia, 162 Pa. 123, 29 Atl. 387, 24 L. R. A. 781.

—General fund. This phrase, in New York, is a collective designation of all the assets of a state which furnish the means for the support of government and for defraying the discretionary appropriations of the legislature. People v. Orange County Sup'rs, 27 Barb. (N. Y.) 575, 588.

FUNDAMENTAL ERROR. See Errors.

FUNDAMENTAL LAW. The law which determines the constitution of government in a state, and prescribes and regulates the manner of its exercise; the organic law of a state; the constitution.

FUNDAMUS. We found. One of the words by which a corporation may be created in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 473; 3 Steph. Comm. 173.

FUNDATIO. Lat. A founding or foundation. Particularly applied to the creation and endowment of corporations. As applied to elementary corporations such as colleges and hospitals, it is said that "fundatio incipiens" is the incorporation or grant of corporate powers, while "fundatio perficiens" is the endowment or grant of gift of funds or revenues. Dartmouth College v. Woodward, 4 Wheat. 667, 4 L. Ed. 629.

FUNDATOR. A founder, (q. v.)

FUNDI PATRIMONIALES. Lands of inheritance.

FUNDITORES. Pioneers. Jacob.

FUNDUS. In the civil and old English law. Land; land or ground generally; land, without considering its specific use; land, including buildings generally; a farm.

FUNERAL EXPENSES. Money expended in procuring the interment of a corpse.

FUNGIBLE THINGS. Movable goods which may be estimated and replaced according to weight, measure, and number. Things belonging to a class, which do not have to be dealt with in specie.

Those things one specimen of which is as good as another, as is the case with half-crowns, or pounds of rice of the same quality, horses, slaves, and so forth, are fungible things, because they differ individually in value, and cannot be exchanged indifferently one for another.

Where a thing which is the subject of an obligation (which one man is bound to deliver to another) must be delivered in specie, the thing is not fungible; that very individual thing, and not another thing of the same or another class, in lieu of it, must be delivered. Where the subject of the obligation is a thing of a given class, the thing is said to be fungible; i. e., the delivery of any object which answers to the generic description will satisfy the terms of the obligation. Aust. Jur. 483, 484.

FUNGIBLES RES. Lat. In the civil law. Fungible things. See that title.

FUR. Lat. A thief. One who stole secretly or without force or weapons, as opposed to robber.

—Fur manifestus. In the civil law. A manifest thief. A thief who is taken in the very act of stealing.

—Furandi animus. Lat. An intention of stealing.

FURCA. In old English law. A fork. A gallows or gibbet. Bract. fol. 56.

—Furca et flagellum. Gallows and whip. Tenure ad furcam et flagellum, tenure by gallows and whip. The meanest of servile tenures, where the bondman was at the disposal of his lord for life and limb. Cowell.—Furca et fossa. Gallows and pit, or pit and gallows. A term used in ancient charters to signify a jurisdiction of punishing thieves, viz., men by hanging, women by drowning. Spelman; Cowell.

FURIGELDUM. A fine or mulct paid for theft.

Furiosi nulla voluntas est. A madman has no will. Dig. 50, 17, 40; Broom, Max. 314.

FURIOUS. In Scotch law. Madness, as distinguished from fatuity or idiocy.

—Furioso absentes loco est. A madman is the same with an absent person, [that is, his presence is of no effect.] Dig. 50, 17, 24, 1.

Furiosus nullum negotium contraehere potest. A madman can contract nothing, [can make no contract.] Dig. 50, 17, 5.
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Furious solo furor punitur. A madman is punished by his madness alone; that is, he is not answerable or punishable for his actions. Co. Litt. 2477; 4 Bl. Comm. 24, 396; Broom, Max. 1A.

Furious stipulare non potest nec aliquid negotium agere, qui non intelligent quid agit. 4 Coke, 126. A madman who knows not what he does cannot make a bargain, nor transact any business.

FURLINGUS. A furlong, or a furrow one-eighth part of a mile long. Co. Litt. 55.

FURLONG. A measure of length, being forty poles, or one-eighth of a mile.

FURLOUGH. Leave of absence; especially, leave given to a military or naval officer, or soldier or seaman, to be absent from service for a certain time. Also the document granting leave of absence.

FURNAGE. See FORNAGUM; FOUR.

FURNISH. To supply; provide; provide for use. Delp v. Brewing Co., 128 Pa. 42, 15 Atl. 871; Wyatt v. Larimer & W. Irr. Co., 1 Colo. App. 480, 29 Pac. 906. Goods furnished or supplied; whatever must be furnished or supplied to a house, a room, or the like, to be used for use and ornament of the householder, or the ornament of the house, or apartment, for use or convenience.

FURNITURE. This term includes all personal chattels, which are almost innumerable. Wea. Cas. No. 17,310—Household furniture. This term comprehends all articles furnished by ship-chandlers, which are almost innumerable. Wea. Cas. No. 17,310—Household furniture. This term includes all personal chattels which may contribute to the use or convenience of the householder, or the ornament of the house; as plate, linen, china, both useful and ornamental, and pictures. But goods in trade, books, and wines will not pass by a bargain, to stand over for further consideration, to be presented, since the cause could not be set down before the judge who made the decree or order, to be proceeded with. Where a master made a separate report, or one not in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, the cause was again set down before the judge who made the decree or order, to be proceeded with. When a master ordinary in chancery made a report in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, the cause consent is needed. Dig. 23, 2, 16, 2; 1 Ves. & B. 140; 1 Bl. Comm. 459; Wightman v. Wightman, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 545, 345.


—Further advance. A second or subsequent loan of money to a mortgagee, either upon the same security and the original loan was advanced upon, or an additional security. Equity considers the arrears of interest on a mortgage security converted into principal, by agreement between the parties, as a further advance. Wharton.—Further assurance, covenant for. See COVENANT.—Further consideration. In English practice, upon a motion for judgment or application for a new trial, the court may, if it shall be of opinion that it has not sufficient materials before it to enable it to give judgment, direct the motion to stand over for further consideration, and direct such issues or questions to be tried or determined, and such accounts and inquiries to be taken and made, as it may think fit. Rules of Civ. Proc. Sup. Ct. xl, 10.—Further directions. When a master ordinary in chancery made a report in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, the cause was again set down before the judge who made the decree or order, to be proceeded with. Where a master made a separate report, or one not in pursuance of a decree or decretal order, a petition for consequential directions had to be presented, since the cause could not be set down for further directions under such circumstances. See 2 Daniell, Ch. Pr. (5th Ed.) 1229, note.—Further hearing. In practice. Hearing at another time. —Further maintenance of action, plea to. A plea grounded upon some fact or facts which have arisen since the commencement of the suit, and which the defendant puts forward for the purpose of showing that the plaintiff should not further maintain his action. Brown.

FURTHERANCE. In criminal law, furthering, helping forward, promotion, or advancement of a criminal project or conspiracy. Powers v. Comm., 114 Ky. 257, 70 S. W. 652.

FURTIVE. In old English law. Stealthily; by stealth. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 3.

FURUM. Lat. Theft. The fraudulent appropriation to one's self of the property of another, with an intention to commit theft without the consent of the owner. Fleta, 1, c. 36; Bract. fol. 150; 3 Inst. 107.

The thing which has been stolen. Bract. fol. 151.

—Furum conceptum. In Roman law. The theft which was disclosed where, upon search,
ing any one in the presence of witnesses in due form, the thing stolen was discovered in his possession.—Furtum grave. In Scotch law. An aggravated degree of theft, anciently punished with death. It still remains an open point what amount of value raises the theft to this serious denomination. 1 Broun, 352, note. See 1 Swint. 467.—Furtum manifestum. Open theft. Theft where a thief is caught with the property in his possession. Bract. fol. 1506.—Furtum-oblatum. In the civil law. Offered theft. Oblatum furtum dicitur cum res furta ab aliquo tibi obdata sit, eaque apud te concepta sit. Theft is called “oblatum” when a thing stolen is offered to you by any one, and found upon you. Inst. 4, 1, 4.

Furtum est contrectatio rei alienae fraudulenta, cum animo furandi, invito illo domino cujus res ilia fuerat. 3 Inst. 107. Theft is the fraudulent handling of another's property, with an intention of stealing, against the will of the proprietor, whose property it was.

Furtum non est ubi initium habet detentio per dominionem rei. 3 Inst. 107. There is no theft where the foundation of the detention is based upon ownership of the thing.

FUSTIGATIO. In old English law. A beating with sticks or clubs; one of the ancient kinds of punishment of malefactors. Bract. fol. 1043, lib. 3, tr. 1, c. 6.

FUSTIS. In old English law. A staff, used in making livery of seisin. Bract. fol. 1043, lib. 3, tr. 1, c. 6.

A baton, club, or cudgel.

FUTURE DEBT. In Scotch law. A debt which is created, but which will not become due till a future day. 1 Bell, Comm. 815.

FUTURE ESTATE. See Estate.

FUTURES. This term has grown out of those purely speculative transactions, in which there is a nominal contract of sale for future delivery, but where in fact none is ever intended or executed. The nominal seller does not have or expect to have the stock or merchandise he purports to sell, nor does the nominal buyer expect to receive it or to pay the price. Instead of that, a percentage or margin is paid, which is increased or diminished as the market rates go up or down, and accounted for to the buyer. King v. Quilnuck Co., 14 R. I. 158; Lemanius v. Mayer, 71 Miss. 514, 14 South. 35; Plank v. Jackson, 123 Ind. 424, 26 N. E. 568.

FUTURI. Lat. Those who are to be. Part of the commencement of old deeds. “Sclante praesentes et futuri, quod ego tali, dedit et concessit,” etc., (Let all men now living and to come know that I, A. B., have, etc.) Bract. fol. 349.

FUZ, or FUST. A Celtic word, meaning a wood or forest.

FYHTWITE. One of the fines incurred for homicide.


FYLER. In old Scotch law. To declare the fault or defile. Hence, to find a prisoner guilty.

FYLIT. In old Scotch practice. Fyled; found guilty. See FYLE.

FYRD. Sax. In Anglo-Saxon law. The military array or land force of the whole country. Contribution to the fyrd was one of the imposts forming the trinoda necessitas. (Also spelled “fird” and “frd.”)

—FYRFARE. A summoning forth to join a military expedition; a summons to join the fyrd or army.—Fyrdsocne, (or fyrdsoken.) Exemption from military duty; exemption from service in the fyrd.—FYRDWITE. A fine imposed for neglecting to join the fyrd when summoned. Also a fine imposed for murder committed in the army; also an acquittance of such fine.
G. In the Law French orthography, this letter is often substituted for the English W, particularly as an initial. Thus, "gage" for "wage," "garranty" for "warranty," "gast" for "waste."

GABEL. An excise; a tax on movables; a rent, custom, or service. Co. Litt. 213.

GABELLA. The Law Latin form of "gabel," (q. v.)

GABELATORES. Persons who paid gabel, rent, or tribute. Domesday; Cowell.

GABLUM. A rent; a tax. Domesday; Du Cange. The gable-end of a house. Cowell.


GAFFOLDGILD. The payment of custom or tribute. Scott.

GAFFOLDLAND. Property subject to the gaffoldgild, or liable to be taxed. Scott.

GAFO. The same word as "gabel" or "gavel." Rent; tax; interest of money.

GAGE, v. In old English law. To pawn or pledge; to give as security for a payment or performance; to wage or wager.

GAGE, n. In old English law. A pawn or pledge; something deposited as security for the performance of some act or the payment of money, and to be forfeited on failure or non-performance. Glanv. lib. 10, c. 6; Britt. c. 27.

A mortgage is a dead-gage or pledge; for, whatsoever profit it yields, it redeems not itself, unless the whole amount secured is paid at the appointed time. Cowell.

In French law. The contract of pledge or pawn; also the article pawned.

—Gage, estates in. Those held in radius, or pledge. They are of two kinds: (1) Vivos radius, or living pledge, or vifgage; (2) mortuum radius, or dead pledge, better known as "mortgage."

GAGER DE DELIVERANCE. In old English law. When he who has distrained, being sued, has not delivered the cattle distrained, then he shall not only avow the distress, but gager deliverance, i.e., put in surety or pledge that he will deliver them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev.

GAGER DEL LEY. Wager of law, (q. v.)


GAINAGE. The gain or profit of tilled or planted land, raised by cultivating it; and the draught, plow, and furniture for carrying on the work of tillage by the baser kind of sokemen or villeins. Bract. l. i. c. 9.

GAINERY. Tillage, or the profit arising from it, or from the beasts employed therein.


GAJUM. A thick wood. Spelman.

GALENES. In old Scotch law. Amends or compensation for slaughter. Bell.

GALLIVOLATIUM. A cock-shoot, or cock-glade.


GALLOWES. A scaffold; a beam laid over either one or two posts, from which malefactors are hanged.

GAMACTA. In old European law. A stroke or blow. Spelman.

GAMALIS. A child born in lawful wedlock; also one born to betrothed but unmarried parents. Spelman.

GAMBLE. To game or play at a game for money. Buckley v. O'Niel, 113 Mass. 193, 18 Am. Rep. 466. The word "gamble" is perhaps the most apt and substantial to convey
the idea of unlawful play that our language affords. It is inclusive of hazarding and betting as well as playing. Bennett v. State, 2 Yerg. (Tenn.) 474.

—Gambler. One who follows or practices games of chance or skill, with the expectation and purpose of thereby winning money or other property. Buckley v. O'Niel, 113 Mass. 193, 18 Am. Rep. 466.—Gambling. See Gaming.


GAME. 1. Birds and beasts of a wild nature, obtained by fowling and hunting. Bacon, Abr. See Coolidge v. Choate, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 79. The term is said to include (in England) hares, pheasants, partridges, grouse, heath or moor game, black game, and bustards. Brown. See 1 & 2 Wil. IV. c. 32.

—Game-keeper. One who has the care of keeping and preserving the game on an estate, being appointed thereto by a lord of a manor.

—Game-laws. Laws passed for the preservation of game. They usually forbid the killing of specified game during certain seasons or by certain described means. As to English game-laws, see 2 Steph. Comm. 82; 1 & 2 Wil. IV. c. 32.

2. A sport or pastime, played with cards, dice, or other appliances or contrivances. See Gaming.

—Game of chance. One in which the result, as to success or failure, depends less upon the skill and experience of the player than upon purely fortuitous or accidental circumstances, incidental to the game or the manner of playing it or the device or apparatus with which it is played, but not under the control of the player. A game of skill, on the other hand, although the element of chance necessarily cannot be entirely eliminated, is one in which success depends principally upon the superior knowledge, attention, experience, and skill of the player, and not upon elements of luck or chance if the game are overcome, improved, or turned to his advantage. People v. Lavin, 179 N. Y. 164, 71 N. E. 753, 66 L. R. A. 601; Stearnes v. State, 21 Tex. 692; Harless v. U. S., Morris (N. Y.) 101, 46 Am. Dec. 449; Anderson v. State (Tex. App.) 12 S. W. 809; People v. Weithoff, 51 Mich. 203, 16 N. W. 442, 47 Am. Rep. 557; Morgan v. State, 42 Tex. Cr. R. 422, 60 S. W. 763.

GANANCIAL PROPERTY. In Spanish law. A species of community in property enjoyed by husband and wife, the property being divisible between them equally on a dissolution of the marriage. 1 Burge, Confl. 763.

GAMBLING. The act or practice of playing games for stakes or wagers; gambling; the playing at any game of hazard. An agreement between two or more persons to play together at a game of chance for a stake or wager which is to become the property of the winner, and to which all contribute. In re Stewart (D. C.) 21 Fed. 398; People v. Todd, 51 Hun, 446, 4 N. Y. Supp. 25; State v. Shaw, 39 Minn. 153, 39 N. W. 1035; State v. Morgan, 135 N. C. 745, 45 S. E. 1003.

Gambling is an agreement between two or more to risk money on a contest or chance of any kind, where one must be loser and the other gain. Bell v. State, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 507.

In general, the words "gaming" and "gambling," in statutes, are similar in meaning, and either one comprehends the idea that, by a bet, by chance, by some exercise of skill, or by the transpiring of some event unknown until it occurs, something of value is, as the conclusion of a game or other premises agreed, to be transferred from a loser to a winner, without which latter element there is no gambling or gaming. Bish. St. Crimes, § 588.

"Gambling" implies, when used as describing a condition, an element of illegality; and, when people are said to be "gaming," this generally supposes that the "games" have been games in which money comes to the victor or his backers. When used as describing "game" or "gaming" in statutes, it is almost always in connection with words giving them the latter sense. In such case it is only by averring and proving the difference that the prosecution can be sustained. But when "gaming" is spoken of in a statute as indictable, it is to be regarded as convertible with "gambling." 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1465b.

"Gaming" is properly the act or engagement of the player. If by-standers or other third persons put up a stake or wager among themselves, to go to one or the other according to the result of the game, this is more correctly termed "betting."

—Gaming contracts. See Wager.—Gaming-houses. In criminal law. Houses in which gambling is carried on as business of the occupants, and which are frequented by persons for that purpose. They are nuisances, and provide a place for the employment of persons for that purpose. 1 Russ. Crimes, 299; Rose Crim. Ev. 663; People v. Jackson, 8 Denio (N. Y.) 101, 46 Am. Dec. 449; Anderson v. State (Tex. App.) 12 S. W. 809; People v. Weithoff, 51 Mich. 203, 16 N. W. 442, 47 Am. Rep. 557; Morgan v. State, 42 Tex. Cr. R. 422, 60 S. W. 763.

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GANG-WEEK. The time when the bounds of the parish are lustrated or gone over by the parish officers,—rogation week. Enc. Lond.

GANGIATORI. Officers in ancient times whose business it was to examine weights and measures. Skene.

GANTELOPE, (pronounced "gauntlett.") A military punishment, in which the criminal running between the ranks receives a lash from each man. Enc. Lond. This was called "running the gauntlet."

GAOL. A prison for temporary confinement; a jail; a place for the confinement of offenders against the law.

There is said to be a distinction between "gao" and "prison," the former being a place for temporary or provisional confinement, or for
the punishment of the lighter offenses and misdeemors, while the latter is a place for permanent or long-continued confinement, or for the punishment of graver crimes. In modern usage, this distinction is commonly taken between the words "gaol" and "penitentiary," or (state's prison,) but the name "prison" is indiscriminately applied to either.

—Gaol liberties, gaol limits. A district around a gaol, defined by limits, within which prisoners are allowed to go at large on giving security to return. It is considered a part of the gaol.—Gaoler. The master or keeper of a prison; one who has the custody of a place where prisoners are confined.

GAOL DELIVERY. In criminal law. The delivery or clearing of a gaol of the prisoners confined therein, by trying them.

In popular speech, the clearing of a gaol by the escape of the prisoners.

—General gaol delivery. In English law. At the assizes (p. e.) the judges sit by virtue of five several authorities, one of which is the commission of "general gaol delivery. This empowers them to try and deliverance make of every prisoner who shall be in the gaol when the judges arrive at the circuit town, whether an indictment has been preferred at any previous assize or not. 4 Bl. Comm. 270. This is also a part of the title of some American criminal courts, as, in Pennsylvania, the "court of eyer and terminer and general jail delivery."

GARANTIA, or GARANTIA. A warranty. Spelman.

GARANTIE. In French law. This word corresponds to warranty or covenants for title in English law. In the case of a sale this garantie extends to two things: (1) Peaceful possession of the thing sold; and (2) absence of undisclosed defects, (défaut caché.) Brown.

GARATHIX. In old Lombardic law. A gift; a free or absolute gift; a gift of the whole of a thing. Spelman.

GARAUTOR. L. Fr. In old English law. A warrantor of land; a vocuee; one bound by a warranty to defend the title and seizin of his alienee, or, on default thereof, and on eviction of the tenant, to give him other lands of equal value. Brit. c. 75.

GARBA. In old English law. A bundle or sheaf. Blada in garbe, corn or grain in sheaves. Reg. Orig. 96; Bract. fol. 209.


GARBALES DECIMÆ. In Scotch law. Tithes of corn, (grain.) Bell.

GARBLE. In English statutes. To sort or cull out the good from the bad in spices, drugs, etc. Cowell.

—Garbler of spices. An ancient officer in the city of London, who might enter into any shop, warehouse, etc., to view and search drugs and spices, and garble and make clean the same, or see that it be done. Moxley & Whitley.
money or effects of a defendant in attachment...
GAVELET. An ancient and special kind of cessavit, used in Kent and London for the recovery of rent. Obsolete. The statute of gavel et is 10 Edw. II. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 12, p. 298. See Emig v. Cunningham, 62 Md. 400.

GAVELKIND. A species of socage tenure common in Kent, in England, where the lands descend to all the sons, or heirs of the nearest degree, together; may be disposed of by will; do not escheat for felony; may be aliened by the heir at the age of fifteen; and dower and curtesy is given of half the land. Stim. Law Gloss.

GAVELLER. An officer of the English crown having the general management of the mines, pits, and quarries in the Forest of Dean and Hundred of St. Briavel's, subject, in some respects, to the control of the commissioners of woods and forests. He grants gales to free miners in their proper order, accepts surrenders of gales, and keeps the registers required by the acts. There is a deputy-gaveller, who appears to exercise most of the gaveller's functions. Sweet.

GAZETTE. The official publication of the English government, also called the "London Gazette." It is evidence of acts of state, and of everything done by the king in his political capacity. Orders of adjudication are required to be published therein; and the production of a copy of the "Gazette," containing a copy of the order of adjudication, is evidence of the fact. Mosley & Whitley.

GEBOCED. An Anglo-Saxon term, meaning "conveyed."

GEBOCION. In Saxon law. To convey; to transfer buckle land, (book-land or land held by charter.) The granter was said to geboci an the alieenee. See 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

GEBURSCRIPT. In old English law. Neighborhood or adjoining district. Cowell.

GEBURUS. In old English law. A country neighbor; an inhabitant of the same geburscript, or village. Cowell.

Gель. In Saxon law. Money or tribute. A mulct, compensation, value, price. Angold was the single value of a thing; twegeld, double value, etc. So, weregeld was the value of a man slain; orfegeld, that of a beast. Brown.

GELDABILIS. In old English law. Taxable; geldeable.

GELDABLE. LIABLE TO PAY GELD; LIABLE TO BE TAXED. Kelham.

GELDING. A horse that has been castrated, and which is thus distinguished from the horse in his natural and unaltered condition. A "ridging" (a half-castrated horse) is not a gelding, but a horse, within the denomination of animals in the statutes. Brisco v. State, 4 Tex. App. 219, 30 Am. Rep. 162.

GEMMA. Lat. In the civil law. A gem; a precious stone. Gems were distinguished by their transparency; such as emeralds, chrysolites, amethysts. Dig. 34, 2, 19, 17.

GEMOT. In Saxon law. A meeting or moot; a convention; a public assembly. These were of several sorts, such as the witena-gemot, or meeting of the wise men; the folco-gemot, or general assembly of the people; the shire-gemot, or county court; the burg-gemot, or borough court; the hundred-gemot, or hundred court; the hall-gemot, or court-baron; the hal-mote, a convention of citizens in their public hall; the holy-mote, or holy court; the svein-gemot, or forest court; the ward-mote, or ward court. Wharton; Cunningham.

GENEARCH. The head of a family.

GENEATH. In Saxon law. A villein, or agricultural tenant, (villanus villicus;) a hind or farmer, (firmarius rusticus.) Spelman.

GENER. Lat. In the civil law. A son-in-law; a daughter's husband. (Filius vir.) Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

GENERAL. Pertaining to, or designating, the genus or class, as distinguished from that which characterizes the species or individual. Universal, not particularized; as opposed to special. Principal or central; as opposed to local. Open or available to all, as opposed to select. Obtaining commonly, or recognized universally; as opposed to particular. Universal or unbounded; as opposed to limited. Comprehending the whole, or directed to the whole; as distinguished from anything applying to or designed for a portion only.

As a noun, the word is the title of a principal officer in the army, usually one who commands a whole army, division, corps, or brigade. In the United States army, the rank of "general" is the highest possible, next to the commander in chief, and is only occasionally created. The officers next in rank are lieutenant general, major general, and brigadier general.

—General assembly. A name given in some of the United States to the senate and house of representatives, which compose the legislative body. See State v. Gear, 5 Ohio Dec. 508.—General council. (1) A council consisting of members of the Roman Catholic Church from most parts of the world, but not from every part, as an ecumenical council. (2) One of the names of the English parliament.—General court. The name given to the legislature of Massachusetts and of New Hampshire, in colonial times, and subsequently by their constitutions; so called because the
colonial legislature of Massachusetts grew out of the general court or meeting of the Massachusetts Company. Cent. Dict. See Citizens' Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Topeka, 20 Wall. 696, 22 L. Ed. 453.—General credit. The character of a witness as one generally worthy of credit. According to Bouvier, there is a distinction between this and "particular credit," which may be affected by proof of particular facts relating to the particular action. See Bennis v. Kyle, 5 Abb. Prac. (N. S.) (N. Y.) 233.—General field. Several distinct lots or pieces of land inclosed and fenced in as one common field. Mansfield v. Hawkes, 14 Mass. 440.—General inclosure act. The statute 41 Geo. III, c. 108, which consolidates a number of regulations as to the inclosure of common fields and waste lands.—General interest. In speaking of matters of public and general interest, the terms "public" and "general" are sometimes used as synonyms. But in regard to the admissibility of hearsay evidence, a distinction has been taken between them, the term "public" being strictly applied to that which concerns every member of the state, and the term "general" being confined to a lesser, though still a considerable, portion of the community. Tayl. Ev. § 603.—General land-office. In the United States, one of the bureaus of the interior department, which has charge of the survey, sale, granting of patents, and other matters relating to the public lands.


GENERALE. The usual commons in a religious house, distinguished from pietatis, which on extraordinary occasions were allowed beyond the commons. Cowell.

Generale dictum generaliter est interpretandum. A general expression is to be interpreted generally. 8 Coke, 116a.


Generale tantum valet in generalibus, quantum singulare in singulis. What is general is of as much force among general things as what is particular is among things particular. 11 Coke, 59b.


Generalia sunt preponenda singularibus. Branch, Princ. General things are to precede particular things.

Generalia verba sunt generaliter intelligenda. General words are to be understood generally, or in a general sense. 3 Inst. 79; Broom, Max. 647.


Generalis clausula non porrigitur ad ea quae antea specialiter sunt comprehensa. A general clause does not extend to those things which are previously provided for specially. 8 Coke, 1546. Therefore, where a deed at the first contains special words, and afterwards concludes in general words, both words, as well general as special, shall stand.

Generalis regula generaliter est intelligenda. A general rule is to be understood generally. 6 Coke, 65.

Generals of Orders. Chiefs of the several orders of monks, friars, and other religious societies.

Generatio. The issue or offspring of a mother-monastery. Cowell.


Gens. Lat. In Roman law. A tribe or clan; a group of families, connected by common descent and bearing the same name, being all free-born and of free ancestors, and in possession of full civic rights.


Gentiles. In Roman law. The members of a gens or common tribe.

Gentleman. In English law. A person of superior birth. Under the denomination of "gentlemen" are comprised all above yeoman; whereby noble-
men are truly called "gentlemen." Smith de Rep. Ang. lib. 1, cc. 20, 21.

A "gentleman" is defined to be one who, without any title, bears a coat of arms, or whose ancestors have been freemen; and, by the coat that a gentleman giveth, he is known to be, or not to be, descended from those of his name that lived many hundred years since. Jacob. See Cresson v. Cresson, 6 Fed. Cas. 509.

GENTLEMAN USHER. One who holds a post at court to usher others to the presence, etc.

GENTLEWOMAN. A woman of birth above the common, or equal to that of a gentleman; an addition of a woman's state or degree.

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GENTOO LAW. See HINDU LAW.

GENUINE. As applied to notes, bonds, and other written instruments, this term means that they are truly what they purport to be, and that they are not false, forged, fictitious, simulated, spurious, or counterfeit. Baldwin v. Van Deusen, 37 N. Y. 492; Smeltzer v. White, 92 U. S. 392, 23 L. Ed. 508; Dow v. Speney, 29 Mo. 390; Cox v. Northwestern Stage Co., 1 Idaho, 379.

GENUS. In the civil law. A general class or division, comprising several species. In toto jure generi pro speciem derogatur, et illud potissimum habetur quod ad speciem directum est, throughout the law, the species takes from the genus, and that is most particularly regarded which refers to the species. Dig. 50, 17, 80.

A man's lineage, or direct descendants. In logic, it is the first of the universal ideas, and is when the idea is so common that it extends to other ideas which are also universal; e.g., incorporeal hereditament is genus with respect to a rent, which is species. Woolley, Introd. Log. 45; 1 Mill, Log. 133.

GEORGE-NOBLE. An English gold coin, value 6s. 8d.

GERECHTSBODE. In old New York law. A court messenger or constable. O'Callaghan, New Neth. 322.

GEREFA. In Saxon law. Greve, reve, or receive; a ministerial officer of high antiquity in England; answering to the grave or graf (praefo) of the early continental nations. The term was applied to various grades of officers, from the scyro-gerefa, shire-grefo, or shire-reve, who had charge of the county, (and whose title and office have been perpetuated in the modern "sherriff") down to the fun-gerefa, or town-reve, and lower. Burill.

GERENS. Bearing. Genens datum, bearing date. 1 Id. Raym. 336; Hob. 19.

GERMAN. Whole, full, or own, in respect to relationship or descent. Brothers-german, as opposed to half-brothers, are those who have both the same father and mother. Cousins-german are "first" cousins; that is, children of brothers or sisters.

GERMANUS. Lat. Descended of the same stock, or from the same couple of ancestors; of the whole or full blood. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 145.

GERMEN TERRÆ. Lat. A sprout of the earth. A young tree, so called.

GERONTOCOMI. In the civil law. Officers appointed to manage hospitals for the aged poor.

GERONTOCOMIUM. In the civil law. An institution or hospital for taking care of the old. Cod. 1, 3, 46, 1; Calvin.

GERRYMANDER. A name given to the process of dividing a state or other territory into the authorized civil or political divisions, but with such a geographical arrangement as to accomplish a sinister or unlawful purpose, as, for instance, to secure a majority for a given political party in districts where the result would be otherwise if they were divided according to obvious natural lines, or to arrange school districts so that children of certain religions or nationalities shall be brought within one district and those of a different religion or nationality in another district. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.

GERSAMARIUS. In old English law. Fineable; liable to be amerced at the discretion of the lord of a manor. Cowell.

GERSUME. In old English law. Expense; reward; compensation; wealth. It is also used for a fine or compensation for an offense. 2 Mon. Angl. 973.

GEST. In Saxon law. A guest. A name given to a stranger on the second night of his entertainment in another's house. Twonight gest.

GESTATION. UTERO-GESTATION. In medical jurisprudence. The time during which a female, who has conceived, carries the embryo or fetus in her uterus.

GESTIO. In the civil law. Behavior or conduct.

Management or transaction. Neoporatorium gestio, the doing of another's business; an interference in the affairs of another in his absence, from benevolence or friendship, and without authority. Dig. 3, 5, 45; Id. 46, 3, 12, 4; 2 Kent, Comm. 616, note.

—Gestio pro herede. Behavior as heir. This expression was used in the Roman law, and adopted in the civil law and Scotch law, to denote conduct on the part of a person appointed heir to a deceased person, or otherwise entitled to succeed as heir, which indicates an
Intention to enter upon the inheritance, and to hold himself out as heir to creditors of the deceased; as by receiving the rents due to the deceased, or by taking possession of his title-deeds, etc. Such acts will render the heir liable to the debts of his ancestor. Mooley & Whitley.

GESTOR. In the civil law. One who acts for another, or transacts another's business. Calvin.

GESTU ET FAMA. An ancient and obsolete writ resorted to when a person's good behavior was impeached. Lamb. Eur. l. 4, c. 14.

GESTUM. Lat. In Roman law. A deed or act; a thing done. Some writers affected to make a distinction between "gestum" and "factum." But the best authorities pronounced this subtle and indefensible. Dig. 56, 16, 53.


GEWINTESA. In Saxon law. The ancient convention of the people to decide a cause.

GEWITNESSSA. In Saxon and old English law. The giving of evidence.

GEWRITE. In Saxon law. Deeds or charters; writings. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

GIBBET. A gallows; the post on which malefactors are hanged, or on which their bodies are exposed. It differs from a common gallows, in that it consists of one perpendicular post, from the top of which proceeds one arm, except it be a double gibbet, which is formed in the shape of the Roman capital T. Enc. Lond.

GIBBET LAW. Lynch law; in particular a custom anciently prevailing in the parish of Halifax, England, by which the free burgheers held a summary trial of any one accused of petit larceny, and, if they found him guilty, ordered him to be decapitated.


A gift is a transfer of personal property, made voluntarily and without consideration. Civil Code Cal. § 1146.

In popular language, a voluntary conveyance or assignment is called a "deed of gift."

"Gift" and "advancement" are sometimes used interchangeably as expressive of the same operation. But, while an advancement is always a gift, a gift is very frequently not an advancement. In re Dewees' Estate, 3 Brewst. (Pa.) 314.

In English law. A conveyance of lands in tail; a conveyance of an estate in tail in which the operative words are "I give," or "I have given." 2 Bl. Comm. 516; 1 Steph. Comm. 473.

—Absolute gift, as distinguished from one made in contemplation of death, is one by which the donee becomes in the lifetime of the donor the absolute owner of the thing given, whereas a donatio mortis causa leaves the whole title in the donor, unless the event occurs (the death of the donor) which is to divest him. Buecker v. Carr, 69 N. J. Eq. 300, 47 Atl. 84. As distinguished from a gift in trust, it is one where not only the legal title but the beneficial ownership as well is vested in the donee. Watkins v. Bigelow, 93 Minn. 219, 100 N. W. 1104.—Gift enterprise. A scheme for the division or distribution of certain articles of property, to be determined by chance, among those who have taken shares in the scheme. The phrase has attained such a notoriety as to justify a court in taking judicial notice of what is meant and understood by it. Lohman v. State, 81 Ind. 17; Lachansburg v. District of Columbia, 11 App. D. C. 524; State v. Shugart, 136 Ala. 83, 53 South. 190; At. St. Rep. 17; Winston v. Besson, 135 N. C. 271, 47 S. E. 457, 65 L. R. A. 167.

GIFTA AQUÆ. The stream of water to a mill. Mon. Angl. tom. 3.

GIF TOMAN. In Swedish law. The right to dispose of a woman in marriage; or the person possessing such right,—her father, if living, or, if he be dead, the mother.

GILD. In Saxon law. A tax or tribute. Spelman.

A fine, mulct, or amerciation; a satisfaction or compensation for an injury.

A fraternity, society, or company of persons combined together, under certain regulations, and with the king's license, and so called because its expenses were defrayed by the contributions (geld, gild) of its members. Spelman. In other words, a corporation; called, in Latin, "societas," "collegium," "fratrum," "fraterritias," "sodalitium," "advocatio;" and, in foreign law, "gildonia." Spelman. There were various kinds of these gilds, as merchant or commercial gilds, religious gilds, and others. 3 Turn. Anglo Sax. 98; 3 Steph. Comm. 173, note u. See GILDA MERCATORIA.

A frieborg, or decennary; called, by the Saxons, "gyldeisceps," and its members, "gil- dones" and "confildones." Spelman.

—Gild-hall. See GUILDHALL.—Gild-rent. Certain payments to the crown from any gild or fraternity.

GILDA MERCATORIA. A gild merchant, or merchant gild; a gild, corporation, or company of merchants. 10 Coke, 30.
**GILDABLE.** In old English law. Taxable, tributary, or contributory; liable to pay tax or tribute. Cowell; Blount.

**GILDO.** In Saxon law. Members of a guild or decennary. Often spelled “con-gildo.” Du Cange; Spelman.

**GILOUR.** L. Fr. A cheat or deceiver. Applied in Britain to those who sold false or spurious things for good, as pewter for silver or laten for gold. Brit. c. 15.

**GIRANTE.** An Italian word, which signifies the drawer of a bill. It is derived from “pirare,” to draw.

**GIRTH.** In Saxon and old English law. A measure of length, equal to one yard, derived from the girth or circumference of a man’s body.

**GIRTH AND SANCTUARY.** In old Scotch law. An asylum given to murderers, where the murder was committed without any previous design, and in chaude mella, or heat of passion. Bell.

**GISEMENT.** L. Fr. Agstment; cattle taken in to graze at a certain price; also the money received for grazing cattle.

**GISER.** L. Fr. To lie. Gist en le bouche, it lies in the mouth. Le action bien gist, the action well lies. Gisant, lying.

**GISETAKER.** An agister; a person who takes cattle to graze.

**GISLE.** In Saxon law. A pledge. Fred-gisle, a pledge of peace. Gislebert, an illustrious pledge.

**GIST.** In pleading. The essential ground or object of the action in point of law, without which there would be no cause of action. Gould, Pl. c. 4. § 12; Hathaway v. Rice, 19 Vt. 102.

The gist of an action is the cause for which an action will lie; the ground or foundation of a suit, without which it would not be maintainable; the essential ground or object of a suit, and without which there is not a cause of action. First Nat. Bank v. Burkett, 101 Ill. 391, 40 Am. Rep. 209; Hoffman v. Knight, 127 Ala. 149, 28 South. 593; Tarbell v. Tarbell, 60 Vt. 486, 15 Atl. 104.

**GIVE.** 1. To transfer or yield to, or bestow upon, another. One of the operative words in deeds of conveyance of real property, importing at common law, a warranty or covenant for quiet enjoyment during the lifetime of the grantor. Mack v. Patchin, 29 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 23; Young v. Hargrave, 7 Ohio, 69, pt. 2; Dow v. Lewis, 4 Gray (Mass.) 473.

2. To bestow upon another gratuitously or without consideration.

In their ordinary and familiar signification, the words “sell” and “give” have not the same meaning, but are commonly used to express different modes of transferring the right to property from one person to another. “To sell” means to transfer for a valuable consideration, while “to give” signifies to transfer gratuitously, without any equivalent. Parkinson v. State, 14 Md. 184, 74 Am. Dec. 522.

—**Give and bequeath.** These words, in a will, import a benefit in point of right, to take effect upon the decease of the testator and proof of the will, unless it is made in terms to depend upon some contingency or condition precedent. Eldridge v. Eldridge, 9 Cush. (Mass.) 516.—**Give bail.** To furnish or put in bail or security for one’s appearance. —**Give color.** To admit an apparent or colorable right in the opposite party. See Color.—**Give judgment.** To render, pronounce, or declare the judgment of the court in an action at law; not spoken of a judgment obtained by confession. Schuster v. Rader, 15 Colo. 329, 22 Pac. 505.—**Give notice.** To communicate to another, in any proper or permissible legal manner, information or warning of an existing fact or state of facts or (more usually) of some intended future action. See O’Neil v. Dickson, 11 Ind. 254; In re Devlin, 7 Fed. Cas. 530; City Nat. Bank v. Williams, 15 Mass. 535.—**Give time.** The act of a creditor in extending the time for the payment or satisfaction of a claim beyond the time stipulated in the original contract. If done without the consent of the surety, indorser, or guarantor, it discharges him. Howell v. Jones, 1 Crump. M. & R. 107; City Nat. Bank v. Williams, 15 Mass. 535.—**Give way.** In the rules of navigation, one vessel is said to “give way” to another when she deviates from her course in such a manner and to such an extent as to allow the other to pass without altering her course. See Lockwood v. Lasell, 19 Pa. 350.

**GIVER.** A donor; he who makes a gift.

**GIVING IN PAYMENT.** In Louisiana law. A phrase (translating the Fr. “dation en payment”) which signifies the delivery and acceptance of real or personal property in satisfaction of a debt, instead of a payment in money. See Civil Code La. art. 2655.

**GIVING RINGS.** A ceremony anciently performed in England by serjeants at law at the time of their appointment. The rings were inscribed with a motto, generally in Latin.

**GLADIUS.** A little sword or dagger; a kind of sedge. Mat. Paris.

**GLADIUS.** Lat. A sword. An ancient emblem of defense. Hence the ancient earls or comites (the king’s attendants, advisers, and associates in his government) were made by being girt with swords, (gladio succincti.)

The emblem of the executory power of the law in punishing crimes. 4 Bl. Comm. 177. In old Latin authors, and in the Norman laws, this word was used to signify supreme jurisdiction, (jus gladii.)

**GLAIVE.** A sword, lance, or horseman’s staff. One of the weapons allowed in a trial by combat.

**GLANS.** In the civil law. Acorns or nuts of the oak or other trees. In a larger sense, all fruits of trees.

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GLASS-MEN. A term used in St. 1 Jac. L. c. 7, for wandering rogues or vagrants.

GLAVEA. A hand dart. Cowell.

GLEANING. The gathering of grain after reapers, or of grain left ungathered by reapers. Held not to be a right at common law. 1 H. Bl. 51.

GLEBA. A turf, sod, or clod of earth. The soil or ground; cultivated land in general. Church land, (solum et dos ecclesiae.) Spelman. See GLEBE.

GLEBE ASPECTITII. Villein-socmen, who could not be removed from the land while they did the service due. Bract. c. 7; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 269.

GLEBARLE. Turfs dug out of the ground. Cowell.

GLEBE. In ecclesiastical law. The land possessed as part of the endowment or revenue of a church or ecclesiastical benefice.

In Roman law. A clod; turf; soil. Hence, the soil of an inheritance; an agrarian estate. Servi addici gleba were serfs attached to and passing with the estate. Cod. 11, 47, 7, 21; Nov. 54, 1.

GLISCOYA. In Saxon law. A fraternity.

GLOMERELLS. Commissioners appointed to determine differences between scholars in a school or university and the townsmen of the place. Jacob.

GLOS. Lat. In the civil law. A husband's sister. Dig. 38, 10, 4, 6.

GLOSS. An interpretation, consisting of one or more words, interlinear or marginal; an annotation, explanation, or comment on any passage in the text of a work, for purposes of elucidation or amplification. Particularly applied to the comments on the Corpus Juris.

GLOSSA. Lat. A gloss, explanation, or interpretation. The glossae of the Roman law are brief illustrative comments or annotations on the text of Justinian's collections, made by the professors who taught or lectured on them about the twelfth century, (especially at the law school of Bologna,) and were hence called "glossators." These glosses were at first inserted in the text with the words to which they referred, and were called "glossae interlineares;" but afterwards they were placed in the margin, partly at the side, and partly under the text, and called "glossae marginales." A selection of them was made by Accursius, between A. D. 1220 and 1260, under the title of "Glossa Ordinaria," which is of the greatest authority. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

GLOSSA VEPERINA EST QUA CORRODIT VESPERAS TEXTUS. 11 Coke, 34. It is a poisonous gloss which corrupts the essence of the text.

GLOSSATOR. In the civil law. A commentator or annotator. A term applied to the professors and teachers of the Roman law in the twelfth century, at the head of whom was Ierussil. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 90.

GLOUCESTER, STATUTE OF. The statute is the 6 Edw. I. c. 1, A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute giving costs in actions.

GLOVE SILVER. Extraordinary rewards formerly given to officers of courts, etc.; money formerly given by the sheriff of a county in which no offenders are left for execution to the clerk of assize and judges' officers. Jacob.

GLOVES. It was an ancient custom on a maiden assize, when there was no offender to be tried, for the sheriff to present the judge with a pair of white gloves. It is an immemorial custom to remove the glove from the right hand on taking oath. Wharton.

GLYN. A hollow between two mountains; a valley or glen. Co. Litt 5&.


—Go bail. To assume the responsibility of a surety on a bail-bond.—Go hence. To depart from the court; with the further implication that a suitor who is directed to "go hence" is dismissed from further attendance upon the court in respect to the suit or proceeding which brought him there, and that he is finally denied the relief which he sought, or, as the case may be, absolved from the liability sought to be imposed upon him. See Hiatt v. Kinkaid, 40 Neb. 178, 58 N. W. 700.—Go to. In a statute, will, or other instrument, a direction that property shall "go to" a designated person means that it shall pass or proceed to such person, vest in and belong to him. In re Hitchins' Estate, 48 Misc. Rep. 485, 80 N. Y. Supp. 472; Plass v. Plass, 121 Cal. 131, 53 Pac. 445.—Go to protest. Commercial paper is said to "go to protest" when it is dishonorated by non-payment or non-acceptance and is handed to a notary for protest.—Go without day. Words used to denote that a party is dismissed the court. He is said to go without day, because there is no day appointed for him to appear again.

GOAT, GOTE. In old English law. A contrivance or structure for draining waters out of a field. Callis describes goats as "usual engines erected and built with portcullises and doors of timber and stone or brick, invented first in lower Germany." Callis, Sewers, (91) 112, 113. Cowell defines "gote," a ditch, sewer, or gutter.
**GOD AND MY COUNTRY.** The answer made by a prisoner, when arraigned, in answer to the question, “How will you be tried?” In the ancient practice he had the choice (as appears by the question) whether to submit to the trial by ordeal (by God) or to be tried by a jury, (by the country;) and it is probable that the original form of an answer was, “By God or my country,” whereby the prisoner averred his innocence by declaring neither of the modes of trial.

**GOD-BOTE.** An ecclesiastical or church fine paid for crimes and offenses committed against God. Cowell.

**GOD-GILD.** That which is offered to God or his service. Jacob.

**GOD’S PENNY.** In old English law. Earnest-money; money given as evidence of the completion of a bargain. This name is probably derived from the fact that such money was given to the church or distributed in alms.

**GOING-STOLE.** An old form of the word “cucking-stool,” (q. e.) Cowell.

**GOING.** In various compound phrases (as those which follow) this term implies either motion, progress, active operation, or present and continuous validity and efficacy.

—**Going before the wind.** In the language of mariners and in the rules of navigation, a vessel is said to be going “before the wind” when the wind is free as respects her course, that is, comes from behind the vessel or over the stern, so that her yards may be braced square across. She is said to “going off large” when she has the wind free on either tack, that is, when it blows from some point abaft the beam or from the quarter. Hall v. The Buffalo, 11 Fed. Cas. 216; Ward v. The Fashion, 29 Fed. Cas. 128.—**Going concern.** A firm or corporation which, though embarrassed or even insolvent, continues to transact its ordinary business. White, etc., Mfr. Co. v. Pettes Importing Co. (C. C.) 30 Fed. 865; Corey v. Wadsworth, 99 Ala. 68, 11 South. 350, 23 L. R. A. 615, 42 Am. St. Rep. 55.—**Going large.** See “GOING BEFORE THE WIND,” supra.—**Going price.** The prevalent price; the current market value of the article in question at the time and place of sale. Kelsee v. Haines, 41 N. H. 524.—**Going through the bar.** The act of the chief of an English common-law court in demanding of every member of the bar, in order of seniority, if he has anything to move. This was done at the sitting of the court each day in term, except special paper days, crown paper days in the queen’s bench, and revenue paper days in the exchequer. On the last day of term this order is reversed, the first and second time round. In the exchequer the postman and tubman are first called on, Wharton.—**Going on the country.** When a party, under the common-law system of pleading, finished his pleading by the word “this he leaves off.” This he leaves off, “going on the country,” this was called “going to the country.” It was the essential termination to a pleading which took issue upon a material fact in the preceding pleading. Wharton.—**Going value.** As applied to the property or plant of a manufacturing or industrial corporation, a public-service corporation, etc., this means the value which arises from having an established business which is in active operation. It is an element of value over and above the replacement cost of the plant, and may represent the increment arising from previous labor, effort, or expenditure in working up business, and includes the value of all peculiarly adapting property and plant to the intended use. See Cedar Rapids Water Co. v. Cedar Rapids, 113 Iowa, 233, 91 N. W. 1081.—**Going witness.** One who is about to take his departure from the jurisdiction of the court, although only into a state or country under the general sovereignty; as from one to another of the United States, or from England to Scotland.

**GOLDA.** A mine. Blount. A sink or passage for water. Cowell.

**GOLDSMITHS’ NOTES.** Bankers’ cash notes (i. e., promissory notes given by a banker to his customers as acknowledgments of the receipt of money) were originally called in London “goldsmiths’ notes,” from the circumstance that all the banking business in England was originally transacted by goldsmiths. Wharton.

**GOLDWIT.** A mulct or fine in gold.

**GOLIARDUS.** L. Lat. A jester, buffoon, or juggler. Spelman, voc. “Gollardensis.”

**GOMASHTAH.** In Hindu law. An agent; a steward; a confidential factor; a representative.

**GONORRHEA.** In medical jurisprudence. A venereal disease, characterized by a purulent inflammation of the urethra.

**GOOD.** 1. Valid; sufficient in law; effectual; unobjectionable. 2. Responsible; solvent; able to pay an amount specified. 3. Of a value corresponding with its terms; collectible. A note is said to be “good” when the payment of it at maturity may be relied on. Curtis v. Smallman, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 232; Cooke v. Nathan, 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 344.

Writing the word “Good” across the face of a check is the customary mode in which bankers at the present day certify that the drawer has funds to meet it and that it will be paid on presentation for that purpose. Merchants’ Nat. Bank v. State Nat. Bank, 10 Wall. 645, 19 L. Ed. 1008; Irving Bank v. Wetherald, 36 N. Y. 355.—**Good at home.** See ABEARANCE.—**Good and lawful men.** Those who are not disqualified for service on juries by non-age, alienage, infamy, or lunacy, and who reside in the county of the venue. Bonds v. State, Mart. & Y. (Tenn.) 146, 17 Am. Dec. 795; State v. Price, 11 N. J. Law, 209.—**Good and valid.** Reliable, sufficient, and unimpeachable in law; adequate; responsible.—**Good behavior.** Orderly and lawful conduct; behavior such as is proper for a peaceable and law-abiding citizen. Surety of good behavior may be exacted from any one who manifests an intention to commit crime or is otherwise reasonably suspected of a criminal design. Huysy v. Com., 78 S. W.
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175, 25 Ky. Law Rep. 668; In re Spencer, 22 Fed. Cas. 921.—Good consideration. As distinguished from valuable consideration, a consideration founded on motives of generosity, prudence, and natural duty; such as natural love or affection, or value of the property for a charitable or religious purpose, as in providing for widows and orphans. Davis v. State, 58 Ala. 307, 29 Am. Rep. 748; Groves v. Groves, 65 Ohio St. 442, 62 N. E. 1044; Jackson v. Alexander, 3 Johns. (N. Y.) 457.—Good country. In Scotch law. Good men of the country. A name given to a jury.—Good faith. With every positive advantage, that has been acquired. Civ. Code Cal. § 992; Civ. Code Dak. § 334; Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 76.

In wills. In wills "goods" is nomen generalissimum, and, if there is nothing to limit it, will include all the chattels real and personal, the testator, as stocks, bonds, notes, money, plate, furniture, etc. Kendall v. Kendall, 4 Russ. 370; Chamberlain v. Western Transp. Co., 44 N. Y. 310, 4 Am. Rep. 681; Foxhall v. McKenney, 9 Fed. Cas. 645; Bailey v. Duncan, 2 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 22; Keyser v. School Dist., 35 N. H. 483.

—Goods and chattels. This phrase is a general denomination of personal property, as distinguished from real property; the term "chattels" having the effect of extending its scope to any objects of that nature which would not properly be included by the term "goods" alone, e. g. living animals, emblements, and fruits, and terms under leases for years. The general phrase also embraces choses in action, as well as personalty in possession. In wills. The term "goods and chattels" will, unless restrained by the context, pass all the personal estate, including leases for years, cattle, corn, debts, etc., to the whole. See S bearing v. S Ward, 102 N. H. 203, 211.—Goods sold and delivered. A phrase frequently used in the action of assumpsit, when the sale was express and definite, for the cause in wares, and merchandise. A general and comprehensive designation of such chattels as are ordinarily the subject of traffic and sale. The phrase is used in the statute of frauds, and is frequently found in pleadings and other instruments. As to its scope, see State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 440; French v. Schoonmaker, 60 N. J. Law, 155; 22 N. Y. 654; Munsey v. Butterfield, 133 Mass. 494; Bell v. Ellis, 33 Cal. 625; People v. Roberts, 159 N. Y. 70, 53 N. E. 685, 45 L. R. A. 126; Churton v. Douglas, 5 J. N. 809; 50 Mass. 147; Holt v. Hall, 22 S. C. 143, 32 L. Ed. 526. The good-will of a business is the expectation of continued public patronage, but it does not include a right to use the name of any person from whom it was acquired. Civ. Code Cal. § 992; Civ. Code Dak. § 577. The term "good-will" does not mean the advantage of the going past or particular premises which have been occupied by a manufacturer, etc. It means every advantage, every positive advantage, that has been acquired by a proprietor in carrying on his business, whether connected with the premises in which the business is conducted, or with the name under which it is managed, or with any other matter carrying with it the benefit of the business. Glen & Hall Mfg. Co. v. Hall, 61 N. Y. 226, 19 Am. Rep. 278.

GOODRIGHT, GOODTITLE. The fictitious plaintiff in the old action of ejectment, most frequently called "John Doe," was sometimes called "Goodright" or "Goodtitle." G O O D S. In contracts. The term "goods" is not so wide as "chattels," for it applies to inanimate objects, and does not include animals or chattels real, as a lease for years of house or land, which "chattels" does include. Co. Litt. 118; St. Joseph Hydraulic Co. v. Wilson, 133 Ind. 465, 33 N. E. 113; Van Patten v. Leonard, 55 Iowa, 520, 8 N. W. 394; Putnam v. Westcott, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 76.

GOVERNMENT. 1. The regulation, restraint, supervision, or control which is ex-
enjoyed upon the individual members of an organized jural society by those invested with the supreme political authority, for the good of, and welfare of the body politic; or the act of exercising supreme political power or control.

2. The system of polity in a state; that form of fundamental rules and principles by which a nation or state is governed, or by which individual members of a body politic are to regulate their social actions; a constitution, either written or unwritten, by which the rights and duties of citizens and public officers are prescribed and defined, as a monarchical government, a republican government, etc. Webster.

3. An empire, kingdom, state or independent political community; as in the phrase, “Compacts between independent governments.”

4. The sovereign or supreme power in a state or nation.

5. The machinery by which the sovereign power in a state expresses its will and exercises its functions; or the framework of political institutions, departments, and offices, by means of which the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state is carried on.

6. The whole class or body of office-holders or functionaries considered in the aggregate, upon whom devolves the executive, judicial, legislative, and administrative business of the state.

7. In a colloquial sense, the United States or its representatives, considered as the prosecutor in a criminal action; as in the phrase, “the government objects to the witness.”

---Federal government. The government of the United States of America, as distinguished from the governments of the several states.

---Government annuities societies. These societies for furnishing annuities in England under 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 14, to enable indigent clergymen and other classes to make provisions for themselves by purchasing, on advantageous terms, a government annuity for life or term of years. By 16 & 17 Vict. c. 45, this act, as well as 7 & 8 Vict. c. 83, amending it, were repealed, and the whole law in relation to the purchase of government annuities, through the medium of savings banks, was consolidated. And by 27 & 28 Vict. c. 43, additional facilities were afforded for the purchase of such annuities, and for assuring payments of money on death. Wharton.

---Government de facto. A government of fact. A government actually exercising power and control in the state, as opposed to the true and lawful government; a government not established according to the constitution of the state, or not lawfully entitled to recognition or supremacy, but which has nevertheless supplanted or displaced the government de jure. A government deemed unlawful, or deemed wrongful or despotic, which, nevertheless, receives presently, or is wont to receive, the habitual obedience of the bulk of the community. Aust. Jur. 324.

---Government de jure. A government of right; the true and lawful government; a government established, as distinguished from the governments of the several states.

---Government de jure. A government of right; the true and lawful government; a government of paramount authority, supported more or less by military force. Thornton v. Smith, 8 Wall. 8, 9, 19 L. Ed. 291; 14 Pet. 296; 14 Johns. 458; 2 De Groot's Inst. of Int. Law, 2:319; 2 Bible Law Dic., 2d Ed., 281; 1 De Groot, Inst. Int. Law, 2, 294.

---Local government. The government or administration of a particular locality; especially, the governmental authority of a municipal corporation, as a city or county, over its local and individual affairs, delegated to it for that purpose by the general government of the state or nation.

---Mixed government. A form of government combining some of the features of the three primary forms, viz., monarchy, aristocracy, and democracy.

---Republican government. One in which the powers of sovereignty are vested in and exercised by the people, either directly, or through representatives chosen by the people, to whom those powers are delegated.

GOVERNOR. The title of the chief executive in each of the states and territories of the United States; and also of the chief executive officer of a state or territory.
magistrate of some colonies, provinces, and dependencies of other nations.

GRACE. This word is commonly used in contradistinction to "right." Thus, in St. 22 Edw. III., the lord chancellor was instructed to take cognizance of matters of grace, being such subjects of equity jurisdiction as were exclusively matters of equity. Brown.

A faculty, license, or dispensation; also general and free pardon by act of parliament. See ACT OF GRACE.

GRACE, DAYS OF. Time of indulgence granted to an acceptor or maker for the payment of his bill of exchange or note. It was originally a gratuitous favor, (hence the name,) but custom has rendered it a legal right.

GRADATIM. In old English law. By degrees or steps; step by step; from one degree to another. Bract. fol. 64.

GRADUS. In the civil and old English law. A measure of space. A degree of relationship.
A step or degree generally; e. g., gradus honorum, degrees of honor. Vitcat. A pulpit; a year; a generation. Du Cange.
A port; any place where a vessel can be brought to land. Du Cange.

GRADUS PARENTELÆ. A pedigree; a table of relationship.

GRAFFARIUS. In old English law. A graffer, notary, or scrivener. St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1.

GRAFFER. A notary or scrivener. See St. 5 Hen. VIII. c. 1. The word is a corruption of the French "greffier," (q. v.)


GRAFIO. A baron, inferior to a count. A fiscal judge. An advocate. Spelman; Cowell.

GRAFT. A term used in equity to denote the confirmation, by relation back, of the right of a mortgagee in premises to which, at the making of the mortgage, the mortgagor had only an imperfect title, but to which the latter has since acquired a good title.

GRAIN. In Troy weight, the twenty-fourth part of a pennyweight. Any kind of corn sown in the ground.
—Grain rent. A payment for the use of land in grain or other crops; the return to the landlord paid by croppers or persons working the land on shares. Railroad Co. v. Bates, 40 Neb. 381, 58 N. W. 963.

GRAINAGE. An ancient duty in London under which the twentieth part of salt imported by aliens was taken.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. In England, this term designates a school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the student to enter a college or university, and in this sense the phrase was used in the Massachusetts colonial act of 1647, requiring every town containing a hundred householders to set up a "grammar school." See Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 97. But in modern American usage the term denotes a school, intermediate between the primary school and the high school, in which English grammar and other studies of that grade are taught.

Grammatica falsa non vitiat chartam. 9 Coke, 48. False grammar does not vitiate a deed.

GRAMMATOPHYLACIUM. (Græco-Lat.) In the civil law. A place for keeping writings or records. Dlg. 48, 19, 9, 6.

GRAMMBE. The unit of weight in the metric system. The gramme is the weight of a cubic centimeter of distilled water at the temperature of 4° C. It is equal to 15.4341 grains troy, or 5.9481 drachms avoirdupois.

GRANATARIUS. In old English law. An officer having charge of a granary. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 82, § 1; Id. c. 84.


GRAND COUTUMIER. A collection of customs, laws, and forms of procedure in use in early times in France. See COUTUMIER.

GRAND DAYS. In English practice. Certain days in the terms, which are solemnly kept in the inns of court and chancery, viz., Candlemas day in Hilary term, Ascension day in Easter, St John the Baptist's day in Trinity, and All Saints in Michaelmas; which are dies non juridici. Termes de la Ley; Cowell; Blount. They are days set apart for peculiar festivity; the members of the respective inns being on such occasions regaled at their dinner in the hall, with more than usual sumptuousness. Holthouse.

GRANDCHILD. The child of one's child.

GRANDFATHER. The father of either of one's parents.

GRANDMOTHER. The mother of either of one's parents.

GRANGE. A farm furnished with barns, granaries, stables, and all conveniences for husbandry. Co. Litt. 5a.

GRANGEARIIUS. A keeper of a grange or farm.

GRANGIA. A grange. Co. Litt. 5a.
GRANT. A generic term applicable to all transfers of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181, 355.

A transfer by deed of that which cannot be passed by livery. Williams, Real Prop. 147, 149; Jordan v. Indianapolis Water Co., 159 Ind. 337, 64 N. E. 680.

An act evidenced by letters patent under the great seal, granting something from the king to a subject. Cruise, Dig. tit. 33, 34; Downs v. United States, 113 Fed. 147, 51 C. C. A. 100.

A technical term made use of in deeds of conveyance of lands to import a transfer. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 378-380.

Though the word "grant" was originally made use of, in treating of conveyances of interests in lands, to denote a transfer by deed of that which could not be passed by livery, and, of course, was applied only to incorporeal hereditaments, it has now become a generic term, applicable to the transfer of all classes of real property. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 181.

As distinguished from a mere license, a grant passes some estate or interest, corporeal or incorporeal, in the lands which it embraces; can only be made by an instrument in writing, under seal; and is irrevocable, when made, unless an express power of revocation is reserved. A license is a mere authority; passes no estate or interest whatever; may be made by parol; is revocable at will; and, when revoked, the protection which it gave ceases to exist. Jamieson v. Millemann, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 255, 258.

The term "grant," in Scotland, is used in reference (1) to original dispositions of land, as when a lord makes grants of land among tenants; (2) to gratuitous deeds. Paterson. In such case, the donor or his superior or donor is said to grant the deed; an expression totally unknown in English law. Mozley & Whitely.

By the word "grant," in a treaty, is meant not only a formal grant, but any concession, warrant, order, or permission to survey, possess, or settle, whether written or parol, express or presumed from possession. Such a grant may be made by law, as well as by a patent pursuant to a law. Strother v. Lucas, 12 Pet. 496, 9 L. Ed. 1137. And see Bryan v. Kennett, 113 U. S. 179, 6 Sup. Ct. 413, 28 L. Ed. 968; Hastings v. Turnpike Co., 9 Pick. (Mass.) 80; Dudley v. Sumner, 5 Mass. 470.

—Grant, bargain, and sell. Operative words in conveyances of real estate. See Muller v. Boggs, 25 Cal. 387; Hawk v. McCullough, 21 Ill. 222; Ake v. Mason, 101 Pa. 29.—Grant and to freight let. Operative words in a charter party, implying the placing of the vessel at the disposition of the charterer for the purpose of the intended voyage and generally conveying the possession. See Christie v. Lewis, 2 Brod. & B. 441.—Grant of personal property. A method of transferring personal property, distinguished from a gift by being always founded on some consideration or equivalence. 2 Bl. Comm. 440, 441. Its proper legal designation is an "assignment," or "bargain and sale." 2 Steph. Comm. 102.—Grant to uses. The common grant with uses superadded, which has become the favorite mode of transferring realty in England. Wharton.—Private land grant. A grant by a public authority vesting title to public land in a private (natural) person. United Land Ass'n v. Knight, 85 Cal. 448, 24 Pac. 818.—Public grant. A grant from the public; a grant of a power, license, privilege, or property, from the state or government to one or more individuals, contained in or shown by a record, conveyance, patent, charter, etc.

GRANTEE. The person to whom a grant is made.

GRANTOR. The person by whom a grant is made.

GRANTZ. In old English law. Noblemen or grandees. Jacob.

GRASS HEARTH. In old records. The grazing or turning up the earth with a plow. The name of a customary service for inferior tenants to bring their plows, and do one day's work for their lords. Cowell.

GRASS WEEK. Rotation week, so called anciently in the inns of court and chancery.

GRASS WIDOW. A slang term for a woman separated from her husband by abandonment or prolonged absence; a woman living apart from her husband. Webster.

GRASSON, or GRASSUM. A fine paid upon the transfer of a copyhold estate.

GRATIFICATION. A gratuity; a remuneration or reward for services or benefits, given voluntarily, without solicitation or promise.

GRATIS. Freely; gratuitously; without reward or consideration.

GRATIS DICTUM. A voluntary assertion; a statement which a party is not legally bound to make, or in which he is not held to precise accuracy. 2 Kent, Comm. 486; Medbury v. Watson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 260, 39 Am. Dec. 726.

GRATUITOUS. Without valuable or legal consideration. A term applied to deeds of conveyance and to bailments and other contracts.

In old English law. Voluntary; without force, fear, or favor. Bract. foils. 11, 17.

As to gratuitous "Bailment," "Contract," and "Deposit," see those titles.

GRAVA. In old English law. A grove; a small wood; a coppice or thicket. Co. Litt. 4b.

A thick wood of high trees. Blount.

GRAVAMEN. The burden or gist of a charge; the grievance or injury specially complained of.

In English ecclesiastical law. A grievance complained of by the clergy before the bishops in convocation.
GRAVATIO. In old English law. An accusation or impeachment. Leg. Ethel. c. 19.

GRAVE. A sepulcher. A place where a dead body is interred.

GRAVEYARD. A cemetery; a place for the interment of dead bodies; sometimes defined in statutes as a place where a minimum number of persons (as "six or more") are buried. See Stockton v. Weber, 98 Cal. 433, 33 Pac. 332.

—Graveyard insurance. A term applied to insurances fraudulently obtained (as, by false personation or other means) on the lives of infants, very aged persons, or those in the last stages of disease. Also occasionally applied to an insurance company which writes wager policies, takes extra-hazardous risks, or otherwise exceeds the limits of prudent and legitimate business. See McCarty's Appeal, 110 P. 379, 4 Atl. 925.

GRAVIS. Grievous; great. Ad grave damnum, to the grievous damage. 11 Coke, 40.

GRAVIUS. A graf; a chief magistrate or officer. A term derived from the more ancient "graflo," and used in combination with various other words, as an official title in Germany; as Margravius, Kheingravius, Landgravius, etc. Spelman.

Gravius est divinam quam temporalem laedere majestatem. It is more serious to hurt divine than temporal majesty. 11 Coke, 29.

GRAY'S INN. An inn of court. See INNS OF COURT.

GREAT. As used in various compound legal terms, this word generally means extraordinary, that is, exceeding the common or ordinary measure or standard, in respect to physical size, or importance, dignity, etc. See Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Smith, 87 Tex. 348, 28 S. W. 520.

—Great cattle. All manner of beasts except sheep and yearlings. 2 Rolle, 173.

GREAT LAW, THE, or "The Body of Laws of the Province of Pennsylvania and Territories thereunto belonging, Past at an Assembly held at Chester, alias Upland, the 7th day of the tenth month, called 'December,' 1682." This was the first code of laws established in Pennsylvania, and is justly celebrated for the provision in its first chapter for liberty of conscience. Bouvier.

GREE. Satisfaction for an offense committed or injury done. Cowell.

GREEK KALENDs. A colloquial expression to signify a time indefinitely remote, there being no such division of time known to the Greeks.

GREEN CLOTH. In English law. A board or court of justice held in the counting-house of the king's (or queen's) household, and composed of the lord steward and inferior officers. It takes its name from the green cloth spread over the board at which it is held. Wharton; Cowell.

GREEN SILVER. A feudal custom in the manor of Writtle, in Essex, where every tenant whose front door opens to Greenbury shall pay a half-penny yearly to the lord, by the name of "green silver" or "rent." Cowell.

GREEN WAX. In English law. The name of the estreats in the exchequer, delivered to the sheriff under the seal of that court which was impressed upon green wax.

GREENBACK. The popular and almost exclusive name applied to all United States treasury issues. It is not applied to any other species of paper currency; and, when employed in testimony by way of description, is as certain as the phrase "treasury notes." Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 23. And see U. S. v. Howell (D. C.) 64 Fed. 114; Spencer v. Prindle, 28 Cal. 278; Levy v. State, 79 Ala. 261.

GREENHEW. In forest law. The same as vert, (q. v.) Termes de la Ley.

GREFIERS. In French law. Registrars, or clerks of the courts. They are officials attached to the courts to assist the judges in their duties. They keep the minutes, write out the judgments, orders, and other decisions given by the tribunals, and deliver copies thereof to applicants.

GREGORIAN CODE. The code or collection of constitutions made by the Roman jurist Gregorius. See CODEX GREGORIANUS.

GREGORIAN EPOCH. The time from which the Gregorian calendar or computation dates; i.e., from the year 1582.

GREMIUM. Lat. The bosom or breast; hence, derivatively, safeguard or protection. In English law, an estate which is in abeyance is said to be in gremio legis; that is, in the protection or keeping of the law.

GRENVILLE ACT. The statute 10 Geo. III. c. 16, by which the jurisdiction over parliamentary election petitions was transferred from the whole house of commons to select committees. Repealed by 9 Geo. IV. c. 22, §1.

GRESSUME. In English law. A customary fine due from a copyhold tenant on
the death of the lord. 1 Strange, 654; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 615, § 778. Called also "prasuum," and "grossema."

GRETNA GREEN MARRIAGE. A marriage celebrated at Gretna, in Dumfries, (bordering on the county of Cumberland,) in Scotland. By the law of Scotland a valid marriage may be contracted by consent alone, without any other formality. When the marriage act (26 Geo. II. c. 33) rendered the publication of banns, or a license, necessary in England, it became usual for persons who wished to marry clandestinely to go to Gretna Green, the nearest part of Scotland, and marry according to the Scotch law; so a sort of chapel was built at Gretna Green, in which the English marriage service was performed by the village blacksmith. Wharton.

GRENVA. In old records. The sea shore, sand, or beach. 2 Mon. Angl. 625; Cowell.

GRIEVED. Aggrieved. 3 East, 22.

GRIATH. In Saxon law. Peace; protection.

Grithbrech. Breach of the king's peace, as opposed to frithbrech, a breach of the nation's peace with other nations.—Grithstole. A seat, chair, or place of peace; a sanctuary; a stone belonging to the royal household. Jacob.

GROAT. An English silver coin (value four pence) issued from the fourteenth to the seventeenth century. See Reg. v. Connell, 1 Car. & K. 191.

GROCER. In old English law. A merchant or trader who engrossed all vendible merchandise; an engrosser. St. 37 Edw. III. c. 5. See Engrossers.

GROGHOP. A liquor saloon, barroom, or dram-shop; a place where intoxicating liquor is sold to be drunk on the premises. See Lesseburg v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 602.

GRONNA. In old records. A deep hollow or pit; a bog or miry place. Cowell.

GROOM OF THE STOLE. In England. An officer of the royal household, who has charge of the king's wardrobe.

GROOM PORTER. Formerly an officer belonging to the royal household. Jacob.


hold, and passes with a sale of it. Wilkinson v. Ketler, 69 Ala. 435. Growing crops of grain, and other annual productions raised by cultivation of the earth and industry of man, are personal chattels. Growing trees, fruit, or grass, and other natural products of the earth, are parcel of the land. Green v. Armstrong, 1 Denio (N. Y.) 550.

GROWTH HALF-PENNY. A rate paid in some places for the tithe of every fat beast, ox, or other unfruitful cattle. Clayt. 92.

GUARANII. The principal officers of a forest.

GRUB STAKE. In mining law. A contract between two parties by which one undertakes to furnish the necessary provisions, tools, and other supplies, and the other to prospect for and locate mineral lands and stake out mining claims thereon, the interest in the property thus acquired inuring to the benefit of both parties, either equally or in such proportions as their agreement may fix. Such contracts create a qualified or special partnership. See Berry v. Woodburn, 107 Cal. 512, 40 Pac. 804; Hartney v. Godling, 10 Wyo. 346, 68 Pac. 1118, 98 Am. St. Rep. 1005; Meyette v. Brennan, 20 Colo. 242, 38 Pac. 75.

GUADIA. In old European law. A pledge. Spelman; Calvin. A custom. Spelled also "wadi." GUARANTEE. He to whom a guaranty is made. This word is also used, as a noun, to denote the contract of guaranty or the obligation of a guarantor, and, as a verb, to denote the action of assuming the responsibilities of a guarantor. But on the general principle of legal orthography,—that the title of the person to whom the action passes over should end in "ee," as "donee," "grantee," "payee," "bailee," "drawee," etc.,—it seems better to use this word only as the correlative of "guarantor," and to spell the verb, and also the name of the contract, "guaranty."

GUARENTIGIO. In Spanish law. A written authorization to a court to enforce the performance of an agreement in the same manner as if it had been decreed upon regular legal proceedings.

GUARANTOR. He who makes a guaranty.

GUARANTY, n. To undertake collaterally to answer for the payment of another's debt or the performance of another's duty, liability, or obligation; to assume the responsibility of a guarantor; to warrant. See Guaranty, n.

GUARANTY, n. A promise to answer for the payment of some debt, or the performance of some duty, in case of the failure of another person, who, in the first instance, is liable to such payment or performance. Gallagher v. Thompson, 69 N. Y. 7, or failure in proration of the property, see Pop. v. Pop., 126 N. C. 475, 35 S. E. 517; Deming v. Bull, 10 Conn. 409; Belgard v. White, 52 Pa. 438. A guaranty is an undertaking by one person to be answerable for the payment of some debt, or the due performance of some contract or duty, by another person, who himself remains liable to pay or perform the same. Story, Prom. Notes, § 457. A guaranty is a promise to answer for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another person. Civil Code Cal. § 2787.

A guaranty is a contract that some particular thing shall be done exactly as it is agreed to be done, whether it is to be done by one person or another, and whether there be a prior or principal contractor or not. Redfield v. Haight, 27 Conn. 31. The definition of a "guaranty," by text-writers, is an undertaking by one person that another shall perform his contract or discharge his obligation, or that, if he does not, the guarantor will do it for him. A guarantor of a bill or note is said to be one who engages that the note shall be paid, but is not an indorser or surety. Gridley v. Capen, 72 Ill. 13.

Synonyms. The terms guaranty and suretyship are sometimes used interchangeably; but they should not be confounded. The contract of a surety corresponds with that of a guarantor in many respects; yet important differences exist. The surety is bound with his principal as an original promisor. He is a debtor from the beginning, and must see that the debt is paid, and is held ordinarily to know every default of his principal, and cannot protect himself by the mere indulgence of the creditor, nor by want of notice of the default of the principal, however such indulgence or want of notice of default may injure him. On the other hand, the contract of a guarantor is his own separate contract. It is in the nature of a warranty by one party that the thing he undertook to be done by the principal shall be done, not merely an engagement jointly with the principal to do the thing. The original contract of the principal is not his guaranty, and he is not bound to take notice of its non-performance. Therefore the creditor should give him notice; and it is universally held that, if the guarantor can prove that he has suffered damage by the failure to give such notice, he will be discharged to the extent of the damage thus sustained. It is not so with a surety. Durham v. Munrow, 2 N. Y. 545; Nading v. McGregor, 121 Ind. 465, 23 N. E. 253, 6 L. R. A. 636.

Guaranty and warranty are derived from the same root, and are in fact etymologically the same word, the "g" of the Norman French being interchangeable with the English "w." They are often used colloquially and in commercial transactions as having the same signification, as where a piece of machinery or the produce of an estate is "guaranteed" for a term of years, "warranted" being the more appropriate term in such a case. See Accumulator Co. v. Dubuque St. R. Co., 64 Fed. 70, 12 C. C. A. 97; Martinez v. Earshaw, 38 Wkly. Notes Cal. (Pa.) 502. A distinction is also sometimes made in commercial usage, by which the term "guaranty" is understood as a collateral warranty (often a conditional one) against some defect or event in the future, while the term "warranty" is taken as meaning an absolute undertaking in present, against the defect, or for
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the quantity or quality contemplated by the parties in the subject-matter of the contract.


71 Conn. 39, 40 Atl. 1043; Farmers' Bank v.

Tatnail, 7 Houston. (Del.) 287, 51 Atl. 579; Esbergbach Tobacco Co. v. Held (D. C.) 62 Fed. 962; Collateral guaranty. A contract by which the guarantor undertakes, in case the principal fails to do what he has promised or undertaken to do, to pay damages for such failure; distinguished from an engagement of suretyship in this respect, that a surety undertakes to do the very thing which the principal has promised to do, in case the latter fails. Wooster v. Washington & 


GUARDIAN—A state of wardship.

GUARDIAN. A guardian is a person lawfully invested with the power, and charged with the duty, of taking care of the person and managing the property and rights of another person, who, for some peculiarity of status, or defect of age, understanding, or self-control, is considered incapable of administering his own affairs. Bass v. Cook, 4 Port. (Ala.) 392; Sparhawk v. Allen, 21 N. H. 27; Burger v. Frakes, 67 Iowa, 460, 23 N. W. 746.

A guardian is a person appointed to take care of the person or property of another. Civ. Code Cal. § 236.

One who legally has the care and management of the person, or the estate, or both, of a child during its minority. Reeves, Dom. Rel. 311.

This term might be appropriately used to designate the person charged with the care and control of idiots, lunatics, habitual drunkards, moral and physical defectives, and kindred beings; such person is, under many of the statutory systems authorizing the appointment, styled "committee," and in common usage the name "guardian" is applied only to one having the care and management of a minor.

The name "curator" is given in some of the states to a person having the control of a minor's estate, without that of his person; and this is also the usage of the civil law.

Classification. A testamentary guardian is one who is appointed by the last will or the last testament of the child's father; while a guardian by election is one chosen by the infant himself in a case where he would otherwise be without one. A general guardian or curator is one who has the general care and management of the person and estate of his ward; while a special guardian is one who has special or limited powers and duties with respect to his ward. "A guardian of the estate but not of the person, or vice versa, or a guardian ad litem. A domestic guardian is one appointed at the place where the ward is legally domiciled; while a foreign guardian derives his authority from appointment by the courts of another state, and generally has charge only of such property as may be located within the jurisdiction of the power appointing him. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed by a court of justice to prosecute or defend for an infant in any suit to which he may be a party. 2 Steph. Comm. 342; Most commonly appointed for infant defendants; infant plaintiffs generally sung by next friend. This kind of guardian has no right to interfere with the infant's person or property. 2 Steph. Comm. 343; Richter v. Levy, 107 Wis. 404, 83 N. W. 694. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed for the person and estate of an infant, in a court of chancery, or probate or orphans' court. 2 Steph. Comm. 341; 2 Kent, Comm. 229; A guardian by nature is the father, and, on his death, the mother, of a child. 1 Bl. Comm. 461; 2 Kent, Comm. 219. This guardianship extends only to the custody of the person of the child to the age of twenty-one years. Sometimes called "natural guardian," but this is rather a popular than a technical mode of expression. 2 Steph. Comm. 387; Kline v. Beebe, 6 Conn. 500; Mauro v. Ritchie, 16 Fed. Cas. 1171. A guardian ad litem is a guardian appointed for a child by the deed or last will of the father, and who has the custody of the person and estate until the attainment of full age. This kind of guardianship is founded on the statute of 12 Car. II. c. 24, and has been pretty extensively adopted in this country. 1 Bl. Comm. 462; 2 Steph. Comm. 338; 2 Kent, Comm. 224-226; Huson v. Green, 88 Ga. 722, 16 S. E. 255. A guardian for nurture is the father. This kind of guardianship extends to the person, and determines when the infant arrives at the age of fourteen. 2 Kent, Comm. 221; 1 Bl. Comm. 460; 2 Steph. Comm. 338; Mauro v. Ritchie, 16 Fed. Cas. 1171; Arthur's Appeal, 1 Grant Cas. (Pa.) 56. Guardian in chivalry.
In the tenure by knight's service, in the feudal law, if the heir of the feudal was under the age of twenty-one, being a male, or fourteen, being a female, the lord was entitled to the wardship (and marriage) of the heir, and was called the "guardian in chivalry." This wardship consisted of the custody of the body and lands of such heir, without any account of the profits. 2 Bl. Comm. 67. Guardian in seacoast. At the common law, this was a species of guardian who had the custody of lands coming to the infant by descent, as also of the infant's person, until the latter reached the age of fourteen. Such guardian was always "the son of the heir." The word inheritance cannot possibly descend." 1 Bl. Comm. 461; 2 Steph. Comm. 338; Byrne v. Van Hoesen, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 67; Van Doren v. Everitt, 5 N. J. Law, 462, 8 Am. Dec. 615; Combs v. Jackson, 2 Wend. (N. Y.) 157, 19 Am. Dec. 588. Natural guardian. The father of a child, or the mother if the father be dead.

Guardian of the estate. A guardian of the estate was the person to whose custody a vacant seat or abbey was committed by the crown.

Guardian of the Cinque Ports. The Cinque Ports or havens which are called the Cinque Ports, of the ports or havens which are called the "guardian in seacoast." This wardship consisted of the custody or care of the ports or havens which are called the "Cinque Ports," (q. v.) This office was first created in England, in imitation of the Roman law, to strengthen the sea-coasts against enemies, etc.

Guardianship. The office, duty, or authority of a guardian. Also the relation subsisting between guardian and ward.

Guardian. A guardian, warden, or keeper. Spelman.

Guardian of the poor. A person elected by the ratepayers of a parish to have the charge and management of the parish work-house or union. See 3 Steph. Comm. 203, 215.

Guardian of the spiritualities. A person to whom the spiritual jurisdiction of any diocese is committed during the vacancy of the see. Guardian of the temporalities. The person to whose custody a vacant seat or abbey was committed by the crown.

Guardian or warden, of the Cinque Ports. A magistrate who has the jurisdiction to that of the Cinque Ports, or havens which are called the "guardian in seacoast." For narrow carts. White, New Recop. 1, c. 6, § 1.

GUILD. A voluntary association of persons pursuing the same trade, art, profession, or business, such as printers, goldsmiths, wool merchants, etc., united under a distinct organization of their own, analogous to that of a corporation, regulating the affairs of their trade or business by their own laws and rules, and aiming, by co-operation and organization, to protect and promote the interests of their common vocation. In medieval history these fraternities or guilds played an important part in the government of some states; as at Florence, in the thirteenth and following centuries, where they chose the council of government of the city. But with the growth of cities and the advance in the organization of municipal government, their importance and prestige has declined. The place of meeting of a guild, or association of guilds, was called the "Guildhall." The word is said to be derived from the Anglo-Saxon "gild" or "geld," a tax or tribute, because each member of the society was required to pay a tax towards its support.

GUILDHALL. The name of a treatise on maritime law, by an unknown author, supposed to have been written about 1671 at Rouen, and considered, in continental Europe, as a work of high authority.

GUILDHALL. The office of guiding of travelers through dangerous and unknown ways. 2 Inst. 528.

GUIDE-PLATE. An iron or steel plate to be attached to a rail for the purpose of guiding to their place on the rail wheels thrown off the track. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1291.

GUIDON DE LA MER. The name of a treaty on maritime law, by an unknown author, supposed to have been written about 1671 at Rouen, and considered, in continental Europe, as a work of high authority.

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GUILDHALL. The hall or place of meeting of a guild, or gild.
The place of meeting of a municipal corporation. 3 Steph. Comm. 173, note. The mercantile or commercial gilds of the Saxons are supposed to have given rise to the present municipal corporations of England, whose place of meeting is still called the "Guildhall."

—Guildhall sittings. The sittings held in the Guildhall of the city of London for city of London causes.

GUILLOTINE. An instrument for decapitation, used in France for the infliction of the death penalty on convicted criminals, consisting, essentially, of a heavy and weighted knife-blade moving perpendicularly between grooved posts, which is made to fall from a considerable height upon the neck of the sufferer, immovably fixed in position to receive the impact.

GUILT. In criminal law. That quality which imparts criminality to a motive or act, and renders the person amenable to punishment by the law.

That disposition to violate the law which has manifested itself by some act already done. The opposite of innocence. See Ruth. Inst. b. 1, c. 18, § 10.

GUILTY. Having committed a crime or tort; the word used by a prisoner in pleading to an indictment when he confesses the crime of which he is charged, and by the jury in convicting. Com. v. Walter, 83 Pa. 108, 24 Am. Rep. 154; Jessle v. State, 28 Miss. 103; State v. White, 25 Wis. 359.

GUINEA. A coin formerly issued by the English mint, but all these coins were called in in the time of Wm. IV. The word now means only the sum of £1. Is., in which denomination the fees of counsel are always given.

GULE OF AUGUST. The first of August, being the day of St. Peter ad Vincula.

GULES. The heraldic name of the color usually called "red." The word is derived from the Arabic word "gula," a rose, and was probably introduced by the Crusaders. Gules is denoted in engravings by numerous perpendicular lines. Heraldists who blazoned by planets and jewels called it "Mars," and "ruby." Wharton.

GURGES. Lat. Properly a whirlpool, but in old English law and "conveyancing, a deep pit filled with water, distinguished from "stagnum," which was a shallow pool or pond. Co. Litt. 5; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 107.

GURGITES. Wears. Jacob.

GUTI. Jutes; one of the three nations who migrated from Germany to Britain at an early period. According to Spelman, they established themselves chiefly in Kent and the Isle of Wight.

GUTTER. The diminutive of a sewer. Callis, Sew. (80,) 100. In modern law, an open ditch or conduit designed to allow the passage of water from one point to another in a certain direction, whether for purposes of drainage, irrigation, or otherwise. Warren v. Henly, 31 Iowa, 31; Willis v. State, 27 Neb. 98, 42 N. W. 220.

GWABR MERCHED. Maid's fee. A British word signifying a customary fine payable to lords of some manors on marriage of the tenant's daughters, or otherwise on their committing incontinence. Cowell.

GWALSTOW. A place of execution. Jacob.

GWAYF. Wolf, or waivered; that which has been stolen and afterwards dropped in the highway for fear of a discovery. Cowell.

GYLPUT. The name of a court which was held every three weeks in the liberty or hundred of Pathbew in Warwick. Jacob.

GYLTWITE. Sax. Compensation for fraud or trespass. Cowell.

GYNAE CeCRACY, or GYNAECOCRACY. Government by a woman; a state in which women are legally capable of the supreme command; e. g., in Great Britain and Spain.

GYROVAGI. Wandering monks.

GYVES. Fetters or shackles for the legs.
H. This letter, as an abbreviation, stands for Henry (a king of that name) in the citation of English statutes. In the Year Books, it is used as an abbreviation for Hilary term. In tax assessments and other such official records, "h." may be used as an abbreviation for "house," and the courts will so understand it. Alden v. Newark, 36 N. J. Law, 288; Parker v. Elizabeth, 39 N. J. Law, 693.

H. A. An abbreviation for hoc anno, this year, in this year.

H. B. An abbreviation for house bill, i.e., a bill in the house of representatives, as distinguished from a senate bill.

H. C. An abbreviation for house of commons, or for habeas corpus.

H. L. An abbreviation for house of lords.

H. R. An abbreviation for house of representatives.

H. T. An abbreviation for hoc titulo, this title, under this title; used in references to books.

H. V. An abbreviation for hoc verbo or hoc voces, this word, under this word; used in references to dictionaries and other works alphabetically arranged.

HABE, or HAVE. Lat. A form of the salutatory expression "Ave," (hail,) in the titles of the constitutions of the Theodosian and Justinianean Codes. Calvin; Spelman.

HABEAS CORPORA JURATORUM. A writ commanding the sheriff to bring up the persons of jurors, and, if need were, to distrain them of their lands and goods, in order to insure or compel their attendance in court on the day of trial of a cause. It issued from the Common Pleas, and served the same purpose as a distringas juratores in the King's Bench. It was abolished by the C. P. Act, 1852, § 104. Brown.

HABEAS CORPUS. Lat. (You have the body.) The name given to a variety of writs, (of which these were anciently the emphatic words,) having for their object to bring into court the body.) The name given to a variety of writs, (of which these were anciently the emphatic words,) having for their object to bring into court the body of the prisoner, (or person detained,) with the day and cause of his caption and detention, ad prosequendum, ad satisfaciendum, et recipiendum, to be submitted to, and receive whatsoever the judge or court awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf. 3 Bl. Comm. 131; 3 Steph. Comm. 695. This is the well-known remedy for delivery from illegal confinement, called by Sir William Blackstone the most celebrated writ in the English law, and the great and efficacious writ in all manner of illegal confinement. 3 Bl. Comm. 120—Habeas corpus ad testificandum. A writ directed to the person detaining another, and commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner, (or person detained,) with the day and cause of his caption and detention, ad prosequendum, ad satisfaciendum et recipiendum, to be submitted to, and receive whatsoever the judge or court awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf. 3 Bl. Comm. 131; 3 Steph. Comm. 695. Habeas corpus act. The English statute of 31 Car. II, c. 2, is the original and prominent habeas corpus act. It was amended and supplemented by St. 56 Geo. III, c. 100. And similar statutes have been enacted in all the United States. This act is justly regarded as the great constitutional guaranty of personal liberty—Habeas corpus ad deliberaandum et recipiendum. A writ which is issued to remove, for trial, a person confined in one county to the county or place where the offense of which he is accused was committed. Bac. Abr. "Habeas Corpus," 1 Chit. Ch. 19. Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554. Thus, it has been granted to remove a person in custody for contempt to take his trial for perjury in another county. 1 Tyrw. 185—Habeas corpus ad faciendum et recipiendum. A writ issuing in civil cases to remove the cause, as also the body of the defendant, from an inferior court to a superior court having jurisdiction, there to be disposed of. It is also called "habeas corpus cum causa." Ex parte Bollman, 4 Cranch, 97, 2 L. Ed. 554—Habeas corpus ad prosequendum. A writ which issues when it is necessary to remove a prisoner in order to prosecute in the proper jurisdiction wherein the fact was committed. 3 Bl. Comm. 130—Habeas corpus ad respondendum. A writ which is usually employed in civil cases to remove a person out of the custody of one court into that of another, in order that he may be sued and answer the action in the latter. 2 Seil Pr. 259; 2 Mod. 198; 3 Bl. Comm. 129; 1 Tidd, Pr. 300—Habeas corpus ad satisfaciendum. In English practice, a writ which issues when a prisoner has had judgment against him in an action, and the plaintiff is desirous to bring him up to some superior court, to charge him with process of execution. 3 Bl. Comm. 129, 130; 3 Steph. Comm. 693; 1 Tidd, Pr. 350—Habeas corpus ad subjeticiendum. A writ directed to the person detaining another, and commanding him to produce the body of the prisoner, (or person detained,) with the day and cause of his caption and detention, ad prosequendum, ad satisfaciendum et recipiendum, to be submitted to, and receive whatsoever the judge or court awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf. 3 Bl. Comm. 131; 3 Steph. Comm. 695. Habemus optimum testem, confitentem reum. 1 Phil. Ev. 397. We have the best witness,—a confessing defendant. "What is taken pro confessum is taken as Indubitable truth. The plea of guilty by the party accused shuts out all further inquiry. Habemus confitentem reum is demonstration, unless indirect motives can be assigned to it." 2 Hagg. Eccl. 315.

HABENDUM. Lat. In conveyancing. The clause usually following the granting part of a bill of sale, or in the grant itself, expressing the extent of the ownership in the thing granted to be held and enjoyed by the grantee. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 437; New York Indians v. U. S., 170 U. S. 1, 18 Sup. Ct. 531, 42 L. Ed. 927; Clapp v. Byrnes, 3 App. Div. 284, 38 N. Y. Supp. 1063; Miller v. Graham,
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—Habendum et tenendum. In old conveyancing. To have and to hold. Formal words in deeds of land from a very early period. Bract. fol. 17b.

HABENTES HOMINES. In old English law. Rich men; literally, having men. The same with fasting-men, (q. v.) Cowell.

HABENTIA. Riches. Mon. Angl. t. 1, 100.

HABERE. Lat. In the civil law. To have. Sometimes distinguished from tenere, (to hold,) and possidere, (to possess) habere referring to the right, tenere to the fact, and possidere to both. Calvin.

HABERE FACIAS POSSESSIONEM. Lat. That you cause to have possession. The name of the process commonly resorted to by the successful party in an action of ejectment, for the purpose of being placed by the sheriff in the actual possession of the land recovered. It is commonly termed simply "habere facias," or "hab. fa."

HABERE FACIAS SEISINAM. L. Lat. That you cause to have seisin. The writ of execution in real actions, directing the sheriff to cause the demandant to have seisin of the lands recovered. It was the proper process for giving seisin of a freehold, as distinguished from a chattel interest in lands.

HABERE FACIAS VISUM. Lat. That you cause to have a view. A writ to cause the sheriff to take a view of lands or tenements.

HABERE LICERE. Lat. In Roman law. To allow [one] to have [possession.] This phrase denoted the duty of the seller of property to allow the purchaser to have the possession and enjoyment. For a breach of this duty, an actio ex empto might be maintained.

HABERJECTS. A cloth of a mixed color. Magna Charta, c. 26.

HABETO TIBI RES TUAS. Lat. Have or take your effects to yourself. One of the old Roman forms of divorcing a wife. Calvin.

HABILIS. Lat. Fit; suitable; active; useful, (of a servant) Proved; authentic, (of Book of Saints.) Fixed; stable, (of authority of the king,) Du Cange.

HABIT. A disposition or condition of the body or mind acquired by custom or a usual repetition of the same act or function. Knickerbocker L. Ins. Co. v. Foley, 105 U. S. 354, 26 L. Ed. 1055; Conner v. Citizens' St. R. Co., 146 Ind. 430, 45 N. E. 662; State v. Skilhorn, 104 Iowa, 97, 73 N. W. 503; State v. Robinson, 111 Ala. 482, 20 South. 30.

—Habit and repate. By the law of Scotland, marriage may be established by "habit and repate" where the parties cohabit and are at the same time held and reputed as man and wife. See Bell. The same rule obtains in some of the United States.

HABITABLE REPAIR. A covenant by a lessor to "put the premises into habitable repair" binds him to put them into such a state that they may be occupied, not only with safety, but with reasonable comfort, for the purposes for which they are taken. Miller v. McCordell, 19 R. I. 304, 33 Atl. 445, 30 L. R. A. 582.

HABITANCY. Settled dwelling in a given place; fixed and permanent residence there. This term is more comprehensive than "domicile," for one may be domicilled in a given place though he does not spend the greater portion of his time there, or though he may be absent for long periods. It is also more comprehensive than "residence," for one may reside in a given place only temporarily or for short periods on the occasion of repeated visits. But in neither case could he properly be called an "inhabitant" of that place or be said to have his "habitancy" there. See Atherton v. Washington & Jefferson College, 54 W. Va. 32, 48 S. E. 235; Hairston v. Hairston, 27 Miss. 711, 61 Am. Dec. 530; Abington v. North Bridgewater, 23 Pick. (Mass.) 170. And see DOMICILE; RESIDENCE.

It is difficult to give an exact definition of "habitancy." In general terms, one may be designated as an "inhabitant" of that place which constitutes the principal seat of his residence, of his business, pursuits, connections, attachments, and of his political and municipal relations. The term, therefore, embraces the fact of residence at a place, together with the intent to regard it and make it a home. The act and intent must concur. Lyman v. Fiske, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 231, 28 Am. Dec. 263.

HABITANT. Fr. In French and Canadian law. A resident tenant; a settler; a tenant who kept hearth and home on the seigniory.

HABITATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The right of dwelling; the right of free residence in another's house. Inst. 2, 5; Dig. 7, 8.

HABITATION. In the civil law. The right of a person to live in the house of another without prejudice to the property. It differed from a usufruct, in this: that the usufructuary might apply the house to any purpose, as of a store or manufactory; whereas the party having the right of habitation could only use it for the residence of himself and family. 1 Browne, Civil Law, 184.

In estates. A dwelling-house; a homestead. 2 Bl. Comm. 4; 4 Bl. Comm. 220;
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HABITUAL CRIMINAL. By statute in several states, one who is convicted of a felony, having been previously convicted of any crime (or twice so convicted), or who is convicted of a misdemeanor and has previously (in New York) been five times convicted of a misdemeanor. Crim. Code N. Y. 1903, § 510; Rev. St. Utah, 1898, § 4067. In a more general sense, one made subject to police surveillance and arrest on suspicion, on account of his previous criminal record and absence of honest employment.

—Habitual criminals act. The statute 32 & 33 Vict. (1860). By this act power was given to apprehend on suspicion convicted persons holding license under the penal servitude acts, 1853, 1857, and 1864. The act was repealed and replaced by the prevention of crimes act, 1871, (34 & 35 Vict. c. 112.)

HABITUAL DRUNKARD. A person given to ebriety or the excessive use of intoxicating drink, who has lost the power or the will, by frequent indulgence, to control his appetite for it. Ludwick v. Com., 18 Pa. 174; Gourlay v. Gourlay, 18 N. Y. 705. 19 Atl. 142; Miskel's Appeal, 107 Pa. 626; Richards v. Richards, 11 Ill. App. 467; McBee v. McBee, 22 Or. 329, 29 Pac. 887, 29 Am. St. Rep. 615.

One who has the habit of indulging in intoxicating liquors so firmly fixed that he becomes intoxicated as often as the temptation is presented by his being in the vicinity where liquors are sold is an "habitual drunkard," within the meaning of the divorce law. Magahay v. Magahay, 35 Mich. 210.

In England, it is defined by the habitual drunkards' act, 1879, (42 & 43 Vict. c. 19) which authorizes confinement in a retreat, upon the party's own application, as "a person who, not being amenable to any jurisdiction in lucency, is, notwithstanding, by reason of habitual intemperate drinking of intoxicating liquor, at times dangerous to himself, or herself, or others, or incapable of managing himself or herself, or his or her affairs."

HABLE. L. Fr. In old English law. A port or harbor; a station for ships. St. 27 Hen. VI. c. 3.

HACIENDA. In Spanish law. The public domain; the royal estate; the aggregate wealth of the state. The science of administering the national wealth; public economy. Also an estate or farm belonging to a private person.


HADBOTE. In Saxon law. A compensate or satisfaction for the violation of holy orders, or violence offered to persons in holy orders. Cowell; Blount.

HADD. In Hindu law. A boundary or limit. A statutory punishment defined by law, and not arbitrary. Mozley & Whitley.

HADERUNGA. In old English law. Hatred; ill will; prejudice, or partiality. Spelman; Cowell.

HADGONEL. In old English law. A tax or mulct. Jacob.

HÆC EST CONVENTIO. Lat. This is an agreement. Words with which agreements anciently commenced. Yearb. H. 6 Edw. II. 191.

HÆC EST FINALIS CONCORDIA. L. Lat. This is the final agreement. The words with which the foot of a fine commenced. 2 Bl. Comm. 351.

HÆREDA. In Gothic law. A tribunal answering to the English court-leet.

HÆREDE ABDUCTO. An ancient writ that lay for the lord, who, having by right the wardship of his tenant under age, could not obtain his person, the same being carried away by another person. Old Nat. Brev. 93.

HÆREDE DELIBERANDO ALTERI QUI HABET CUSTODIUM TERRÆ. An ancient writ, directed to the sheriff, to require one that had the body of an heir, being in ward, to deliver him to the person whose ward he was by reason of his land. Reg. Orig. 161.

HÆREDE RAPTO. An ancient writ that lay for the ravishment of the lord's ward. Reg. Orig. 163.

Hæredem Deus factit, non homo. God makes the heir, not man. Co. Litt. 7b.

HÆREDES. Lat. In the civil law. Heirs. The plural of hæres, (q. v.)

HÆREDIPETA. Lat. In old English law. A seeker of an inheritance; hence, the next heir to lands.

Hæredipetæ suo propinquo vel extraneo periculo suo sanæ custodi nullus committatur. To the next heir, whether a relation or a stranger, certainly a dangerous guardian, let no one be committed. Co. Litt. 88a.

HÆREDITAS. In Roman law. The hæreditas was a universal succession by law to any deceased person, whether such person had died testate or intestate, and whether in trust (ex fidicommisso) for another or not. The like succession according to Praetorian law was bonorum possesso. The hæreditas was called "jacens" until the hæres took it up, i.e., made his addito hæreditatis; and such hæres, if a suus hæres, had the right to abstain, (potestas abstinendi,) and, if an extraenus hæres, had the right to consider
whether he would accept or decline, (potestas deliberandi,) the reason for this precaution being that (prior to Justinian's enactment to the contrary) a hæres after his aditio was liable to the full extent of the debts of the deceased person, and could have no relief therefrom, except in the case of a damnum emergens or damnosa hæreditatis, i.e., an hæreditatus which disclosed (after the aditio) some enormous unsuspected liability. Brown.

In old English law. An estate transmissible by descent; an inheritance. Co. Litt. 9.

_Hæreditas damnosa._ A burdensome inheritance; one which would be a burden instead of a benefit, that is, the debts to be paid by the heir would exceed the assets._Hæreditas jacens._ A vacant inheritance. So long as no one had acquired the inheritance, it was termed _hæreditas jacens;_ and this, by a legal fiction, represented the person of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 737. The estate of a person deceased, where the owner left no heirs or legatees to take it, called _hæreditas_ an escheated estate. Cod. 10, 10, 1; 4 Kent, Comm. 425. The term has also been used in English law to signify an estate in abeyance; that is, after the ancestor's death, and before assumption of heir. Co. Litt. 342b.

_An inheritance without legal owner, and therefore open to the first crystalliser._ 2 Bl. Comm. 250.

_Hæreditas legitima._ A succession or inheritance devolving by operation of law (in testate succession) rather than by the will of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 654.

_Hæreditas luctuosa._ A sad or mournful inheritance, that is, after the ancestor's death, and this, by a legal fiction, represented the person of the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 654.

_Hæreditas testamentaria._ Testamentary inheritance, that is, succession to an estate under and according to the last will and testament of the decedent. Mackeld Rom. Law, § 654.

_Hæreditas, alla corporalis, alla incorporeal._ Corporal inheritance is, that which can neither be touched nor seen. Incorporeal, that which can be touched and seen. —Hæres. In Roman law. The heir, or universal successor in the event of death. The heir is he who actively or passively succeeds to the deceased person's estate-leaver. He is not only the successor to the rights and claims, but also to the estate-leaver's debts, and in relation to his estate is to be regarded as the identical person of the estate-leaver, inasmuch as he represents him in all his active and passive relations to his estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 651.

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In common law. An heir; he to whom lands, tenements, or hereditaments by the act of God and right of blood do descend, of some estate of inheritance. Co. Litt. 7b.

_Hæres astrarius._ In old English law. An heir in actual possession._Hæres de facto._ In old English law. Heir from fact; that is, of the estate of a child, which was regarded as disturbing the natural order of mortality. (turbato ordine mortalitat.) Cod. 6, 25, 9; 4 Kent, Comm. 357._Hæreditas testamentaria._ Testamentary inheritance, that is, succession to an estate under and according to the last will and testament of the decedent. Mackeld Rom. Law, § 654.

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scendants of the estate-leaver. They were called "necessary" heirs, because it was the law that made them heirs, and not the choice of either the decedent or themselves. But since this was also true of slaves (when named "heirs" in the will) the former class were designated "usu et necessarii," by way of distinction, the word "usu" denoting that the necessity arose from their relationship to the decedent. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

Hæres est alter ipse, et filius est pars patris. An heir is another self, and a son is part of the father. 3 Coke, 129.

Hæres est ant jure proprietatis aut jure representationis. An heir is either by right of property, or right of representation. 3 Coke, 409.

Hæres est eadem persona cum antecessore. An heir is the same person with his ancestor. Co. Litt. 22; Branch, Princ. See Nov. 48, c. 1, § 1.

Hæres est nomen collectivum. "Heir" is a collective name or noun. 1 Vent. 215.

Hæres est nomen juris; filius est nomen nature. "Heir" is a name or term of law; "son" is a name of nature. Bac. Max. 52, in reg. 11.

Hæres est pars antecessoris. An heir is a part of the ancestor. So said because the ancestor, during his life, bears in his body (in judgment of law) all his heirs.

Hæres hæredis mei est meus hæres. The heir of my heir is my heir.

Hæres legitimus est quem nuptiae demonstrant. He is a lawful heir whom marriage points out as such; who is born in wedlock. Co. Litt. 7b; Bract. fol. 83; Fleta, lib. 6, c. 1; Broom, Max. 515.

Hæres minor uno et viginti annis non respondebit, nisi in casu dotis. Moore, 348. An heir under twenty-one years of age is not answerable, except in the matter of dower.

Hæres non tenetur in Anglia ad debita antecessoris reddenda, nisi per antecessorem ad hoc fuerit obligatus, praterquam debita regis tautum. Co. Litt. 386. In England, the heir is not bound to pay his ancestor's debts, unless he be bound to it by the ancestor, except debts due to the king. But now, by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 104, he is liable.

HÆRETARE. In old English law. To give a right of inheritance, or make the donation hereditary to the grantee and his heirs. Cowell.

HÆRETICO COMBURENDO. The statute 2 Hen. IV. c. 15, de hæretico comburendo, was the first penal law enacted against heresy, and imposed the penalty of death by burning against all heretics who relapsed or who refused to abjure their opinions. It was repealed by the statute 29 Car. II. c. 9. Brown. This was also the name of a writ for the purpose indicated.

HAFNE. A haven or port. Cowell.


HAGA. A house in a city or borough. Scott.


HAGNE. A little hand-gun. St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 6.

HAGNEBUT. A hand-gun of a larger description than the hagne. St. 2 & 3 Edw. VI. c. 14; 4 & 5 P. & M. c. 2.

HAIA. In old English law. A park inclosed. Cowell.

HAIEBOTE. In old English law. A permission or liberty to take thorns, etc., to make or repair hedges. Blount.

HAII. In Scotch law. Whole; the whole. "All and haill" are common words in conveyances. 1 Bell, App. Cas. 459.

HAILWORKFOLK. (i. e., holyworkfolk.) Those who formerly held lands by the service of defending or repairing a church or monument.

HAIMHALDARE. In old Scotch law. To seek restitution of one's own goods and gear, and bring the same home again. Skene de Verb. Signa.

HAIMHALLARDRE. In old Scotch law.

HAIMSUCKEN. In Scotch law. The crime of assaulting a person in his own house. Bell.

HALF. A moiety; one of two equal parts of anything susceptible of division. Prentiss v. Brewer, 17 Wis. 644, 86 Am. Dec. 730; Hartford Iron Min. Co. v. Cambridge Min. Co., 80 Mich. 491, 45 N. W. 351; Cogin v. Cook, 22 Minn. 142; Dart v. Barbour, 32 Mich. 272. Used in law in various compound terms, in substantially the same sense, as follows:

-Half blood. See BLOOD—Half-brother, half-sister. Persons who have the same father, but different mothers; or the same mother, but different fathers. Wood v. Mitcham, 92 N. Y. 379; In re Wele's Estate, 1 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pa.) 210.—Half-cent. A copper coin of the United States, of the value of five mills, and of the weight of ninety-four grains. The coinage of these was discontinued in 1857.—Half defense. See DEFENSE—Half-dime. A silver (now nickel) coin of the United States, of the value of fifty cents, or one-half the value of a dollar.—Half-eagle. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of five

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and eight-pence coin in English money. —Half pi-
lotage. Compensation for services which a
pilot has put himself in readiness to perform,
by labor, risk, and cost, and has been able to per-
form, at half the rate he would have receiv-
ed if the services had actually been performed.
Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U.
S. 66; 6 Sup. Ct. 820, 29 L. Ed. 135; Half-
pilotage in the civil law. Proof by one wit-
ness, or a private instrument. HalIS, Civil
Law, b. 3, c. 8, no. 25, 1 Bl. Comm. 370.
Or prima facie proof, which yet was not suffi-
cient to found a sentence or decree.—Half-
section. In American land law. The half of a
section of land according to the divisions of
the government survey, laid off either by a
north-and-south or by an east-and-west line,
and containing 320 acres. See Brown v. Har-
din, 21 Ark. 324.—Half-timer. A child who,
by the operation of the English factory and edu-
cation acts, is employed for less than the full
hours in a factory or workshop, in order that he
may attend some "recognized efficient school."—
See factory and workshop act, 1878, § 28: ele-
montary education act, 1876, § 11.—
Half-tongue. A jury half of one tongue or nation-
ality and half of another. See De Mediatate
Langue, (q. v.)—Half-year. In legal computa-
tion. The period of one hundred and eighty-two days;
the odd hours being rejected. Co. Litt. 135a;
Cro. Jac. 166; Yel. 100; 1 Steph. Comm. 265;
Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 3257.
HALIFAX LAW. A synonym for lynch
law, or the summary (and unauthorized) trial
of a person accused of crime and the inflict-
ion of death upon him; from the name of
the parish of Halifax, in England, where an-
cently this form of private justice was prac-
tised by the free burgheis in the case of per-
sons accused of stealing; also called "gibbet
law."

HALIGEMOT. In Saxon law. The meet-
ing of a hall, (conventus aulae,) that is,
a lord's court; a court of a manor, or court-
baron. Spelman. So called from the
hall, where the tenants or freemen met, and jus-
tice was administered. Crabb, Eng. Law, 28.

HALIMAS. In English law. The feast
of All Saints, on the 1st of November; one
of the cross-quarters of the year, was com-
puted from Halima to Candlemas. Wharton.

HALL. A building or room of consider-
able size, used as a place for the meeting of
public assemblies, conventions, courts, etc.

In English law. A name given to many
manor-houses because the magistrate's court
was held in the hall of his mansion; a chief
mansion-house. Cowell.

HALLAGE. In old English law. A fee
or toll due for goods or merchandise vended
in a hall. Jacob.
A toll due to the lord of a fair or market,
for such commodities as were vended in the
common hall of the place. Cowell; Blount.

HALLACZO. In Spanish law. The find-
ing and taking possession of something which
previously had no owner, and which thus
becomes the property of the first occupant.
Las Partidas, 3, 5, 28; 5, 48, 49; 5, 20, 50.

HALLE-GEOMET. In Saxon law. Hal-
gemot, (q. v.)

HALLUCINATION. In medical juris-
prudence. A trick or deceit of the senses; a
morbid error either of the sense of sight or
that of hearing, or possibly of the other
senses; a psychological state, such as would
be produced naturally by an act of sense-per-
ception, attributed confidently, but mistaken-
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fore St. Thomas' day, and therefore called the “holymote,” or holy court. Cowell.

**Halywercfolk.** Sax. In old English law. Tenants who held land by the service of repairing or defending a church or monument, whereby they were exempted from feudal and military services.

**Hama.** In old English law. A hook; an engine with which a house on fire is pulled down. Yel. 60.

**A piece of land.**

**Hambling.** In forest law. The hoxing or hock-sinewing of dogs; an old mode of laming or disabling dogs. Termes de la Ley.

**Hamesecken.** In Scotch law. The violent entering into a man's house without license or against the peace, and the seeking and assaulting him there. Skene de Verb. Sign.; 2 Forb. Inst 139.

The crime of housebreaking or burglary. 4 Bl. Comm. 223.

**Hamfare.** (Sax. From ham, a house.) In Saxon law. An assault made in a house; a breach of the peace in a private house.

**Hamlet.** A small village; a part or member of a vill. It is the diminutive of “ham,” a village. Cowell. See Rex. v. Morris, 4 Term, 652.

**Hamma.** A close Joining to a house; a croft; a little meadow. Cowell.

**Hammer.** Metaphorically, a forced sale or sale at public auction. "To bring to the hammer," to put up for sale at auction. "Sold under the hammer," sold by an officer of the law or by an auctioneer.

**Hamsocne.** In Saxon law. The right of security and privacy in a man's house. Du Cange. The breach of this privilege by a forcible entry of a house is breach of the peace. Du Cange.

**Hanaper.** A hamper or basket in which were kept the writs of the court of chancery relating to the business of a subject, and their returns. 3 Bl. Comm. 49. According to others, the fees accruing on writs, etc., were there kept. Spelman; Du Cange.

—Hanaper-office. An office belonging to the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, so called because all writs relating to the business of a subject, and their returns, were formerly kept in a hamper, in hanaperio. 6 & 6 Vict. c. 103. See Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 363.

**Hand.** A measure of length equal to four inches, used in measuring the height of horses. A person's signature.

In old English law. An oath. For the meaning of the terms "strong hand" and "clean hands," see those titles.

**Hand Down.** An appellate court is said to "hand down" its decision in a case, when the opinion is prepared and filed for transmission to the court below.

**Hand-Fasting.** In old English law. Betrothment.

**Hand-grith.** In old English law. Peace or protection given by the king with his own hand.

**Hand money.** Money paid in hand to bind a bargain; earnest money.

**Handbill.** A written or printed notice displayed to inform those concerned of something to be done. People v. McLaughlin, 33 Misc. Rep. 691, 68 N. Y. Supp. 1108.

**Handborow.** In Saxon law. A hand pledge; a name given to the nine pledges in a decennary or friborg; the tenth or chief, being called "headborow," (g. v.) So called as being an inferior pledge to the chief. Spelman.

**Handhabend.** In Saxon law. One having a thing in his hand; that is, a thief found having the stolen goods in his possession. Jurisdiction to try such thief.

**Handsale.** Anciently, among all the northern nations, shaking of hands was held necessary to bind a bargain,—a custom still retained in verbal contracts. A sale thus made was called "handsale," (venditio per mutuam manum complexionem.) In process of time the same word was used to signify the price or earnest which was given immediately after the shaking of hands, or instead thereof. 2 Bl. Comm. 448.

**Handsel.** Handsale, or earnest money.

**Handwriting.** The chirography of a person; the cast or form of writing peculiar to a person, including the size, shape, and style of letters, tricks of penmanship, and whatever gives individuality to his writing, distinguishing it from that of other persons. In re Hyland's Will (Surr. Ct.) 27 N. Y. Supp. 963.

Anything written by hand; an instrument written by the hand of a person, or a specimen of his writing.

Handwriting, considered under the law of evidence, includes not only the ordinary writing of one able to write, but also writing done in a disguised hand, or in cipher, and a mark made by one able or unable to write. 9 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 294. See Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 301, 52 Am. Dec. 711.

**Hang.** In old practice. To remain undetermined. "It has hung long enough; it is time it were made an end of." Holt, C. J., 1 Show. 77.

Thus, the present participle means pend-
HANGING. In criminal law. Suspension by the neck; the mode of capital punishment used in England from time immemorial, and generally adopted in the United States. 4 Bl. Comm. 403. —Hanging in chains. In atrocious cases it was at one time usual, in England, for the court to direct a murderer, after execution, to be hanged upon a gibbet in chains near the place where the murder was committed, a practice quite contrary to the Mosaic law. (Deut. xxxi. 23.) Abolished by 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 26. Wharton.

HANGMAN. An executioner. One who executes condemned criminals by hanging.

HANGWITE. In Saxon law. A fine for illegal hanging of a thief, or for allowing him to escape. Immunity from such fine. Du Cange.

HANSE. An alliance or confederation among merchants or cities, for the good ordering and protection of the commerce of its members. An imposition upon merchandise. Du Cange.

—Hanse towns. The collective name of certain German cities, including Lubeck, Hamburg, and Bremen, which formed an alliance for the mutual protection and furtherance of their commercial interests, in the twelfth century. The powerful confederacy thus formed was called the "Hanseatic League." The league framed and promulgated a code of maritime law, which was known as the "Laws of the Hanse Towns," or "Juris Hanseatici Maritimum." Hanse towns, laws of the. The maritime ordinances of the Hanseatic towns, first published in German at Lubeck, in 1597, and in May, 1614, revised and enlarged. —Hanseatic. Pertaining to a hanse or commercial alliance; but, generally, the union of the Hanse towns is the one referred to, as in the expression the "Hanseatic League."

HANSGRAVE. The chief of a company; the head man of a corporation.

HANTELOD. In old European law. An arrest, or attachment. Spelman.

HAP. To catch. Thus, "hap the rent," "hap the deed-poll," were formerly used.

HAPPINESS. The constitutional right of men to pursue their "happiness" means the right to pursue any lawful business or vocation, in any manner not inconsistent with the equal rights of others, which may increase their prosperity, or develop their faculties, so as to give to them their highest enjoyment. Butcher's Union Co. v. Crescent City Co., 111 U. S. 757, 4 Sup. Ct. 652, 28 L. Ed. 585; 1 Bl. Comm. 41. And see English v. English, 32 N. J. Eq. 750.

HAQUE. In old statutes. A hand-gun, about three-quarters of a yard long. Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—36

HARACIUM. In old English law. A race of horses and mares kept for breed; a stud. Spelman.

HARBINGER. In England, an officer of the royal household.

HARBOR. v. To receive clandestinely and without lawful authority a person for the purpose of so concealing him that another having a right to the lawful custody of such person shall be deprived of the same. Jones v. Van Zandt, 5 How. 215, 227, 12 L. Ed. 122. A distinction has been taken, in some decisions, between "harbor" and "conceal." A person may be convicted of harboring a slave, although he may not have concealed her. McElhaney v. State, 24 Ala. 71.

HARBOR, n. A haven, or a space of deep water so sheltered by the adjacent land as to afford a safe anchorage for ships. Rowe v. Smith, 51 Conn. 271, 50 Am. Rep. 16; The Auranla (D. C.) 29 Fed. 103; People v. Kirsch, 67 Mich. 539, 35 N. W. 157. "Port" is a word of larger import than "harbor," since it implies the presence of wharves, or at any rate the means and opportunity of receiving and discharging cargo.

—Harbor authority. In England a harbor authority is a body of persons, corporate or unincorporate, being proprietors of, or intrusted with the duty of constructing, improving, managing, or lighting, any harbor. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 47—Harbor line. A line marking the boundary of a certain part of a public water which is reserved for a harbor. Engs v. Peckham, 11 R. I. 224.

HARD LABOR. A punishment, additional to mere imprisonment, sometimes imposed upon convicts sentenced to a penitentiary. But the labor is not, as a rule, any harder than ordinary mechanical labor. Brown v. State, 74 Ala. 483.


HARDHEIDIS. In old Scotch law. Lions; coins formerly of the value of three half-pence. 1 Pitts. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 64, note.

HARDEST. The severity with which a proposed construction of the law would bear upon a particular case, founding, sometimes, an argument against such construction, which is otherwise termed the "argument ab inconvenienti."

HARMLESS ERROR. See Error.

HARNASCA. In old European law. The defensive armor of a man; harness. Spelman.

HARNESS. All warlike instruments; also the tackle or furniture of a ship.
HARO. Fr. In Norman and early English law. An outcry, or hue and cry after felons and malefactors. Cowell.

HARRIOTT. The old form of "heriot," (q. v.) Williams, Seis. 203.

HART. A stag or male deer of the forest five years old complete.

HASP AND STAPLE. In old Scotch law. The form of entering an heir in a subject situated within a royal borough. It consisted of the heir's taking hold of the hasp and staple of the door, (which was the symbol of possession,) with other formalities. Bell; Burrill.

HASPA. In old English law. The hasp of a door; by which livery of seisin might anciently be made, where there was a house on the premises.

HASTA. Lat. A spear. In the Roman law, a spear was the sign of a public sale of goods or sale by auction. Hence the phrase "hastæ subiectæ" (to put under the spear) meant to put up at auction. Calvin.

In feudal law. A spear. The symbol used in making investiture of a fief. Feud, lib. 2, tit. 2.

HAT MONEY. In maritime law. Primage; a small duty paid to the captain and mariners of a ship.

HAUBER. O. Fr. A high lord; a great baron. Spelman.

HAITGH, or HOWGH. A green plot in a valley.

HAUL. The use of this word, instead of the statutory word "carry," in an indictment charging that the defendant "did feloniously steal, take, and haul away" certain personalty, will not render the indictment bad, the words being in one sense equivalent. Spittorff v. State, 108 Ind. 171, 8 N. B. 911.

HAUR. In old English law. Hatred. Leg. Wm. I. c. 16; Blount.

HAUSTUS. Lat. In the civil law. A species of servitude, consisting in the right to draw water from another's well or spring, in which the iter, (right of way to the well or spring,) so far as it is necessary, is tacitly included. Dig. 8, 3, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 318.

HAY-BOTE. Another name for "hedgebote," being one of the estovers allowed to a tenant for life or years, namely, material for repairing the necessary hedges or fences of his grounds. 2 Bl. Comm. 35; 1 Wash. Real Prop. 129.

HAYWARD. In old English law. An officer appointed in the lord's court to keep
HAZARD.

1. In old English law. An unlawful game at dice, those who play at it being called "hazardors." Jacob.


3. In insurance law. The risk, danger, or probability that the event insured against may happen, varying with the circumstances of the particular case. See State Ins. Co. v. Taylor, 14 Colo. 409, 24 Pac. 333, 20 Am. St. Rep. 281.

-Moral hazard. In fire insurance. The risk or danger of the destruction of the insured property by fire, as measured by the character and interest of the insured owner, his habits as a prudent and careful man or the reverse, his known integrity or his bad reputation, and the amount of loss he would suffer by the destruction of the property or the gain he would make by selling it to burn and collecting the insurance. See Syndicate Ins. Co. v. Bohn, 60 Fed. 170, 12 C. C. A. 531, 27 L. R. A. 614.

HAZARDOUS. Exposed to or involving danger; perilous; risky.

The terms "hazardous," "extra-hazardous," "specially hazardous," and "not hazardous" are well-understood technical terms in the business of insurance, having distinct and separate meanings. Although what goods are included in each designation may not be so known as to dispense with actual proof, the terms themselves are distinct and known to be so Russell v. Insurance Co., 50 Minn. 409, 52 N. W. 906; Pindar v. Insurance Co., 38 N. Y. 365.

-Hazardous contract. See CONTRACT.—

-Hazardous Insurance. Insurance effected on property which is in unusual or peculiar danger of destruction by fire, or on the life of a man whose occupation exposes him to special or unusual peril. —Hazardous negligence. See NEGLIGENCE.

HE. The use of this pronoun in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; it may be shown by parol that the person intended is a female. Bernlaud v. Beecher, 71 Cal. 93, 11 Pac. 802.

He who has committed iniquity shall not have equity. Francis, Max.

He who seeks equity must do equity. It is in pursuance of this maxim that equity enforces the right of the wife's equity to a settlement. Snell, Eq. (5th Ed.) 374.

HEAD. Chief; leading; principal; the upper part or principal source of a stream.

-Head money. A sum of money reckoned at a fixed amount for each head (person) in a designated class. Particularly (1) a capitation or poll tax. (2) A bounty offered by the laws of the United States for each person on board an enemy state's vessel, at the commencement of a naval engagement, which shall be sunk or destroyed by a ship or vessel of the United States of equal or inferior force, the same to be divided among the officers and crew in the same manner as prize money. In re Farragut, 7 D. C. 97. A similar reward is offered by the British authorities. (3) The tax or duty imposed by act of congress of Aug. 3, 1882, on owners of steamships and sailing vessels for every immigrant brought into the United States. Head Money Cases, 112 U. S., 569, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 708. (4) A bounty or reward paid to one who pursues and kills a bandit or outlaw and produces his head as evidence; the offer of such a reward being popularly called "putting a price on his head."—Head of creek.

This term means the source of the longest branch, unless general has given the appellation to another. Davis v. Bryant, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 110.—Head of department. In the constitution and laws of the United States, the heads of departments are the officers at the head of the great executive departments of government (commonly called "the cabinet") such as the secretaries of state, the secretary of the interior, attorney general, postmaster general, and so on, not including heads of bureaus. U. S. v. Mouatt, 24 U. S., 905, 8 Sup. Ct. 509, 31 L. Ed. 463; U. S. v. Germaine, 59 L. S. 511, 25 L. Ed. 482.—Head of a family. A term used in homestead and exemption laws to designate a person who maintains a family; a householder. Not necessarily a husband or father, but any person who has charge of, supervises, and manages the affairs of the household or the collective body of persons residing together and constituting the family. See Duncan v. Frank, 8 Mo. App. 209; Jarboe v. Jarboe, 106 Mo. App. 459, 79 S. W. 1163; Whalen v. Cadman, 11 Iowa, 227; Brokaw v. Ogle, 170 Ill. 115, 48 N. E. 394; Bennett v. Georgia Trust Co., 35 Ga. 575, 32 S. E. 625.—Head of stream. The highest point on the stream which furnishes a continuous stream of water, not necessarily the longest fork or prong. Uhl v. Reynolds, 64 S. W. 498; Westervelt v. Branch, 92 S. E. 759; State v. Coleman, 13 N. J. Law, 104.—Head of water. In hydraulic engineering, mining, etc., the effective force of a body of water or volume of water expressed in terms of the vertical distance from the level of the water in the pond, reservoir, dam, or other source of supply, to the point where it is to be mechanically applied, or expressed in terms of the pressure of the water per square inch at the latter point. See Sherrer v. Middleton, 88 Mich. 621, 50 N. W. 737; Carrell v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 534, 59 N. W. 638.

HEADBOROUGH. In Saxon law. The head or chief officer of a borough; chief of the frankpledge tithing or decennary. This office was afterwards, when the petty constableship was created, united with that office.

HEAD-COURTS. Certain tribunals in Scotland, abolished by 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Ersk, 1, 4, 5.

HEADLAND. In old English law. A narrow piece of unplowed land left at the end of a plowed field for the turning of the plow. Called, also, "butt."
HEAD-NOTE. A syllabus to a reported case; a summary of the points decided in the case, which is placed at the head or beginning of the report.

HEAD-PENCE. An exacting of 40d. or more, collected by the sheriff of Northumberland from the people of that county twice in every seven years, without account to the king. Abolished in 1444. Cowell.

HEADRIGHT CERTIFICATE. In the laws of the republic of Texas, a certificate issued under authority of an act of 1833, which provided that every person immigrating to the republic between October 1, 1837, and January 1, 1840, who was the head of a family and actually resided within the government with his or her family should be entitled to a grant of 640 acres of land, to be held under such a certificate for three years, and then conveyed by absolute deed to the settler, if in the mean time he had resided permanently within the republic and performed all the duties required of citizens. Cannon v. Vaughan, 12 Tex. 401; Turner v. Hart, 10 Tex. 441.

HEAFODWEARD. In old English law. One of the services to be rendered by a thane, but in what it consisted seems uncertain.

HEALGEMOTE. In Saxon law. A court-baron; an ecclesiastical court.

HEALSFANG. In Saxon law. A sort of pillory, by which the head of the culprit was caught between two boards, as feet are caught in a pair of stocks. Cowell.

HEALER. One who heals or cures; specifically, one who professes to cure bodily diseases without medicine or any material means, according to the tenets and practices of so-called "Christian Science," whose beliefs and practices, being founded on their religious convictions, are not per se proof of insanity. In re Brush's Will, 35 Misc. Rep. 689, 72 N. Y. Supp. 425.

HEALING ACT. Another name for a curative act or statute. See Lockhart v. Troy, 48 Ala. 554.

HEALTH. Freedom from sickness or suffering. The right to the enjoyment of health is a subdivision of the right of personal security, one of the absolute rights of persons. 1 Bl. Comm. 129, 134. As to injuries affecting health, see 3 Bl. Comm. 122.

-Bill of health. See BILL.-Board of health. See Board.-Health laws. Laws prescribing sanitary measures, and designed to promote or preserve the health of the community.-Health officer. The officer charged with the execution and enforcement of health laws. The powers and duties of health officers are regulated by local laws.-Public health. As one of the objects of the police power of the state, the "public health" means the prevailing healthful or sanitary condition of the general body of people or the community in mass, and the absence of any general or widespread disease or cause of mortality.

HEALTHY. Free from disease or bodily ailment, or any state of the system peculiarly susceptible or liable to disease or bodily ailment. Bell v. Jeffreys, 35 N. C. 533.

HEARING. In equity practice. The hearing of the arguments of the counsel for the parties upon the pleadings, or pleadings and proofs; corresponding to the trial of an action at law.

The word "hearing" has an established meaning as applicable to equity cases. It means the same thing in those cases that the word "trial" does in cases at law. And the words "final hearing" have long been used to designate the trial of an equity case upon the merits, as distinguished from the hearing of any preliminary questions arising in the cause, and which are termed "interlocutory." Akery v. Vilas, 24 Wis. 171, 1 Am. Rep. 166.

In criminal law. The examination of a prisoner charged with a crime or misdemeanor, and of the witnesses for the accused.

-Final hearing. See Final.

HEARSAY. A term applied to that species of testimony given by a witness who relates, not what he knows personally, but what others have told him, or what he has heard said by others. Hopt v. Utah, 110 U. S. 574, 4 Sup. Ct. 262; Morell v. Morell, 157 Ind. 178, 60 N. E. 1002; Stockton v. Williams, 1 Doug. (Mich.) 570; People v. Kraft, 91 Hun, 474, 36 N. Y. Supp. 1034.

Hearsay evidence is that which does not derive its value solely from the credit of the witness, but rests mainly on the veracity and competency of other persons. The very nature of the evidence shows its weakness, and it is admitted only in specified cases from necessity. Code Ga. 1882, § 3770; 1 Phill. Ev. 185.

Hearsay evidence is second-hand evidence, as distinguished from original evidence; it is the repetition at second-hand of what would be original evidence if given by the person who originally made the statement.

HEARTH MONEY. A tax levied in England by St. 14 Car. II. c. 10, consisting of two shillings on every hearth or stove in the kingdom. It was extremely unpopular, and was abolished by 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 10. This tax was otherwise called "chimney money."

HEARTH SILVER. In English law. A species of modus or composition for tithes. Anstr. 323, 326.

HEAT OF PASSION. A state of violent and uncontrollable rage
engendered by a blow or certain other provocation given, which will reduce a homicide from the grade of murder to that of manslaughter. A state of mind contrasted from a cool state of the blood. State v. Wiens, 66 Mo. 25; State v. Andrew, 76 Mo. 101; State v. Seaton, 106 Mo. 198, 17 S. W. 171; State v. Builing, 105 Mo. 204, 15 S. W. 367.

HEAVE TO. In maritime parlance and admiralty law. To stop a sailing vessel's headway by bringing her head "into the wind," that is, in the direction from which the wind blows. A steamer is said to be "hove to" when held in such a position that she takes the heaviest seas upon her quarter. The Hugo (D. C.) 57 Fed. 411.

HEBBERMAN. An unlawful fisher in the Thames below London bridge; so called because they generally fished at ebbing tide or water. 4 Hen. VII. c. 15; Jacob.

HEBBERTHEF. In Saxon law. The privilege of having the goods of a thief, and the trial of him, within a certain liberty. Cowell.

HEBBING-WEARS. A device for catching fish in ebbing water. St. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 5.

HEBEDOMADIUS. A week's man; the canon or prebendary in a cathedral church, who had the peculiar care of the choir and the offices of it for his own week. Cowell.

HECCAGIUM. In feudal law. Rent paid to a lord of the fee for a liberty to use the engines called "hecks."

HECK. An engine to take fish in the river Ouse. 23 Hen. VIII. c. 18.

HEDA. A small haven, wharf, or landing place.

HEDAGIUM. Toll or customary dues at the hithe or wharf, for landing goods, etc., from which exemption was granted by the crown to some particular persons and societies. Wharton.

HEDGE-BOTE. An allowance of wood for repairing hedges or fences, which a tenant or lessee has a right to take off the land let or demised to him. 2 Bl. Comm. 35.

HEDGE-PRIEST. A vagabond priest in olden time.

HEGEMONY. The leadership of one among several independent confederate states.

HEGIRA. The epoch or account of time used by the Arabians and the Turks, who begin their computation from the day that Mahomet was compelled to escape from Mecca, which happened on Friday, July 16, A. D. 622, under the reign of the Emperor Heraclius. Wharton.

HEGUMENOS. The leader of the monks in the Greek Church.

HEIFER. A young cow which has not had a calf. 2 East, P. C. 616. And see State v. McMinn, 34 Ark. 162; Mundell v. Hammond, 40 Vt. 645.


The term "heir" has a very different significance at common law from what it has in those states and countries which have adopted the civil law. In the latter, the term is indiscriminately applied to all persons who are called to the succession, whether by the act of the party or by operation of law. The person who is created universal successor by a will is called the "testamentary heir," and the next kin by blood, in cases of intestacy, called the "heir at law," or "heir by intestacy." The executor of the common law in many respects corresponds to the testamentary heir of the civil law. Again, the administrator in many respects corresponds with the heir by intestacy. By the common law, executors and administrators have no right except to the personal estate of the deceased; whereas the heir by the civil law is authorized to administer both the personal and real estate. Story, Conf. Laws, §§ 57, 508.

In the civil law. A universal successor in the event of death. He who actively or passively succeeds to the entire property or estate, rights and obligations, of a decedent, and occupies his place.

The term "heir" has several significations. Sometimes it refers to one who has formally accepted a succession and taken possession thereof; sometimes to one who is called to succeed, but still retains the faculty of accepting or renouncing, and it is frequently used as applied to one who has formally renounced. Mumford v. Bowman, 26 La. Ann. 417.

In Scotch law. The person who succeeds to the heritage or heritable rights of one deceased. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 75. The word has a more extended signification than in English law, comprehending not only those who succeed to lands, but successors to personal property also. Wharton.

—Heir apparent. An heir whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor; as in England the eldest son, or his issue, who must by the course of the common law, be heir to the father whenever he happens to die. 2 Bl. Comm. 208; 1 Steph Comm. 656; Jones v. Fleming, 37 Hun (N. Y.) 230.—Heir at law. He who, after his ancestor's death intestate, has a right to inherit all lands, tenements, and hereditaments which belonged to him or of which he was seised. The same as "heir general." Forrest v. Porch, 100 Tenn. 391, 45 S. W. 676; In re Aspenden's
Estate, 2 Fed. Cas. 42; McKinley v. Stewart, 5 Kan. 394.—Heir beneficiary. In the civil law. One who has accepted the succession under the benefit of an inventory regularly made. Heirs are divided into two classes, according to the manner in which they accept the successions left to them, to-wit, unconditional and beneficiary heirs. Conditional heirs are those who inherit without any reservation, or without making an inventory, whether their acceptance or taking of the succession is by operation of law, or by the contract evidenced by the deed of the deceased. In the civil law, the nearest male blood-relation of the decedent, unless further limited by the words "of the blood," which restrict the inheritance to male. In Scotch law. An heir institute, who, under the form of the gift—per formam doni; the heir by custom. In English law. One whose right of inheritance depends upon a particular and local custom, such as gavelkind, or borough English. Co. Litt. 140.—Heir by devise. One to whom lands are devised by will; a devisee of lands. 2 BI. Comm. 875, 877.—Heir, the father factor (q. v.) of the civil law.—Heir collateral. One who is not lineally related to the decedent, but is of collateral kin; e. g., his uncle, cousin, brother, uncles of the wife, and cousins of the civil law. One who takes a succession by virtue of a contract or settlement entitling him thereto.—Heir compelled. One who is compelled to accept the inheritance. See Forced Heirs.—Heir general. An heir at law. The ordinary heir by blood, succeeding to all the lands. Forrest v. Porch, 100 Tenn. 291, 45 S. W. 760.—Heir institute. In Scotch law. One to whom the right of succession is ascertained by disposition or express deed of the deceased. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 72.—Heir heir. See Inheritance.—Heir, in the civil law. The term is also used in Anglo-American law in substantially the same sense. The word "heir" as used by the law, which is applied to the ancestors rather than the descendants of the decedent, the word "heir" being here applied to the ancestors rather than the heirs. See Gardner v. Fay, 182 Mass. 492, 65 N. E. 825.—Lawful heirs. In a general sense, those heirs who are derived from the law, the law alone giving them the right of inheritance. In the civil law, the nearest male blood-relation of the decedent, but in a special and technical sense, lineal descendants only, Abbott v. Essex Co., 18 How. 215, 15 L. Ed. 352; Rollins v. Adams, 62 Ohio St. 205; Conger v. Lowe, 124 Ind. 383, 24 N. E. 880; 9 L. R. A. 165; Moody v. Snell, 81 Pa. 362.—Legitimate heirs. Children born in lawful wedlock and their descendants, not including collateral heirs or issue in indefinite succession. Lytle v. Beveridge, 58 N. Y. 605; Prindle v. Beveridge, 7 Lemoine (N. Y.) 231.—Natural heirs. Heirs by consanguinity as distinguished from heirs by adoption, and also as distinguished from collateral heirs. Ludmum v. Otis, 142 Mass. 465, 14 C. H. 142; Ker v. Conn. 112, 48 Am. Dec. 146; Miller v. Churchill, 78 N. C. 372; Markover v. Krauss, 132 Ind. 294, 31 N. E. 1047, 17 L. R. A. 806.—Right heir. This term was formerly used, in the case of estates tail, to distinguish the preferred heir, to whom the estate was limited, from the other heirs who were not heirs of the survivor of the preferred heir and his line, the remainder over was usually finally limited. With the abolition of estates tail, the term has fallen into disuse. When the heir is defined as "the heir of a jointure of the preferred heir and his line," it has no other meaning than "heir at law." Brown v. Wadhurst, 168 N. Y. 225, 55 N. E. 250; Ballentine v. Wood, 42 N. J. Eq. 552, 9 Atl. 582; McMurry v. Creaste, 6 Pa. Dist. R. 449.
HEIR-LOOMS. Such goods and chattels as, contrary to the nature of chattels, shall go by special custom to the heir along with the inheritance, and not to the executor. The termination "loom" (Sax.) signifies a limb or member; so that an heirloom is nothing else but a limb or member of the inheritance. They are generally such things as cannot be taken away without damaging or dismembering the freehold; such as deer in a park, doves in a cote, deeds and charters, etc. 2 Bl. Comm. 427.

HEIRDOM. Succession by inheritance.

HEIRESS. A female heir to a person having an estate of inheritance. When there are more than one, they are called "co-heiresses," or "co-heirs."

HEIRS. A word used in deeds of conveyance, (either solely, or in connection with others,) where it is intended to pass a fee.

HEIRSHIP. The quality or condition of being heir, or the relation between the heir and his ancestor.

HEIRSHIP MOVABLES. In Scotch law. The movables which go to the heir, and not to the executor, that the land may not go to the heir completely dismantled, such as the best of furniture, horses, cows, etc., but not fungibles. Bell.

HELL. The name formerly given to a place under the exchequer chamber, where the king's debtors were confined. Rich. Dict.

HELM. Thatch or straw; a covering for the head in war; a coat of arms bearing a crest; the tiller or handle of the rudder of a ship.

HELOWE-WALL. The end-wall covering and defending the rest of the building. Paroch. Antiq. 573.

HELSING. A Saxo-Norse coin, of the value of a half-penny.

HEMIPLEGIA. In medical jurisprudence. Unilateral paralysis; paralysis of one side of the body, commonly due to a lesion in the brain, but sometimes originating from the spinal cord, as in "Brown-Sequard's paralysis." Unilateral paralysis with crossed anesthesia. In the cerebral form, the hemiplegia is sometimes "alternate" or crossed, that is, occurring on the opposite side of the body from the initial lesion.

If the disease comes on rapidly or suddenly, it is called "quick" hemiplegia; if slowly or gradually, "chronic." The former variety is more apt to affect the mental faculties than the latter; but, where hemiplegia is complete, the operations of the mind are generally much impaired. See Baughman v. Baughman, 32 Kan. 538, 4 Pac. 1008.

HEMOLDBORCH, or HELMELBORCH. A title to possession. The admission of this

old Norse term into the laws of the Conqueror is difficult to be accounted for; it is not found in any Anglo-Saxon law extant. Wharton.

HENCEFORTH. A word of futurity, which, as employed in legal documents, statutes, and the like, always imports a continuity of action or condition from the present time forward, but excludes all the past. Thomson v. American Surety Co., 170 N. Y. 109, 62 N. E. 1073; Opinion of Chief Justice, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 128, note.

HENCHMAN. A page; an attendant; a herald. See Barnes v. State, 88 Md. 347, 41 Atl. 781.

HENEDPENNY. A customary payment of money instead of hens at Christmas; a composition for eggs. Cowell.

HENFARY. A fine for flight on account of murder. Domesday Book.

HENGHEN. A prison, a gaol, or house of correction.

HENFVDE. In Saxon law. A master of a family, keeping house, distinguished from a lower class of freemen, viz., folgeras, (folgaris,) who had no habitations of their own, but were householders of their lords.

HENRFSTE, or HUDFSTE. An acquittance from a fine for hanging a thief. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 47, § 17.

HENRICUS VETUS. Henry the Old, or Elder. King Henry I. is so called in ancient English chronicles and charters, to distinguish him from the subsequent kings of that name. Spelman.

HEORDFKE, or HEDEFST. A title to possession. The admission of this

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HEPTARCHY. A government exercised by seven persons, or a nation divided into seven governments. In the year 560, seven different monarchies had been formed in England by the German tribes, namely, that of Kent by the Jutes; those of Sussex, Wessex, and Essex by the Saxons; and those of East Anglia, Bernicia, and Deira by the Angles. To these were added, about the year 586, an eighth, called the "Kingdom of Mercia," also founded by the Angles, and comprehending nearly the whole of the heart of the kingdom. These states formed what has been designated the "Anglo-Saxon Octarchy," or more commonly, though not so correctly, the "Anglo-Saxon Heptarchy," from the custom of speaking of Deira and Bernicia under the single appellation of the "Kingdom of Northumbeland." Wharton.
HERALD. In ancient law, a herald was a diplomatic messenger who carried messages between kings or states, and especially proclamations of war, peace, or truce. In English law, a herald is an officer whose duty is to keep genealogical lists and tables, adjust armorial bearings, and regulate the ceremonies at royal coronations and funerals.

—Heralds' College. In England, an ancient royal corporation, first instituted by Richard III. in 1483. It comprises three kings of arms, six heralds, and four marshals or pursuivants of arms, together with the earl marshal and a secretary. The heralds' books, compiled when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath, are allowed to make grants of arms and to permit change of names. 3 Starkie, Ev. 843; Wharton.

HERALDRY. The art, office, or science of heralds. Also an old and obsolete abuse of buying and selling precedence in the paper of causes for hearing.

HERBAGE. In English law. An easement or liberty, which consists in the right to pasture cattle on another's ground. Feed for cattle in fields and pastures. Bract. fol. 222; Co. Litt. 46; Shep. Touch. 97. A right to herbage does not include a right to cut grass, or dig potatoes, or pick apples. Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 303.

HERBAGIUM ANTERITVS. The first crop of grass or hay, in opposition to aftermath or second cutting. Paroch. Antiq. 459.

HERBENGER, or HARBINGER. An officer in the royal house, who goes before and allots the noblemen and those of the household their lodgings; also an innkeeper.

HERBERGAGE. To harbor; to entertain.

HERBERGATUS. Harbored or entertained in an inn. Cowell.

HERBERGARE. To harbor; to entertain in an inn. Cowell.

HERBERGARIUS. Harbored or entertained in an inn. Cowell.

HERCIA. A harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 77.

HERCIARE. To harrow. 4 Inst. 270.

HERCISCUNDA. In old English law. Harrowing; work with a harrow. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 82, § 2.

HERCISCUNDU. In the civil law. To be divided. Familia herciunda, an inheritance to be divided. Actio familiae herciundae, an action for dividing an inheritance. Herciscunda is more commonly used in the civil law. Dig. 10, 2; Inst. 3, 28, 4; id. 4, 6, 20.

HERD, n. An indefinite number, more than a few, of cattle, sheep, horses, or other animals of the larger sorts, assembled and kept together as one drove and under one care and management. Brim v. Jones, 13 Utah, 440, 45 Pac. 352.

HERD, v. To tend, take care of, manage, and control a herd of cattle or other animals, implying something more than merely driving them from place to place. Phipps v. Grover, 9 Idaho, 415, 75 Pac. 65; Fry v. Hubner, 35 Or. 184, 57 Pac. 420.

HERDER. One who herds or has charge of a herd of cattle. In the senses above defined. See Hooker v. McAllister, 12 Wash. 46, 40 Pac. 617; Underwood v. Birdsell, 6 Mont. 142, 9 Pac. 922; Rev. Codes N. D. 1890, § 1544a.

HEREDICUM. A grange or place for cattle or husbandry. Mon. Angl. pt. 3.

HERDWERCH, HEORDWERCH. Herdsman's work, or customary labor, done by shepherds and inferior tenants, at the will of the lord. Cowell.


HEREBANNUM. In old English law. A proclamation summoning the army into the field.

A mulct or fine for not joining the army when summoned. Spelman.

HEREBOTE. The royal edict summoning the people to the field. Cowell.

HEREDAD. In Spanish law. A piece of land under cultivation; a cultivated farm, real estate; an inheritance or heirship.


HEREDEROS. In Spanish law. Heirs who, by legal or testamentary disposition, succeed to the property of a deceased person. "Heres censeatur cum defuncto una eademque persona." Las Partidas, 7, 9, 13; See Emeric v. Alvarado, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 433.

HEREDITAGIUM. In Sicilian and Neapolitan law. That which is held by hereditary right; the same with hereditamentum (hereditament) in English law. Spelman.
HEREDITAMENTS. Things capable of being inherited, be it corporeal or incorporeal, real, personal, or mixed, and including not only lands and everything thereon, but also heir-rooms, and certain furniture which, by custom, may descend to the heir together with the land. Co. Litt. 59; 2 Bl. Comm. 17; Nellis v. Munson, 108 N. Y. 453, 15 N. E. 739; Owens v. Lewis, 46 Ind. 508, 15 Am. Rep. 295; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359; 21 Atl. 944; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 497; New York v. Mable, 13 N. Y. 159, 64 Am. Dec. 533.

The term includes a few rights unconnected with land, but it is generally used as the widest expression for real property of all kinds, and is therefore employed in conveyances after the words "lands" and "tenements," to include everything of the nature of realty which they do not cover. Sweet.

—Corporeal hereditaments. Substantial permanent objects which may be inherited. The term "land" will include all such. 2 Bl. Comm. 17; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359, 21 Atl. 944; Cary v. Daniels, 5 Mete. (Mass.) 236; Gibbs v. Drew, 16 Fla. 147, 26 Am. Rep. 700.—Incorporeal hereditaments. Anything, the subject of property, which is inheritable and not tangible or visible. 2 Woodr. Lect. 4. A right issuing out of a thing corporeal (whether real or personal) or concerning or annexed to or exercisable within the same. 2 Bl. Comm. 20; 1 Washb. Real Prop. 10; Hegar v. Pendennis Club (Ky.) 64 S. W. 465; Whitlock v. Greacen, 48 N. J. Eq. 359, 21 Atl. 944; Stone v. Stone, 1 R. I. 428.

HEREDITARY. That which is the subject of inheritance.

—Hereditary disease. One transmitted or acquired from parent to child in consequence of the infection of the former or the presence of the disease in his system, and with or without exposure of the latter to any fresh source of infection or contagion.—Hereditary right to the crown. The crown of England, by the positive constitution of the kingdom, has ever been descpicable, and so continues, in a course of time past, in distinction from time present or time future, and has no definite and precise signification beyond this. Andrews v. Thayer, 40 Conn. 157.

HERETEFORE. This word simply denotes time past, in distinction from time present or time future, and has no definite and precise signification beyond this. Andrews v. Thayer, 40 Conn. 157.

HERETOFORE. A general, leader, or commander; also a baron of the realm. Du Fresne.

HERETOCH. A general, leader, or commander; also a baron of the realm. Du Fresne.

HERESY. In English law. An offense against religion, consisting not in a total denial of Christianity, but of some of its essential doctrines, publicly and obstinately avowed. 4 Bl. Comm. 44, 45. An opinion on divine subjects devised by human reason, openly taught, and obstinately maintained. 1 Hale, P. C. 384. This offense is now subject only to ecclesiastical correction, and is no longer punishable by the secular law. 4 Steph. Comm. 233.

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HERISCINDIUM. A division of household goods. Blount.


HERISTAL. The station of an army; the place where a camp is pitched. Spelman.

HERITABLE. Capable of being taken by descent. A term chiefly used in Scotch law, where it enters into several phrases.

—Heritable bond. A bond for a sum of money to which is added, for further security of the creditor, a conveyance of land or heritage to be held by the creditor as pledge. 1 Ross, Conv. 76; 2 Ross, Conv. 324—Heritable jurisdictions. Grants of criminal jurisdiction formerly bestowed on great families in Scotland, to facilitate the administration of justice. Whishaw. Abolished in effect by St. 20 Geo. II. c. 90. Tolunias—Heritable obligation. In Louisiana. An obligation is heritable when the heirs and assigns of one party may enforce the performance against the heirs of the other. Gray, Code La., art. 1997—Heritable rights. In Scotch law. Rights of the heir; all rights to land or whatever is connected with land, as mills, fisheries, tithes, etc.

HERITAGE. In the civil law. Every species of immovable which can be the subject of property; such as lands, houses, orchards, woods, marshes, ponds, etc., in whatever mode they may have been acquired, either by descent or purchase. 2 Toullier, no. 472.

In Scotch law. Land, and all property connected with land; real estate, as distinguished from moveables, or personal estate. Bell.

HERITOR. In Scotch law. A proprietor of land. 1 Kames, Eq. Pref.

HERMANDAD. In Spanish law. A fraternity formed among different towns and villages to prevent the commission of crimes, and to prevent the abuses and vexations to which they were subjected by men in power. Bouvier.

HERMAPHRODITE. In medical jurisprudence. A person of doubtful or double sex; one possessing, really or apparently, and in more or less developed form, some or all of the genital organs of both sexes.

Hermaproditus tam mascello quam feminea comparatur, secundum prevalentiam sexus incalenscentis. An hermaprodite is to be considered male or female according to the predominance of the exciting sex. Co. Litt. 8; Bract. fol. 5.

HERMENEUTICS. The science or art of construction and interpretation. By the phrase "legal hermeneutics" is understood the systematic body of rules which are recognized as applicable to the construction and interpretation of legal writings.

HERMER. A great lord. Jacob.

HERMGENIAN CODE. See Codex Hermogenianus.

HERNESCUS. A heron. Cowell.

HERNSIUM, or HERNASIUM. Household goods; implements of trade or husbandry; the rigging or tackle of a ship. Cowell.

HEROUD, HERAUD. L. Fr. A herald.

HERPEX. A harrow. Spelman.

HERPICATIO. In old English law. A day's work with a harrow. Spelman.

HERRING SILVER. This was a composition in money for the custom of supplying herring provisions for the use of a religious house. Wharton.

HERUS. Lat. A master. Servus factit ut herus det, the servant does [the work] in order that the master may give [him the wages agreed on.] Herus det ut servus factit, the master gives [or agrees to give, the wages,] in consideration of, or with a view to, the servant's doing [the work.] 2 Bl. Comm. 445.

HESIA. An easement. Du Cange.

HEST CORN. In old records. Corn or grain given or devoted to religious persons or purposes. 2 Mon. Angl. 367b; Cowell.

HESTA, or HESTHA. A little loaf of bread.

HETÆRARCHA. The head of a religious house; the head of a college; the warder of a corporation.

HETÆRIA. In Roman law. A company, society, or college.

HEUVELBOORH. Sex. In old English law. A surety, (warrantus.)

HEYLODE. In old records. A customary burden upon inferior tenants, for mending or repairing hays or hedges.

HEYMECTUS. A hay-net; a net for catching cooles. Cowell.

HIBERNAGIUM. The season for sowing winter corn. Cowell.

HIDAGE. An extraordinary tax formerly payable to the crown for every hide of land. This taxation was levied, not in money, but provision of armor, etc. Cowell.

HIDALGO. In Spanish law. A noble; a person entitled to the rights of nobility. By hidalgos are understood men chosen from
good situations in life, (de buenos lugures,) and possessed of property, (algo.) White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 1.


HIDE. In old English law. A measure of land, being as much as could be worked with one plow. It is variously estimated at from 60 to 100 acres, but was probably determined by local usage. Another meaning was as much land as would support one family or the dwellers in a mansion-house. Also a house; a dwelling-house.

—Hide lands. In Saxon law. Lands belonging to a hide; that is, a house or mansion. Spelman.

HIDEL. In old English law. A place of protection; a sanctuary. St. 1 Hen. VII. cc. 5, 6; Cowell.

HIDGILD. A sum of money paid by a villein or servant to save himself from a whipping. Fleta, i. 1, c. 47, § 20.

HIERARCHY. Originally, government by a body of priests. Now, the body of officers in any church or ecclesiastical institution, considered as forming an ascending series of ranks or degrees of power and authority, with the correlative subjection, each to the one next above. Derivatively, any body of men, taken in their public capacity, and considered as forming a chain of powers, as above described.

HIGH. This term, as used in various compound legal phrases, is sometimes merely an addition of dignity, not importing a comparison; but more generally it means exalted, either in rank or location, or occupying a position of superiority, and in a few instances it implies superiority in respect to importance, size, or frequency or publicity of use, e. g., "high seas," "highway."


—High commission court. See COURT OF HIGH COMMISSION.—High court of admiralty. See COURT OF ADMIRALTY.—High court of delegates. See COURT OF DELEGATES.—High court of errors and appeals. See COURT OF ERRORS AND APPEALS.—High court of judicature. See SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE.—High court of parliament. See PARLIAMENT.

HIGHER AND LOWER SCALE. In the practice of the English supreme court of judicature there are two scales regulating the fees of the court and the fees which solicitors are entitled to charge. The lower scale applies unless the court otherwise orders) to the following cases: All causes and matters assigned by the judicature acts to the king's bench, or the probate, divorce, and admiralty divisions; all actions of debt, contract, or tort; and in almost all cases and matters assigned by the acts to the chancery division in which the amount in litigation is under £1,000. The higher scale applies in all other causes and matters, and also in actions falling under one of the above classes, but in which the principal relief sought to be obtained is an injunction. Sweet.

HIGHNESS. A title of honor given to princes. The kings of England, before the time of James I., were not usually saluted with the title of "Majesty," but with that of "Highness." The children of crowned heads generally receive the style of "Highness." Wharton.

HIGHWAY. A free and public road, way, or street; one which every person has the right to use. Abbott v. Duluth (C. C.) 104 Fed. 837; Shelby County Com'rs v. Castetter, 7 Ind. App. 309, 33 N. E. 988; State v. Cowan, 29 N. C. 248; In re City of New York, 135 N. Y. 293, 31 N. E. 1043, 31 Am. St. Rep. 525; Parsons v. San Francisco, 23 Cal. 404.

"In all counties of this state, public highways are roads, streets, alleys, lanes, courts, places, trails, and bridges, laid out or erected, as such by the public, or, if laid out and erected by others, dedicated or abandoned to the public, or made such in actions for the partition of real property." Pol. Code Cal. § 2618.

There is a difference in the shade of meaning conveyed by two uses of the word. Sometimes it signifies right of free passage, in the abstract, not importing anything about the character or construction of the way. Thus, a river is called a "highway" and it has been no unusual for congress, in granting a privilege of building a bridge, to declare that it shall be a public highway. Again, it has reference to some system of law authorizing the taking a strip of land, and preparing and devoting it to the use of travelers. In this use it imports a road-way upon the soil, constructed under the authority of these laws. Abbott.

—Commissioners of highways. Public officers appointed in the several counties and municipalities, in many states, to take charge of the opening, altering, repair, and vacating of highways within their respective jurisdictions.—Common highway. By this term is meant a road to be used by the community at large for any purpose of transit or traffic. Ham. N. P. 239; Railway Co. v. State, 23 Fla. 446; 3 South. 158, 11 Am. St. Rep. 395.—Highway acts, or laws. The body of system of laws governing the laying out, repair, and use of highways.—Highway crossing. A place where the track of a railroad crosses the line of a highway.—Highway-rape. In English law A tax for the maintenance and repair of highways, chargeable upon the same property or estate to which the highway robbery. See ROBBERY.—Highway tax. A tax for and applicable to the making and repair of highways. Stone v. Bean, 15 Gray (Mass.) 44.
HIGHWAYMAN. A bandit; one who robs travelers upon the highway.

HIGLER. In English law. A hawker or peddler. A person who carries from door to door, and sells by retail, small articles of provisions, and the like.

HIGUELA. In Spanish law. A receipt given by an heir of a decedent, setting forth what property he has received from the estate.

HIKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads of Britain. More commonly called "Ikenild Street."

HILARY RULES. A collection of orders and forms extensively modifying the pleading and practice in the English superior courts of common law, established in Hilary term, 1834. Stimson.

HILARY TERM. In English law. A term of court, beginning on the 11th and ending on the 31st of January in each year. Superseded (1875) by Hilary sittings, which begin January 11th, and end on the Wednesday before Easter.

HINDENI HOMINES. A society of men. The Saxons ranked men into three classes, and valued them, as to satisfaction for injuries, etc., according to their class. The highest class were valued at 1,200s., and were called "twelf hindmen;" the middle class at 600s., and called "sexhindmen;" the lowest at 200s., called "twyhindmen." Their wives were termed "Mndas." Brompt Leg. Alfred, c. 12.

HINDER AND DELAY. To hinder and delay is to do something which is an attempt to defraud, rather than a successful fraud; to put some obstacle in the path, or interpose some time, unjustifiably, before the creditor can realize what is owed out of his debtor's property. See Walker v. Sayers, 5 Bush (Ky.) 552; Burdick v. Post, 12 Barb. (N. Y.) 186; Crow v. Beardsley, 68 Mo. 439; Burnham v. Brennan, 42 N. Y. Super. Ct. 63.

HINDU LAW. The system of native law prevailing among the Gentoos, and administered by the government of British India.

HINE, or HIND. In old English law. A husbandry servant.

HINEFARE. In old English law. The loss or departure of a servant from his master. Domesday.

HIPOTECA. In Spanish law. A mortgage of real property.

HIRCISCUNDA. See HIRCISCUNDA.

HIRE, v. To purchase the temporary use of a thing, or to stipulate for the labor or services of another. See Hinno.

To engage in service for a stipulated reward, as to hire a servant for a year, or laborers by the day or month; to engage a man to temporary service for wages. To "employ" is a word of more enlarged signification. A man hired to labor is employed, but a man may be employed in a work who is not hired. McCluskey v. Cromwell, 11 N. Y. 605.

For definitions of the various species of this class of contracts, under their Latin names, see Locatio and following titles.

HIRE, n. Compensation for the use of a thing, or for labor or services. Carr v. State, 50 Ind. 189; Learned-Letcher Lumber Co. v. Fowler, 109 Ala. 169, 19 South. 306.

HIREMAN. A subject. Du Cange.

HIRER. One who hires a thing, or the labor or services of another person. Turner v. Cross, 83 Tex. 218, 18 S. W. 578, 15 L. R. A. 202.

HIRING. Hiring is a contract by which one person grants to another either the enjoyment of a thing or the use of the labor and industry, either of himself or his servant, during a certain time, for a stipulated compensation, or where one contracts for the labor or services of another about a thing bailed to him for a specified purpose. Code Ga. 1882, § 2085.

Hiring is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of property, other than money, for reward, and the latter agrees to return the same to the former at a future time. Civ. Code Cal. § 1925; Civ. Code Dak. § 1103.

Synonyms. "Hiring" and "borrowing" are both contracts by which a qualified property may be transferred to the hirer or borrower, and they differ only in this, that hiring is always for a price, stipend, or recompense, while borrowing is merely gratuitous. 2 Bl. Comm. 453; Neel v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 468, 26 S. W. 726.

HIRST, HURST. In old English law. A wood. Co. Litt. 4b.

HIS. The use of this pronoun in a written instrument, in referring to a person whose Christian name is designated therein by a mere initial, is not conclusive that the person referred to is a male; it may be shown by parol that the person intended is a female. Bernland v. Beecher, 71 Cal. 38, 11 Pac. 802.

HIS EXCELLENCY. In English law. The title of a viceroy, governor general, ambassador, or commander in chief.

In American law. This title is given to the governor of Massachusetts by the constitution of that state; and it is commonly giv-
en, as a title of honor and courtesy, to the governors of the other states and to the president of the United States. It is also customarily used by foreign ministers in addressing the secretary of state in written communications.

HIS HONOR. A title given by the constitution of Massachusetts to the lieutenant-governor of that commonwealth. Const. Mass. pt. 2, c. 2, § 2, art. 1.

HIS TESTIBUS. Lat. These being witnesses. The attestation clause in old deeds and charters.

HITHERTO. In legal use, this term always restricts the matter in connection with which it is employed to a period of time already passed. Mason v. Jones, 18 Barb. (N. Y.) 479.

HISPARATUS EST VERIFICARE. Lat. This he is ready to verify.

HOC QUIDEM PERQUAM DURUM EST, SED ITA LEX SCRITTA EST. Lat. (This indeed is exceedingly hard, but so the law is written; such is the written or positive law.) An observation quoted by Blackstone as used by Ulpian in the civil law; and applied to cases where courts of equity have no power to abate the rigor of the law. Dig. 40, 9, 12, 1; 3 Bl. Comm. 450.

HOC ANGUISTO MONEY. This was a duty given to the landlord that his tenants and bondmen might solemnize the day on which the English conquered the Danes, being the second Tuesday after Easter week. Cowell.

HODGE-PODGE ACT. A name applied to a statute which comprises a medley of incongruous subjects.


HOGENHYNE. In Saxon law. A house-servant. Any stranger who lodged three nights or more at a man's house in a decennary was called "hogenhyne," and his host became responsible for his acts as for those of his servant.

HOGSHEAD. A measure of a capacity containing the fourth part of a tun, or sixty-three gallons. Cowell. A large cask, of indefinite contents, but usually containing from one hundred to one hundred and forty gallons. Webster.

2. To be the grantee or tenant of another; to take or have an estate from another. Properly, to have an estate on condition of paying rent, or performing service.

3. To adjudge or decide, spoken of a court, particularly to declare the conclusion of law reached by the court as to the legal effect of the facts disclosed.

4. To maintain or sustain; to be under the necessity or duty of sustaining or proving; as when it is said that a party "holds the affirmative" or negative of an issue in a cause.

5. To bind or obligate; to restrain or constrain; to keep in custody or under an obligation; as in the phrases "hold to bail," "hold for court," "held and firmly bound," etc.

6. To administer; to conduct or preside at; to convoke, open, and direct the operations of; as to hold a court, hold pleas, etc. Smith v. People, 47 N. Y. 334.

7. To prosecute; to direct and bring about officially; to conduct according to law; as to hold an election.

8. To possess; to occupy; to be in possession and administration of; as to hold office.

—Hold over. To hold possession after the expiration of a term or lease. To retain possession of property leased, after the end of the term, to continue in possession of an office and continue to exercise its functions, after the end of the officer's lawful term. State v. Simon, 20 Or. 365, 26 Pac. 174; Freer v. Akron Iron Co., 1 App. Div. 449, 37 N. Y. Supp. 374.—Hold pleas. To hear or try causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 35, 298.

HOLD, a. In old law. Tenure. A word constantly occurring in conjunction with others, as freehold, leasehold, copyhold, etc., but rarely met with in the separate form.

HOLDER. The holder of a bill of exchange, promissory note, or check is the person who has legally acquired the possession of the same, from a person capable of transferring it, by indorsement or delivery, and who is entitled to receive payment of the instrument from the party or parties liable to meet it. Bowling v. Harrison, 6 How. 258, 12 L. Ed. 425; Crocker-Woolworth Nat. Bank v. Nevada Bank, 139 Cal. 564, 73 Pac. 456, 63 L. R. A. 245, 96 Am. St. Rep. 169; Rice v. Hogan, 8 Dana (Ky.) 135; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 653, § 207.

—Holder in due course, in English law, is "a holder who has taken a bill of exchange (check or note) complete and regular on the face of it, under the following conditions, namely: (a) That he became the holder of it before it was overdue, and without notice that it had been previously dishonored, if such was the fact. (b) That he took the bill (check or note) in good faith and for value, and that at the time it was negotiated to him he had no notice of any defect in the title of the person who negotiated it." Bills of Exchange Act, 1882. (45 & 46 Vict. c. 61, § 29.) And see Sutherland v. Mead, 50 App. Div. 108, 80 N. Y. Supp. 504.
The latter sitting, and held his hands extended and joined between the hands of the lord, and said: "I become your man [homo] from this day forward, of life and limb and earthly honor, and to you will be faithful and loyal, and bear you faith, for the tenements that I claim to hold of you, saving the faith that I owe unto our sovereign lord the king, so help me God." The tenant then received a kiss from the lord. Homage could be done only to the lord himself. Litt. § 85; Glanv. lib. 9, c. 1; Bract. fol. 77b, 78–80; Wharton.

"Homage" is to be distinguished from "fealty," another incident of feudalism, and which consisted in the solemn oath of fidelity made by the vassal to the lord, whereas homage was merely an acknowledgment of tenure. If the homage was intended to include fealty, it was called "liege homage;" but otherwise it was called "simple homage." Brown.

—Homage ancestral. In feudal law. Homage was called by this name where a man and his ancestors had immemorially held another lord, and his ancestors by the service of homage, which bound the lord to warrant the title, and also to keep to clear the vassal of services to superior lords. If the tenant aliened in fee, his alienee was a tenant by homage, but not by homage ancestral. Litt. § 143; 2 Bl. Comm. 300—Homage given. A jury in a court-baron, consisting of tenants that do homage, who are to inquire and make presentments of the death of tenants, surrenderers, admittances, and the like—Homage Hiege. That kind of homage which was due to the sovereign alone as supreme lord, and which was done without any saving or exception of the rights of other lords. Spelman.

HOMAGER. One who does or is bound to do homage. Cowell.

HOMAGIO RESPECTUANDO. A writ to the escheator commanding him to deliver the seisin of lands to the heir of the king's tenant, notwithstanding his homage not done. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 269.

HOMAGIUM. L. Lat. Homage, (q. v.)—Homagium Planum. In feudal law. Plain homage: a species of homage which bound him who did it to nothing more than fidelity, without any obligation either of military service or attendance in the courts of his superior. 1 Robertson's Car. V., Appendix, note 8—Homagium rededere. To renounce homage. This was when a vassal made a solemn declaration of disowning and defying his lord; for which there was no set form and method prescribed by the feudal laws. Bract. 2, c. 35, § 3; Homagium simple. In feudal law. Simple homage: that kind of homage which was merely an acknowledgment of tenure, with a saving of the rights of other lords. Harg. Co. Litt. note 18, lib. 2.

Homagium, non per procuratores nec per literas fieri potuit, sed in propria persona tam domini quam tenentis capi debet et fieri. Co. Litt. 68. Homage cannot be done by proxy, nor by letters, but must be paid and received in the proper person, as well of the lord as the tenant.

HOMBRE BUENO. In Spanish law. The judge of a district. Also an arbitrator chosen by the parties to a suit. Also a man in good standing; one who is competent to testify in a suit.

HOME. When a person voluntarily takes up his abode in a given place, with intention to remain permanently, or for an indefinite period of time, or without any present intention to remove therefrom, such place of abode becomes his residence or home. This word has not the same technical meaning as "domicle." See Langhammer v. Munter, 80 Md. 518, 32 Atl. 560, 27 L. R. A. 550; King v. King, 155 Mo. 608, 56 S. W. 259; Cannon, 37 W. Va. 123, 16 S. E. 444; Jefferson v. Washington, 19 Me. 293; Welch v. Wholpley, 62 Mich. 15, 28 N. W. 744, 4 Am. St. Rep. 810; Warren v. Thomson, 43 Me. 418, 69 Am. Dec. 69.

—Home office. The department of state through which the English sovereign administers most of the internal affairs of the kingdom, especially the police, and communicates with the judicial functionaries. As applied to a corporation, its principal office within the state or country where it was incorporated or formed. Rev. St. Tex. 1895, art. 3096—Home port. In maritime law, the home port of a vessel is either the port where she is registered or enrolled, or the port at or nearest to which her owner usually resides, or, if there be more than one owner, the port at or nearest to which the husband or acting and managing owner resides. White's Bank v. Spirti, 7 W. 651, 19 L. Ed. 211; The Ellen Holgate (D. C.) 30 Fed. 125; The Albany, 1 Fed. Cas. 288; Com. v. Appler & Lord Tie Corp., 77 S. W. 534; Dean v. 25 Ky. Law Rep. 1068. But for some purposes any port where the owner happens at the time to be with his vessel is its home port. Case v. Woolley, 6 Dana (Ky.) 27, 32 Am. Dec. 54.

—Home rule. In constitutional and statutory law, local self-government, or the right thereof. Attorney General v. Lowrey, 131 Mich. 639, 92 N. W. 289. In British politics, a programme or plan (or a more or less definitely formulated demand) for the right of local self-government for Ireland under the lead of an Irish national parliament.

HOME, or HOMME. L. Fr. Man; a man.

Home ne sera puny pur suer des briefes en court le roy, soit il a droit on a tort. A man shall not be punished for suing out writs in the king's court, whether he be right or wrong. 2 Inst. 228.

HOMESOKEN, HOMSOKEN. See HAMESOKEN.


HOMESTEAD. The home place; the place where the home is. It is the home, the
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HOMICIDIUM. Lat. Homicide, (q. v.)
Homicidium ex justitia, homicide in the administration of justice, or in the execution of the sentence of the law.
Homicidium ex necessitate, homicide from inevitable necessity, as for the protection of one's person or property.
Homicidium ex casu, homicide by accident.
Homicidium ex voluntate, voluntary or willful homicide. Bract. fol. 120b, 121.

HOMINATIO. The mustering of men; the doing of homage.

HOMINE CAPTO IN WITHERNAMUM. A writ to take him that had taken any bond man or woman, and led him or her out of the country, so that he or she could not be replevied according to law. Reg. Orig. 79.

HOMINE ELIGENDO. In old English law. A writ directed to a corporation, requiring the members to make choice of a man to keep one part of the seal appointed for statutes merchant, when a former is dead, according to the statute of Acton Burnell. Reg. Orig. 178; Wharton.

HOMINE REPLEGIANDO. In English law. A writ which lay to replevy a man out of prison, or out of the custody of any private person, in the same manner that chattels taken in distress may be replevied. Brown.

HOMINES. Lat. In feudal law. Men; feudal tenants who claimed a privilege of having their causes, etc. tried only in their lord's court. Paroch. Antiq. 15.

—Homes ligii. Liege men; feudal tenants or vassals, especially those who held immediately of the sovereign. 1 Bl. Comm. 367.

Hominum causa jus constitutum est. Law is established for the benefit of man.

HOMIPLAGIUM. In old English law. The maiming of a man. Blount.

HOMME. Fr. Man; a man. This term is defined by the Civil Code of Louisiana to include a woman. Article 3522, notes 1, 2.

HOMMES DE FEIEF. Fr. In feudal law. Men of the fief; feudal tenants; the peers in the lords' courts. Montesq., Espirit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 27.

HOMMES FEODAUX. Fr. In feudal law. Feudal tenants; the same with hom-

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mes de fief, (q. v.) Montesq., Espirit des Lois, liv. 28, c. 36.

HOMO. Lat. A man; a human being, male or female; a vassal, or feudal tenant; a retainer, dependent, or servant.

—Homo chattularius. A slave manumitted by charter—Homo commendatus. In feudal law. One who surrendered himself into the power of another for the sake of protection or support. See COMMENDATION.—Homo ecclesiasticus. A church vassal; one who was bound to serve a church, especially to do service of an agricultural character. Spelman.—Homo exercitatus. A soldier in the service of a lord or vassal; a vassal.—Homo feodalis. A vassal or tenant; one who held a fee, (feodum), or part of a fee. Spelman.—Homo sacramentarius. A servant or vassal belonging to the treasury or fiscalis—Homo francus. In old English law. A free man. A Frenchman.—Homo ingenuus. A free man. A free and lawful man. A yeoman.—Homo liber. A freeman.—Homo ligius. A liege man; a subject; a king's vassal. The vassal of a subject—Homo novus. In feudal law. A new tenant or vassal; one who was invested with a new fee. Spelman. Also one who, after conviction of a crime, had been pardoned, thus "making a new man of him."—Homo pertinens. In feudal law. A feudal bondman or vassal; one who belonged to the soil, (qui gileb adscribitur.)—Homo regius. A king's vassal; one to whom the king had given a grant of land. An appellation given to the old inhabitants of Gaul and other Roman provinces, and retained in the laws of the barbarous nations. Spelman.—Homo trinum litterarum. A man of the three letters; that is, the three letters, "i," "u," "r;" the Latin word for meaning "thief."

Homo potest esse habitus et inhabilis diversis temporibus. 5 Coke, 98. A man may be capable and incapable at different times.

Homo vocabulum est nature; persona juris civilis. Man (homo) is a term of nature; person (persona) of civil law. Calvin.

HOMOLOGACION. In Spanish law. The tacit consent and approval inferred by law from the omission of the parties, for the purpose of rendering them more binding and executory. Escribche.

HOMOLOGARE. In the civil law. To approve; to confirm or approve; to consent or assent; to confess. Calvin.

HOMOLOGATE. In modern civil law. To approve; to confirm; as a court homologates a proceeding. See HOMOLOGATION. Literally, to use the same words with another; to say the like. Viales v. Gardenier, 9 Mart. O. S. (La.) 324. To assent to what another says or writes.

HOMOLOGATION. In the civil law. Approval; confirmation by a court of justice; a judgment which orders the execu-

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In English law. An estoppel in pais. L. R. 3 App. Cas. 1026.

In Scotch law. An act by which a person approves of a deed, the effect of which is to render that deed, though in itself defective, binding upon the person by whom it is homologated. Bell. Confirmation of a voidable deed.

HOMONYMIE. A term applied in the civil law to cases where a law was repeated, or laid down in the same terms or to the same effect, more than once. Cases of iteration and repetition. 2 Kent, Comm. 489, note.

HONDHABEND. Sax. Having in hand. See HANDHABEND.

HONESTE VIVERE. Lat. To live honorably, creditably, or virtuously. One of the three general precepts to which Justinian reduced the whole doctrine of the law, (Inst. 1, 1, 3; Bract. fols. 3, 59) the others being alterum non iudicaret, (not to injure others,) and suum cuique tribuere, (to render to every man his due.)

HONESTUS. Lat. Of good character or standing. Coram duobus vel pluribus viris legalibus et honestis, before two or more lawful and good men. Bract. fol. 61.

HONOR, v. To accept a bill of exchange, or to pay a note, check, or accepted bill, at maturity and according to its tenor. Peterson v. Hubbard, 28 Mich. 199; Clarke v. Cock, 4 East, 72; Lucas v. Groning, 7 Taunt. 168.

—Act of honor. When a bill has been protested, and a third person wishes to take it up, or accept it, for the "honor" (credit) of one or more of the parties, the notary draws up an instrument, evidencing the transaction, which is called by this name.

HONOR, n. In English law. A seignory of several manors held under one baron or lord paramount. Also those dignities or privileges, degrees of nobility, knighthood, and other titles, which flow from the crown as the fountain of honor. Wharton.

In American law. The customary title of courtesy given to judges of the higher courts, and occasionally to some other officers; as "his honor," "your honor."

—Honor courts. Tribunals held within honors or seignories—Office of honor. As used in constitutional and statutory provisions, this term denotes a public office of considerable dignity and importance, to which important public trusts or interests are confided, but which is not compensated by any salary or fees, being thus contrasted with an "office of profit." See Dickson v. People, 17 Ill. 193.

HONORABLE. A title of courtesy given in England to the younger children of earls, and the children of viscounts and barons; and, collectively, to the house of commons. In America, the word is used as a title of courtesy for various classes of officials, but without any clear lines of distinction.

HONORARIUM. In the civil law. An honorary or free gift; a gratuitous payment, as distinguished from hire or compensation for service; a lawyer's or counselor's fee. Dig. 50, 13, 1, 10–12.

An honorarium is a voluntary donation, in consideration of services which admit of no compensation in money; in particular, to advocates at law, deemed to practice for honor or influence, and not for fees. McDonald v. Na­pler, 14 Ga. 58.

HONORARIUM JUS. Lat. In Roman law. The law of the praetors and the edicts of the aediles.

HONORARY. As applied to public offices and other positions of responsibility or trust, this term means either that the office or title is bestowed upon the incumbent as a mark of honor or compliment, without intending to charge him with the active discharge of the duties of the place, or else that he is to receive no salary or other compensation in money, the honor conferred by the incumbency of the office being his only reward. See Has­well v. New York, 51 N. Y. 258. In other connections, it means attached to or growing out of some honor or dignity or honorable office, or else it imports an obligation or duty growing out of honor or trust only, as distin­guished from legal accountability.

—Honorary canons. Those without emolu­ment. 3 & 4 Vict. c. 113, § 23.—Honorary feudal. Titles of nobility, descendible to the eldest son in exclusion of all the rest. 2 Bl. Comm. 56.—Honorary services. In feudal law. Special services to be rendered to the king in person, characteristic of the tenure by grand seigniery; such as to carry his banner, his sword, or the like, or to be his butler, chas­­tion, or other officer, at his coronation. Litt. § 158; 2 Bl. Comm. 73.—Honorary trustees. Trustees to preserve contingent remainders, so called because they are bound, in honor only, to decide on the most proper and prudential course. Lewin, Trusts, 408.

HONORIS RESPECTUM. By reason of honor or privilege. See CHALLENGE.

HONTFONGENETHER. In Saxon law. A thief taken with hondhabend; i.e., hav­ing the thing stolen in his hand. Cowell.

HONY. L. Fr. Shame; evil; disgrace. Hony sotl quai mal y pense, evil be to him who evil thinks.


HOOKLAND. Land plowed and sown every year.
HOPCON. In old English law. A valley. Cowell.


HOPE, v. As used in a will, this term is a precatory word, rather than mandatory or dispositive, but it is sufficient, in proper cases, to create a trust in or in respect to the property spoken of. See Cockrill v. Armstrong, 31 Ark. 589; Curd v. Field, 103 Ky. 293, 45 S. W. 92.

HOPPO. A Chinese term for a collector; an overseer of commerce.

HORA. Lat. An hour; the hour.

—Hora aurors. In old English law. The morning bell, as ignitegum or coverfus (curfew) was the evening bell.—Horn jurisdict, or judicium. Hours during which the judges sat in court to attend to judicial business.

Hora non est multum de substantia negotii, licet in appello de ea aliquando fiat mentio. The hour is not of much consequence as to the substance of business, although in appeal it is sometimes mentioned. 1 Bulst. 82.

HORCA. In Spanish law. A gallows; the punishment of hanging. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, c. 4, § 1.

HORDA. In old records. A cow in calf.

HORDERA. In old English law. A treasurer. Du Cange.

HORDERIUM. In old English law. A hoard; a treasure, or repository. Cowell.

HORDEUM. In old records. Barley. Hordeum palmale, beer barley, as distinguished from common barley, which was called "hordeum quadragesimale." Blount.

HORN. In old Scotch practice. A kind of trumpet used in denouncing contumacious persons rebels and outlaws, which was done with three blasts of the horn by the king's sergeant. This was called "putting to the horn;" and the party so denounced was said to be "at the horn." Bell. See HOBNING.

HORN-BOOK. A primer; a book explaining the rudiments of any science or branch of knowledge. The phrase "horn-book" is a colloquial designation of the rudiments or most familiar principles of law.

HORN TENURE. In old English law. Tenure by cornage; that is, by the service of winding a horn when the Scots or other enemies entered the land, in order to warn the king's subjects. This was a species of grand serjeanty. Litt. § 156; 2 Bl. Comm. 74.

HORN WITH HORN, or HORN UNDER HORN. The promiscuous feeding of bulls and cows or all horned beasts that are allowed to run together upon the same common. Spelman.

HORNEGELD. Sax. In old English law. A tax within a forest, paid for horned beasts. Cowell; Blount.

HORNING. In Scotch law. "Letters of horning" is the name given to a judicial process issuing on the decree of a court, by which the debtor is summoned to perform his obligation in terms of the decree, the consequence of his failure to do so being liability to arrest and imprisonment. It was anciently the custom to proclaim a debtor who had failed to obey such process a rebel or outlaw, which was done by three blasts of the horn by the king's sergeant in a public place. This was called "putting to the horn," whence the name.

HORREUM. Lat. A place for keeping grain; a granary. A place for keeping fruits, wines, and goods generally; a store-house. Calvin.; Bract. fol. 48.

HORS. L. Fr. Out; out of; without.

—Hors de son fee. Out of his fee. In old pleading, this was the name of a plea in an action for rent or services, by which the defendant alleged that the land in question was out of the compass of the plaintiff's fee. Mather v. Wood, 12 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 4.—Hors pris. Except. Literally translated by the Scotch "out taken."

HORS WEAL. In old English law. The wealth, or Briton who had care of the king's horses.

HORS WEARD. In old English law. A service or corvée, consisting in watching the horses of the lord. Anc. Inst. Eng.

HORSE. An animal of the genus equus and species caballus. In a narrow and strict sense, the term is applied only to the male, and only to males of four years old or thereabouts, younger horses being called "colts." But even in this sense the term includes both stallions and geldings. In a wider sense, and as generally used in statutes, the word is taken as nomen generalissimum, and includes not only horses strictly so called, but also colts, mares and fillies, and mules and asses. See Owens v. State, 38 Tex. 557; Ashworth v. Mounsey, L. R. 9 Exch. 187; Fullen v. State, 11 Tex. App. 91; Allison v. Brookshire, 38 Tex. 201; State v. Ingram, 16 Kan. 19; State v. Dunnivant, 3 Brew. (S. C.) 10, 5 Am. Dec. 530; State v. Gooch, 60 Ark. 218, 29 S. W. 640; Davis v. Collier, 13 Ga. 491. Compare Richardson v. Chicago & A. R. Co., 149 Mo. 311, 50 S. W. 782.

HORSE GUARDS. The directing power of the military forces of the kingdom of Great Britain. The commander in chief, or general commanding the forces, is at the
head of this department. It is subordinate to the war office, but the relations between them are complicated. Wharton.

HORTUS. Lat. In the civil law. A garden. Dig. 32, 91, 5.

HOSPES. Lat. A guest. 8 Coke, 32.

HOSPES GENERALIS. A great chamberlain.

HOSPITAL. An institution for the reception and care of sick, wounded, infirm, or aged persons; generally incorporated, and then of the class of corporations called "eleemosynary" or "charitable." See In re Curtiss (Sur.) 7 N. Y. Supp. 207.

HOSPITALLERS. The knights of a religious order, so called because they built a hospital at Jerusalem, wherein pilgrims were received. All their lands and goods in England were given to the sovereign by 32 Hen. VIII. c. 24.

HOSPITATOR. A host or entertainer. Hospitator communis. An innkeeper. 8 Coke, 32. Hospitator magnus. The marshal of a camp.


HOSPITICIDE. One that kills his guest or host.

HOSPITIUM. An inn; a household. See Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 17.

HOSPODAR. A Turkish governor in Moldavia or Wallachia.


HOSTAGE. A person who is given into the possession of the enemy, in a public war, his freedom (or life) to stand as security for the performance of some contract or promise made by the belligerent power giving the hostage with the other.

HOSTELAGIUM. In old records. A right to receive lodging and entertainment, anciently reserved by lords in the houses of their tenants. Cowell.

HOSTELER. See HOSTLER.

HOSTES. Lat. Enemies. Hostes humani generis, enemies of the human race; i. e., pirates.

HOSTES sunt qui nobis vel quiabus nos bellum decernimus; materi prodistores vel pradones sunt. 7 Coke, 24. Enemies are those with whom we declare war, or who declare it against us; all others are traitors or pirates.

HOSTIA. In old records. The host-bread, or consecrated wafer, in the eucharist. Cowell.

HOSTICIDE. One who kills an enemy.

HOSTILARIA, HOSPITALARIA. A place or room in religious houses used for the reception of guests and strangers.

HOSTILE. Having the character of an enemy; standing in the relation of an enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. c. 6.

—Hostile embargo. One laid upon the vessels of an actual or prospective enemy.—Hostile possession. This term as applied to an occupant of real estate holding adversely, is not construed as implying actual enmity or ill will, but merely means that he claims to hold the possession in the character of an owner, and therefore denies all validity to claims set up by any and all other persons. Ballard v. Hansen, 33 Neb. 861, 51 N. W. 296; Griffin v. Mulloy, 157 Pa. 329, 31 Atl. 684.—Hostile witness. A witness who manifests so much hostility or prejudice under examination in chief that the party who has called him, or his representative, is allowed to cross-examine him, i. e., to treat him as though he had been called by the opposite party. Wharton.

HOSTILITY. In the law of nations. A state of open war. "At the breaking out of hostility." 1 Kent, Comm. 60.

An act of open war. "When hostilities have commenced." Id. 56.

A hostile character. "Hostility may attach only to the person." Id.

HOSTLER. In Norman and old English law, this was the title of the officer in a monastery charged with the entertainment of guests. It was also applied (until about the time of Queen Elizabeth) to an innkeeper, and afterwards, when the keeping of horses at livery became a distinct occupation, to the keeper of a livery stable, and then (under the modern form "ostler") to the groom in charge of the stables of an inn. Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 20. In the language of railroading, an "ostler" or "hostler" at a roundhouse is one whose duty it is to receive locomotives as they come in from the road, care for them in the roundhouse, and have them cleaned and ready for departure when wanted. Railroad Co. v. Mas sig, 50 Ill. App. 606; Railroad Co. v. Ash ling, 54 Ill. App. 105; Granulis v. Railroad Co., 81 Iowa, 444, 46 N. W. 1007.

HOT-WATER ORDEAL. In old English law. This was a test, in cases of accusation, by hot water; the party accused and suspected being appointed by the judge to put his arms up to the elbows in seeth-
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ing hot water, which, after sundry prayers and invocations, he did, and was, by the effect which followed, judged guilty or innoc-ent. Wharton.

HOTCHPOT. The blending and mixing property belonging to different persons, in order to divide it equally. 2 Bl. Comm. 190. Anciently applied to the mixing and blending of lands given to one daughter in frank marriage, with those descending to her and her sisters in fee-simple, for the purpose of dividing the whole equally among them; without which the daughter who held in frank marriage could have no share in the lands in fee-simple. Litt. §§ 267, 268; Co. Litt. 1774; 2 Bl. Comm. 190.

Hotchpot, or the putting in hotchpot, is applied in modern law to the throwing the amount of an advancement made to a particular child, in real or personal estate, into the common stock, for the purpose of a more equal division, or of equalizing the shares of all the children. 2 Kent, Comm. 421, 422. This answers to or resembles the collatio donorum, or collation of the civil law. See Law v. Smith, 2 R. I. 249; Ray v. Loper, 65 Mo. 472; Jackson v. Jackson, 28 Miss. 680, 64 Am. Dec. 114; Thompson v. Carmichael, 3 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 120.

HOTEL. An inn; a public house or tavern; a house for entertaining strangers or travelers. St. Louis v. Siegrist, 46 Mo. 594; People v. Jones, 54 Barb. (N. Y.) 316; Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 19.

Synonyms. In law, there is no difference whatever between the terms "hotel," "inn," and "tavern," except that in some states a statutory definition has been given to the word "hotel," especially with reference to the grant of licenses to sell liquor, as, that it shall contain whatever between the terms "hotel," "inn," and "tavern." See Mar. v. State Ins. Co., 44 N. J. Law, 485, 48 Am. Rep. 397; In re Liquor Licenses, 4 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pa.) 79; Kelly v. Excise Comm., 54 How. Frac. (N. Y.) 351; Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 193; Cromwell v. Stephens, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 23.

HOUSE. 1. A dwelling; a building designed for the habitation and residence of men.

"House" means, presumptively, a dwelling-house; a building divided into floors and apartments, with four walls, a roof, and doors and chimneys; but it does not necessarily mean precisely this. Daniel v. Coulston, 7 Man. & O. 125; McFarland v. Darby, 14 Mont. 283, 42 Am. Dec. 183. "House" is not synonymous with "dwelling-house." While the former is used in a broader and more comprehensive sense that the latter, it has a narrower and more restricted meaning than the word "building." State v. Garity, 46 N. H. 61.

In the devise of a house, the word "house" is synonymous with "message," and conveys all that comes within the curtilage. Rogers v. Smith, 4 Pa. 93.

2. A legislative assembly, or (where the bicameral system obtains) one of the two branches of the legislature; as, the "house of lords," "house of representatives." Also a quorum of a legislative body. See Southworth v. Palmrya & J. R. Co., 2 Mich. 257.

3. The name "house" is also given to some collections of other men than legislative bodies, to some public institutions, and (colloquially) to mercantile firms or joint-stock companies.

Ancient house. One which has stood long enough to acquire an easement of support against the adjoining land or building. 3 Kent. Comm. 457.

Bawdy house. A brothel; a house maintained for purposes of prostitution, vulpine or obscene. See Beer. Boarding house. See that title.

Dwelling house. See that title.

House-borne. A species of estate belonging to a tenant for life or years, consisting in the right to take from the woods of the lessor or owner such timber as may be necessary for making repairs upon the house. See Co. Litt. 41b. House-burning. See arson.

House of delegates. The official title of the lower branch of the legislative assembly of several of the United States, of Maryland, New York, and Virginia. House of ill fame. A bawdy-house; a brothel; a dwelling allowed by its chief occupant to be used as a resort of persons desiring or engaging in licentious intercourse. State v. Clark, 33 Conn. 91; State v. Smith, 29 Minn. 192, 12 N. W. 524; Posnett v. Marble, 62 Va. 851, 20 Atl. 813, 11 L. R. A. 162, 22 Am. St. Rep. 120. House of keys. The name of the lower branch of the legislative assembly or parliament of the Isle of Man, consisting of twenty-four representatives chosen by popular election. House of lords. One of the constituent houses of the British parliament, composed of representatives of the counties, cities, and boroughs.

House of correction. A reformatory. A place for the imprisonment of juvenile offenders, or those who have committed crimes of lesser magnitude. Ex parte Moon Fook, 72 Cal. 10, 12 Pac. 804.

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HOUSEKEEPER. One who is in actual possession of and who occupies a house, as distinguished from a "boarder," "lodger," or "guest." See Bell v. Keach, 80 Ky. 45; Velle v. Koch, 27 Ill. 131.

HOVE. A place used by husbandmen to set their plows, carts, and other farming utensils out of the rain and sun. A shed; a cottage; a mean house.

HOYMAN. The master or captain of a hoy.


HUCUSQUE. In old English law. A petition to a minister or judge for leave to proceed in a cause or against a cause; also a writ of habeas corpus in the shape of a petition for an inquiry; a writ of habeas corpus ad subjiciendum.

HUGENOT. A Dutch Protestant of the Reformed Church; hence, any of the religious body of Protestant refugees and emigrants from Holland, who settled in England in the latter part of the 17th century. They were a branch of the Greek Church, and are now called Calvinists. See Calvinist.

HUISSIERS. In French law. Marshals; ushers; process-servers; sheriffs' officers. Ministerial officers attached to the courts, to effect legal service of process required by law in actions, to issue executions, etc., and to maintain order during the sitting of the courts.
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generally, it consists of 100 pounds avoirdu-
DREDES MAN.
The presiding officer in
hundred court
HUNDREDARIUS.
In old English law. 
A hundredary or hundredor. A name given 
to the freeholders who composed it Spel.
—Hundred secta. The performance of suit 
service at the hundred court.—Hundred 
sectena. In Saxon law. 
A denomination of 
weight containing, according to the 
English system, 112 pounds; but in this country, 
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HUNDREDS. In English law. The 
inhabitants or freeholders of a hundred, an-
cently the suitors or judges of the hundred 
court. Persons impaneled or fit to be im-
paneled upon juries, dwelling within the 
hundred where the cause of action arose. 
It was formerly necessary 
to have some of these upon every panel of 
jurors. 
HUNG JURY. A jury so irreconcilably 
divided in opinion that they cannot agree 
upon any verdict.
HURDEREFERST. A domestic; one of 
a family.
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a family.
HURDLE. In English criminal law. A 
kinds of sledge, on which convicted felons 
were drawn to the place of execution.
HURRICANE. A storm of great vio-
ence or intensity, of which the particular 
characteristic is the high velocity of the 
wind. There is naturally no exact measure 
to distinguish between an ordinary storm and 
a hurricane, but the wind should reach a 
velocity of at least 50 or 60 miles an hour 
to be called by the latter name, or, as expressed 
in some of the cases, it should be sufficient 
to "throw down buildings." A hurricane is 
properly a circular storm in the nature of a 
cyclone. See Pelican Ins. Co. v. Troy Co-op. 
Ass'n, 77 Tex. 225, 13 S. W. 990; Queen Ins. 
Co. v. Hudnut Co., 8 Ind. App. 22, 35 N. E. 
307; Tyson v. Union Mut. Fire & Storm Co., 
2 Montg. Co. Law Rep'r (Pa.) 17.
HURST, HIRST, or HIRST. A wood or grove of trees. Co. Litt. 4b.
HURT. In such phrases as "to the hurt 
or annoyance of another," or "hurt, molest-
ed, or restrained in his person or estate," 
this word is not restricted to physical in-
juries, but includes also mental pain, as 
well as discomfort or annoyance. See Row-
702; Bank v. Brooklyn Heights R. Co., 68 
App. Div. 390, 74 N. Y. Supp. 375; Thurston 
HURTARDUS, or HURTUS. A ram or 
whether.
HUSBAND. A man married; one who 
has a lawful wife living. The correlative of 
"wife."
Etymologically, the word signified the "house 
bond;" the man who, according to Saxon ideas
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and institutions, held around him the family, for whom he was in law responsible.

—Husband and wife. One of the great domestic relationships; being that of a man and woman lawfully joined in marriage, by which, at common law, the legal existence of a wife is incorporated with that of her husband.—Husband land. In old Scotch law. A quantity of land containing commonly six acres. Skene.—Husband of a ship. See Ship's Husband.

HUSBANDMAN. A farmer; a cultivator or tiller of the ground. The word "farmer" is colloquially used as synonymous with "husbandman," but originally meant a tenant who cultivates leased ground.


HUSBANDRY. Agriculture; cultivation of the soil for food; farming. In the sense of operating land to raise provisions. Simons v. Lovell, 7 Heisk. (Tenn.) 516; McCue v. Tunstead, 65 Cal. 506, 4 Pac. 510.

HUSBREC. In Saxon law. The crime of housebreaking or burglary. Crabb, Eng. Law, 59, 308.

HUSCARLE. In old English law. A house servant or domestic; a man of the household. Spelman.

A king's vassal,thane, or baron; an earl's man or vassal. A term of frequent occurrence in Domesday Book.

HUSFASTNE. He who holds house and land. Bract. 1. 3, t. 2, c. 10.

HUSGBLUM. In old records. House rent; or a tax or tribute laid upon a house. Cowell; Blount.

HUSH-MONEY. A colloquial expression to designate a bribe to hinder information; pay to secure silence.

HUSTINGS. Council; court; tribunal. Apparently so called from being held within a building, at a time when other courts were held in the open air. It was a local court.

The county court in the city of London bore this name. There were hustings at York, Winchester, Lincoln, and in other places similar to the London hustings. Also the raised place from which candidates for seats in parliament address the constituency, on the occasion of their nomination. Wharton.

HYBREM, HIEMS. Lat. In the civil law. Winter. Dig. 43, 20, 4, 94. Written, in some of the old books, "yems." Fleta, lib. 2, c. 73, §§ 16, 18.

HYPNOTISM. In medical jurisprudence. A psychic or mental state rendering the patient susceptible to suggestion at the will of another.

The hypnotic state is an abnormal condition of the mind and senses, in the nature of trance, artificial catalepsy, or somnambulism, induced in one person by another, by concentration of the attention, a strong effort of volition, and perhaps the exercise of a telepathic power not as yet fully understood, or by mental suggestion. In which condition the mental processes of the subject and to a great extent his will are subjugated and directed by those of the operator.

HYPOBOLUM. In the civil law. The name of the bequest or legacy given by the husband to his wife, at his death, above her dowry.

HYPOCHONDRIA. See INSANITY.

HYPOTHESIS. In medical jurisprudence. (1) The morbid deposition of a sediment of any kind in the body. (2) A congestion or flushing of the blood vessels, as in varicose veins. Post-mortem hypostasis, a peculiar lividity of the cadaver.

HYPOCHYSTM. In Scotland, the term "hypothec" is used to signify the landlord's right which, independently of any stipulation, he has over the crop and stocking of his tenant. It gives a security to the landlord over the crop of each year for the rest of
that year, and over the cattle and stocking on the farm for the current year's rent, which last continues for three months after the last conventional term for the payment of the rent. Bell.

**Hypotheca.** "Hypotheca" was a term of the Roman law, and denoted a pledge or mortgage. As distinguished from the term "pignus," in the same law, it denoted a mortgage, whether of lands or of goods, in which the subject in pledge remained in the possession of the mortgagor or debtor; whereas in the pignus the mortgagee or creditor was in the possession. Such an hypotheca might be either express or implied; express, where the parties upon the occasion of a loan entered into express agreement to that effect; or implied, as, e.g., in the case of the stock and utensils of a farmer, which were subject to the landlord's right as a creditor for rent; whence the Scotch law of hypothec.

The word has suggested the term "hypothecate," as used in the mercantile and maritime law of England. Thus, under the factor's act, goods are frequently said to be "hypothecated," and a captain is said to have a right to hypothecate his vessel for necessary repairs. Brown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, §§ 334-359.

**Hypothecaria Actio.** Lat. In the civil law. An hypothecary action; an action for the enforcement of an hypotheca, or right of mortgage; or to obtain the surrender of the thing mortgaged. Inst. 4, 6, 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 356. Adopted in the Civil Code of Louisiana, under the name of "Action hypothecarie," (translated, "action of mortgage.") Article 3361.

**Hypothecarii Creditores.** Lat. In the civil law. Hypothecary creditors; those who loaned money on the security of an hypotheca, (q. v.) Calvin.

**Hypothecary Action.** The name of an action allowed under the civil law for the enforcement of the claims of a creditor by the contract of hypotheca. Lovell v. Cragin. 136 U. S. 139, 10 Sup. Ct. 1024, 24 L. Ed. 372.

**Hypothecate.** To pledge a thing without delivering the possession of it to the pledgee. "The master, when abroad, and in the absence of the owner, may hypothecate the ship, freight, and cargo, to raise money requisite for the completion of the voyage." 3 Kent, Comm. 171. See Spect v. Spect, 83 Cal. 457, 26 Pac. 263, 13 L. R. A. 137, 22 Am. St. Rep. 914; Ogden v. Lathrop, 31 N. Y. Super. Ct. 651.

**Hypothecation.** A term borrowed from the civil law. In so far as it is naturalized in English and American law, it means a contract of mortgage or pledge in which the subject-matter is not delivered into the possession of the pledgee or pawnee; or, conversely, a conventional right existing in one person over specific property of another, which consists in the power to cause a sale of the same, though it be not in his possession, in order that a specific claim of the creditor may be satisfied out of the proceeds.

The term is frequently used in our textbooks and reports, particularly upon the law of bottomry and maritime liens; thus a vessel is said to be hypothecated for the demand of one who has advanced money for supplies.

In the common law, there are but few, if any, cases of hypothecation, in the strict sense of the civil law; that is, a pledge without possession by the pledgee. The nearest approaches, perhaps, are cases of bottomry bonds and claims of materialmen, and of seamen for wages; but these are liens and privileges, rather than hypothecations. Story, Bailm. § 250.

"Hypothecation" is a term of the civil law, and is that kind of pledge in which the possession of the thing pledged remains with the debtor, (the obligation resting in mere contract without delivery,) and in this respect distinguished from "pignus," in which possession is delivered to the creditor or pawnee. Whitney v. Peay, 24 Ark. 27. See 2 Bell, Comm. 25.

**Hypothecation Bond.** A bond given in the contract of bottomry or respon- dentia.

**Hypothéque.** In French law. Hypothecation; a mortgage on real property; the right vested in a creditor by the assignment to him of real estate as security for the payment of his debt, whether or not it be accompanied by possession. See Civ. Code La. art. 3360.

It corresponds to the mortgage of real property in English law, and is a real charge, following the property into whosesoever hands it comes. It may be légale, as in the case of the charge which the state has over the lands of its accountants, or which a married woman has over those of her husband; judiciaire, when it is the result of a judgment of a court of justice; and conventuelle, when it is the result of an agreement of the parties. Brown.

**Hypothèse.** A supposition, assumption, or theory; a theory set up by the prosecution, on a criminal trial, or by the defense, as an explanation of the facts in evidence, and a ground for inferring guilt or innocence, as the case may be, or as indicating a probable or possible motive for the crime.

**Hypothetical Question.** A combination of assumed or proved facts and circumstances, stated in such form as to constitute a coherent and specific situation or state of facts, upon which the opinion of an expert is asked, by way of evidence on a trial. Howard v. People, 135 Ill. 552, 57 N. E. 441; People v. Durrant, 116 Cal. 216, 48 Pac. 85; Cowley v. People, 83 N. Y. 464, 38 Am. Rep. 464; Stearns v. Field, 90 N. Y. 641.
HYPOTHETICAL YEARLY TENANCY. The basis, in England, of rating lands and hereditaments to the poor-rate, and to other rates and taxes that are expressed to be leviable or assessable in like manner as the poor-rate.

HYRNE. In old English law. A parish.

HYSTERIA. A paroxysmal disease or disorder of the nervous system, more common in females than males, not originating in any anatomical lesion, due to psychic rather than physical causes, and attended, in the acute or convulsive form, by extraordinary manifestations of secondary effects of extreme nervousness.

Hysteria is a state in which ideas control the body and produce morbid changes in its functions. Möbius. A special psychic state, characterized by symptoms which can also be produced or reproduced by suggestion, and which can be treated by psychotherapy or persuasion, hysterical and hypnotic states being practically equivalent to each other. Babinski. A purely psychic or mental disorder due to hereditary predisposition. Charcot. A state resulting from a psychic lesion or nervous shock, leading to repression or aberration of the sexual instinct. Freud. Hysteria is much more common in women than in men, and was formerly thought to be due to some disorder of the uterus or sexual system; but it is now known that it may occur in men, in children, and in very aged persons of either sex.

In the convulsive form of hysteria, commonly called ‘hysteries’ or ‘a fit of hystericus,’ there is nervestorm characterized by loss or abandonment of self-control in the expression of the emotions, particularly grief, by paroxysms of tears or laughter or both together, sensations of constriction as of a ball rising in the throat (globus hystericus), convulsive movements in the chest, pelvis, and abdomen, sometimes leading to a fall with apparent unconsciousness, followed by a relapse into semi-unconsciousness or catalepsy. In the non-convulsive forms, all kinds of organic paralyses may be simulated, as well as muscular contractions and spasms, tremor, loss of sensation (anesthesia) or exaggerated sensation (hyperesthesia), disturbances of respiration, disordered appetite, accelerated pulse, hemorrhages in the skin (stigmata), pain, swelling, or even dislocation of the joints, and great amenable to suggestion.

—Hystero-epilepsy. See Epilepsy.

HYSTEROPOTMOI. Those who, having been thought dead, had, after a long absence in foreign countries, returned safely home; or those who, having been thought dead in battle, had afterwards unexpectedly escaped from their enemies and returned home. These, among the Romans, were not permitted to enter their own houses at the door, but were received at a passage opened in the roof. Enc. Land.

HYSTEROTOMY. The Cesarean operation. See Cesarean Section.

HYTHE. In English law. A port, wharf, or small haven to embark or land merchandise at. Cowell; Blount.
I. The initial letter of the word "Instituta," used by some civilians in citing the Institutes of Justinian. Tayl. Civil Law, 24.

I—CTUS. An abbreviation for "jurisconsultus;" one learned in the law; a jurisconsult.

I. E. An abbreviation for "id est," that is; that is to say.

I O U. A memorandum of debt, consisting of these letters, ("I owe you," a sum of money, and the debtor's signature, is termed an "I O U." Kinney v. Flynn, 2 R. I. 329.

IBERNAGIUM. In old English law. The season for sowing winter corn. Also spelled "hibernagium" and "hybernagium."

Ibi temper debet fieri triatio uhi juratores meliorem possunt habere notitiam. A trial should always be had where the jurors can be the best informed.

IBIDEM. Lat. In the same place; in the same book; on the same page, etc. Abbreviated to "ibid." or "ib."

ICENI. The ancient name for the people of Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Huntingdonshire, in England.

ICONA. An image, figure, or representation of a thing. Du Cange.

ICTUS. In old English law. A stroke or blow from a club or stone; a bruise, contusion, or swelling produced by a blow from a club or stone, as distinguished from "plaga," (a wound.) Fleta, lib. 1, c. 41, § 3. —Ictus orbis. In medical jurisprudence. A maim, a bruise, or swelling; any hurt without cutting the skin. When the skin is cut, the injury is called a "wound." Bract, lib. 2, tr. 2, cc. 5, 24.

Id certum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which can be made certain. 10 Coke, 1b. A trial should always be had where the jurors can be the best informed.

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Id possimus quod de jure possumus. Lane, 116. We may do only that which by law we are allowed to do.

Id quod est magis remotum, non tradit ad se quod est magis junctum, sed e contrario in omni casu. That which is more remote does not draw to itself that which is nearer, but the contrary in every case. Co. Litt. 164.

Id quod nostrum est sine facto nostro ad alium transferri non potest. That which is ours cannot be transferred to another without our act. Dig. 50, 17, 11.

Id solum nostrum quod debitis deductis nostrum est. That only is ours which remains to us after deduction of debts. Tray. Lat. Max. 227.

IDEM. Lat. The same. According to Lord Coke, "idem" has two significations, sc., idem syllabis set* verbis, (the same in syllables or words,) and idem re et sensu, (the same in substance and in sense.) 10 Coke, 124a.

In old practice. The said, or aforesaid; said, aforesaid. Distinguished from "prodictus" in old entries, though having the same general signification. Townsh. Pl. 15, 16.

Idem agens et patiens esse non potest. Jenk. Cent. 40. The same person cannot be both agent and patient; i. e., the doer and person to whom the thing is done.

Idem est facere, et non prohibere cum possis; et qui non prohibit, cum prohibere possit, in culpa est, (aut jubet.) 3 Inst. 158. To commit, and not to prohibit when in your power, is the same thing; and he who does not prohibit when he can prohibit is in fault, or does the same as ordering it to be done.

Idem est nihil dicere, et insufficienter dicere. It is the same thing to say nothing, and to say a thing insufficiently. 3 Inst. 158. To say a thing in an insufficient manner is the same as not to say it at all. Applied to the plea of a prisoner. 1d.

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Idem est non esse, et non appearere. It is the same thing not to be as not to appear. Jenk. Cent. 207. Not to appear is the same thing as not to be. Broom, Max. 165.

Idem est non probari et non esse; non deficiit ius, sed probari. What is not proved and what does not exist are the
same; it is not a defect of the law, but of proof.

Idem est scire aut scire debere aut potuisse. To be bound to know or to be able to know is the same as to know.

IDEM PER IDEM. The same for the same. An illustration of a kind that really adds no additional element to the consideration of the question.

Idem semper antecedenti proximo referatur. Co. Litt. 685. “The same” is always referred to its next antecedent.

IDEM SONANS. Sounding the same or alike; having the same sound. A term applied to names which are substantially the same, though slightly varied in the spelling, as “Lawrence” and “Lawrance,” and the like. 1 Crompt. & M. 806; 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 171.

Two names are said to be “idem sonantes” if the attentive ear finds difficulty in distinguishing them when pronounced, or if common and long-continued usage has by corruption or abbreviation made them identical in pronunciation. State v. Griffe, 118 Mo. 188, 23 S. W. 878. The rule of “idem sonans” is that absolute accuracy in spelling names is not required in a legal document or proceedings either civil or criminal; that if the name, as spelled in the document, though different from the correct spelling, conveys to the ear, when pronounced according to the commonly accepted methods, a sound practically identical with the correct name as commonly pronounced, the name thus given is a sufficient identification of the individual referred to, and no advantage can be taken of the clerical error. Hubner v. Reickhoff, 103 Iowa, 368, 72 N. W. 540, 64 Am. St. Rep. 191. But the doctrine of “idem sonans” has been much enlarged by modern decisions, to conform to the growing rule that a variance, to the spelling thereof, conveys to the ear, when pronounced according to the commonly accepted methods, a sound practically identical with the correct name as commonly pronounced, the name thus given is a sufficient identification of the individual referred to, and no advantage can be taken of the clerical error.

IDENTIFICATION. Proof of identity; the proving that a person, subject, or article before the court is the very same that he or it is alleged, charged, or reputed to be; as where a witness recognizes the prisoner at the bar as the same person whom he saw committing the crime; or where handwriting, stolen goods, counterfeit coin, etc., are recognized as the same which once passed under the observation of the person identifying them.

Identitas vera colligitur ex multitudine signorum. True identity is collected from a multitude of signs. Bac. Max.

IDENTITATE NOMINIS. In English law. An ancient writ (now obsolete) which lay for one taken and arrested in any personal action, and committed to prison, by mistake for another man of the same name. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 267.

IDENTITY. In the law of evidence. Sameness; the fact that a subject, person, or thing before a court is the same as it is represented, claimed, or charged to be. See Burrill, Circ. Ev. 382, 453, 631, 644.

In patent law. Such sameness between two designs, inventions, combinations, etc., as will constitute the one an infringement of the patent granted for the other.

To constitute “identity of invention,” and therefore infringement, not only must the result obtained be the same, but, in case the means used for its attainment is a combination of known elements, the elements combined in both cases must be the same, and combined in the same way, so that each element shall perform the same function; provided that the differences alleged are not merely colorable according to the rule forbidding the use of known equivalents. Electric Railroad Signal Co v. Hall Railroad Signal Co., 114 U. S. 87, 5 Sup. Ct. 1069, 29 L. Ed. 96; Latta v. Shawk, 14 Fed. Cas. 1188. “Identity of design” means sameness of appearance, or, in other words, sameness of effect upon the eye—not the eye of an expert, but of an ordinary intelligent observer. Smith v. Whitman Saddle Co., 148 U. S. 674, 13 Sup. Ct. 708, 37 L. Ed. 606.

IDEO. Lat. Therefore. Calvin.

IDEO CONSIDERATUM EST. Lat. Therefore it is considered. These were the words used at the beginning of the entry of judgment in an action, when the forms were in Latin. They are also used as a name for that portion of the record.

IDES. A division of time among the Romans. In March, May, July, and October, the Ides were on the 15th of the month; in the remaining months, on the 13th. This method of reckoning is still retained in the calendar of Rome, and in the calendar of the breviary. Wharton.

IDIOCHIRA. Greco-Lat. In the civil law. An instrument privately executed, as distinguished from such as were executed before a public officer. Cod. 8, 18, 11; Calvin.

IDIOCY. See INSANITY.

IDIOT. A person who has been without understanding from his nativity, and whom the law, therefore, presumes never likely to attain any. Shelf. Lun. 2. See INSANITY.

IDIOTA. In the civil law. An unlearned, illiterate, or simple person. Calvin. A private man; one not in office.

In common law. An idiot or fool.

IDIOTA INQUIRENDO, WRIT DE. This is the name of an old writ which directs the sheriff to inquire whether a man be an idiot or not. The inquisition is to be made by a jury of twelve men. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 232. And, if the man were found an idiot, the profits of his lands and the custody of his person might be granted by the
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the mind is ignorant of a fact, its condition still remains sound; the power of thinking, of judging, of willing, is just as complete before communication of the fact as after; the essence or texture, so to speak, of the mind, is not, as in the case of insanity, affected or impaired. Ignorance of a particular fact consists in this: that the mind, although sound and capable of healthy action, has never acted upon the fact in question, because the subject has never been brought to the notice of the perceptive faculties. Meeker v. Boylan, 28 N. J. Law, 274.

Synonyms. “Ignorance” and “error” or “mistake” are not convertible terms. The former is a lack of information or absence of knowledge; the latter, a misapprehension or confusion of information, or a mistaken supposition of the possession of knowledge. Error as to a fact may imply ignorance of the truth; but ignorance does not necessarily imply error. Hutton v. Edgerton, 6 Rich. (S. C.) 489; Culbreath v. Culbreath, 7 Ga. 70, 50 Am. Dec. 375.

Essential ignorance is ignorance in relation to some essential circumstance so intimately connected with the matter in question, and which so influences the parties, that it induces them to act in the business. Poth. Vente, nn. 3, 4; 2 Kent, Comm. 367. Non-essential or accidental ignorance is that which has not of itself any necessary connection with the business in question, and which is not the true consideration for entering into the contract. Involuntary ignorance is that which does not proceed from choice, and which cannot be overcome by the use of any means of knowledge known to a person and within his power; as the ignorance of a law which has not yet been promulgated. Voluntary ignorance exists when a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have acquired the necessary knowledge. For example, every man might acquire a knowledge of the laws which have been promulgated. Doct. & Stud. 1, 46; Plowd. 345.

IGNORANTIA. Lat. Ignorance; want of knowledge. Distinguished from mistake, (error,) or wrong conception. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 178; Dig. 22, 6. Divided by Lord Coke into ignorantia facti (ignorance of fact) and ignorantia juris, (ignorance of law.) And the former, he adds, is twofold,—leotionis et linguae, (ignorance of reading and ignorance of language.) 2 Coke, 39.

Ignorantia eorum quae quis scire tenet non excusat. Ignorance of those things which one is bound to know excuses not. Hale, P. C. 42; Broom, Max. 267.

Ignorantia facti excusat. Ignorance of fact excuses or is a ground of relief. 2 Coke, 39. Acts done and contracts made under mistake, or ignorance of a material fact are voidable and relievable in law and equity. 2 Kent, Comm. 491, and notes.

Ignorantia facti excusat, ignorantia juris non excusat. Ignorance of the fact excuses; ignorance of the law excuses not. Every man must be taken to be cognizant of the law; otherwise there is no saying to what extent the excuse of ignorance may not be carried. 1 Coke, 177; Broom, Max. 253.

IGNORANCE. The want or absence of knowledge. Ignorance of law is want of knowledge or acquaintance with the laws of the land in so far as they apply to the act, relation, duty, or matter under consideration. Ignorance of fact is want of knowledge of some fact or facts constituting or relating to the subject-matter in hand. Marshall v. Coleman, 157 Ill. 559, 58 N. E. 628; Haven v. Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 353. Ignorance is not a state of the mind in the sense in which sanity and insanity are. When

IGNOMINY. Public disgrace; infamy; reproach; dishonor. Ignominy is the opposite of esteem. Wolff, § 145. See Brown v. Kingsley, 38 Iowa, 220.

IGNORAMUS. Lat. “We are ignorant;” “We Ignore it.” Formerly the grand jury used to write this word on bills of indictment when, after having heard the evidence, they thought the accusation against the prisoner was groundless, intimating that, though the facts might possibly be true, the truth did not appear to them; but now they usually write in English the words “Not a true bill,” or “Not found,” if that is their verdict; but they are still said to ignore the bill. Brown.

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Ignorantia juris quod quisque tenetur scire, neminem excusat. Ignorance of the [or a] law, which every one is bound to know, excuses no man. A mistake in point of law is, in criminal cases, 'no sort of defense. 4 Bl. Comm. 27; 4 Steph. Comm. 81; Broom, Max. 253; 7 Car. & P. 456. And, in civil cases, ignorance of the law, with a full knowledge of the facts, furnishes no ground, either in law or equity, to rescind agreements, or reclaim money paid, or set aside solemn acts of the parties. 2 Kent, Comm. 403, and note.

Ignorantia juris sui non prejudicat juri. Ignorance of one's right does not prejudice the right. Lofft, 552.

Ignorantia legis neminem excusat. Ignorance of law excuses no one. 4 Bouv. Inst. no. 3828; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 111; 7 Watts, 374.

IGNORATIO ELENCHI. Lat. A term of logic, sometimes applied to pleadings and to arguments on appeal, which signifies a mistake of the question, that is, the mistake of one who, failing to discern the real question which he is to meet and answer, addresses his allegations or arguments to a collateral matter or something beside the point. See Case upon the Statute for Distribution, Wythe (Va.) 309.

Ignoratis terminis artis, ignoratur et ars. Where the terms of an art are unknown, the art itself is unknown also. Co. Litt. 2a.

IGNORE. 1. To be ignorant of, or unacquainted with.
2. To disregard willfully; to refuse to recognize; to decline to take notice of. See Cleburne County v. Morton, 69 Ark. 48, 60 S. W. 307.
3. To reject as groundless, false or unsupported by evidence; as when a grand jury ignores a bill of indictment.

Ignoscitur ei qui sanguinem suum qualler redemptum voluit. The law holds him excused from obligation who chose to redeem his blood (or life) upon any terms. Whatever a man may do under the fear of losing his life or limbs will not be held binding upon him in law. 1 Bl. Comm. 131.

IKENILD STREET. One of the four great Roman roads in Britain; supposed to be so called from the Iceni.

ILL. In old pleading. Bad; defective in law; null; naught; the opposite of good or valid.

ILL FAME. Evil repute; notorious bad character. Houses of prostitution, gaming houses, and other such disorderly places are called "houses of ill fame," and a person who frequents them is a person of ill fame. See Bovles v. State, 46 Ala. 206.

ILLATA ET INVECTA. Lat. Things brought into the house for use by the tenant were so called, and were liable to the jus hypothecae of Roman law, just as they are to the landlord's right of distress at common law.

ILLEGAL. Not authorized by law; illicit; unlawful; contrary to law.

Sometimes this term means merely that which lacks authority of or support from law; but more frequently it imports a violation. Etymologically, the word seems to convey the negative meaning only. But in ordinary use it has a severer, stronger signification; the idea of censure or condemnation for breaking law is usually presented. But the law implied in illegal is not necessarily an express statute. Things are called "illegal" for a violation of common-law principles. And the term does not imply that the act spoken of is immoral or wicked; it implies only a breach of the law. See State v. Haynord, 3 Sneed (Tenn.) 65; Tiedt v. Carstensen, 61 Iowa, 334, 16 N. W. 214; Chadburne v. Newman, 43 N. H. 399; People v. Kelly, 1 Abb. Pract. N. S., (N. Y.) 437; Ex parte Sewart, 2 Tex. App. 80.

—Illegal conditions. All those that are impossible, or contrary to law, immoral, or repugnant to the nature of the transaction.—Illegal contract. An agreement to do any act forbidden by the law, or to omit to do any act enjoined by the law. Billingsley v. Cleland, 41 W. Va. 243, 23 S. E. 816.—Illegal interest. Usury; interest at a higher rate than the law allows. Parsons v. Babcock, 40 Neb. 119, 55 N. W. 726.—Illegal trade. Such traffic or commerce as is carried on in violation of the municipal law, or contrary to the law of nations. See ILLICIT.

ILLEGITIMACY. The condition before the law, or the social status, of a bastard; the state or condition of one whose parents were not intermarried at the time of his birth. Miller v. Miller, 18 Hun (N. Y.) 509; Brown v. Belmarde, 3 Kan. 52.

ILLEGITIMATE. That which is contrary to law; it is usually applied to bastards, or children born out of lawful wedlock.

The Louisiana Code divided illegitimate children into two classes: (1) Those born from two persons who, at the moment when such children were conceived, could have lawfully intermarried; and (2) those who are born from persons to whose marriage there existed at the time some legal impediment. Both classes, however, could be acknowledged and take by devise. Compton v. Prescott, 12 Rob. (La.) 56.

ILLEVIALE. Not leviable; that can not or ought not to be levied. Cowell.

ILLICENCIA T US. In old English law. Without license. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 5, § 12.

ILLICIT. Not permitted or allowed; prohibited; unlawful; as an illicit trade; û
Illicit Intercourse. State v. Miller, 60 Vt. 90, 12 Atl. 523.

—Illicit connection. Unlawful sexual intercourse. State v. King, 9 S. D. 628, 70 N. W. 1046.—Illicit habitation. The living together as man and wife of two persons who are not lawfully married, with the implication that they habitually practice fornication. See Rex v. Kalilooa, 4 Hawaii, 41.—Illicit distillery. One carried on without a compliance with the provisions of the laws of the United States relating to the taxation of spirituous liquors. U. S. v. Johnson (C. C.) 26 Fed. 654.—Illicit trade. Policies of marine insurance usually contain a covenant of warranty against "illicit trade," meaning thereby trade which is forbidden, or declared unlawful, by the laws of the country where the cargo is to be delivered; "It is not the same with 'contraband trade,' although the words are sometimes used as synonymous. Illicit or prohibited trade is one which cannot be carried on without a distinct violation of some positive law of the country where the transaction is to take place." 1 Pars. Mar. Ins. 614.

ILLICITE. Lat. Unlawfully. This word has a technical meaning, and is requisite in an indictment where the act charged is unlawful; as in the case of a riot. 2 Hawk. P. C. c. 25, § 96.

ILLICITUM COLLEGIIUM. Lat. An illegal corporation.

ILLITERATE. Unlettered; ignorant; unlearned. Generally used of one who cannot read and write. See In re Succession of Carroll, 28 La. Ann. 388.

ILLOCABLE. Incapable of being placed out or hired.

ILLUD. Lat. That.

Illud, quod alias licitum non est, necessitas facit licitum; et necessitas inducit privilegium quod juris privata. Bac. Max. That which is otherwise not permitted, necessity permits; and necessity makes a privilege as to private rights.

Illud, quod alteri unitur, extinguitur, necesse amplius per se vacare licet. Godol. Ecc. Law, 169. That which is unit ed to another is extinguished, nor can it be any more independent.

ILLUSION. In medical jurisprudence. An image or impression in the mind, excited by some external object addressing itself to one or more of the senses, but which, instead of corresponding with the reality, is perverted, distorted, or wholly mistaken, the error being attributable to the imagination of the observer, not to any defect in the organs of sense. See HALLUCINATION, and see "Delusion," under INSANITY.

ILLUSORY. Decieving by false appearances; nominal, as distinguished from substantial.

—Illusory appointment. Formerly the appointment of a merely nominal share of the property to one of the objects of a power, in order to escape the rule that an exclusive appointment made unless it was authorized by the instrument creating the power, was considered illusory and void in equity. But this rule has been abolished in England. (1 Wm. V. c. 46; 37 & 38 Vict. c. 57.) Sweet. See Ingraham v. Meade, 3 Wall. Jr. 32, 13 Fed. Cas. 59.—Illusory appointment act. The statute 1 Wm. IV. c. 46. This statute enacts that no appointment made after its passing, (July 16, 1830,) in exercise of a power to appoint property, real or personal, among several objects, shall be invalid, or impeached in equity, on the ground that an unsubstantial, illusory, or nominal share only was thereby appointed, or left unappointed, to devolve upon any one or more of the objects of such power; but that the appointment shall be valid in equity, as at law. See, too, 37 & 38 Vict. c. 37. Wharton.

ILLUSTRIUS. The prefix to the title of a prince of the blood in England.

IMAGINE. In English law. In cases of treason the law makes it a crime to imagine the death of the king. But, in order to complete the crime, this act of the mind must be demonstrated by some overt act. The terms "imagining" and "compassing" are in this connection synonymous. 4 Bl. Comm. 78.

IMAN, IMAM, or IMAUM. A Mohammedan prince having supreme spiritual as well as temporal power; a regular priest of the mosque.

IMBARGO. An old form of "embargo," (q. v.) St. 18 Car. II. c. 5.

IMBASING OF MONEY. The act of mixing the specie with an alloy below the standard of sterling. 1 Hale, P. C. 102.

IMBECILITY. See INSANITY.

IMBEZZLE. An occasional or obsolete form of "embezzle." (q. v.)

IMBLADARE. In old English law. To plant or sow grain. Bract. fol. 176b.

IMBRACERY. See EMBRACERY.

IMBROCUS. A brook, gutter, or waterpassage. Cowell.

IMITATION. The making of one thing in the similitude or likeness of another; as, counterfeit coin is said to be made "in imitation" of the genuine. An imitation of a trade-mark is that which so far resembles the genuine trade-mark as to be likely to induce the belief that it is genuine, whether by the use of words or letters similar in appearance or in sound, or by any sign, device, or other means. Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 398; Wagner v. Daly, 67 Hun, 477, 22 N. Y. Supp. 463; State v. Harris, 27 N. C. 294.
IMMATERIAL. Not material, essential, or necessary; not important or pertinent; not decisive.

—Immaterial averment. An averment alleges or sets forth unessential or unnecessary circumstances what is material and necessary, and which might properly have been stated more generally, and without such circumstances and particulars; or, in other words, a statement of unnecessary particulars in connection with and as descriptive of what is material. Gould, Pl. c. 3, § 188; Parr v. Bachelor, 3 Ala. 245; Green v. Palmer, 15 Cal. 416, 76 Am. Dec. 492; Dunlap v. Kelly, 105 Mo. App. 1, 78 S. W. 694.—Immaterial issue. In pleading. An issue taken on an immaterial point; that is, a point not proper to decide the action. Steph. Pl. 99, 130; 2 Tidd, Pr. 921.

IMMEDIATE. 1. Present; at once; without delay; not deferred by any interval of time. In this sense, the word, without any very precise signification, denotes that action is or must be taken either instantly or without any considerable loss of time.

Immediately does not, in legal proceedings, necessarily import the exclusion of any interval of time. It is a word of no very definite signification, and is much in subjection to its grammatical connections. Howell Y. Gaddis, 31 N. J. Law, 313.

2. Not separated in respect to place; not separated by the intervention of any intermediate object, cause, relation, or right. Thus we speak of an action as prosecuted for the “immediate benefit” of A., of a devise as made to the “immediate issue” of B., etc.

—Immediate cause. The last of a series or chain of causes tending to a given result, and which, of itself, and without the intervention of any further cause, directly produces the result or event. A cause may be immediate in this sense, and yet not “proximate,” and consequently, the proximate cause (that which directly and efficiently brings about the result) may not be immediate. The familiar illustration is that of a drunken man falling into the water and drowning. His intoxication is the proximate cause of his death, if it can be said that he would not have fallen into the water necessarily import the exclusion of any interval of time; but the immediate cause of death is suffocation by drowning. See Davis v. Standish, 26 Hun (N. Y.), 615; Delsenerieter v. Kraus-Merkel Malting Co., 97 Wis. 279, 7 N. W. 735. Compare Longabaugh v. Railroad Co., 9 Nev. 271. See, also, PROXIMATE.—Immediate descent. See DESCENT.

IMMEDIATELY. “It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast rule as to what is the meaning of the word ‘immediately’ in all cases. The words ‘forthwith’ and ‘immediately’ have the same meaning. They are stronger than the expression ‘within a reasonable time,’ and imply prompt, vigorous action, without any delay, and whether there has been such action is a question of fact, having regard to the circumstances of the particular case.” Cockburn, C. J., in Reg. v. Justices of Berkshire, 4 Q. B. Div. 471.

IMMEMORIAL. Beyond human memory; time out of mind.

—Immemorial possession. In Louisiana. Possession of which no man living has seen the beginning, and the existence of which he has learned from his elders. Civ. Code La. art. 762.—Immemorial usage. A practice which has existed time out of mind; custom; prescription. Miller v. Garlock, 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 154.

IMMEUBLES. Fr. These are, in French law, the immovables of English law. Things are immubles from any one of three causes: (1) From their own nature, e. g., lands and houses; (2) from their destination, e. g., animals and instruments of agriculture when supplied by the landlord; or (3) by the object to which they are annexed, e. g., easements. Brown.

IMMIGRATION. The coming into a country of foreigners for purposes of permanent residence. The correlative term "emigration" denotes the act of such persons in leaving their former country.

IMMINENT DANGER. In relation to homicide in self-defense, this term means immediate danger, such as must be instantly met, such as cannot be guarded against by calling for the assistance of others; or the protection of the law. U. S. v. Outerbridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 399; State v. West, 45 La. Ann. 14, 12 South. 7; State v. Smith, 43 Or. 109, 71 Pac. 973. Or, as otherwise defined, such an appearance of threatened and impending injury as would put a reasonable and prudent man to his instant defense. State v. Fontenot, 50 La. Ann. 537, 23 South. 634, 69 Am. St. Rep. 453; Shorter v. People, 2 N. Y. 201, 51 Am. Dec. 286.

IMMISCERE. Lat. In the civil law. To mix or mingle with; to meddle with; to join with. Calvin.

IMMITTERE. Lat. In the civil law. To put or let into, as a beam into a wall. Calvin; Digg. 50, 17, 242, 1.

In old English law. To put cattle on a common. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 20, § 7.

Immobilia situm sequuntur. Immovable things follow their site or position; are governed by the law of the place where they are fixed. 2 Kent, Comm. 67.

IMMOBILIS. Lat. Immovable. Immobilia or res immobiles, immovable things, such as lands and buildings. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 160.

IMMORAL. Contrary to good morals; inconsistent with the rules and principles of morality which regard men as living in a community, and which are necessary for the public welfare, order, and decency.

—Immoral consideration. One contrary to good morals, and therefore invalid. Contracts based upon an immoral consideration are generally void.—Immoral contracts. Contracts founded upon considerations contra bonos mores are void.
IMMORALITY. That which is contra bonos mores. See IMMORAL.

IMMOVABLES. In the civil law. Property which, from its nature, destination, or the object to which it is applied, cannot move itself, or be removed.

Immovable things are, in general, such as cannot either move themselves or be removed from one place to another. But this definition, strictly speaking, is applicable only to such things as are immovable by their own nature, and not to such are so only by the disposition of the law. Civ. Code La. art. 462; Mt. Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 183, 73 Pac. 826; Sullivan v. Richard­son, 33 Fla. 1, 14 South. 692.


IMPAIRING THE OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTS. For the meaning of this phrase in the constitution of the United States, see 2 Story, Const. §§ 1374-1399; 1 Kent, Comm. 413-422; Pom. Const. Law; Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 720 et seq.

IMPANEL. In English practice. To inpanel a jury signifies the entering by the sheriff upon a piece of parchment, termed a "panel," the names of the jurors who have been summoned to appear in court on a certain day to form a jury of the country to hear such matters as may be brought before them. Brown.

In American practice. Besides the meaning above given, "impanel" signifies the act of the clerk of the court in making up a list of the jurors who have been selected for the trial of a particular cause.

Impaneling has nothing to do with drawing, selecting, or swearing jurors, but means simply making the list of those who have been selected. Porter v. People, 7 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 441.

IMPARCARE. In old English law. To impound. Reg. Orig. 929.

To shut up, or confine in prison. Inducti sunt in carcerem et imparcari, they were carried to prison and shut up. Bract. fol. 124.

IMPARGAMENTUM. The right of impounding cattle.

IMPEAL. To have license to settle a litigation amicably; to obtain delay for adjustment.

IMPARLANCE. In early practice, imparlance meant time given to either of the parties to an action to answer the pleading of the other. It thus amounted to a continuance of the action to a further day. Literally the term signified leave given to the parties to talk together; i. e., with a view to settling their differences amicably. But in modern practice it denotes a time given to the defendant to plead.

A general imparlance is the entry of a general allowance and permission to plead till the next term, without reserving to the defendant the benefit of any exception; so that after such an imparlance the defendant cannot object to the jurisdiction of the court, or plead any matter in abatement. This kind of imparlance is always from one term to another. Colby v. Knapp, 13 N. H. 175; Mack v. Lewis, 67 Vt. 383, 51 Atl. 858.

A general special imparlance contains a saving of all exceptions whatsoever, so that the defendant after this may plead not only in abatement, but he may also plead a plea which affects the jurisdiction of the court, as privilege. He cannot, however, plead a tender, and that he was always ready to pay, because by craving time he admits that he is not ready, and so falsifies his plea.

A special imparlance reserves to the defendant all exceptions to the writ, bill, or count; and therefore after it the defendant may plead in abatement, though not to the jurisdiction of the court. 1 Tutt, Fr. 492, 493.

IMPARSONEE. L. Fr. In ecclesiastical law. One who is inducted and in possession of a benefice. Parson imparsonee, (persona impersonata.) Cowell; Dyer, 40.

IMPATRONIZATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of putting into full possession of a benefice.

IMPEACH. To accuse; to charge a liability upon; to sue.

To dispute, disparage, deny, or contradict; as, to impeach a judgment or decree; or as used in the rule that a jury cannot "impeach their verdict." See Wolfgram v. Schoepfle, 123 Wis. 19, 100 N. W. 1056.

To proceed against a public officer for crime or misfeasance, before a proper court, by the presentation of a written accusation called "articles of impeachment."

In the law of evidence. To call in question the veracity of a witness, by means of evidence adduced for that purpose.

IMPEACHMENT. A criminal proceeding against a public officer, before a quasi political court, instituted by a written accusation called "articles of impeachment;" for example, a written accusation by the house of representatives of the United States to
the senate of the United States against an officer.

In England, a prosecution by the house of commons before the house of lords of a commoner for treason, or other high crimes and misdemeanors, or of a peer for any crime.

In evidence. An allegation, supported by proof, that a witness who has been examined is unworthy of credit.

—Articles of impeachment. The formal written allegation of the causes for an impeachment, answering the same purpose as an indictment in an ordinary criminal proceeding.

—Collateral impeachment. The collateral impeachment of a judgment or decree is an attempt made to destroy or evade its effect as an estoppel, by reopening the merits of the cause or showing reasons why the judgment should not have been given or should not have a conclusive effect, in any collateral proceeding, that is, in any action or proceeding other than that in which the judgment was given, or other than an appeal, certiorari, or other direct proceeding to review it.

—Impeachment of annuity. A term sometimes used in English law to denote anything that operates as a hindrance, impediment or obstruction of the making of the profits out of which the annuity is derived. V. Williams, 7 Johns. & El. 885.

—Impeachment of waste. Liability for waste committed; or a demand or suit for compensation for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof who, having only a leasehold or partial estate, had no right to commit waste. See 2 Bl. Comm. 283; Sanderson v. Jones, 6 Fla. 480; 63 Am. Dec. 217.

—Impeachment of witness. Proof that a witness who has testified in a cause is unworthy of credit. White v. Railroad Co., 142 Ind. 648; 42 N. E. 456; Com. v. Welch, 111 Ky. 530, 63 S. W. 984; Smith v. State, 109 Ga. 479, 35 S. E. 59.

IMPEACHARE. To impeach, to accuse, or prosecute for felony or treason.

IMPEDEIENS. In old practice. One who hinders; an impedient. The defendant or deforciant in a fine was sometimes so called. Cowell; Blount.

IMPEDEIMENTO. In Spanish law. A prohibition to contract marriage, established by law between certain persons.

IMPEDEIMENTS. Disabilities, or hindrances to the making of contracts, such as coverture, infancy, want of reason, etc.

In the civil law. Bars to marriage. Absolute impediments are those which prevent the person subject to them from marrying at all, without either the nullity of marriage or its being punishable. Distinct impediments are those which render a marriage void; as where one of the contracting parties is unable to marry by reason of a prior undissolved marriage. Prohibitive impediments are those which do not render the marriage null, but subject the parties to a punishment. Relative impediments are those which regard only certain persons with respect to each other; as between two particular persons who are related within the prohibited degrees. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 44, 45.


IMPENSE. Lat. In the civil law. Expenses; outlays. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 183; Calvin. Divided into necessary, (necessaria), useful, (utiles), and tasteful or ornamental, (voluptuaria). Dig. 50, 16, 70. See Id. 25, 1.

IMPERATIVE. See DIRECTORY.

IMPERATOR. Emperor. The title of the Roman emperors, and also of the Kings of England before the Norman conquest. Cod. 1, 14, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 242. See EMPEROR.

IMPERFECT. As used in various legal compound terms, this word means defective or incomplete; wanting in some legal or formal requisite; wanting in legal sanction or effectiveness; as in speaking of imperfect obligations, "ownership," "rights," "title," "usufruct," or "war." See those nouns.

Imperii majestas est tutela salus. Co. Litt. 64. The majesty of the empire is the safety of its protection.

IMPERFuitA. Lat. Unskillfulness; want of skill.

Imperitia culpa adnumeratur. Want of skill is reckoned as culpa; that is, as blamable conduct or neglect. Dig. 50, 17, 132.

Imperitia est maxima mechanicorum poena. Unskillfulness is the greatest punishment of mechanics; [that is, from its effect in making them liable to those by whom they are employed.] 11 Coke, 54a. The word "poena" in some translations is erroneously rendered "fault."

IMPERIUM. The right to command, which includes the right to employ the force of the state to enforce the laws. This is one of the principal attributes of the power of the executive. 1 Toullier, no. 58.

IMPERSONALITAS. Lat. Impersonality. A mode of expression where no reference is made to any person, such as the expression "ut dicitur," (as is said.) Co. Litt. 3526.


IMPERTINENCE. Irrelevancy; the fault of not properly pertaining to the issue or proceeding. The introduction of any matters into a bill, answer, or other pleading or proceeding in a suit, which are not properly before the court for decision, at any particular stage of the suit. Story, Eq. Pl.
In practice. A question propounded to a witness, or evidence offered or sought to be elicited, is called “impertinent” when it has no logical bearing upon the issue, is not necessarily connected with it, or does not belong to the matter in hand. On the distinction between pertinency and relevancy, we may quote the following remark of Dr. Wharton: “Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue.” 1 Whart. Ev. § 20.

IMPETRATIVE. In old English practice. To obtain by request, as a writ or privilege. This application of the word seems to be derived from the civil law. Calvin.

IMPETRATION. In old English law. The obtaining anything by petition or entreaty. Particularly, the obtaining of a benefice from Rome by solicitation, which benefice belonged to the disposal of the king or other lay patron. Webster; Cowell.

Impier. Umpire, (q. v.)

IMPINAMENT. Impairing or prejudicing. Jacob.


IMPIGNORATION. The act of pawning or putting to pledge.

Impius et crudelis judicandus est qui libertati non favet. He is to be judged impious and cruel who does not favor liberty. Co. Litt. 124.

IMPLICATA. A term used in mercantile law, derived from the Italian. In order to avoid the risk of making fruitless voyages, merchants have been in the habit of receiving small adventures, on freight, at so much per cent., to which they are entitled at all events, even if the adventure be lost; and this is called “implicata.” Wharton.

IMPLICATION. Intendment or inference, as distinguished from the actual expression of a thing in words. In a will, an estate may pass by mere implication, without any express words to direct its course. 2 Bl. Comm. 381.

An inference of something not directly declared, but arising from what is admitted or expressed. In construing a will conjecture must not be taken for implication; but necessary implication means not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. 1 Ves. & B. 466.

“Implication” is also used in the sense of “inference;” i. e., where the existence of an intention is inferred from acts not done for the sole purpose of communicating it, but for some other purpose. Sweet.

—Necessary implication. In construing a will, necessary implication means not natural necessity, but so strong a probability of intention that an intention contrary to that which is imputed to the testator cannot be supposed. Wilkinson v. Adam, 1 Ves. & B. 466; Gilbert v. Craddock, 67 Kan. 346, 72 Pac. 869; Whitfield v. Garris, 134 N. C. 24, 45 S. E. 904.

IMPLIED. This word is used in law as contrasted with “express;” i. e., where the intention in regard to the subject-matter is not manifested by explicit and direct words, but is gathered by implication or necessary deduction from the circumstances, the general language, or the conduct of the parties. As to implied “Abrogation,” “Agreement,” “Assumpsit,” “Condition,” “Confession,” “Consent,” “Consideration,” “Contract,”

IMPORTATION. The act of bringing goods and merchandise into a country from a foreign country.

IMPORTS. Importations; goods or other property imported or brought into the country from a foreign country.

IMPORTUNITY. Pressing solicitation; urgent request; application for a claim or favor which is urged with troublesome frequency or pertinacity. Webster.


IMPOSSIBILITY. That which, in the constitution and course of nature or the law, no man can do or perform. See Klauber v. San Diego Street-Car. Co., 65 Cal. 353, 30 Pac. 555; Redd v. Alaska Packing Co., 43 Or. 429, 73 Pac. 337.

Impossibility is of the following several sorts:

An act is physically impossible when it is contrary to the course of nature. Such an impossibility may be either absolute, i.e., impossible in any case, (e.g., for A. to reach the moon,) or relative, (sometimes called "impossibility in fact," i.e., arising from the circumstances of the case, (e.g., for A. to make a payment to B., he being a deceased person.) To the latter class belongs what is sometimes called "practical impossibility," which exists when the act can be done, but only at an excessive or unreasonable cost. An act is legally or juridically impossible when a rule of law makes it impossible to do it; e.g., for A. to make a valid will before his majority. This class of acts must not be confounded with those which are possible, although forbidden by law, as to commit a theft. An act is logically impossible when it is contrary to the nature of the transaction, as where A. gives property to B. expressly for his own benefit, on condition that he transfers it to C. Sweet.

Impossibilium nulla obligatio est. There is no obligation to do Impossible things. Dig. 50, 17, 185; Broom, Max. 249.

IMPOSSIBLE CONTRACTS. An impossible contract is one which the law will not hold binding upon the parties, because of the natural or legal impossibility of the performance by one party of that which is the consideration for the promise of the other. 7 Wait, Act. & Def. 124.

Impossible contracts, which will be deemed void in the eye of the law, or of which the performance will be excused, are such contracts as cannot be performed, either because of the nature of the obligation undertaken, or because of some supervening event which renders the performance of the obligation either physically or legally impossible. 10 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 176.

IMPOSTS. Taxes, duties, or impositions. A duty on imported goods or merchandise. Story, Const. § 949. And see Norris v. Boston, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 290; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 455, 19 L. Ed. 93; Woodruff v. Parham, 8 Wall. 131, 19 L. Ed. 352; Dooley v. U. S., 183 U. S. 151, 22 Sup. Ct. 62, 43 L. Ed. 128; Passenger Cases, 7 How. 407, 12 L. Ed. 702.

Impost is a tax received by the prince for such merchandises as are brought into any haven within his dominions from foreign nations. It may in some sort be distinguished from customs, because customs are rather that profit the prince maketh of wares shipped out; yet they are frequently confounded. Cowell.

IMPOTENCE. In medical jurisprudence. The incapacity for copulation or propagating the species. Properly used of the male; but it has also been used synonymously with "sterility." Griffeth v. Griffith, 162 Ill. 368, 44 N. E. 820; Payne v. Payne, 46 Minn. 467, 49 N. W. 230, 24 Am. St. Rep. 240; Kempf v. Kempf, 34 Mo. 213.

Impotencia excusat legem. Co. Litt. 29. The impossibility of doing what is required by the law excuses from the performance.

IMPOTENTIAM, PROPERTY PROPER. A qualified property, which may subsist in animals ferae naturae on account of their inability, as where hawks, herons, or other birds build in a person's trees, or conies, etc., make their nests or burrows in a person's land, and have young there, such person has a qualified property in them till they can fly or run away, and then such property expires. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 3.

IMPOUND. To shut up stray animals or distrained goods in a pound. Thomas v. Harries, 1 Man. & G. 703; Goodsell v. Dunn ing, 34 Conn. 257; Howard v. Bartlett, 70 Vt. 314, 40 Atl. 825.

To take into the custody of the law or of a court. Thus, a court will sometimes impound a suspicious document produced at a trial.

IMPRESCRIPTIBILITY. The state or quality of being incapable of prescription; not of such a character that a right to it can be gained by prescription.

IMPRESCRIPTIBLE RIGHTS. Such rights as a person may use or not, at pleasure, since they cannot be lost to him by
the claims of another founded on prescription.

**IMPRESSION.** A “case of the first impression” is one without a precedent; one presenting a wholly new state of facts; one involving a question never before determined.

**IMPRESSION.** A power possessed by the English crown of taking persons or property to aid in the defense of the country, with or without the consent of the persons concerned. It is usually exercised to obtain hands for the royal ships in time of war, by taking seamen engaged in merchant vessels, (1 Bl. Comm. 420; Maud & P. Shipp. 123;) but in former times impression of merchant ships was also practiced. The admiralty issues protections against impressment in certain cases, either under statutes passed in favor of certain callings (e. g., persons employed in the Greenland fisheries) or voluntarily. Sweet.

**IMPREST MONEY.** Money paid on enlisting or impressing soldiers or sailors.

**IMPRESTIABLIS.** Lat. Beyond price; invaluable.

**IMPRIMATUR.** Lat. Let it be printed. A license or allowance, granted by the constituted authorities, giving permission to print and publish a book. This allowance was formerly necessary, in England, before any book could lawfully be printed, and in some other countries is still required.

**IMPRIMERE.** To press upon; to impress or press; to imprint or print.

**IMPRIMERY.** In some of the ancient English statutes this word is used to signify a printing-office, the art of printing, a print or impression.

**IMPRIMIS.** Lat. In the first place; first of all.

**IMPRISON.** To put in a prison; to put in a place of confinement.

**IMPRISONMENT.** The act of putting or confining a man in prison; the restraint of a man's personal liberty; coercion exercised upon a person to prevent the free exercise of his powers of locomotion. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 Atl. 863; In re Langslow, 167 N. Y. 914, 60 N. E. 599; In re Langan (C. C) 123 Fed. 154; Steere v. Field, 22 Fed. Cas. 1221.

It is not a necessary part of the definition that the confinement should be in a place usually appropriated to that purpose; it may be in a locality used only for the specific occasion; or it may take place without the actual application of any physical agencies of restraint, (such as locks or bars,) but by verbal compulsion and the display of available force. See Pike v. Hanson, 9 N. H. 491.

Any forcible detention of a man's person, or control over his movements, is imprisonment. Lawson v. Buzines, 3 Har. (Del.) 416.

**FALSE IMPRISONMENT.** The unlawful arrest or detention of a person without warrant, or by an illegal warrant, or a warrant illegally executed, and either in a prison or a place used temporarily for that purpose, or by force and constraint without confinement. Brewster v. People, 183 Ill. 143, 55 N. E. 640; Miller v. Fano, 134 Cal. 106, 64 Pac. 138; Filer v. Smith, 96 Mich. 347, 55 N. W. 999, 35 Am. St. Rep. 608; Eberling v. State, 136 Ind. 117, 55 N. E. 1023. False imprisonment consists in the unlawful detention of the person of another, for any length of time, whereby he is deprived of his personal liberty. Code Ga. 1882, § 2990; Pen. Code Cal. § 236. The term is also used as the name of the action which lies for this species of injury. 3 Bl. Comm. 138.

**IMPRISTI.** Adherents; followers. Those who side with or take the part of another, either in his defense or otherwise.

**IMPROBATION.** In Scotch law. An action brought for the purpose of having some instrument declared false and forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4. p. 161. The verb “improve” (q. v.) was used in the same sense.


**IMPROPER FEUDS.** These were derivative feuds: as, for instance, those that were originally bartered and sold to the feudatory for a price, or were held upon base or less honorable ground, or upon a rent in lieu of military service, or were themselves alienable, without mutual license, or descended indifferently to males or females. Wharton.—Improper influence. Undue influence, (q. v.) And see Millican v. Millican, 24 Tex. 446.—Improper navigation. Anything improperly done with the ship or part of the ship in the course of the voyage. L. R. 6 G. P. 565. See, also, 53 Law J. P. D. 65.

**IMPROPRIATE RECTOR.** In ecclesiastical law. Commonly signifies a lay rector as opposed to a spiritual rector; just as improper tithes are tithes in the hands of a lay owner, as opposed to appropriate tithes, which are tithes in the hands of a spiritual owner. Brown.

**IMPROPRIATION.** In ecclesiastical law. The annexing an ecclesiastical benefice to the use of a lay person, whether individual or corporate, in the same way as appropriation is the annexing of any such benefice to the proper and perpetual use of some spiritual corporation, whether sole or aggregate, to enjoy forever. Brown.
**IMPROVE**

**In Scotch law.** To disprove; to invalidate or impeach; to prove false or forged. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 162.

To improve a lease means to grant a lease of unusual duration to encourage a tenant, when the soil is exhausted, etc. Bell; Stair, Inst. p. 676, § 23.

**IMPROVED.** Improved land is such as has been reclaimed, is used for the purpose of husbandry, and is cultivated as such, whether the appropriation is for tillage, meadow, or pasture. "Improve" is synonymous with "cultivate." Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 190.

**IMPROVEMENT.** A valuable addition made to property (usually real estate) or an amelioration in its condition, amounting to more than mere repairs or replacement of waste, costing labor or capital, and intended to enhance its value and utility or to adapt it for new or further purposes. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 162.

In American land law. An act by which a locator or settler expresses his intention to cultivate or clear certain land; an act expressive of the actual possession of land; as by erecting a cabin, planting a cornfield, deadening trees in a forest; or by merely marking trees, or even by piling up a brush heap. Burrill. And see In re Leet Tp. Road, 159 Pa. 72, 28 Atl. 238; Bixler v. Baker, 4 Bin. (Pa.) 217.

An "improvement," under our land system, does not mean a general enhancement of the value of the tract from the occupants operations. It has a more limited meaning, which has in view the population of our forests, and the increase of agricultural products. All works which are directed to the creation of homes for families, or are substantial steps towards bringing lands into cultivation, have in their results the special character of "improvements," and, under the land laws of the United States and of the various states, are encouraged. Sometimes their minimum extent is defined as requisite to convey rights. In other cases not. But the test which runs through all the cases is always this: Are they real, and made bona fide, in accordance with the policy of the law, or are they only colorable, and made for the purpose of fraud and speculation? Simpson v. Robinson, 37 Ark. 137.

**IMPROVEMENTS.** A term used in leases, of doubtful meaning. It would seem to apply principally to buildings, though generally it extends to the amelioration of every description of property, whether real or personal; but, when contained in any document, its meaning is generally explained by other words. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 174.

**IMPROVIDENCE.** An act by which a debtor made by a debtor to his creditor.
IMPUTED. As used in legal phrases, this word means attributed vicariously; that is, an act, fact, or quality is said to be "imputed" to a person when it is ascribed or charged to him, not because he is personally cognizant of it or responsible for it, but because another person is, over whom he has control or for whose acts or knowledge he is responsible.

—Imputed knowledge. This phrase is sometimes used as equivalent to "implied notice," i.e., knowledge attributed or charged to a person (often contrary to the fact) because the facts in question were open to his discovery and it was his duty to inform himself as to them. See Roche v. Llewellyn Iron Works Co., 140 Cal. 563, 74 Pac. 147.—Imputed notice. Information as to a given fact or circumstance charged or attributed to a person, and affecting his rights or conduct, on the ground that actual notice was given to some person whose duty was to report it to the person to be affected, as, his agent or his attorney of record.

—Imputed negligence. Negligence which is not directly attributable to the person himself, but which is the negligence of a person who is in privity with him, and with whose fault he is chargeable. Smith v. Railroad Co., 4 App. Div. 493, 38 N. Y. Supp. 666.

IN. In the law of real estate, this preposition has always been used to denote the fact of seisin, title, or possession, and apparently serves as an elliptical expression for some such phrase as "in possession," or as an abbreviation for "Entitled" or "invested with title." Thus, in the old books, a tenant is said to be "in by lease of his lessor." Litt. § 82.

IN ACTION. Attainable or recoverable by action; not in possession. A term applied to property of which a party has not the possession, but only a right to recover it by action. Things in action are rights of personal things, which nevertheless are not in possession. See CHOICE IN ACTION.

IN ADVERSUM. Against an adverse, unwilling, or resisting party. "A decree not by consent, but in adversum." 3 Story, 318.

IN ADVERSITATEL. In another's right. As representing another. A person, to keep on certain conditions, it was said to be held in eique manu. Reg. Orig. 28.

IN ALIENO SOLO. In another's land, 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

IN ALIO LOCO. In another place.

In alta proditione nullus potest esse accessorius sed principalis solummodo. 3 Inst. 158. In high treason no one can be an accessory but only principal.

In alternativis electio est debitoris. In alternatives the debtor has the election.

In ambigua voce legis ea potius accipienta est significatio quam viito carere, praesertim cum etiam voluntas legis ex hoc colligis positis. In an ambiguous expression of law, that signification is to be preferred which is consonant with equity, especially when the spirit of the law can be collected from that. Dig. 1, 3, 19; Broom, Max. 576.

In ambiguis easibus semper praemium est pro rege. In doubtful cases the presumption is always in favor of the king.

In ambiguis orationibus maxime sententia spectanda est ejus qui eas producitisset. In ambiguous expressions, the intention of the person using them is chiefly to be regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 96; Broom, Max. 567.

In Anglia non est interregnum. In England there is no interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205; Broom, Max. 50.

IN APERTA LUCE. In open daylight; In the day-time. 9 Coke, 656.

IN APICIBUS JURIS. Among the subtleties or extreme doctrines of the law. 1 Kames, Eq. 190. See APEX JURIS.

IN ARBITRIO JUDICIS. At the pleasure of the judge.

IN ARCTA ET SALVA CUSTODIA. In close and safe custody. 3 Bl. Comm. 415.

IN ARTICULO. In a moment; immediately. Cod. 1, 34, 2.

IN ARTICULO MORTIS. In the article of death; at the point of death. Jackson v. Vredenburgh, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 159.

In atrocioribus delictus punitur affectus licet non sequatur effectus. 2 Rolle R. 82. In more atrocious crimes the intent is punished, though an effect does not follow.

IN AUTRE DROIT. L. Fr. In another's right. As representing another. An ex-
IN BANCO. In bank; in the bench. A term applied to proceedings in the court in bank, as distinguished from proceedings at nisi prius. Also, in the English court of common bench.

IN BEING. In existence or life at a given moment of time, as, in the phrase "life or lives in being" in the rule against perpetuities. An unborn child may, in some circumstances be considered as "in being." Phillips v. Herron, 55 Ohio St. 478, 45 N. E. 720; Hone v. Van Schalick, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 509.

IN BLANK. A term applied to the indorsement of a bill or note where it consists merely of the indorser's name, without restriction to any particular indorsee. 2 Stew. Comm. 164.

IN BONIS. Among the goods or property; in actual possession. Inst. 4, 2, 2. *In bonis defuncti*, among the goods of the deceased.

IN BULK. As a whole; as an entirety, without division into items or physical separation in packages or parcels. Standard Oil Co. v. Com., 119 Ky. 75, 82 S. W. 1022; Fitz Henry v. Munter, 33 Wash. 629, 74 Pac. 1003; State v. Smith, 114 Mo. 180, 21 S. W. 493.

IN CAMERA. In chambers; in private. A cause is said to be heard in camera either when the hearing is had before the judge in his private room or when all spectators are excluded from the court-room.

IN CAPITA. To the heads; by heads or polls. Persons succeed to an inheritance *in capite* when they individually take equal shares. So challenges to individual jurors are challenges *in capite*, as distinguished from challenges to the array.

IN CAPITE. In chief. 2 Bl. Comm. 60. Tenure *in capite* was a holding directly from the king.

In casu extreme necessitatis omnia sunt communda. Hale, P. C. 54. In cases of extreme necessity, everything is in common.

IN CASU PROVISO. In a (or the) case provided. *In tali caso editum et provisum*, in such case made and provided. Townsh. Pl. 164, 165.

IN CAUSA. In the cause, as distinguished from *in initiatibus*, (q. e.v.) A term in Scotch practice. 1 Brown, Ch. 252.

IN CHIEF. Principal; primary; directly obtained. A term applied to the evidence obtained from a witness upon his examination in court by the party producing him. Tenure in chief, or *in capite*, is a holding directly of the king or chief lord.

IN civilibus ministerium excusat, in criminalibus non item. In civil matters agency (or service) excuses, but not so in criminal matters. Lofft, 228; Tray. Lat. Max. 243.

In claris non est locus conjecturis. In things obvious there is no room for conjecture.

IN COMMENDAM. In commendation; as a commended living. 1 Bl. Comm. 393. See COMMENDA. A term applied in Louisiana to a limited partnership, answering to the French "en commandite." Civil Code La. art. 2810.

In commodato haeo pactio, ne dolus prestetur, rata non est. In the contract of loan, a stipulation not to be liable for fraud is not valid. Dig. 13, 7, 17, pr.

IN COMMON. Shared in respect to title, use, or enjoyment, without apportionment or division into individual parts; held by several for the equal advantage, use, or enjoyment of all. See Hewit v. Jewell, 59 Iowa, 37, 12 N. W. 738; Chambers v. Harrington, 111 U. S. 350, 4 Sup. Ct. 428, 28 L Ed. 452; Walker v. Dunshee, 38 Pa. 439.

IN COMMUNI. In common. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 4, § 2.

In conjunctivis, oportet utramque partem esse veram. In conjunctives it is necessary that each part be true. Wing, Max. 13, max. 9. In a condition consisting of divers parts in the copulative, both parts must be performed.

IN CONSIDERATIONE INDE. In consideration thereof. 3 Salk. 64, pl. 5.

IN CONSIDERATIONE LEGIS. In consideration or contemplation of law; in abeyance. Dyer, 1026.

IN CONSIDERATIONE PRIMISSORIUM. In consideration of the premises. 1 Strange, 535.

In consimili casu, consimile debeat esse remedium. Hardr. 65. In similar cases the remedy should be similar.

IN CONSPICUIT EJUS. In his sight or view. 12 Mod. 95.

In consuetudinibus, non diurnitas temporis sed soliditas rationis est consideranda. In customs, not length of time,
but solidity of reason, is to be considered. Co. Litt. 141a. The antiquity of a custom is to be less regarded than its reasonableness.

**IN CONTINENTI.** Immediately; without any interval or intermission. Calvin. Sometimes written as one word "incontinenti."

In contractibus, benignas; in testamentis, benignior; in restitutionibus, benignissima interpretatio facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. In contracts, the interpretation is to be liberal; in wills, more liberal; in restitutions, most liberal.

In contractibus, rei Veritas potius quam scriptura perspici debet. In contracts, the truth of the matter ought to be regarded rather than the writing. Cod. 4, 22, 1.

In contractibus, tacite insunt [veniunt] quae sunt moris et consuetudinis. In contracts, matters of custom and usage are tacitly implied. A contract is understood to contain the customary clauses, although they are not expressed. Story, Bills, § 143; 3 Kent, Comm. 260, note; Broom, Max. 842.

In contrahenda venditione, ambiguum pactum contra venditorem interpretandum est. In the contract of sale, an ambiguous agreement is to be interpreted against the seller. Dig. 50, 17, 172. See Id. 18, 1, 21.

In conventionibus, contrahentium voluntas potius quam verba spectari placuit. In agreements, the intention of the contracting parties, rather than the words used, should be regarded. Broom, Max. 551; Jackson v. Wilkinson, 17 Johns. (N. Y.) 150.

**IN CORPORE.** In body or substance; in a material thing or object.

**IN CRASTINO.** On the morrow. In crastino Animarum, on the morrow of All Souls 1 Bl. Comm. 342.

**IN CRIMINALIBUS.** In criminal cases, the proofs ought to be clearer than light. 3 Inst. 210.

In criminalibus, sufficit generalis malitia intentionis, cum facto parisi gradus. In criminal matters or cases, a general malice of intention is sufficient, [if united] with an act of equal or corresponding degree. Bac. Max. p. 65, reg. 15; Broom, Max. 823.

**IN EMULATIONEM VICINI.** In envy or hatred of a neighbor. Where an act is
IN EO QUOD PLUS SIT

In eo quod plus sit, semper inest et minus. In the greater is always included the less also. Dig. 50, 17, 110.

IN EQUITY. In a court of equity, as distinguished from a court of law; in the purview, consideration, or contemplation of equity; according to the doctrines of equity.

IN ESSE. In being. Actually existing. Distinguished from in posses, which means "that which is not, but may be." A child before birth is in posses; after birth, in esse.

IN EVIDENCE. Included in the evidence already adduced. The "facts in evidence" are such as have already been proved in the cause.

IN EXCAMBIO. In exchange. Formal words in old deeds of exchange.

IN EXITU. In issue. De materia in exitu, of the matter in issue. 12 Mod. 372.

In expositione instrumentorum, mala grammatica, quod fieri potest, vitanda est. In the construction of instruments, bad grammar is to be avoided as much as possible. 6 Coke, 39; 2 Pars. Cont. 26.

IN EXTENSO. In extension; at full length; from beginning to end, leaving out nothing.


IN FACIE CURÆ. In the face of the court. Dyer, 28.

IN FACIE ECCLESIAE. In the face of the church. A term applied in the law of England to marriages, which are required to be solemnized in a parish church or public chapel, unless by dispensation or license. 1 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Steph. Comm. 288, 289. Applied in Bracton to the old mode of conferring dower. Bract. fol. 92; 2 Bl. Comm. 193.

IN FACIENDO. In doing; in feasance; in the performance of an act. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1308.

IN FACT. Actual, real; as distinguished from implied or inferred. Resulting from the acts of parties, instead of from the act or intention of law.

IN FACTO. In fact; in deed. In facto dicti, in fact says. 1 Salk. 22, pl. 1.

In facto quod se habet ad bonum et malum, magis de bono quam de male lex intendit. In an act or deed which admits of being considered as both good and bad, the law intends more from the good than from the bad; the law makes the more favorable construction. Co. Litt. 78b.


IN FAVOREM LIBERTATIS. In favor of liberty.

IN FAVOREM VITÆ. In favor of life.

In favorem vitae, libertatis, et innocentiae, omnia præsumuntur. In favor of life, liberty, and innocence, every presumption is made. Loft. 125.

IN FEODO. In fee. Bract, fol. 207; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 64, § 15. Setsitus in feodo, seised in fee. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 7, § 1.

In fictione juris semper sequitas existit. In the fiction of law there is always equity; a legal fiction is always consistent with equity. 11 Coke, 51a; Broom, Max. 127, 130.

IN FIERI. In being made; in process of formation or development; hence, incomplete or inchoate. Legal proceedings are described as in fieri until judgment is entered.

IN FINE. Lat. At the end. Used, in references, to indicate that the passage cited is at the end of a book, chapter, section, etc.

IN FORMA PAUPERIS. In the character or manner of a pauper. Describes permission given to a poor person to sue without liability for costs.

IN FORO. In a (or the) forum, court, or tribunal.

In foro conscientia. In the tribunal of conscience; conscientiously; considered from a moral, rather than a legal, point of view. In foro contentioso. In the forum of contention or litigation. In foro ecclesiasticus. In an ecclesiastical forum; in the ecclesiastical court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 57, § 13. In foro secularis. In a secular forum or court. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 57, § 14; 1 Bl. Comm. 29.

IN FRAUDEM CREDITORUM. In fraud of creditors; with intent to defraud creditors. Inst. 1, 6, pr. 3.

IN FRAUDEM LEGIS. In fraud of the law. 3 Bl. Comm. 94. With the intent or view of evading the law. Jackson v. Jackson, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 422.
IN FULL. Relating to the whole or full amount; as a receipt in full. Complete; giving all details. Bard v. Wood, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 75.

IN FULL LIFE. Continuing in both physical and civil existence; that is, neither actually dead nor civiliter mortuus.

IN FUTURO. In future; at a future time; the opposite of in præsenti. 2 Bl. Comm. 166, 175.

IN GENERALI PASSAGIO. In the general passage; that is, on the journey to Palestine with the general company or body of Crusaders. This term was of frequent occurrence in the old law of essoins, as a means of accounting for the absence of the party, and was distinguished from simplices passagium, which meant that he was performing a pilgrimage to the Holy Land alone.


IN GENERE. In kind; in the same genus or class; the same in quantity and quality, but not individually the same. In the Roman law, things which may be given or restored in generè are distinguished from such as must be given or restored in specie; that is, Identically. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 161.

IN GREMIO LEGIS. In the bosom of the law; in the protection of the law; in abeyance. 1 Coke, 131a; T. Raym. 319.

IN GROSS. In a large quantity or sum; without division or particulars; by wholesale. Green v. Taylor, 10 Fed. Cas. No. 1,126. At large; not annexed to or dependent upon another thing. Common in gross is such as is neither appendant nor appurtenant to land, but is annexed to a man's person. 2 Bl. Comm. 34.

IN HAC PARTE. In this behalf; on this side.

IN HAC VERBA. In these words; in the same words.

In hæredes non solent transire actiones quæ poneales ex maleficio sunt. 2 Inst. 442. Penal actions arising from anything of a criminal nature do not pass to heirs.

In his que de jure communii omnibus conceduntur, consetendo alienjus patriæ vel loci non est allegenda. 11 Coke, 35. In those things which by common right are conceded to all, the custom of a particular district or place is not to be alleged.

IN HOC. In this; in respect to this.

IN HOC TERMINIS. In the same terms. 9 East, 457.

IN INDIVIDUO. In the distinct, identical, or individual form; in specie. Story, Bailm. § 97.

IN INFINITUM. Infinitely; indefinitely. Imports indefinite succession or continuance.

IN INITIALIBUS. In the preliminaries. A term in Scotch practice, applied to the preliminary examination of a witness as to the following points: Whether he knows the parties, or bears ill will to either of them, or has received any reward or promise of reward for what he may say, or can lose or gain by the cause, or has been told by any person what to say. If the witness answer these questions satisfactorily, he is then examined in causa, in the cause. Bell, Dict. "Evidence."

IN INITIO. In or at the beginning. In initio litis, at the beginning, or in the first stage of the suit. Bract. fol. 400.

IN INTEGRUM. To the original or former state. Calvin.

IN INVIDIAM. To excite a prejudice.

IN INVITUM. Against an unwilling party; against one not assenting. A term applied to proceedings against an adverse party, to which he does not consent.

IN IPSIS FAUCIBUS. In the very throat or entrance. In ipsis faucibus of a port, actually entering a port. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 233, 234.

IN ITINERE. In eyre; on a journey or circuit. In old English law, the justices in itinere (or in eyre) were those who made a circuit through the kingdom once in seven years for the purposes of trying causes. 3 Bl. Comm. 58. In course of transportation; on the way; not delivered to the vendee. In this sense the phrase is equivalent to "in transitu."

IN JUDGMENT. In a court of justice; in a seat of judgment. Lord Hale is called "one of the greatest and best men who ever sat in judgment." 1 East, 306.
In jndiciis, minori setati suecurritur. In courts or judicial proceedings, infancy is aided or favored. Jenk. Cent. 46, case 89.

IN JUDICIO. In Roman law. In the course of an actual trial; before a judge, (judex.) A cause, during its preparatory stages, conducted before the praetor, was said to be in jure; in its second stage, after it had been sent to a judex for trial, it was said to be in judicio.

In judicio non creditor nisi juratis. Cro. Car. 64. In a trial, credence is given only to those who are sworn.

IN JURE. In law; according to law. In the Roman practice, the procedure in an action was divided into two stages. The first was said to be in jure; it took place before the praetor, and included the formal and introductory part and the settlement of questions of law. The second stage was committed to the judex, and comprised the investigation and trial of the facts; this was said to be in judicio.

IN JURE ALTERIUS. In another's right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

In jure, non remota causa sed proxima spectatur. Bac. Max. reg. 1. In law, the proximate, and not the remote, cause is regarded.

IN JURE PROPRIO. In one's own right. Hale, Anal. § 26.

IN JUS VOCARE. To call, cite, or summon to court. Inst. 4, 16, 3; Calvin. In jus vocando, summoning to court. 3 Bl. Comm. 279.

IN KIND. In the same kind, class, or genus. A loan is returned "in kind" when not the identical article, but one corresponding and equivalent to it, is given to the lender. See IN GENERE.

IN LAW. If the intendment, contemplation, or inference of the law; implied or inferred by law; existing in law or by force of law. See IN FACT.

IN LECTO MORTALI. On the deathbed. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 28, § 12.

IN LIMINE. On or at the threshold; at the very beginning; preliminarily.

IN LITEM. For a suit; to the suit. Greenl. Ev. § 348.

IN LOCO. In place; in lieu; instead; in the place or stead. Townsh. Pi. 98.

IN LOCO PARENTIS. In the place of a parent; instead of a parent; charged, factiously, with a parent's rights, duties, and responsibilities. Wetherby v. Dixon, 19 Ves. 412; Brinkerhoff v. Mersells, 24 N. J. Law, 683; Capek v. Kropik, 129 Ill. 509, 21 N. E. 836.

In maior summa continetur minor. 5 Coke, 115. In the greater sum is contained the less.

IN MAJOREM CAUTELAM. For greater security. 1 Strange, 105, arg.

IN MALAM PARTEM. In a bad sense, so as to wear an evil appearance.

In maleficiis voluntas spectatur, non exitus. In evil deeds regard must be had to the intention, and not to the result. Dig. 48, 8, 14; Broom, Max. 324.

In maleficio, ratificatione mandato comparatur. In a case of malfeasance, ratification is equivalent to command. Dig. 50, 17, 152, 2.

In maxima potentia minima licentia. In the greatest power there is the least freedom. Hob. 159.

IN MEDIAS RES. Into the heart of the subject, without preface or introduction.

IN MEDIO. Intermediate. A term applied, in Scotch practice, to a fund held between parties litigant.

In mercibus illicitis non sit commercium. There should be no commerce in illicit or prohibited goods. 3 Kent, Comm. 262, note.

IN MERCY. To be in mercy is to be at the discretion of the king, lord, or judge in respect to the imposition of a fine or other punishment.

IN MISERICORDIA. The entry on the record where a party was in mercy was, "ideo in misericordia," etc. Sometimes "misericordia" means the being quit of all amercements.

IN MITIORI SENSU. In the milder sense; in the less aggravated acceptation. In actions of slander, it was formerly the rule that, if the words alleged would admit of two constructions, they should be taken in the less injurious and defamatory sense, or in mitiori sensu.

IN MODUM ASSISÆ. In the manner or form of an assise. Bract. fol. 1839. In modum jurata, in manner of a Jury. Id. fol. 1819.

IN MORA. In default; literally, in delay. In the civil law, a borrower who omits
or refuses to return the thing loaned at the proper time is said to be in mora. Story, Bailm. §§ 254, 259.

In Scotch law. A creditor who has begun without completing diligence necessary for attaching the property of his debtor is said to be in mora. Bell.

IN MORTUA MANU. Property owned by religious societies was said to be held in mortua manu, or in mortmain, since religious men were civiliter mortui. 1 Bl. Comm. 479; Tayl. Gloss.

IN NOMINE DEI, AMEN. In the name of God, Amen. A solemn introduction, anciently used in wills and many other instruments. The translation is often used in wills at the present day.

IN NOTIS. In the notes.

In novo caso, novum remedium apponendum est. 2 Inst. 3. A new remedy is to be applied to a new case.

IN NUBIBUS. In the clouds; in abeyance; in custody of law. In nubibus, in mare, in terrâ, vel in custodîa legis, in the air, sea, or earth, or in the custody of the law. Tayl. Gloss. In case of abeyance, the inheritance is figuratively said to rest in nubibus, or in gremio legis.

IN NULLIUS BONIS. Among the goods or property of no person; belonging to no person, as treasure-trove and wreck were anciently considered.

IN NULO EST ERRATUM. In nothing is there error. The name of the common plea or joinder in error, denying the existence of error in the record or proceedings; which is in the nature of a demurrer, and at once refers the matter of law arising thereon to the judgment of the court. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1173; Booth v. Com., 7 Metc. (Mass.) 285, 287.

In obscura voluntate manumittentis, favendum est libertati. Where the expression of the will of one who seeks to manumit a slave is ambiguous, liberty is to be favored. Dig. 50, 17, 179.

In obscuris, inspicil solere quod verisimilis est, aut quod plurumque fieri solet. In obscure cases, we usually look at what is most probable, or what most commonly happens. Dig. 50, 17, 114.

In obscuris, quod minimum est sequitur. In obscure or doubtful cases, we follow that which is the least. Dig. 50, 17, 9; 2 Kent, Comm. 587.

IN ODIUM SPOLIATORIS. In hatred of a despoiler, robber, or wrong-doer. The
IN PERPETUAM REI TESTIMONIUM. In perpetual testimony of a matter; for the purpose of declaring and settling a thing forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 86.

IN PERSON. A party, plaintiff or defendant, who sues out a writ or other process, or appears to conduct his case in court himself, instead of through a solicitor or counsel, is said to act and appear in person.

IN PERSONAM, IN REM. In the Roman law, from which they are taken, the expressions "in rem" and "in personam" were always opposed to one another, an act or proceeding in personam being one done or directed against or with reference to a specific person, while an act or proceeding in rem was one done or directed with reference to no specific person, and consequently against or with reference to all whom it might concern, or "all the world." The phrases were especially applied to actions; an actio in personam being the remedy where a claim against a specific person arose out of an obligation, whether ex contractu or ex maleficio, while an actio in rem was one brought for the assertion of a right of property, easement, status, etc., against one who denied or infringed it. See Inst. 4, 6, 1; Gaius, 4, 1, 1–10; 5 Sav. Syst. 13, et seq.; Dig. 2, 4, 7, 8; Id. 4, 2, 9, 1.

From this use of the terms, they have come to be applied to signify the antithesis of "available against a particular person," and "available against the world at large." Thus, jura in personam are rights primarily available against specific persons; jura in rem, rights only available against the world at large.

So a judgment or decree is said to be in rem when it binds third persons. Such is the sentence of a court of admiralty on a question of prize, or a decree of nullity or dissolution of marriage, or a decree of a court in a foreign country as to the status of a person domiciled there.

Lastly, the terms are sometimes used to signify that a judicial proceeding operates on a thing or a person. Thus, it is said of the court of chancery that it acts in personam, and not in rem, meaning that its decrees operate by compelling defendants to do what they are ordered to do, and not by producing the effect directly. See Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N. E. 160; Cunningham v. Shanklin, 60 Cal. 125; Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.

In personam actio est, qua sum eo agimus qui obligatus est nobis ad faciendum aliqvid vel dandum. The action in personam is that by which we sue him who is under obligation to us to do something or give something. Dig. 44, 7, 25; Bract. 101b.

IN PIOS USUS. For plous uses; for religious purposes. 2 Bl. Comm. 505.
IN PLACE. In mining law, rock or mineralized matter is "in place" when remaining as nature placed it, that is, unsevered from the circumjacent rock, or which is fixed solid and immovable in the form of a vein or lode. See Williams v. Gibson, 84 Ala. 228, 4 South. 350, 5 Am. St. Rep. 368; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 44; Tabor v. Dexter, 23 Fed. Cas. 615; Leadville Co. v. Fitzgerald, 15 Fed. Cas. 69; Jones v. Prospect Mountain Tunnel Co., 21 Nev. 339, 31 Pac. 645.


IN PLENO COMITATU. In full county court. 3 Bl. Comm. 36.

IN PLENO LUMINE. In public; in common knowledge; in the light of day.

In penalibus causis benignius interpretandum est. In penal causes or cases, the more favorable interpretation should be adopted. Dig. 50, 17, (197), 155, 2; Plowd. 866, 124; 2 Hale, P. C. 365.

IN POSSE. In possibility; not in actual existence. See IN ESSE.

IN POTESTATE PARENTIS. In the power of a parent. Inst. 1, 8, pr.; Id. 1, 9; 2 Bl. Comm. 498.

IN PREMISSORUM FIDEM. In confirmation or attestation of the premises. A notarial phrase.

In preparatoris ad judicium favetur actori. 2 Inst. 57. In things preceding judgment the plaintiff is favored.


In presentia majoris potestatis, minor potestas cessat. In the presence of the superior power, the inferior power ceases. Jenk. Cent. 214, c. 53. The less authority is merged in the greater. Broom, Max. 111.

IN PRENDER. L. Fr. In taking. A term applied to such incorporeal hereditaments as a party entitled to them was to take for himself; such as common. 2 Steph. Comm. 23; 3 Bl. Comm. 15.

In pretio emptionis et venditionis, naturaliter liet contraheritibus se circumvenire. In the price of buying and selling, it is naturally allowed to the contracting parties to overreach each other. 1 Story, Cont. 606.

IN PRIMIS. In the first place. A phrase used in argument.

IN PRINCIPIO. At the beginning.

IN PROMPTU. In readiness; at hand.

In propria causa nemo judex. No one can be judge in his own cause. 12 Coke. 13.

IN PROPRIA PERSONA. In one's own proper person.

In quo quis delinquit, in eo de jure est puniendus. In whatever thing one offends, in that is he rightfully to be punished. Co. Litt. 233b; Wing. Max. 204, max. 58. The punishment shall have relation to the nature of the offense.

IN RE. In the affair; in the matter of. This is the usual method of entitling a judicial proceeding in which there are not adversary parties, but merely some res concerning which judicial action is to be taken, such as a bankrupt's estate, an estate in the probate court, a proposed public highway, etc. It is also sometimes used as a designation of a proceeding where one party makes an application on his own behalf, but such proceedings are more usually entitled "Ex parte _____".

In re communi neminem dominorum jure facere quicquam, invito altero, posse. One co-proprietor can exercise no authority over the common property against the will of the other. Dig. 10, 3, 28.

IN RE COMMUNI POTIOR EST CONDITIO PROHIBITENS. In a partnership the condition of one who forbids is the more favorable.

In re dubia, benigneorem interpretationem sequi, non minus justius est quam tutius. In a doubtful matter, to follow the more liberal interpretation is not less the juster than the safer course. Dig. 50, 17, 192, 1.

In re dubia, magis inficiatio quam affirmatio intelligenda. In a doubtful matter, the denial or negative is to be understood, [or regarded,] rather than the affirmative. Godb. 37.

In re lupanari, testes lupanares admitteretur. In a matter concerning a brothel, prostitutes are admitted as witnesses. Van Epps v. Van Epps, 6 Barb. (N. Y.) 320, 324.

In re pari potiorem causam esse prohibentis constat. In a thing equally shared [by several] it is clear that the party refusing [to permit the use of it] has the better cause. Dig. 10, 3, 28. A maxim applied.
to partnerships, where one partner has a right to withhold his assent to the acts of his copartner. 3 Kent, Comm. 45.

In re propria iniquum admodum est aliqui licentiam tribuere sententiae. It is extremely unjust that any one should be judge in his own cause.

In rebus manifestis, errat qui authoritates legum allegat; quia perspicue vera non sunt probanda. In clear cases, he mistakes who cites legal authorities; for obvious truths are not to be proved. 5 Coke, 67a. Applied to cases too plain to require the sanction of authority; "because," says the report, "he who endeavors to prove them obscures them."

In rebus que sunt favorabilla animae, quamvis sunt damnosae rebus, fiat aliquando extenso statuti. 10 Coke, 101. In things that are favorable to the spirit, though injurious to things, an extension of a statute should sometimes be made.

IN REM. A technical term used to designate proceedings or actions instituted against the thing, in contradistinction to personal actions, which are said to be in personam. See IN PERSONAM.

It is true that, in a strict sense, a proceeding in rem is one taken directly against property, and has for its object the disposition of property, without reference to the title of individual claimants; but, in a larger and more general sense, the terms are applied to actions between parties, where the direct object is to reach and dispose of property owned by them, or of some interest therein. Such are cases commenced by attachment against the property of debtors, or instituted to partition real estate, foreclose a mortgage, or enforce a lien. So far as they affect property in this state, they are substantially proceedings or actions instituted in rem, in the broader sense which we have mentioned. Pennoyer v. Neff, 95 U. S. 734, 24 L. Ed. 565. —Quasi in rem. A term applied to proceedings which are not strictly and purely in rem, but are brought against the defendant personally, though the real object is to deal with particular property or subject property to the discharge of claims asserted; for example, foreign attachment, or proceedings to foreclose a mortgage, remove a cloud from title, or effect a partition. See Freeman v. Alderson, 119 U. S. 157; 7 Sup. Ct. 165, 60 L. Ed. 372; Hill v. Henry, 66 N. J. Eq. 150, 57 Atl. 555.

In rem actio est per quam rem nos tram que ah allo possidetur petimus, et semper adversus eum est qui rem possidet. The action in rem is that by which we seek our property which is possessed by another, and is always against him who possesses the property. Dig. 44, 7, 25; Bract. fol. 102.

IN RENDER. A thing is said to lie in render when it must be rendered or given by the tenant; as rent. It is said to lie in prender when it consists in the right in the lord or other person to take something.

IN RE PROPRIA INIQUUM

IN SOLIDUM

In repona maxime conservanda sunt jura bellii. In a state the laws of war are to be especially upheld. 2 Inst. 53.

IN RERUM Natura. In the nature of things; in the realm of actuality; in existence. In a dilatory plea, an allegation that the plaintiff is not in rerum natura is equivalent to averring that the person named is fictitious. 3 Bl. Comm. 301. In the civil law the phrase is applied to things. Inst. 2, 20, 7.

In restitutionem, non in ponam hares succedit. The heir succeeds to the restitution, not to the penalty. An heir may be compelled to make restitution of a sum unlawfully appropriated by the ancestor, but is not answerable criminally, as for a penalty. 2 Inst. 198.

In restitutionibus benignissima interpretatio facienda est. Co. Litt. 112. The most benign interpretation is to be made in restitutions.

In satisfactionibus non permititur amplius fieri quam semel factum est. In payments, more must not be received than has been received once for all. 9 Coke, 53.

IN SCRINIO JUDICIS. In the writing-case of the judge; among the judge's papers. "That is a thing that rests in scrinio judicis, and does not appear in the body of the decree." Hardr. 51.

IN SEPARALI. In several; in severalty. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 20.

IN SIMILI MATERIA. Dealing with the same or a kindred subject-matter.

IN SIMPLICI PEREGRINATIONE. In simple pilgrimage. Bract. fol. 338. A phrase in the old law of essoins. See IN GENERALI PASSAGIO.

IN SOLIDO. In the civil law. For the whole; as a whole. An obligation in solido is one where each of the several obligors is liable for the whole; that is, it is joint and several. Henderson v. Wadsworth, 115 U. S. 264, 6 Sup. Ct. 140, 29 L. Ed. 377. Possession in solido is exclusive possession. When several persons obligate themselves to the obligee by the terms "in solido," or use any other expressions which clearly show that they intend that each one shall be separately bound to perform the whole of the obligation, it is called an "obligation in solido" on the part of the obligors. Civ. Code La. art. 2082.

IN SOLIDUM. For the whole. Si plures sint fidejussores, quotquot erunt numero, singulii in solidum tententur, if there
be several sureties, however numerous they may be, they are individually bound for the whole debt. Inst. 3, 21, 4. In parte sive in solidum, for a part or for the whole. Id. 4, 1, 16. See Id. 4, 6, 20; Id. 4, 7, 2.

IN SOLO. In the soil or ground. In solo alieno, in another's ground. In solo proprio, in one's own ground. 2 Steph. Comm. 20.

IN SPECIE. Specific; specifically. Thus, to decree performance in specie is to decree specific performance.

In kind; in the same or like form. A thing is said to exist in specie when it retains its existence as a distinct individual of a particular class.

IN STATU QUO. In the condition in which it was. See Status Quo.

In stipulationibus cum quaeritur quid actum sit verba contra stipulatorem interpretanda sunt. In the construction of agreements words are interpreted against the person using them. Thus, the construction of the stipulatio is against the stipulator, and the construction of the promissio against the promissor. Dig. 45, 1, 38, 18; Broom, Max. 598.

In stipulationibus, id tempus spectat quo contractum est. In stipulations, the time when we contract is regarded. Dig. 50, 17, 144, 1.

IN STIRPES. In the law of intestate succession. According to the roots or stocks; by representation; as distinguished from succession per capita. See Per Stirpes; Per Capita.

IN SUBSIDIUM. In aid.

In suo quidque negotio habetior est quam in alieno. Every one is more dull in his own business than in another's.

IN TANTUM. In so much; so much; so far; so greatly. Reg. Orig. 97, 106.

IN TERMINIS TERMINANTIBUS. In terms of determination; exactly in point. 11 Coke, 40b. In express or determinate terms. 1 Leon. 98.

IN TERROREM. In terror or warning; by way of threat. Applied to legacies given upon condition that the recipient shall not dispute the validity or the dispositions of the will; such a condition being usually regarded as a mere threat.

IN TERROREM POPULI. Lat. To the terror of the people. A technical phrase necessary in indictments for riots. 4 Car. & P. 378.

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IN VERBIS, NON VERBA 610 INCARCERATION

In verbis, non verba, sed res et ratio, quemenda est. Jenk. Cent. 132. In the construction of words, not the mere words, but the thing and the meaning, are to be inquired after.

IN VINCULIS. In chains; in actual custody. Glib. Forum Rom. 97.

Applied also, figuratively, to the condition of a person who is compelled to submit to terms which oppression and his necessities impose on him. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 302.

IN VIRIDI OBSERVANTIA. Present to the minds of men, and in full force and operation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF. The initial words of the concluding clause in deeds: "In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands," etc. A translation of the Latin phrase "in cujus rei testimonium."

INADEQUATE. Insufficient; disproportionate; lacking in effectiveness or in conformity to a prescribed standard or measure.

—Inadequate damages. See DAMAGES.—Inadequate price. A term applied to indicate the want of a sufficient consideration for a thing sold, or such a price as would ordinarily be entirely incommensurate with its intrinsic value. State v. Purcell, 131 Mo. 312, 33 S. W. 13; Stephens v. Osbourne, 307 Tenn. 572, 64 S. W. 960, 59 Am. St. Rep. 937.—Inadequate remedy at law. Within the meaning of the rule that equity will not entertain a suit if there is an adequate remedy at law, this does not mean that there must be a failure to collect money or damages at law, but the remedy is considered inadequate if it is, in its nature and character, unfitted or not adapted to the end in view, as, for instance, when the relief sought is preventive rather than compensatory. Cruickshank v. Bidwell, 176 U. S. 73. 20 Sup. Ct. 280, 44 L. Ed. 577; Safe Deposit & Trust Co. v. Anniston (C. C.) 96 Fed. 663; Crawford County v. Laub, 110 Iowa, 355, 81 N. W. 590.

INALMISSIBLE. That which, under the established rules of law, cannot be admitted or received; e. g., parol evidence to contradict a written contract.

INADVERTENCE. Heedlessness; lack of attention; failure of a person to pay careful and prudent attention to the progress of a negotiation or a proceeding in court by which his rights may be affected. Used chiefly in statutory enumerations of the grounds on which a judgment or decree may be vacated or set aside; as, "mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect." See Skinner v. Terry, 107 N. C. 103, 12 S. E. 118; Davis v. Steuben SchoolTp., 19 Ind. App. 694, 50 N. E. 1; Taylor v. Pope, 106 N. C. 267, 11 S. E. 257, 19 Am. St. Rep. 530; Thompson v. Connell, 31 Or. 231, 48 Pac. 467, 65 Am. St. Rep. 818.

INÆDIFICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Building on another's land with one's own materials, or on one's own land with another's materials.

INALIENABLE. Not subject to alienation; the characteristic of those things which cannot be bought or sold or transferred from one person to another, such as rivers and public highways, and certain personal rights; e. g., liberty.

INAUGURATION. The act of installing or inducting into office with formal ceremonies, as the coronation of a sovereign, the inauguration of a president or governor, or the consecration of a prelate.

INBLAURA. In old records. Profit or product of ground. Cowell.

INBOARD. In maritime law, and particularly with reference to the stowage of cargo, this term is contrasted with "outboard." It does not necessarily mean under deck, but is applied to a cargo so piled or stowed that it does not project over the "board" (side or rail) of the vessel. See Allen v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 46 N. Y. Super. Ct. 181.

INBORH. In Saxon law. A security, pledge, or hypotheca, consisting of the chattels of a person unable to obtain a personal "borg" or surety.

INBOUND COMMON. An unclosed common, marked out, however, by boundaries.

INCAPACITY. Want of capacity; want of power or ability to take or dispose; want of legal ability to act. Ellicott v. Ellicott, 90 Md. 321, 45 Atl. 188, 48 L. R. A. 65; Drews' Appeal, 59 N. H. 220; Appeal of Cleveland, 72 Conn. 540, 44 Atl. 476; In re Blinn, 99 Cal. 216, 33 Pac. 841.

—Legal incapacity: This expression implies that the person in view has the right vested in him, but is prevented by some impediment from exercising it; as in the case of minors, feme covert, lunatics, etc. An administrator has no right until letters are issued to him. Therefore he cannot benefit (as respects the time before obtaining letters) by a saving clause in a statute of limitations in favor of persons under a legal incapacity to sue. Gates v. Brattle, 1 Root (Conn.) 187.

INCARCERATION. Imprisonment; confinement in a jail or penitentiary. This term is seldom used in law, though found occasionally in statutes, (Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 2068.) When so used, it appears always to mean confinement by competent public authority or under due legal process, whereas "imprisonment" may be effected by a private person without warrant of law, and if unjustifiable is called "false imprisonment." No occurrence of such a phrase as "false incarceration" has been noted. See IMPRISONMENT.
INCASTELLARE. To make a building serve as a castle. Jacob.

INCAUSTUM, or ENCAUSTUM. Ink.

Incipit factum pro non facto habens. A thing done unwarily (or unadvisedly) will be taken as not done. Dig. 28, 4, 1.

INCENDIARY. A house-burner; one guilty of arson; one who maliciously and willfully sets another person's building on fire.

Incendium are alieno non exit debitorem. Cod. 4, 2, 11. A fire does not release a debtor from his debt.


Incerta pro nullis habentur. Uncertain things are held for nothing. Dav. Ir. R. 83.

Incerta quantitas vitiat actum. 1 Rolle R. 465. An uncertain quantity vitiates the act.

Incestuous adultery. The elements of this offense are that defendant, being married to one person, has had sexual intercourse with another related to the defendant within the prohibited degrees. Cook v. State, 11 Ga. 53, 56 Am. Dec. 410.—Incestuous bastardy. Incestuous bastards are those who are produced by the illegal connection of two persons who are relations to the defendant within the prohibited degrees. Fleta, l. 2, c. 27, § 5.

Incestuous bastardy. The quantity of water which will escape from a ditch or reservoir through an orifice being six inches below the constant level of the water, equivalent to about 1.6 cubic feet of water per minute. Defined by statute in Colorado as "an inch-square orifice under a five-inch pressure, a five-inch pressure being from the top of the orifice of the box put into the banks of the ditch to the surface of water." Mills' Ann. St. Colo. § 4643. See Longmire v. Smith, 26 Wash. 439, 67 Pac. 246, 55 L. R. A. 308.

INCH. A measure of length, containing one-twelfth part of a foot; originally supposed equal to three barleycorns.

-Inch of candle. A mode of sale at one time in use among merchants. A notice is first given upon the exchange, or other public place, as to the time of sale. The goods to be sold are divided into lots, printed papers of which, and the conditions of sale, are published. When the sale takes place, a small piece of candle, about an inch long, is kept burning, and the last bidder, when the candle goes out, is entitled to the lot or parcel for which he bids. Wharton.—Inch of water. The unit for the measurement of a volume of water or of hydric power, being the quantity of water which, under a given constant head or pressure, will escape through an orifice one inch square (or a circular orifice having a diameter of one inch) in a vertical plane. Jackson Milling Co. v. Chandonis, 82 Wis. 437, 52 N. W. 769.—Miner's inch. The quantity of water which will escape from a ditch or reservoir through an orifice being six inches below the constant level of the water, equivalent to about 1.6 cubic feet of water per minute. Defined by statute in Colorado as "an inch-square orifice under a five-inch pressure, a five-inch pressure being from the top of the orifice of the box put into the banks of the ditch to the surface of water." Mills' Ann. St. Colo. § 4643. See Longmire v. Smith, 26 Wash. 439, 67 Pac. 246, 55 L. R. A. 308.

INCERTA. The cause of sexual intercourse or cohabitation between a man and woman who are related to each other within the degrees wherein marriage is prohibited by law. People v. Stratton, 141 Cal. 604, 75 Pac. 166; State v. Herges, 55 Minn. 464, 57 N. W. 205; Dinkey v. Com., 17 Pa. 129, 55 Pac. 166; State v. Herges, 55 Minn. 464, 57 N. W. 205; Dinkey v. Com., 17 Pa. 129, 55 Am. Dec. 542; Taylor v. State, 110 Ga. 150, 35 S. E. 161.

-Incestuous adultery. The elements of this offense are that defendant, being married to one person, has had sexual intercourse with another related to the defendant within the prohibited degrees. Cook v. State, 11 Ga. 53, 56 Am. Dec. 410.—Incestuous bastardy. Incestuous bastards are those who are produced by the illegal connection of two persons who are relations within the degrees prohibited by law. Civ. Code (Cal.) 2 Fed. 204.—Inchoate dower. A wife's interest in the lands of her husband during his life, which may become a right of dower upon his death. Guerin v. Moore, 25 Minn. 465; Dingman v. Dingman, 39 Ohio St. 178; Smith v. Shaw, 150 Mass. 297, 22 N. E. 924.

INCENT. This word, used as a noun, denotes anything which inseparably belongs to, or is connected with, or inherent in, another thing, called the "principal." In this sense, it includes all which are incident to an estate in fee-simple, though separable. Thus, the right of alienation is incident to an estate in fee-simple, though separable. Also, less strictly, it denotes anything which is usually connected with another, or connected for some purposes, though not inseparably. Thus, the right of alienation is incident to an estate in fee-simple, though separable in equity. See Cromwell v. Phipps (Sur.) 1 N. Y. Supp. 278; Mount Carmel Fruit Co. v. Webster, 140 Cal. 183, 73 Pac. 826.

INCIDE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To fall into. Calvin.

To fall out; to happen; to come to pass. Calvin.

To fall upon or under; to become subject or liable to. Incidere in legem, to incur the penalty of a law. Brissonius.

INCILE. Lat. In the civil law. A trench. A place sunk by the side of a stream, so called because it is cut (incidatur) into or through the stone or earth. Dig. 43, 21, 1. 5. The term seems to have included ditches (fosse) and wells, (putel).

INCINERATION. Burning to ashes; destruction of a substance by fire, as, the corpse of a murdered person.
INCIPITUR. Lat. It is begun; it begins. In old practice, when the pleadings in an action at law, instead of being recited at large on the issue-roll, were set out merely by their commencements, this was described as entering the incipitur; i.e., the beginning.

INCISED WOUND. In medical jurisprudence. A cut or incision on a human body; a wound made by a cutting instrument, such as a razor. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 693; Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 808.

INCITE. To arouse; stir up; instigate; set in motion; as, to "incite" a riot. Also, generally, in criminal law to instigate, persuade, or move another to commit a crime; in this sense nearly synonymous with "abet." See Long v. State, 23 Neb. 33, 36 N. W. 310.

INCIVIL. Lat. Irregular; improper; out of the due course of law.

Incivile est, nisi tota lege perspecta, una aliqua particula ejus proposita, judicare, vel respondere. It is improper, without looking at the whole of a law, to give judgment or advice, upon a view of any one clause of it. Dig. 1, 3, 24.

Incivile est, nisi tota sententia inspecta, de aliqua parte judicare. It is irregular, or legally improper, to pass an opinion upon any part of a sentence, without examining the whole. Hob. 171a.

INCIVISME. Unfriendliness to the state or government of which one is a citizen.

INCLAUSA. In old records. A home close or inclosure near the house. Paroch. Antiq. 31; Cowell.


INCLOSURE. In English law. Inclosure is the act of freeing land from rights of common, commonable rights, and generally all rights which obstruct cultivation and the productive employment of labor on the soil. Also, an artificial fence around one's estate. Porter v. Aldrich, 39 Vt. 330; Taylor v. Welby, 58 Wis. 44. See Close.

Inclusio unius est exclusio alterius. The inclusion of one is the exclusion of another. The certain designation of one person is an absolute exclusion of all others. 11 Coke, 589.

INCLUSIVE. Embraced; comprehended; comprehending the stated limits or extremes. Opposed to "exclusive."

Inclusive survey. In land law, one which includes within its boundaries prior claims excepted from the computation of the area within such boundaries and excepted in the grant. Stockton v. Morris, 39 W. Va. 432, 19 S. E. 531.

INCOLA. Lat. In the civil law. An inhabitant; a dweller or resident. Properly, one who has transferred his domicile to any country.


INCOME. The return in money from one's business, labor, or capital invested; gains, profit, or private revenue. Braun's Appeal, 106 Pa. 415; People v. Davenport, 30 Hun (N. Y.) 177; In re Siouc, 100 N. Y. 153, 62 N. E. 130; Warling v. Savannah, 60 Ga. 99.

"Income" means that which comes in or is received from any business or investment of capital, without reference to the outgoing expenditures; while "profits" generally means the gain which is made upon any business or investment when both receipts and payments are taken into account. "Income," when applied to the affairs of individuals, expresses the same idea that "revenue" does when applied to the affairs of a state or nation. People v. Niagara County, 4 Hill (N. Y.) 20; Bates v. Porter, 74 Cal. 224, 15 Pac. 732.


Incommodum non solvit argumentum. An inconvenience does not destroy an argument.

INCOMMUNICATION. In Spanish law. The condition of a prisoner who is not permitted to see or to speak with any person visiting him during his confinement. A person accused cannot be subjected to this treatment unless it be expressly ordered by the judge, for some grave offense, and it cannot be continued for a longer period than is absolutely necessary. This precaution is resorted to for the purpose of preventing the accused from knowing beforehand the testimony of the witnesses, or from attempting to corrupt them and concert such measures as will efface the traces of his guilt. As soon, therefore, as the danger of his doing so has ceased, the interdiction ceases likewise. Escricha.

INCOMMUTABLE. Not capable of or entitled to be commuted. See Commutation.
INCOMPATIBLE. Two or more relations, offices, functions, or rights which cannot naturally, or may not legally, exist in or be exercised by the same person at the same time, are said to be incompatible. Thus, the relations of lessor and lessee of the same land, in one person at the same time, are incompatible. So of trustee and beneficiary of the same property. See People v. Green, 46 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 170; Com. v. Sheriff, 4 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 276; Regents of University of Maryland v. Williams, 9 Gill & J. (Md.) 422, 31 Am. Dec. 72.


In New York, the word “incompetency” is used in a special sense to designate the condition or legal status of a person who is unable or unfit to manage his own affairs by reason of insanity, imbecility, or feeble-mindedness, and for whom, therefore, a committee may be appointed; and such a person is designated an “incompetent.” See Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. § 2320 et seq.; In re Curtiss, 134 App. Div. 547, 119 N. Y. Supp. 556; In re Fox, 138 App. Div. 43, 122 N. Y. Supp. 889.

As applied to evidence, the word “incompetent” means not proper to be received; inadmissible, as distinguished from that which the court should admit for the consideration of the jury, though they may not find it worthy of credence.

In French law. Inability or insufficiency of a judge to try a cause brought before him, proceeding from lack of jurisdiction.

INCONCLUSIVE. That which may be disproved or rebutted; not shutting out further proof or consideration. Applied to evidence and presumptions.

INCONSISTENT. Mutually repugnant or contradictory; contrary, the one to the other, so that both cannot stand, but the acceptance or establishment of the one implies the abrogation or abandonment of the other; as, in speaking of “inconsistent defenses,” or the repeal by a statute of “all laws inconsistent herewith.” See In re Hickory Tree Road, 43 Pa. 142; Irwin v. Holbrook, 32 Wash. 349, 78 Pac. 361; Swan v. U. S., 3 Wyo. 151, 9 Pac. 931.

INCONSULTO. Lat. In the civil law. Unadvisedly; unintentionally. Dig. 28, 4, 1.


INCONVENIENCE. In the rule that statutes should be so construed as to avoid “inconvenience,” this means, as applied to the public, the sacrifice or jeopardizing of important public interests or hampering the legitimate activities of government or the transaction of public business, and, as applied to individuals, serious hardship or injustice. See Black, Interp. Laws, 102; Betts v. U. S., 132 Fed. 237, 65 C. C. A. 452.

INCORRIGIBLE ROGUE. A species of rogue or offender, described in the statutes 5 Geo. IV. c. 88, and 1 & 2 Vict. c. 38. 4 Steph. Comm. 309.
INCREASE

(1) The produce of land;
(2) the offspring of animals.

—Increase, affidavit of. Affidavit of payment of increased costs, produced on taxation.

—Increase, costs of. In English law. It was formerly a practice with the jury to award to the successful party in an action the nominal sum of 40s. only for his costs; and the court assessed by their own officer the actual amount of the successful party’s costs; and the amount so assessed, over and above the nominal sum awarded by the jury, was thence called “costs of increase.” Lush, Com. Law Pr. 775. The practice has now wholly ceased. Rapal. & Law.

INCREMENTUM. Lat. Increase or improvement, opposed to decrementum or abatement.

INCRIMINATE. To charge with crime; to expose to an accusation or charge of crime; to involve oneself or another in a criminal prosecution or the danger thereof; as, in the rule that a witness is not bound to give testimony which would tend to incriminate him.

—Incriminating circumstance. A fact or circumstance, collateral to the fact of the commission of a crime, which tends to show either that such a crime has been committed or that some particular person committed it. Davis v. State, 51 Neb. 301, 70 N. W. 984.

INCROACHMENT. An unlawful gaining upon the right or possession of another. See ENCROACHMENT.

INculpate. To impute blame or guilt; to accuse; to involve in guilt or crime.

INculpatory. In the law of evidence. Going or tending to establish guilt; intended to establish guilt; criminative. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 251, 252.

INcumbent. A person who is in present possession of an office; one who is legally authorized to discharge the duties of an office. State v. McCollister, 11 Ohio, 50; State v. Blakemore, 104 Mo. 340, 15 S. W. 960.

In ecclesiastical law, the term signifies a clergyman who is in possession of a benefice.

INcumber. To incumber land is to make it subject to a charge or liability; e.g., by mortgaging it. Incumbrances include not only mortgages and other voluntary charges, but also liens, lites pendentes, registered judgments, and writs of execution, etc. Sweet. See Newhall v. Insurance Co., 52 Me. 181.

INcumbance. Any right to, or interest in, land which may subsist in third persons, to the diminution of the value of the estate of the tenant, but consistently with the passing of the fee. Fitch v. Seymour, 9 Metc.


Incur. Men contract debts; they incur liabilities. In the one case, they act affirmatively; in the other, the liability is incurred or cast upon them by act or operation of law. “Incur” means something beyond contracts,—something not embraced in the word “debts.” Crandall v. Bryan, 5 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 169; Beeckman v. Van Dolsen, 70 Hun, 288, 24 N. Y. Supp. 414; Ashe v. Young, 63 Tex. 123, 3 S. W. 454.

Incurannentum. L. Lat. The liability to a fine, penalty, or amercement. Cowell.

Ind. Lat. Thence; thenceforth; thereof; thereupon; for that cause.

Inde. Lat. Thence; thenceforth; thereon; thereupon; for that cause.

Inde data leges ne fortior omnia possit. Laws are made to prevent the stronger from having the power to do everything. Dav. Ir. K. B. 36.


—Indebitatus assumptus. Lat. Being indebted, he promised or undertook. This is the name of that form of the action of assumptus in which the declaration alleges a debt or ob-
ligation to be due from the defendant, and then avers that, in consideration thereof, he promised to pay or discharge the same.

**INDEBITI SOLUTIO.** Lat. In the civil and Scotch law. A payment of what is not due. When made through ignorance or by mistake, the amount paid might be recovered back by an action termed "conditio indebiti." (Dig. 12, 6) Bell.

**INDEBITUM.** In the civil law. Not due or owing. (Dig. 12, 6) Calvin.

**INDEBTEDNESS.** The state of being in debt, without regard to the ability or inability of the party to pay the same. See 1 Story, Eq. Jur. 343; 2 Hill, Abr. 421.

The word implies an absolute or complete liability. A contingent liability, such as that of a surety before the principal has made default, does not constitute indebtedness. On the other hand, the money need not be immediately payable. Obligations yet to become due constitute indebtedness, as well as those already due. St. Louis Perpetual Ins. Co. v. Goodfellow, 9 Mo. 149.

**INDECENCY.** An act against good behavior and a just delicacy. Timmons v. U. S., 85 Fed. 205, 30 C. C. A. 74; McJunkins v. State, 10 Ind. 144; Arbery v. State, 56 Ind. 328.

This is scarcely a technical term of the law, and is not susceptible of exact definition or description in its juridical uses. The question whether or not a given act, publication, etc., is indecent is for the court and jury in the particular case.

—Indecent exposure. Exposure to sight of the private parts of the body in a lewd or indecent manner in a public place. It is an indictable offense at common law, and by statute in many of the states. State v. Baugess, 106 Iowa, 197, 76 N. W. 506. —Indecent liberties. In the statutory offense of "taking indecent liberties with the person of a female child," this phrase means such liberties as the common sense of society would regard as indecent and improper. According to some authorities, it involves an assault or attempt at sexual intercourse. (State v. Kunz, 90 Minn. 520, 97 N. W. 131.) But according to others, it is not necessary that the liberties or familiarities should have related to the private parts of the child. (People v. Hicks, 98 Mich. 86, 56 N. W. 1162.—Indecent publications. Such as are offensive to modesty and delicacy; obscene; lewd; tending to the corruption of morals. Brandy v. U. S., 163 U. S. 486, 17 Sup. Ct. 375, 41 L. Ed. 790; U. S. v. Britton (Com. Ct.) 17 Fed. 733; People v. Muller, 96 N. Y. 408, 48 Am. Rep. 635.

—Public indecency. This phrase has no fixed legal meaning, is vague and indefinite, and cannot, in itself, imply a definite offense. The courts, by a kind of judicial legislation, in England and the United States, have usually limited the operation of the term to public displays of the naked person, the publication, sale, or exhibition of obscene books and prints, or the exhibition of a monster,—acts which have a direct bearing on public morals, and affect the body of society. The Indiana statute punishing obscenity, without defining it, can be construed only as that term is used at common law, where it is limited to indecencies in conduct, and does not extend to indecent words. McJunkins v. State, 10 Ind. 149.

**INDECIMABLE.** In old English law. That which is not titheable, or liable to pay tithe. 2 Inst. 490.

**INDEFEASIBLE.** That which cannot be defeated, revoked, or made void. This term is usually applied to an estate or right which cannot be defeated.

**INDEFENSUS.** Lat. In old English practice. Undeferred; undeniably pleading. A defendant who makes no defense or plea. Blount.

**INDEFINITE FAILURE OF ISSUE.** A failure of issue not merely at the death of the party whose issue are referred to, but at any subsequent period, however remote. 1 Steph. Comm. 592. A failure of issue whenever it shall happen, sooner or later, without any fixed, certain, or definite period within which it must happen. 4 Kent, Comm. 274. Anderson v. Jackson, 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 399, 5 Am. Dec. 330; Downing v. Wherrin, 19 N. H. 84, 49 Am. Dec. 139; Huxford v. Milligan, 50 Ind. 546.

**INDEFINITE PAYMENT.** In Scotch law. Payment without specification. Indefinite payment is where a debtor, owing several debts to one creditor, makes a payment to the creditor, without specifying to which of the debts he means the payment to be applied. See Bell.

**Indefinitum sequipollet universal.** The undefined is equivalent to the whole. 1 Vent. 368.

**Indefinitum supplet locum universal.** The undefined or general supplies the place of the whole. Branch, Princ.

**INDEMNIFICATUS.** Lat. Indemnified. See **INDEMNIFY.**

**INDEMNIFY.** To save harmless; to secure against loss or damage; to give security for the reimbursement of a person in case of an anticipated loss falling upon him. Also to make good; to compensate; to make reimbursement to one of a loss already incurred by him. Cousins v. Paxton & Galagher Co., 122 Iowa, 465, 98 N. W. 277; Weller v. Eames, 15 Minn. 467 (Gil. 376), 2 Am. Rep. 150; Frye v. Bath Gas Co., 97 Me. 241, 54 Atl. 355, 59 L. R. A. 444, 94 Am. St. Rep. 500.

**INDEMNIS.** Lat. Without hurt, harm, or damage; harmless.

**INDEMNITEE.** The person who, in a contract of indemnity, is to be indemnified or protected by the other.

**INDEMNITOR.** The person who is bound, by an indemnity contract, to indemnify or protect the other.
INDEMNITY. An indemnity is a collateral contract or assurance, by which one person engages to secure another against an anticipated loss or to prevent him from being damnedified by the legal consequences of an act or forbearance on the part of one of the parties or of some third person. See Civ. Code Cal. § 2772; Davis v. Phoenix Ins. Co., 111 Cal. 406, 43 Pac. 1116; Vandiver v. Pollak, 107 Ala. 547, 19 South. 180, 54 Am. St. Rep. 118; Henderson-Achert Lithographic Co. v. John Shillito Co., 64 Ohio St. 236, 60 N. E. 295, 83 Am. St. Rep. 745. Thus, insurance is a contract of indemnity. So an indemnifying bond is given to a sheriff who fears to proceed under an execution where the property is claimed by a stranger.

The term is also used to denote a compensation given to make the person whole from a loss already sustained; as where the government gives indemnity for private property taken by it for public use.

A legislative act, assuring a general dispensation from punishment or exemption from prosecution to persons involved in offenses, omissions of official duty, or acts in excess of authority, is called an indemnity; strictly it is an act of indemnity.

—Indemnity bond. A bond for the payment of a penal sum conditioned to be void if the obligor shall indemnify and save harmless the obligee. —Indemnity contract. A contract between two parties whereby the one undertakes and agrees to indemnify the other against loss or damage arising from some contemplated act on the part of the indemnitor, or from some responsibility assumed by the indemnitor, or from the claim or demand of a third person, that is, to make good to him such pecuniary damage as he may suffer. See Wicker v. Hopcock, 6 Wall. 99, 18 L. Ed. 732.—Indemnity lands. Lands granted to railroads, in aid of their construction, being portions of the public domain, to be selected in lieu of other parcels embraced within the lands of which the railroad is a part, but which were not included in the railroad by previous disposition or by reservation for other purposes. See Wisconsin Cent. R. Co. v. Price County, 135 U. S. 498, 10 Sup. Ct. 377; Barnwell v. Winona & St. P. R. Co., 117 U. S. 228, 6 Sup. Ct. 654, 29 L. Ed. 858; Altschul v. Clark, 39 Or. 315, 65 Pac. 931.


INDENIZATION. The act of making a denizen, or of naturalizing.

INDENT, n. In American law. A certificate or indented certificate issued by the government of the United States at the close of the Revolution, for the principal or interest of the public debt. Webster. See U. S. v. Irwin, 26 Fed. Cas. 546.

INDENT, v. To cut in a serrated or waving line. In old conveyancing, if a deed was made by more parties than one, it was usual to make as many copies of it as there were parties, and each was cut or indented (either in acute angles, like the teeth of a saw, or in a waving line) at the top or side, to tally or correspond with the others, and the deed so made was called an "indenture." Anciently, both parts were written on the same piece of parchment, with some word or letters written between them through which the parchment was cut, but afterwards, the word or letters being omitted, indenting came into use, the idea of which was that the genuineness of each part might be proved by its fitting into the angles cut in the other. But at length even this was discontinued, and at present the term serves only to give name to the species of deed executed by two or more parties, as opposed to a deed-poll, (q. v.) 2 Bl. Comm. 295.

To bind by indentures; to apprentice; as to indent a young man to a shoe-maker. Webster.

INDENTURE. A deed to which two or more persons are parties, and in which these enter into reciprocal and corresponding grants or obligations towards each other; whereas a deed-poll is properly one in which only the party making it executes it, or binds himself by it as a deed, though the grantors or grantees therein may be several in number. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 311; Scott v. Mills, 10 N. Y. St. Rep. 355; Bowen v. Beck, 94 N. Y. 59, 40 Am. Rep. 124; Hopkins v. Powell, 6 N. J. Law, 175. See Indent, v.

—Indenture of apprenticeship. A contract in two parts, by which a person, generally a minor, is bound to serve another in his trade, art, or occupation for a stated time, on condition of being instructed in the same.

INDEPENDENCE. The state or condition of being free from dependence, subjection, or control. Political Independence is the attribute of a nation or state which is entirely autonomous, and not subject to the government, control, or dictate of any exterior power.

INDEPENDENT. Not dependent; not subject to control, restriction, modification, or limitation from a given outside source.

—Independent contract. See Contract.—Independent contractor. In the law of agency and of master and servant, an independent contractor is one who, exercising an independent employment, contracts to do a piece of work according to his own methods and without being subject to the control of his employer except as to the result of the work; one who contracts to perform the work at his own risk and cost, the workmen being his servants, and he, and not the person with whom he contracts, being liable for their fault or misconduct. People v. Orange County Road Const. Co., 175 N. Y. 84, 67 N. E. 129, 65 L. R. A. 33; Waters v. Pioneer Fuel Co., 62 Minn. 474, 55 N. W. 622, 39 m. Sup. Ct. 554; Smith v. Simpsons, 103 Pa. 36, 49 Am. Rep. 113; Holmes v. Tennessee Coal, etc., Co., 49 La. Ann. 1465, 32 St. 543; Gibb v. Norfolk & W. R. Co., 87 Va. 111, 14 S. E. 165; Louthan v. Hewes, 158 Cal. 116, 70 Pac. 1065.—Independent covenant. See Covenants.
INDICATIF. An abolished writ by which a prosecution was in some cases removed from a court-christian to the queen's bench. Enc. Lond.

INDICATION. In the law of evidence. A sign or token; a fact pointing to some inference or conclusion. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 251, 282, 283, 275.

INDICATIVE EVIDENCE. This is not evidence properly so called, but the mere suggestion of evidence proper, which may possibly be procured if the suggestion is followed up. Brown.

INDICAVIT. In English practice. A writ of prohibition that lies for a patron of a church, whose clerk is sued in the spiritual court by the clerk of another patron, for tithes amounting to a fourth part of the value of the living. 3 Bl. Comm. 31; 3 Steph. Comm. 711. So termed from the emphatical word of the Latin form. Reg. Orig. 25b, 36.

INDICIA. Signs; indications. Circumstances which point to the existence of a given fact as probable, but not certain. For example, "indicium of partnership" are any circumstances which would induce the belief that a given person was in reality, though not ostensibly, a member of a given firm.

INDICIUM. In the civil law. A sign or mark. A species of proof, answering very nearly to the circumstantial evidence of the common law. Best, Pres. p. 13, § 11, note; Wills, Circ. Ev. 34.

INDICT. See INDICTMENT.

INDICTABLE. Proper or necessary to be prosecuted by process of indictment.

INDICTED. Charged in an indictment with a criminal offense. See INDICTMENT.

INDICTEE. A person indicted.

INDICTIO. In old public law. A declaration; a proclamation. Indictio belli, a declaration or indiction of war. An indictment.

INDICATION, CYCLE OF. A mode of computing time by the space of fifteen years, instituted by Constantine the Great; originally the period for the payment of certain taxes. Some of the charters of King Edgar and Henry III. are dated by indications. Wharton.

INDICTMENT. An indictment is an accusation in writing found and presented by a grand jury, legally convoked and sworn, to the court in which it is impaneled, charging that a person therein named has done some act, or been guilty of some omission, which, by law, is a public offense, punishable on indictment. Code Iowa 1850, § 4295; Pen. Code Cal. § 917; Code Ala. 1886, § 4394. And see Grin v. Shine, 187 U. S. 181, 23 Sup. Ct. 762, 30 L. Ed. 849; Ex parte Hart, 63 Fed. 259, 11 C. C. A. 105, 25 L. R. A. 801; Ex parte Bain, 121 U. S. 1, 7 Sup. Ct. 781, 30 L. Ed. 849; Ex parte Slater, 72 Mo. 102; Finley v. State, 61 Ala. 201.

A presentment differs from an indictment in that it is an accusation made by a grand jury of their own motion, either upon their own observation and knowledge, or upon evidence before them; while an indictment is preferred at the instance of the lord advocate. Where a private party is a principal prosecu-
tor, he brings his charge in what is termed the "form of criminal letters."

—Joint indictment. When several offenders are joined in the same indictment, such an indictment is called a "joint indictment," as when principals in the first and second degree, and accessories before and after the fact, are all joined in the same indictment. 2 Hale, P. C. 173; Brown.

Indictment de felony est contra pacem domini regis, coronam et dignitatem suam, in genere et non in individuo; quia in Anglia non est interregnum. Jenk. Cent. 205. Indictment for felony is against the peace of our lord the king, his crown and dignity in general, and not against his individual person; because in England there is no interregnum.

INDICTOR. He who causes another to be indicted. The latter is sometimes called the "indictee."

INDIFFERENT. Impartial; unbiased; disinterested. People v. Vermilyea, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 122; Fox v. Hills, 1 Conn. 307.

INDIGENA. In old English law. A subject born; one born within the realm, or naturalized by act of parliament. Co. Litt. 8a. The opposite of "alienigena." (q. v.)

INDIGENT. In a general sense an "indigent" person is one who is needy and poor, or one who has not sufficient property to furnish him a living nor any one able to support him and to whom he is entitled to look for support. See Storrs Agricultural School v. Whitney, 54 Conn. 342, 8 Atl. 141; Juneau County v. Wood County, 109 Wis. 330, 85 N. W. 387; City of Lynchburg v. Slaughter, 75 Va. 62. The laws of some of the states distinguish between "paupers" and "indigent persons," the latter being persons who have no property or source of income sufficient for their support aside from their own labor, though self-supporting when able to work and in employment. See In re Hybart, 119 N. C. 359, 25 S. E. 963; People v. Schoharie, 78 N. C. 105.

INDIGNITY. In the law of divorce, a species of cruelty addressed to the mind, sensibilities, self-respect, or personal honor of the subject, rather than to the body, and distinguished from such as may be offered to the mind, sensibilities, or reputation. Cheatham v. Cheatham, 10 Mo. 288; Butler v. Butler, 1 Pars. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 329; Kurtz v. Kurtz, 35 Ark. 123. But compare Miller v. Miller, 78 N. C. 105.

INDIRECT. A term almost always used in law in opposition to "direct," though not the only antithesis of the latter word, as the terms "collateral" and "cross" are sometimes used in contrast with "direct."


INDISPENSABLE. That which cannot be spared, omitted, or dispensed with.

—Indispensable evidence. See Evidence.—Indispensable parties. In a suit in equity, those who not only have an interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but an interest of such a nature that a final decree cannot be made without either affecting their interests or leaving the controversy in such a condition that its final determination may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Shields v. Barrow, 17 How. 139, 15 L. Ed. 108; Kendall v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061; Mallory v. Hinde, 12 Wheat. 193, 6 L. Ed. 599.

INDISTANTER. Forthwith; without delay.

INDITEE. L. Fr. In old English law. A person indicted. Mirr. c. 1; § 3; 9 Coke, pref.

INDIVIDUAL. As a noun, this term denotes a single person as distinguished from a group or class, and also, very commonly, a private or natural person as distinguished from a partnership, corporation, or association; but it is said that this restrictive signification is not necessarily inherent in the word, and that it may, in proper cases, include artificial persons. See Bank of U. S. v. State, 12 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 460; State v. Bell Telephone Co., 36 Ohio St. 310, 38 Am. Rep. 583; Pennsylvania R. Co. v. Canal Comrs., 21 Pa. 20. As an adjective, "individual" frequently pertaining to, or characteristic of, one single person, either in opposition to a firm, association, or corporation, or considered in his relation thereto.

—Individual assets. In the law of partnership, property belonging to a member of a partnership as his separate and private fortune, apart from the assets or property belonging to the firm as such or the partner's interest therein. —Individual debts. Such as are due from a member of a partnership in his private or personal capacity, as distinguished from those due from the firm or partnership. Goddard v. Hapgood, 25 Vt. 360, 60 Am. Dec. 272. —Individual system of location. A term formerly used in Pennsylvania to designate the location of public lands by surveys, in which the land called for by each warrant was separately surveyed. Ferguson v. Bloom, 144 Pa. 649, 23 Atl. 49.

INDIVIDUUM. Lat. In the civil law. That cannot be divided. Calvin.

INDIVISIBLE. Not susceptible of division or apportionment; insepable; en-
tiere. Thus, a contract, covenant, consideration, etc., may be divisible or indivisible; i. e., separable or entire.

**INDIVISUM.** Lat. That which two or more persons hold in common without partition; undivided.

**INDORSAT.** In old Scotch law. Indorsed. 2 P. C. 41.

**INDORSE.** To write a name on the back of a paper or document. Bills of exchange and promissory notes are indorsed by a party's writing his name on the back. Hartwell v. Hemmenway, 7 Pick. (Mass.) 117.

"Indorse" is a technical term, having sufficient legal certainty without words of particular description. Brooks v. Edison, 7 Vt. 351.

**INDORSEE.** The person to whom a bill of exchange, promissory note, bill of lading, etc., is assigned by indorsement, giving him a right to sue thereon.

—an Indorse in due course. An indorse in due course is he who, in good faith, in the ordinary course of business, and for value, both of its apparent maturity or presumptive dishonor, and without knowledge of its actual dishonor, acquires a negotiable instrument duly indorsed to him, or indorsed generally, or payable to the bearer. Civ. Code Cal. § 3123; Civ. Code S. D. 1906, § 2199; Civ. Code Idaho 1901, § 2883; More v. Finger, 128 Cal. 313, 60 Pac. 433.

**INDORSEMENT.** The act of a payee, drawee, accommodation indorser, or holder of a bill, note, check, or other negotiable instrument, in writing his name upon the back of the same, with or without further or qualifying words, whereby the property in the same is assigned and transferred to another. That which is so written upon the back of a negotiable instrument. One who writes his name upon a negotiable instrument, either in the same or in a separate instrument, is called an "indorser," and his act is called "indorsement." Civ. Code Cal. § 3108; Civ. Code Dak. § 1838.

—accommodation indorsement. One made by a third person who puts his indorsement on a note without any consideration, but merely for the benefit of the holder thereof, if not enabled by the maker to obtain money or credit on it. Unless otherwise explained, it is understood to be a loan of the indorser's credit without recourse. Citizens' Bank v. Plott, 135 Mich. 267, 97 N. W. 694; Peale v. Addicks, 174 Pa. 543, 34 Atl. 201; Cozens v. Middleton, 118 Pa. 543, 54 Am. St. Rep. 59. Defined by statute in some states as an indorsement which either prohibits the further negotiation of the instrument, or which contains such a definite direction as to the payment as to preclude the indorsee from making any further transfer of the instrument. Drew v. Jacock, 6 N. C. 138; Lee v. Chilicoot Branch Bank, 15 Fed. Cas. 153; People's Bank v. Jefferson County Savings Bank, 29 Ill. 295, 69 Am. St Rep. 475.—special indorsement. An indorsement in full, which specifically names the indorsee. Malone v. Garver, 3 Neb. (U. U. O. U.) 710, 92 N. W. 726; Carolina Sav. Bank v. Florence Tobacco Co., 45 S. C. 573, 23 S. E. 139.—special indorsement, in English, the name of the creditor, in a writ of summons in an action may, under Or. Hill. 6, be indorsed with the particulars of the amount sought to be recovered in the action, the date of the instrument, the credit for the said amount, or the date of payment, etc.; and this special indorsement (as it is called) of the writ is applicable in all actions where the plaintiff seeks merely to recover a debt or liquidated demand in money payable by the defendant, with or without interest, arising upon a contract, express or implied, as, for instance, on a bill of exchange, promissory note, check, or other simple contract debt, or on a bond or contract under seal for payment of a liquidated amount of money, or on a statute where the sum sought to be recovered is a fixed sum of money or in the nature of a debt, or on a guaranty, whether sealed or not. Brown.

**INDORSER.** He who indorses; i. e., being the payee or holder, writes his name on the back of a bill of exchange, etc.

**INDUBITABLE PROOF.** Evidence which is not only found credible, but is of such weight and directness as to make out the facts alleged beyond a doubt. Hart v. Carroll, 55 Pa. 511; Jermyn v. McClure, 186 Pa. 245, 45 Atl. 683.

**INDUBITABLE PROOF.**
INDUCEMENT. In contracts. The benefit or advantage which the promisor is to receive from a contract is the inducement for making it.

In criminal evidence. Motive; that which leads or tempts to the commission of crime. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 233.

In pleading. That portion of a declaration or of any subsequent pleading in an action which is brought forward by way of explanatory introduction to the main allegations. Brown. Huston v. Tyler, 140 Mo. 252, 36 S. W. 654; Consolidated Coal Co. v. Peers, 97 Ill. App. 194; Taverner v. Little, 5 Bing. N. C. 678; Grand v. Dreyfus, 122 Cal. 58, 54 Pac. 389.

INDUCEM. In international law. A truce; a suspension of hostilities; an agreement during war to abstain for a time from warlike acts.

In old maritime law. A period of twenty days after the safe arrival of a vessel under bottomry, to dispose of the cargo, and raise the money to pay the creditor, with interest.

In old English practice. Delay or indulgence allowed a party to an action; further time to appear in a cause. Bract, fol. 362b; Fleta, lib. 4, c. 5, § 8.

In Scotish practice. Time allowed for the performance of an act. Time to appear to a citation. Time to collect evidence or prepare a defense.

—Induces legales. In Scotish law. The days between the citation of the defendant and the day of appearance; the days between the test day and day of return of the writ.

INDUCTION. In the civil law. Obliteration, by drawing the pen or stylus over the writing. Dig. 28, 4; Calvin.

INDUCTION. In ecclesiastical law. Induction is the ceremony by which an incumbent who has been instituted to a benefice is vested with full possession of all the profits belonging to the church, so that he becomes seized of the temporalities of the church, and is then complete incumbent. It is performed by virtue of a mandate of induction directed by the bishop to the archdeacon, who either performs it in person, or directs his precept to one or more other clergymen to do it. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 477.

INDULGENCE. In the Roman Catholic Church. A remission of the punishment due to sins, granted by the pope or church, and supposed to save the sinner from purgatory. Its abuse led to the Reformation in Germany. Wharton. Forbearance, (q. v.)

INDULTO. In ecclesiastical law. A dispensation granted by the pope to do or obtain something contrary to the common law.

In Spanish law. The condonation or remission of the punishment imposed on a criminal for his offense. This power is exclusively vested in the king.

INDUMENT. Endowment, (q. v.)

INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDENT SOCIETIES. Societies formed in England for carrying on any labor, trade, or handicraft, whether wholesale or retail, including the buying and selling of land and also (but subject to certain restrictions) the business of banking.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS. Schools established by voluntary contribution in which industrial training is provided, and in which children are lodged, clothed, and fed, as well as taught.

INDUSTRIAM, PER. Lat. A qualified property in animals fora natura may be acquired per industrium, i.e., by a man's reclaiming and making them tame by art, industry, and education; or by so confining them within his own immediate power that they cannot escape and use their natural liberty. 2 Steph. Comm. 5.

INEBRIATE. A person addicted to the use of intoxicating liquors; an habitual drunkard.

Any person who habitually, whether continuously or periodically, indulges in the use of intoxicating liquors to such an extent as to stupefy his mind, and to render him incompetent to transact ordinary business with safety to his estate, shall be deemed an inebriate, within the meaning of this chapter: provided, the habit of so indulging in such use shall have been at the time of inquisition of at least one year's standing. Code N. C. 1883, § 1671. And see In re Anderson, 132 N. C. 243, 49 S. E. 649; State v. Ryan, 70 Wis. 676, 36 N. W. 823.

INELIGIBILITY. Disqualification or legal incapacity to be elected to an office. Thus, an alien or naturalized citizen is ineligible to be elected president of the United States. Carroll v. Green, 148 Ind. 302, 47 N. E. 223; State v. Murray, 28 Wis. 90, 9 Am. Rep. 489.

INELIGIBLE. Disqualified to be elected to an office; also disqualified to hold an office if elected or appointed to it. State v. Murray, 28 Wis. 90, 9 Am. Rep. 489.

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Inesse potest donationi, modus, conditione sive causa; ut modus est; si condition; quia causa. In a gift there may be manner, condition, and cause; as [ut] introduces a manner; if, [si] a condition; because, [quia] a cause. Dyer, 138.

INEST DE JURE. Lat. It is implied of right; it is implied by law.
INEVITABLE. Incapable of being avoided; fortuitous; transcending the power of human care, foresight, or exertion to avoid or prevent, and therefore suspending legal relations so far as to excuse from the performance of contract obligations, or from liability for consequent loss.

---Inevitable accident. An inevitable accident is one produced by an irresistible physical cause; an accident which cannot be prevented by human skill or foresight, but results from natural causes, such as lightning or storms, perils of the sea, inundations or earthquakes, or sudden death or illness. By irresistible force is meant an interposition of human agency, from its nature and power absolutely uncontrollable. Brousseau v. The Hudson, 11 La. Ann. 428; State v. Lewis, 107 N. C. 967, 12 S. E. 467, 11 L. R. A. 105; Russell v. Fagan, 7 Houst. (Del.) 389, 8 Atl. 258; Hall v. Cheney, 56 N. H. 35; Newport News & M. V. Co. v. U. S., 61 Fed. 488, 9 C. C. A. 579; The R. L. Mabey, 14 Wall. 215, 20 L. Ed. 881; The Locklibo, 3 W. Rob. 318. Inevitable accident is where a vessel is pursuing a lawful avocation in a lawful manner, using the proper precautions against danger, and an accident occurs. The highest degree of caution that can be used is not required. It is enough that it is reasonable under the circumstances; such as is usual in similar cases, and has been found by experience to be sufficient to answer the end in view,—the safety of life and property. The Grace Giddler, 7 Wall. 196, 19 L. Ed. 113. Inevitable accident is only when the disaster happens from natural causes, without negligence or fault on either side, and when both parties have endeavored, by every means in their power, with due care and caution, and with a proper display of nautical skill, to prevent the occurrence of the accident. Sampson v. U. S., 12 Ct. Cl. 491.

INEWARDUS. A guard; a watchman. Domesday.

INFALISTATUS. In old English law. Exposed upon the sands, or sea-shore. A species of punishment mentioned in Hengham. Cowell.

INFAMIA. Lat. Infamy; ignominy or disgrace.

By infamia juris is meant infamy established by law as the consequence of crime; infamia facti is where the party is supposed to be guilty of such crime, but it has not been judicially proved. Comm. v. Green, 17 Mass. 515, 541.

INFAMIS. Lat. In Roman law. A person whose right of reputation was diminished (involving the loss of some of the rights of citizenship) either on account of his infamous avocation or because of conviction for crime. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

INFAMOUS CRIME. See CRIME.

INFAMY. A qualification of a man's legal status produced by his conviction of an infamous crime and the consequent loss of honor and credit, which, at common law, rendered him incompetent as a witness, and by statute in some jurisdictions entails other disabilities. McCafferty v. Guyer, 59 Pa. 116; Ex parte Wilson, 114 U. S. 417, 5 Sup Ct. 935, 29 L. Ed. 59; State v. Clark, 60 Kan. 450, 56 Pac. 767.

INFANCY. Minority; the state of a person who is under the age of legal majority,—at common law, twenty-one years. According to the sense in which this term is used, it may denote the condition of the person merely with reference to his years, or the contractual disabilities which non-age entails, or his status with regard to other powers or relations. Keating v. Railroad Co., 94 Mich. 219, 53 N. W. 1063; Anonymous, 1 Salk. 44; Code Miss. 1892, § 1505.

---Natural infancy. A period of non-responsible life, which ends with the seventh year. Wharton.

INFANGENTHEF. In old English law.

INFANTS. Lat. In the civil law. A child under the age of seven years; so called "quasi impos fandi," (as not having the faculty of speech.) Cod. Theodos. 8, 18, 8.

Infans non multum a lunatico distat. An infant does not differ much from a lunatic. Bract. 1. 3, c. 2, § 8; Dig. 50, 17, 5, 40; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. §§ 223, 224, 242.

INFANT. A person within age, not of age, or not of full age; a person under the age of twenty-one years; a minor. Co. Litt. 1716; 1 Bl. Comm. 463-166; 2 Kent, Comm. 233.

INFANTIA. Lat. In the civil law. The period of infancy between birth and the age of seven years. Calvin.

INFANTICIDE. The murder or killing of an infant soon after its birth. The fact of the birth distinguishes this act from "foeticide" or "procuring abortion," which terms denote the destruction of the fetus in the womb.

INFANTS' MARRIAGE ACT. The statute 18 & 19 Vict. c. 43. By virtue of this act every infant, (if a male, of twenty, or, if a female, of seventeen, years,—section 4,) upon or in contemplation of marriage, may, with the sanction of the chancery division of the high court, make a valid settlement or contract for a settlement of property. Wharton.

INFANZON. In Spanish law. A person of noble birth, who exercises within his domains and inheritance no other rights and privileges than those conceded to him. Escrich.

INFECTION. In medical jurisprudence. The transmission of disease or disease germs from one person to another, either directly by contact with morbidly affected surfaces,
INFECTION

INFECTION is the process of invasion and multiplication of disease-producing agents in the host organism. Disease-producing agents include bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. Infection can occur through direct contact, by inhalation, ingestion of contaminated food or water, or through sexual intercourse or blood transfusion. The body's immune system typically mounts a response to combat the infection, but in some cases, the infection may spread throughout the body, leading to serious illness or death.

INFIDELITY

INFIDELITY is a term used to describe a lack of faith or belief. In a religious context, it often refers to a person who does not adhere to the tenets of a particular faith or religion. In a legal context, it can refer to a person who is not legally bound by religious obligations or duties.

INFERENCE

INFECTION

INFERENCE in the law of evidence is the process of drawing a conclusion or logical consequence from facts already established. It is a critical element in the legal reasoning process, allowing the court to determine whether a particular fact or proposition is true or not based on the evidence presented.

INFIDEL

INFIDEL is a term used to describe someone who does not believe in the existence of a God who will reward or punish in this world or the world to come. It can also refer to someone who is not religious or does not adhere to a particular religion.

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INFIDELITY in law is often associated with unfaithfulness or breach of trust. In marriage law, infidelity can be a ground for divorce or nullification of a marriage.

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INFIDELITY in law is a term that can refer to faithlessness or unfaithfulness, typically in the context of marriage or other commitments. It can be used to describe a breach of trust or duty.

INFIDELIS

INFIDELIS is a term from Latin law that refers to someone who does not believe in God or who is not religious. It can be used in a legal context to describe someone who is not bound by religious obligations or duties.

INFIDELITAS

INFIDELITAS is a term from Latin law that refers to unfaithfulness or breach of trust. In a legal context, it can be used to describe a violation of a duty or obligation.
INFIDUCIARE. In old European law. To pledge property. Spelman.

INFIIHT. Sax. An assault made on a person inhabiting the same dwelling.

Infinitum in jure reprobatur. That which is endless is reprobated in law. 12 Coke, 24. Applied to litigation.

INFIRM. Weak, feeble. The testimony of an "infirm" witness may be taken de bene esse in some circumstances. See 1 P. Wms. 117.

INFIRMATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the quality of diminishing force; having a tendency to weaken or render Infirm. 3 Benth. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217.

—Informative consideration. In the law of evidence. A consideration, supposition, or hypothesis of which the criminative facts of a case admit, and which tends to weaken the inference or presumption of guilt deducible from them. Burrell, Circ. Ev. 153-155.

—Informative fact. In the law of evidence. A fact set up, proved, or even supposed, in opposition to a criminative fact of a case, the tendency of which is to weaken the force of the inference of guilt deducible from them. 3 Benth. Jud. Ev. 14; Best, Pres. § 217, et seq.

—Informative hypothesis. A term sometimes used in criminal evidence to denote an hypothesis or theory of the case which assumes the defendant's innocence, and explains the criminative evidence in a manner consistent with that assumption.

INFLUENCE. See UNDUE INFLUENCE.

INFORMAL. Deficient in legal form; inartificially drawn up.


INFORMATION. In practice. An accusation exhibited against a person for some criminal offense, without an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 308.

An accusation in the nature of an indictment, from which it differs only in being presented by a competent public officer on his oath of office, instead of a grand jury on their oath. 1 Bish. Crim. Proc. § 141; People v. Sponsler, 1 Dak. 289, 46 N. W. 459; Goddard v. State, 12 Conn. 452; State v. Ashley, 1 Ark. 279; Clepper v. State, 4 Tex. 246.

The word is also frequently used in the law in its sense of communicated knowledge, and affidavits are frequently made, and pleadings and other documents verified, on "information and belief."

In French law. The act or instrument which contains the depositions of witnesses against the accused. Poth. Proc. Civil, § 2, art. 5.


—Information in the nature of a quo warranto. A proceeding against the usurper of a franchise or office. See QUO WARRANTO.


INFORMATUS NON SUM. In practice. I am not informed. A formal answer made by the defendant's attorney in court to the effect that he has not been advised of any defense to be made to the action. Thereupon judgment by default passes.

INFORMER. A person who informs or prefers an accusation against another, whom he suspects of the violation of some penal statute.

—Common informer. A common prosecutor. A person who habitually ferrets out crimes and offenses and lays information thereof before the ministers of justice, in order to get a prosecution on foot, not because of his office or any special duty in the matter, but for the sake of the share of the fine or penalty which the law allots to the informer in certain cases. Also used in a less invidious sense, as designating persons who were authorized and empowered to bring actions for penalties. U. S. v. Stocking (D. C.) 87 Fed. 387; In re Barker, 56 Vt 20.

INFORTIATUM. The name given by the glossators to the second of the three parts or volumes into which the Pandects were divided. The glossators at Bologna had at first only two parts, the first called "Digestum Vetus," (the old Digest,) and the last called "Digestum Novum," (the New Digest.) When they afterwards received the middle or second part, they separated from the Digestum Novum the beginning it had then, and added it to the second part, from which enlargement the latter received the name "Infortiatum." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 110.

INFORTUNIUM, HOMICIDE PER. Where a man doing a lawful act, without intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another.

INFRA. Lat. Below; underneath; within. This word occurring by itself in a book refers the reader to a subsequent part of the book, like "post." It is the opposite of "ante" and "supra," (q. v.)

INFRA ZETATEM. Under age; not of age. Applied to minors.

INFRA ANNO NUBILES. Under marriageable years; not yet of marriageable age.

INFRA ANNUM. Under or within a year. Bract. fol. 7.

INFRA ANNUM LUCTUS. (Within the year of mourning.) The phrase is used in
reference to the marriage of a widow within a year after her husband's death, which was prohibited by the civil law.

INFRA BRACHIA. Within her arms. Used of a husband de jure, as well as de facto. 2 Inst. 217. Also inter brachia. Bract. fol. 148b. It was in this sense that a woman could only have an appeal for murder of her husband inter brachia sua.

INFRA CIVITATEM. Within the state. 1 Camp. 23, 24.

INFRA CORPUS COMITATUS. Within the body (territorial limits) of a county. In English law, waters which are infra corpus comitatus are exempt from the jurisdiction of the admiralty.

INFRA DIGNITATEM CURÆ. Beneath the dignity of the court; unworthy of the consideration of the court. Where a bill in equity is brought upon a matter too trivial to deserve the attention of the court, it is demurrable, as being infra dignitatem curiae.

INFRA FUROREM. During madness; while in a state of insanity. Bract. fol. 19b.

INFRA HOSPITIUM. Within the inn. When a traveler's baggage comes infra hospitium, i.e., in the care and under the custody of the innkeeper, the latter's liability attaches.

INFRA JURISDICTIONEM. Within the jurisdiction. 2 Strange, 827.

INFRA LIGEANTIAM REGIS. Within the king's ligeance. Comb. 212.

INFRA METAS. Within the bounds or limits. Infra metas foresta, within the bounds of the forest. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 41, § 12. Infra metas hospitium, within the limits of the household; within the verge. Id. lib. 2, c. 2, § 2.

INFRA PRÆSIDIA. Within the protection; within the defenses. In international law, when a prize, or other captured property, is brought into a port of the captors, or within their lines, or otherwise under their complete custody, so that the chance of rescue is lost, it is said to be infra praesidia.

INFRA QUATUOR MARIA. Within the four seas; within the kingdom of England; within the jurisdiction.

INFRA QUATUOR PARETIES. Within four walls. 2 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 106, § 1089.

INFRA REGNUM. Within the realm.

INFRA SEX ANNOS. Within six years. Used in the Latin form of the plea of the statute of limitations.

INFRA TRIDUUM. Within three days. Formal words in old appeals. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 6; Id. c. 35, § 3.

INFRACCTION. A breach, violation, or infringement; as of a law, a contract, a right or duty. In French law, this term is used as a general designation of all punishable actions.


—Contributory infringement. The intentional aiding of one person by another in the unlawful making or selling of a patented invention; usually done by making or selling one part of the patented invention, or one element of the combination, with the intent and purpose of so aiding. Thomson-Houston Electric Co. v. Specialty Co. (C. C) 72 Fed. 1018; Shoe Mach. Co. v. Jackson, 112 Fed. 146, 50 C. C. A. 159, 55 L. R. A. 692; Thomson-Houston Electric Co. v. Ohio Brass Co., 80 Fed. 712, 26 C. C. A. 107; Stud Co. v. O'Brien (C. C) 93 Fed. 203.

INFUGARE. Lat. To put to flight.

INFULA. A coif, or a cassock. Jacob.

INFUSION. In medical jurisprudence. The process of steeping in liquor; an operation by which the medicinal qualities of a substance may be extracted by a liquor without boiling. Also the product of this operation. "Infusion" and "decoction," though not identical, are ejusdem generis in law. 3 Camp. 74. See DECOCTION.

INGE. Meadow, or pasture. Jacob.

INGENIUM. (1) Artifice, trick, fraud; (2) an engine, machine, or device. Spelman.

INGENIUTAS. Lat. Freedom; liberty; the state or condition of one who is free. Also liberty given to a servant by manumission.

—Ingeniutas regni. In old English law. The freemen, yeomanry, or commonalty of the kingdom. Cowell. Applied sometimes also to the barons.

INGENUUS. In Roman law. A person who, immediately that he was born, was a free person. He was opposed to libertinus, or libertus, who, having been born a slave, was afterwards manumitted or made free. It is not the same as the English law term "generous," which denoted a person not
merely free, but of good family. There were no distinctions among ingenui; but among libertinii there were (prior to Justinian’s abolition of the distinctions) three varieties, namely: Those of the highest rank, called “Cives Romani;” those of the second rank, called “Latini Juniani;” and those of the lowest rank, called “Dediticii.” Brown.

INGRATITUDE. In Roman law, ingratitude was accounted a sufficient cause for revoking a gift or recalling the liberty of a freedman. Such is also the law of France, with respect to the first case. But the English law has left the matter entirely to the moral sense.

INGRESS, EGRESS, AND REGRESS. These words express the right of a lessee to enter, go upon, and return from the lands in question.

INGRESSU. In English law. An ancient writ of entry, by which the plaintiff or complainant sought an entry into his lands. Abolished in 1833.

INGRESSUS. In old English law. Ingress; entry. The relief paid by an heir to the lord was sometimes so called. Cowell.

INGROSSATOR. An engrosser. Ingrossator magni rotuli, engrosser of the great roll; afterwards called “clerk of the pipe.” Spelman; Cowell.

INGROSSING. The act of making a fair and perfect copy of any document from a rough draft of it, in order that it may be executed or put to its final purpose.

INHABITANT. One who resides actually and permanently in a given place, and has his domicile there. Ex parte Shaw, 145 U. S. 444, 12 Sup. Ct. 935, 36 L. Ed. 768; The Pizarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 226.

“The words ‘inhabitant,’ ‘citizen,’ and ‘resident,’ as employed in different constitutions to define the qualifications of electors, mean substantially the same thing; and one is an inhabitant, resident, or citizen at the place where he has his domicile or home.” Cooley, Const. Lim. *600. But the terms “resident” and “inhabitant” have also been held not synonymous, the latter implying a more fixed and permanent abode than the former, and importing privileges and duties to which a mere resident would not be subject. Tazewell County v. Davenport, 40 Ill. 197.

INHABITED HOUSE DUTY. A tax assessed in England on inhabited dwelling-houses, according to their annual value, (St. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 59; 32 & 33 Vict. c. 14, § 11) which is payable by the occupier, the landlord being deemed the occupier where the house is let to several persons, (St. 48 Geo. III. c. 55, Schedule B.) Houses occupied solely for business purposes are exempt.

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from duty, although a care-taker may dwell therein, and houses partially occupied for business purposes are to that extent exempt.

INHERENT POWER. An authority possessed without its being derived from another. A right, ability, or faculty of doing a thing, without receiving that right, ability, or faculty from another.

INHERETRIX. The old term for “heirness.” Co. Litt. 13a


INHERITABLE BLOOD. Blood which has the purity (freedom from attendant) and legitimacy necessary to give its possessor the character of a lawful heir; that which is capable of being the medium for the transmission of an inheritance.


Such an estate in lands or tenements or other things as may be inherited by the heir. Termes de la Ley.

An estate or property which a man has by descent, as heir to another, or which he may transmit to another, as his heir. Litt. § 9.

A perpetuity in lands or tenements to a man and his heirs. Cowell; Blount. “Inheritance” is also used in the old books where “hereditament” is now commonly employed. Thus, Coke divides inheritances into corporeal and incorporeal, into real, personal, and mixed, and into entire and several.

In the civil law. The succession of the heir to all the rights and property of the estate-leaver. It is either testamentary, where the heir is created by will, or ab intestato, where it arises merely by operation of law. Helnec. § 484.

—Estate of inheritance. See ESTATE.—Inheritance act. The English statute of 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106, by which the law of inheritance or descent has been considerably modified. 1 Steph. Comm. 359, 560.—Inheritance tax. A tax on the transfer or passing of estates or property by legacy, devise, or intestate succession; not a tax on the property itself, but on the right to acquire it by descent or testamentary gift. In re Gilson's Estate, 169 N. Y. 443, 62 N. E. 931; Magoun v. Rank 170 U. S. 285, 18 Sup. Ct. 594, 42 L. Ed. 1037.
INHIBITION. In ecclesiastical law. A writ issuing from a superior ecclesiastical court, forbidding an inferior judge to proceed further in a cause pending before him. In this sense it is closely analogous to the writ of prohibition at common law.

Also the command of a bishop or ecclesiastical judge that a clergyman shall cease from taking any duty.

In Scotch law. A species of diligence or process by which a debtor is prohibited from contracting any debt which may become a burden on his heritable property, in competition with the creditor at whose instance the inhibition is taken out; and from granting any deed of alienation, etc., to the prejudice of the creditor. Brande.

In the civil law. A prohibition which the law makes or a judge ordains to an individual. Hallifax, Civil Law, p. 126.

—Inhibition against a wife. In Scotch law. A writ in the sovereign's name, passing the signet, which prohibits all and sundry from having transactions with a wife or giving her credit. Bell; Ersk. Inst. 1, 6, 26.

INHOC. In old records. A nook or corner of a common or fallow field, inclosed and cultivated. Kennett, Par. Antiq. 297, 298; Cowell.

INHONESTUS. In old English law. Unseemly; not in due order. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 8.

INHUMAN TREATMENT. In the law of divorce. Such barbarous cruelty or severity as endangers the life or health of the party to whom it is addressed, or creates a well-founded apprehension of such danger. Whaley v. Whaley, 68 Iowa, 647, 27 N. W. 809; Wells v. Wells, 116 Iowa, 59, 89 N. W. 98; Cole v. Cole, 23 Iowa, 433; Evans v. Evans, 82 Iowa, 462, 48 N. W. 809. The phrase commonly employed in statutes is "cruel and inhuman treatment," from which it may be inferred that "inhumanity" is an extreme or aggravated "cruelty."

Iniquissima pax est antependens justissimo bello. The most unjust peace is to be preferred to the justest war. Root v. Stuyvesant, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 257, 305.

INIQUITY. In Scotch practice. A technical expression applied to the decision of an inferior judge who has decided contrary to law; he is said to have committed iniquity. Bell.

Iniquum est alios permittere, alios inhiberere mercuriatam. It is inequitable to permit some to trade and to prohibit others. 3 Inst. 181.

Iniquum est aliquem rei sui esse judicem. It is wrong for a man to be a judge in his own cause. Branch, Princ.; 12 Coke, 113.
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thing; (2) prohibits him from refusing (or persisting in a refusal) to do or permit some act in the exercise of his office; or (3) restrains the defendant from permitting his previous wrongful act to continue operative, thus virtually compelling him to undo it, as by repeated-prior injunctions or executions, and restoring the plaintiff or the place or the subject-matter to the former condition. Bailey v. Schnitzel, 45 N. J. Eq. 178, 18 Atl. 680; Parsons v. Marye (C. C.) 22 Fed. 121; People v. McKane, 78 Hun, 154, 28 N. Y. Supp. 951; Procter v. Stuart, 4 Okl. 678, 46 Pac. 501.

---Preliminary injunction---. An injunction granted at the institution of a suit, to restrain the defendant from doing or continuing some act, the right to which is in dispute, and which may either be discharged or made perpetual, according to the result of the controversy, as soon as the rights of the parties are determined. Darlington Oil Co. v. Pee Dee Oil Co., 68 S. C. 10, 48 S. E. 332. "Hyers v. Alabama Coal. Coal., 54 Pa. 138; Allison v. Corson, 88 Fed. 584, 32 C. C. A. 12; Jesse French Piano Co. v. Forbes, 154 Ala. 392, 32 South. 678, 92 Am. St. Rep. 31.

---Preventive injunction.---One which prohibits the defendant from doing a particular act or commands him to refrain from committing a provisional injunction. Another name for a preliminary or temporary injunction or an injunction pendente lite.---Special injunction.---An injunction obtained only on motion and petition, usually with notice to the other party. Aldrich v. Kirkland, 6 Rich. Law (S. C.) 340. An injunction by which parties are restrained from committing waste, damage, or injury to property. 4 Steph. Comm. 12, note e.---Temporary injunction.---A preliminary or provisional injunction, or one granted pendente lite; as opposed to a final or perpetual injunction. Jesse French Piano Co. v. Porter, 154 Ala. 302, 32 South. 678, 92 Am. St. Rep. 31.


INJURIA. Lat. Injury; wrong; the pri

---Injuria absque damno.---Injury or wrong without damage. A wrong done, but from which no loss or damage results, and which, therefore, will not sustain an action.

---Injuria fit et cui convicium dictum est, vel de eo factum Carmen famosum.---An injury is done to him of whom a reproachful thing is said, or concerning whom an infamous song is made. 9 Coke, 60.

---Injuria illata judici, sen locum tenenti regis, videtur ipsi regi illata maxime si fiat in exercitium officium.---3 Inst. 1. An injury offered to a judge, or person representing the king, is considered as offered to the king himself, especially if it be done in the exercise of his office.

---Injuria non excusat injuriam.---One wrong does not justify another. Broom, Max. 396. See 6 El. & Bl. 47.


---Injuria propria non cadet in beneficium facientis.---One's own wrong shall not fail to the advantage of him that does it. A man will not be allowed to derive benefit from his own wrongful act. Branch, Princ.

---Injuria serv dominum pertingit.---The master is liable for injury done by his servant. Lofft, 229.

INJURIOUS WORDS. In Louisiana. Slander, or libellous words. Civil Code la. art. 3501.


---In the civil law.---A delict committed in contempt or outrage of any one, whereby his body, his dignity, or his reputation is maliciously injured. Voet, Com. ad Pand. 47, t. 10, no. 1.


---Irreparable injury.---This phrase does not mean such an injury as is beyond the possibility of repair, or beyond possible compensation in damages, or necessarily great damage, but includes an injury, whether great or small, which ought not to be submitted to, on the one hand, or inflicted, on the other; and, because, it is so large or so small, or is of such constant and frequent occurrence as not to receive reasonable redress in a court of law. Sanderlin v. Baxter, 76 Va. 306, 44 Am. Rep 145; Farley v. Gate City Gaslight Co., 106 Ga. 323, 32 S. E. 193; Wahle v. Reinb, huch, 76 ill. 322; Camp v. Dixon, 112 Ga. 872. 38 S. E. 71, 52 L. R. A. 375. Wrongs of a repeated and continuing character, or which occasion damages that are estimated only by conjecture, and not by any accurate standard, are included. Johnson v. Kier, 3 Pittsb. (Pa.) 204.---Personal injury.---A hurt or damage done to a man's person, such as a cut or bruise, a broken limb, or the like, as distinguished from an injury to his property or his reputation. The phrase is chiefly used in connection with actions for tort of negligence. Norris v. Grove, 100 Mich. 256, 55 N. W. 1006; State v. Clayborne, 3 Wash. 1, 27 Pac. 793; Terre Haute El. Ry. Co. v. Lauer, 21 Ind. App. 466, 52 N. E. 703. But the term is also used (chiefly in statutes) in a much wider sense, and as including any injury which is an invasion of personal rights, and in this significance it may include such injuries as libel or slander, criminal conversation, estrangement, the的作品 of which may be perceived by the perception of a daughter, and mental suffering. See Delamater v. Russell, 4 How. Prac. (N.
INJUSTICE. The withholding or denial of justice. In law, almost invariably applied to the act, fault, or omission of a court, as distinguished from that of an individual. See Holton v. Olcott, 58 N. H. 598; In re Moulton, 50 N. H. 532.

Fraud is deception practised by the party; "injustice" is the fault or error of the court. They are not equivalent words in substance, or in a statute authorizing a new trial on a showing of fraud or injustice. Fraud is always the result of contrivance and deception; injustice may be done by the negligence, mistake, or omission of the court itself. Silvey v. U. S., 7 Ct. CI. 824.

INJUSTUM est, nisi tota lege inspecta, de una aliqua ejsa particula proposita judicare vel respondere. 8 Coke, 1179. It is unjust to decide or respond as to any particular part of a law without examining the whole of the law.

INLAGARE. In old English law. To restore to protection of law. To restore a man from the condition of outlawry. Opposed to utlagare. Bract. lib. 3, tr. 2, c. 14, § 1; Du Cange.

INLAGATION. Restoration to the protection of law. Restoration from a condition of outlawry

INLAGE. A person within the law's protection; contrary to utlaghe, an outlaw. Cowell.

INLAND. Within a country, state, or territory; within the same country.

In old English law, inland was used for the demesne (q. v.) of a manor; that part which lay next or most convenient for the lord's mansion-house, as within the view thereof, and which, therefore, he kept in his own hands for support of his family and for hospitality; in distinction from outland or utland, which was the portion let out to tenants. Cowell; Kindr.; Spellman.


INLANTAL, INLANTALE. Demesne or inland, opposed to delantal, or land tenanted. Cowell.


INLAW. To place under the protection of the law. "Swearing obedience to the king in a leet, which both inlaw the subject." Bacon.

INLEASED. In old English law. Entangled, or ensnared. 2 Inst. 247; Cowell; Blount.

INLIGARE. In old European law. To confederate; to join in a league, (in ligam coire.) Spellman.

INMATE. A person who lodges or dwells in the same house with another, occupying different rooms, but using the same door for passing in and out of the house. Webster; Jacob.

INN. An inn is a house where a traveler is furnished with everything which he has occasion for while on his way. Thompson v. Lacy, 3 Barn. & Ald. 287; Wintermute v. Clark, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 242; Walling v. Potter, 35 Conn. 185. And see HOTEL.

Under the term "inn" the law includes all taverns, hotels, and houses of public general entertainment for guests. Code Ga. 1882, § 2114.

The words "inn," "tavern," and "hotel" are used synonymously to designate what is ordinarily and popularly known as an "inn" or "tavern," or place for the entertainment of travelers, and where all their wants can be supplied. A restaurant where meals only are furnished is not an inn or tavern. People v. Jones, 54 Barb. (N. Y.) 311; Carpenter v. Taylor, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 193.

An inn is distinguished from a private boarding-house mainly in this: that the keeper of the latter is at liberty to choose his guests, while the innkeeper is obliged to entertain and furnish all travelers of good conduct and means of payment with what they may have occasion for, as such travelers, while on their way Pinkerton v. Woodward, 56 Cal. 937, 31 Am. Dec. 667.

The distinction between a boarding-house and an inn is that in the former the guest is under an express contract for a certain time at a certain rate; in the latter the guest is at liberty to choose his guests. Willard v. Reinhardt, 2 E. D. Smith 506, 21 N. Y. 587, 91 Am. St. Rep. 659; Moulton v. Western Union Tel. Co., 130 N. C. 38, 19 L. Ed. 988; Cogswell v. Stephans, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 15. The word
“common.” In this connection, does not appear to add anything to the common-law definition of an inn, except in so far as it lays stress on the fact that the house is for the entertainment of the general public or for all suitable persons who apply for accommodations.

**INNAMIUM.** In old English law. A pledge.

**INNAVIGABILITY.** In insurance law. The condition of being in navigable, (q. v.) The foreign writers distinguish “in navigabilidad” from “shipwreck.” 3 Kent, Comm. 323, and note. The term is also applied to the condition of streams which are not large enough or deep enough, or are otherwise unsuited, for navigation.

**INNAVIGABLE.** As applied to streams, not capable of or suitable for navigation; impassable by ships or vessels.

As applied to vessels in the law of marine insurance, it means unfit for navigation; so damaged by misadventures at sea as to be no longer capable of making a voyage. See 3 Kent, Comm. 323, note.

**INNER BARRISTER.** A serjeant or king’s counsel, in England, who is admitted to plead within the bar.

**INNER HOUSE.** The name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session in Scotland hold their sittings. See Outer House.

**INNINGS.** In old records. Lands recovered from the sea by draining and banking. Cowell.

**INNKEEPER.** On who keeps an inn or house for the lodging and entertainment of travelers. The keeper of a common inn for the lodging and entertainment of travelers and passengers, their horses and attendants, for a reasonable compensation. Story, Bailm. 5 Coke, 54a. One who keeps a tavern or coffeehouse in which lodging is provided. 2 Steph. Comm. 123. See Inn.

One who receives as guests all who choose to visit his house, without any previous agreement as to the time of their stay, or the terms. His liability as innkeeper ceases when his guest pays his bill, and leaves the house with the declared intention of not returning, notwithstanding the guest leaves his baggage behind him. Wintermute v. Clark, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 242.

**INNOCENT.** Free from guilt; acting in good faith and without knowledge of incriminatory circumstances, or of defects or objections.

—innoxiare. In old English law. To purge one of a fault and make him innocent.

**INNOMINATE.** In the civil law. Not named or classed; belonging to no specific class; ranking under a general head. A term applied to those contracts for which no certain or precise remedy was appointed, but a general action on the case only. Dig. 2, 1, 4, 7, 2; Id. 19, 4, 5.

—innominate contracts, literally, are the “unclassified” contracts of Roman law. They are contracts which are neither re, verba, littera, nor consensum simply, but some mixture of or variation between two or more of such contracts. They are principally the contracts of permutatio, de estimato, precarium, and transactio. Brown.

**INNOMINATUM.** In old English law. A close or inclosure, (clausum, inclosure.) Spelman.

**INNOTESCIMUS.** Lat. We make known. A term formerly applied to letters patent, derived from the emphatic word at the conclusion of the Latin forms. It was a species of exemplification of charters of feuoffment or other instruments not of record. 5 Coke, 54a.

**INNOXIARE.** In old English law. To purge one of a fault and make him innocent.

**INNS OF CHANCERY.** So called because anciently inhabited by such clerks as chiefly studied the framing of writs, which regularly belonged to the curators, who were officers of the court of chancery. There are nine of them,—Clement’s, Clifford’s, and Lyon’s Inn; Furnival’s, Thavies’, and Symond’s Inn; New Inn; and Barnard’s and Staple’s Inn. These were formerly preparatory colleges for students, and many entered them before they were admitted into the inns of court. They consist chiefly of solicitors, and possess corporate property, hall, chambers, etc., but perform no public functions like the inns of court. Wharton.

**INNS OF COURT.** These are certain private unincorporated associations, in the nature of collegiate houses, located in London,
and invested with the exclusive privilege of calling men to the bar; that is, conferring the rank or degree of a barrister. They were founded probably about the beginning of the fourteenth century. The principal inns of court are the Inner Temple, Middle Temple, Lincoln's Inn, and Gray's Inn. (The two former originally belonged to the Knights Templar; the two latter to the earls of Lincoln and Gray respectively.) These bodies now have a “common council of legal education,” for giving lectures and holding examinations. The inns of chancery, distinguishable from the foregoing, but generally classed with them under the general name, are the buildings known as “Clifford’s Inn,” “Clement’s Inn,” “New Inn,” “Staples’ Inn,” and “Barnard’s Inn.” They were formerly a sort of collegiate houses in which law students learned the elements of law before being admitted into the inns of court, but they have long ceased to occupy that position.

**INNUENDO.** This Latin word (commonly translated “meaning”) was the technical beginning of that clause in a declaration or indictment for slander or libel in which the meaning of the alleged libelous words was explained, or the application of the language charged to the plaintiff was pointed out. Hence it gave its name to the whole clause, and this usage is still retained, although an equivalent English word is now substituted. Thus, it may be charged that the defendant said “he (meaning the said plaintiff) is a per­jurer.”

The word is also used, (though more rarely,) in other species of pleadings, to introduce an explanation of a preceding word, charge, or averment.

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**INQUEST.** 1. A body of men appointed by law to inquire into certain matters. The grand jury is sometimes called the “grand inquest.”

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3. The inquiry by a coroner, termed a “coroner’s inquest,” into the manner of the death of any one who has been slain, or has died suddenly or in prison.

4. This name is also given to a species of proceeding under the New York practice, allowable where the defendant in a civil action has not filed an affidavit of merits nor verified his answer. In such case the issue may be taken up, out of its regular order, on plaintiff’s motion, and tried without the admission of any affirmative defense.

An inquest is a trial of an issue of fact where the plaintiff alone introduces testimony. The defendant is entitled to appear at the taking of the inquest, and to cross-examine the plaintiff’s witnesses; and, if he do appear, the inquest must be heard by a jury, unless a jury be expressly waived by him. Haines v. Davis, 6 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 118.

**INOFFICIOSUM.** In the civil law. Officious; contrary to natural duty or affection. Used of a will of a parent which disinherited a child without just cause, or that of a child which disinherited a parent, and which could be contested by querela inoffici­osi testamenti. Dig. 2, 5, 3, 13; Paulus, lib. 4, tit. 5, § 1.

**INOFFICIOUS TESTAMENT.** A will not in accordance with the testator’s natural affection and moral duties. Williams, Ex’rs, (7th Ed.) 38; Stein v. Wilzinski, 4 Redf. Sur. (N. Y.) 450; In re Wilford’s Will (N. J.) 51 Atl. 502. But particularly, in the civil law, a will which deprives the heirs of that portion of the estate to which the law entitles them, and of which they cannot legally be disinherited. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 714; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556, subd. 16.

**INOFICIICIDAD.** In Spanish law. Everything done contrary to a duty or obligation assumed, as well as in opposition to the piety and affection dictated by nature. Escríche.

**INOPS CONSILLI.** Lat. Destitute of counsel; without legal counsel. A term applied to the acts or condition of one acting without legal advice, as a testator drafting his own will.

**INORDINATUS.** An Intestate.

**INPENY and OUTPENY.** In old English law. A customary payment of a penny on entering into and going out of a tenancy, (pro exitu de tenura, et pro ingressu.) Spelman.

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**INQUIST.** See CORONER.—In­quest of lunacy. See LUNACY.—Inquest of office. In English practice. An inquiry made by the king’s (or queen’s) officer, his sher­iff, coroner, or escheator, visiste officii, or by writ sent to them for that purpose, or by com­missioners specially appointed, concerning any
matter that entitles the king to the possession of lands or tenements, goods or chattels; as to inquire whether the king's tenant for life died seised, whereby the reversion accrues to the king; whether A., who held immediately of the crown, died without heir, in which case the lands belong to the king by escheat; whether B. be attainted of treason, whereby his estate is forfeited to the crown; whether C., who has purchased land, be an alien, which is another cause of forfeiture, etc. 3 Bl. Comm. 258. These inquests of office were more frequent in practice during the continuance of the military tenures than at present; and were devised by law as an authentic means to give the king his right by solemn matter of record. Id. 258, 259; 4 Steph. Comm. 40, 41. Sometimes simply termed "office," as in the phrase "office found." (q. v.) See Atlantic & P. R. Co. v. Mingus, 136 U. S. 413, 37 Sup. Ct. 345, 41 L. Ed. 770; Baker v. Shy, 9 Heisk. (Tenn.) 89.

INQUILINUS. In Roman law. A tenant; one who hires and occupies another's house; but particularly, a tenant of a hired house in a city, as distinguished from color, the bicer of a house or estate in the country. Calvin.

INQUIRENDO. An authority given to some official person to institute an inquiry concerning the crown's interests.

INQUIRY. The writ of inquiry is a judicial process addressed to the sheriff of the county in which the venue is laid, stating the former proceedings in the action, and, "because it is unknown what damages the plaintiff has sustained," commanding the sheriff that, by the oath of twelve men of his county, he diligently inquire into the same, and return the inquisition into court. This writ is necessary after an interlocutory judgment, to ascertain the quantum of damages. Wharton.

INQUISTICO. In old English law. An inquisition or inquest. Inquisito post mortem, an inquisition after death. An inquest of office held, during the continuance of the military tenures, upon the death of every one of the king's tenants, to inquire of what lands he died seised, who was his heir, and of what age, in order to entitle the king to his marriage, wardship, relief, primer seisin, or other advantages, as the circumstances of the case might turn out. 3 Bl. Comm. 258. Inquisito patriae, the inquisition of the country; the ordinary jury, as distinguished from the grand assise. Bract. fol. 159.

INQUISTION. In practice. An inquiry or inquest; particularly, an investigation of certain facts made by a sheriff, together with a jury impaneled by him for the purpose.

INQUISTION after death. See INQUISTIO. Inquisition of lunacy. See LUNACY.

INQUISTOR. A designation of sheriffs, coroners super stvum corporis, and the like, who have power to inquire into certain matters.
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Y. Supp. 920. On the other hand, lunacy is a total deprivation or suspension of the ordinary powers of the mind, and is to be distinguished from imbecility, where there is a more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties. In re Vanauken, 10 N. J. Eq. 186, 196; Odell v. Buck, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 142. As to all other forms of insanity, lunacy was originally distinguished by the occurrence of lucid intervals, and hence might be described as a periodical or recurrent insanity. In re Anderson, 132 N. C. 243, 43 S. E. 649; Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 146. But while these distinctions are still observed in some jurisdictions, they are more generally disregarded; so that, at present, inquisitions of lunacy and other such proceedings, the term "lunacy" has almost everywhere come to be synonymous with "insanity," and is used as a general description of all forms of derangement or mental unsoundness, this rule being established by statute in many states and by judicial decisions in others. In re Clark, 175 N. Y. 139, 47 N. E. 212; Smith v. Hickenbottom, 57 Iowa, 733, 11 N. W. 664; Cason v. Owens, 100 Ga. 142, 28 S. E. 75; In re Hill, 31 N. J. Eq. 203. Cases of arrested mental development would come within the definition of lunacy, that is, where the patient was born with a normal brain, but the cessation of mental growth occurred in infancy or so near it that he never acquired any greater intelligence or discretion than belongs to a normally healthy child. Such a subject might be scientifically denominated an "idiot," but not legally, for in law the latter term is applicable only to congenital amentia. The term "lucid interval" means not an apparent tranquility or seeming repose, or cessation of the violent symptoms of the disorder, or a simple diminution or remission of the disease, but a temporary cure—an intermission so clearly marked that it perfectly resembles a return of health; and it must be such a restoration of the faculties as enables the patient beyond doubt to comprehend the nature of his acts and transact his affairs as usual; and it must be continued for a length of time sufficient to give certainty to the temporary restoration of reason. Godden v. Burke, 35 La. Ann. 169, 173; Ricketts v. Jolliff, 62 Miss. 440; Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 534; Frazer v. Frazier, 2 Del. Ch. 260.

Idiocy is congenital amentia, that is, a want of reason and intelligence existing from birth and due to structural defect or malformation of the brain. It is a congenital obliteration of the chief mental powers, and is defined in law as that condition in which the patient has never had, from his birth, even the least glimmering of reason; for a man is not legally an "idiot" if he can tell his parents, his age, or other like common matters. This condition is not the consequence of a deranged mind, but that of a total absence of mind, so that, while idiocy is generally classed under the general designation of "insanity," it is rather to be regarded as a natural defect than as a disease or as the result of a disease. It differs from "lunacy," because there are no lucid intervals or periods of ordinary intelligence. See In re Beaumont, 1 Whart. (Pa.) 53, 29 Am. Dec. 38; Clark v. Robinson, 88 Ill. 502; Crosswell v. People, 13 Mich. 427, 57 Am. Dec. 774; Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 146; Thompson v. Thompson, 21 Barb. (N. Y.) 138; In re Owings, 1 Bland (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Francke v. His Wife, 29 La. Ann. 304; Hall v. Unger, 11 Fed. Cas. 261; Bicknell v. Spear, 38 Misc. Rep. 389, 77 N. Y. Supp. 920.

Imbecility. A more or less advanced decay and feebleness of the intellectual faculties; that weakness of mind which, without depriving the person entirely of the use of his reason, leaves only the faculty of conceiving the most common and ordinary ideas and such as relate almost always to physical wants and habits. It varies in shades and degrees from merely excessive folly and eccentricity to an almost total vacuity of mind or amentia, and the test of legal capacity, in this condition, is the stage to which the weakness of mind has advanced, as measured by the degree of reason, judgment, and memory remaining. It may proceed from paresis or general paralysis, from senile decay, or from the advanced stages of any of the ordinary forms of insanity; and the term is rather descriptive of the consequences of insanity than of any particular type of the disease. See Calderon v. Martin, 50 La. Ann. 1153, 23 South. 909; Delafield v. Parsons, 1 Redf. (N. Y.) 115; Campbell v. Campbell, 130 Ill. 466, 22 N. E. 620, 2 L. R. A. 167; Messenger v. Bliss, 35 Ohio St. 592.


Derrangement. This term includes all forms of mental unsoundness, except of the natural born idiot. Hlett v. Shull, 36 W. Va. 563, 15 S. E. 147.

Delusion is sometimes loosely used as synonymous with insanity. But this is incorrect. Delusion is not the substance but the evidence of insanity. The presence of an insane delusion is a recognized test of insanity in all cases except amentia and imbecility, and where there is no frenzy or raving mad-
ness; and in this sense an insane delusion is a fixed belief in the mind of the patient of the existence of a fact which has no objective existence but is purely the figment of his imagination, and which is so extravagant that no sane person would believe it under the circumstances of the case, the belief, nevertheless, being so unchangeable that the patient is incapable of being permanently disabled by argument or proof. The characteristic which distinguishes an "insane" delusion from other mistaken beliefs is that it is not a product of the rest of the imagination, that is, not a mistake of fact induced by deception, fraud, insufficient evidence, or erroneous reasoning, but the spontaneous conception of a perverted perception, imagining, having no basis whatever in reason or evidence. Riggins v. Missionary Soc., 35 Hun. (N.Y.) 658; Buchanan v. Pierce, 205 Pa. 123, 54 Atl. 558, 97 Am. St. Rep. 725; Gass v. Gass, 3 Humph. (Tenn.) 283; Dew v. Clarke, 8 Add. 79; In re Bennett's Estate, 201 Pa. 485, 51 Atl. 336; In re Scott's Estate, 128 Cal. 57, 60 Pac. 527; Smith v. Smith, 48 N. J. Eq. 606, 25 Atl. 11; Guitoni's Case (D. C.) 114 Fed. 74. In re In re White, 120 Nov. 333, 25 Pac. 241; In re White, 121 N. Y. 406, 24 N. E. 953; Potter v. Jones, 20 Or. 239, 25 Pac. 792, 12 L. R. A. 161. As to the distinctions between "Delusion" and "Illusion" and "Hallucination," see those titles.

Forms and varieties of insanity. Without attempting a scientific classification of the numerous types and forms of insanity, (as to which it may be said that there is as yet no final agreement among psychologists and alienists either as to analysis or nomenclature,) definitions and explanations will here be appended of the compound and descriptive terms most commonly meet with in medical jurisprudence. And, first, as to the origins or causes of the disease:—

Insanity which results from a disease of the brain itself, whether due to organic lesions of the cortex, cerebellum, etc.—

Congenital insanity is that which exists from the birth of the patient, and is (in law) properly called "idiocy." See supra.—Cretinism is a form of imperfect or arrested mental development, which may amount to idiocy, with physical degeneracy or deformity or lack of development; endemic in Switzerland and some other parts of Europe, but the term is applied to similar states occurring elsewhere.—

Pellagraous insanity. Insanity caused by or derived from pellagra, which is an endemic disease of southern Europe, (though not confined to that region,) characterized by erythema, digestive derangement, and nervous affections. (Cretinism.)

Polyneuritic insanity is insanity arising from an inflammation of the nerves, of the kind called "polyneuritis" or "multiple neuritis" because it involves several nerves at the same time. This is often preceded by tuberculosis and almost always by alcoholism, and is characterized especially by delusions and false ideas of the memory. It is otherwise called "Lorin's disease."—Chorea insanity is insanity arising from chorea, the latter being a nervous disease, more connected with the organs of motion than the nervous system, characterized by irregular and involuntary twitchings of the muscles of the limbs and face, popularly called "St. Vitus' dance."—

Puerperal insanity is mental derangement occurring in women at the time of child-birth or immediately after; see Insanity called "ecolaphepsia."—Folie brightique. A French term sometimes used to designate an access of insanity resulting from nephritis or "Bright's disease."—State v. Reilly, 18 N. Y. 509, 13 Am. Dec. 703, 66 N. Y. Supp. 44. Delirium tremens. A disease of the nervous system, induced by the excessive and protracted use of intoxicating liquors, and which may amount to idiocy, with incoherence and lack of continuity in the intellectual processes, a suspension or perversion of the powers of the understanding, and delusions of a terrifying nature, but not generally prompting to violence except in the effort to escape from imaginary dangers. It is recognized in law as a form of insanity, and may be of such a nature or intensity as to render the patient legally incapable of committing a crime. United States v. McGlue, 1 Curt. 1, 26 Fed. Cas. 1069; Insurance Co. v. Deming, 123 Ind. 884, 24 N. E. 86; Macconney v. State, 5 Ohio St. 77; Erwin v. State, 10 Tex. App. 700; Carter v. State, 62 Am. Dec. 123. In some states the insanity of alcoholic intoxication is classed as "temporary," where induced by the voluntary recent use of ardent spirits and causing a degree thereof becomes incapable of judging the consequences or the moral aspect of his acts, and "settled," where the degree of insanity is that of chronic alcoholic delirium. Settled insanity, in this sense, excuses from civil or criminal responsibility; temporary insanity does not. The ground of the distinction is that the former is a remote effect of imbibing alcoholic liquors and is not voluntarily incurred, while the latter is a direct result voluntarily sought. Com. v. Mace, 21 Ind. 271; People v. Smith, 20 S. W. 744, 18 L. R. A. 421, 37 Am. St. Rep. 811; Macconney v. State, 5 Ohio St. 77.

Syphilitic insanity is parasitic or progressive imbecility resulting from the infection of syphilis. It is sometimes called (as being a sequel or result of that disease) "metasphyllis" or "parasphyllis."—Tactile delirium. A form of mental derangement or insanity complicated with "tabes dorsalis" or locomotor ataxia, which generally precedes, or sometimes follows, the mental attack. As to insanity resulting from cerebral embolism, see Embolism; from epilepsy, see Epilepsy. As to chronic alcoholism as a form of insanity, see Alcoholism.

General descriptive and clinical terms. Affecting insanity. A modern comprehensive term descriptive of all those forms of insanity which either are symptoms or relate to the formation or operation of the emotions and hence to the ethical and social relations of the individual.—Involuntary insanity. That which sometimes accompanies the "involuntary" of the physical structure and physiology of the individual, the reverse of their "evolution," hence practically equivalent to the imbecility of old age or senile dementia.—Maniacal-depressive insanity. A form of insanity characterized by alternating periods of high maniacal excitement and of depressed and stuporous moods in the nature of a living melancholia, often occurring as a series or cycle of isolated attacks, with more or less complete restoration to health in the intervals. (Rumpel's insanity.)—Malignant insanity, the otherwise called "criminal insanity" or "circular stupor."—Circumstantial insanity. Another name for maniacal-depressive insanity. The term "insanity juris" or "insanity criminale" is the legal term, may mean either monomania (see Infra) or an intermediate stage in the development of mental derangement. In the former sense, it may mean a maniacal or irresponsible for his acts, except where instigated directly by his particular delusion or obsession. Google Books, 1978, "Medical Dictionary," 1199 Pa. 335, 49 Atl. 60; Trich v. Trich, 165 Pa. 586, 30 Atl. 1063. In the latter sense,
it denotes a clouding or weakening of the mind, not inconsistent with some measure of memory, reason, and judgment. But the terms insanity and
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General paralysis. (Kraepelin.)—Folie cirrhosa.

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eral delirium is accompanied with more or less of excitement. Sometimes the excitement amounts to a fury. The individual in such cases indulges in imprudent and even criminal exhibitions, while, as to all matters outside the range of the peculiar infirmity, the intellectual faculties remain unimpaired and function normally. Hopper v. People, 31 Ill. 390, 53 Am. Dec. 231; In re Black's Estate, Myr. Prob. (Cal.) 27; Owings' Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 385, 17 Am. Dec. 311; Mc Cracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 540; Winters v. State, 61 N. J. Law, 613, 41 Atl. 220; People v. Braun, 158 N. Y. 558, 53 N. E. 52; Flanagan v. State, 103 Ga. 619, 50 S. E. 545. Paranoia is called by Kraepelin "progressive systematized insanity," because the delusions of being wronged or of persecution and of exalted rank, historical or contemporary.—Kleptomania. The so-called "delirium of grandeur" or "folie de grandeur;" a form of mania in which the besetting delusion of the patient is that he is some person of great celebrity or exalted rank, historical or contemporary.

Kleptomania. A species (or symptom) of mania, consisting in irresistible propensity to steal. Looney v. State, 19 Tex. App. 523, 38 Am. Rep. 646; State v. Reidell, 9 Houst. (Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 504. Hypomania. Incendiarium; a form of affective insanity in which the mania takes the form of an irresistible impulse to burn or set fire to things.—Oikemia, a form of insanity manifesting itself in a morbid state of the domestic affections, as an unreasonable dislike of wife or child without cause or provocation. Ekin v. McCracken, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 540.

Nymphomania. A form of mania characterized by a morbid, excessive, and uncontrollable craving for sexual intercourse. This term is applied only to females. If, however, the mania in men is "satyriasis."—Erotomania. A form of mania similar to nymphomania, except that the present term is applied to patients of both sexes and that (according to authorities) it is applicable to all cases of excessive sexual craving irrespective of origin; while nymphomania is restricted to cases where the disease is caused by a local disorder of the sexual organs reacting on the brain. And it is to be observed that the term "erotomania" is now often indiscriminately used by the medical profession to describe a morbid propensity for "falling in love" or an exaggerated and excited condition of amativeness or love-sickness which will affect the general physical health, but is not necessarily correlated with any sexual craving, and which, though it may unnaturally color the imagination and distort the subject's view of life and affairs, does not at all amount to insanity, and should not be so considered when it leads to crimes of violence, as in the too common case of a rejected lover who kills his mistress.—Neurophilia. A form of affective insanity manifesting itself in an unnatural and revolting love or infatuation for corporeal desiring to be in their presence, to caress them, to exhuem them, or sometimes to mutilate them, and even (in a form of sexual perversion) to violate them physically.

Melancholia. Melancholia is a form of insanity the characteristics of which are extreme mental depression, associated with delusions and hallucinations, the latter relating especially to the financial or social position of the patient or to impending or threatened dangers to his person, property, or reputation, or issuing in distorted conceptions of his society or his family or of his rights and duties in general. Connecticut Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Groom, 56 Pa. 32, 27 Am. Rep. 659; State v. Reidell, 9 Houst. (Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 504; People v. Caskie, 88 N. Y. 19, 60 N. E. 1057. Hypochondria or hypochondritis. A form of melancholia in which there are deep, exaggerated, or delusory fears concerning his health or suffers from imaginary disease. Toxophobia. Morbid dread of being poisoned; a form of insanity manifesting itself by the irrational and ungrounded apprehension of death by poison.

Specific definitions and applications in law. There are numerous legal proceedings where insanity may be shown, and the rule for establishing mental capacity or the want of it varies according to the object or purpose of the proceeding. Among these may be enumerated the following: A criminal prosecu-
tion where insanity is alleged as a defense; a proceeding to defeat a will on the ground of the insanity of the testator; a suit to avoid a contract (including that of marriage) for similar reasons; a proceeding to secure the sanity of a person alleged to be insane to an asylum; a proceeding to appoint a guardian or conservator for an alleged lunatic; a plea or proceeding to avoid the effect of the statute of limitations on account of insanity. What might be regarded as insanity in one of such cases would not necessarily be so regarded in another. No definite rule can be laid down which would apply to all cases alike. Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 60, 51 N. E. 303; Clarke v. Irwin, 63 Neb. 539, 88 N. W. 733. But the following rules or tests for specific cases have been generally accepted and approved:

In criminal law and as a defense to an accusation of crime, insanity means such a perverted and deranged condition of the mental and moral faculties as to render the person incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong, or to render him at the time unconscious of the nature of the act he is committing, or such that, though he may be conscious of it and also of its normal quality, so as to know that the act in question is wrong, yet his will or volition has been (otherwise than voluntarily) so completely destroyed that his actions are not subject to it but are beyond his control. Or, as otherwise stated, insanity is such a state of mental derangement that the subject is incompetent of having a criminal intent, or incapable of so controlling his will as to avoid doing the act in question. Davis v. U. S., 165 U. S. 373, 17 Sup. Ct. 300, 41 L. Ed. 750; Doherty v. State, 73 Vt. 390, 50 Atl. 1113; Butler v. State, 102 Wis. 364, 73 N. W. 596; Rather v. State, 25 Tex. App. 623, 9 S. W. 69; Lowe v. State, 118 Wis. 451, 96 N. W. 424; Genz v. State, 59 N. J. Law, 483, 37 Atl. 68, 10 Am. L. St. Rep. 619; In re Gutierrez (D. C.) 10 Fed. 164; People v. Finley, 38 Mich. 452; People v. Holm, 62 Cal. 129, 45 Am. Rep. 651; Carr v. State, 96 Ga. 284, 22 S. E. 570; Wilcox v. State, 94 Tenn. 106, 28 S. W. 312; State v. Holloway, 156 Mo. 222, 56 S. W. 734; Hotoma v. U. S., 186 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 895, 46 L. Ed. 1225.

Testamentary capacity includes an intelligent understanding of the testator's property, its extent and items, and of the nature of the act he is about to perform, together with a clear understanding and purpose as to the manner of its distribution and the persons who are to receive it. Lacking these, he is not mentally competent. The presence of insane delusions is not inconsistent with testamentary capacity, if they are of such a nature that they cannot reasonably be supposed to have affected the dispositions made by the will; and the same is true of the various forms of mania and of all kinds of eccentricity and personal idiosyncrasy. But imbecility, senile dementia, and all forms of systematized mania which affect the understanding and judgment generally disable the patient from making a valid will. See Harrison v. Rowan, 3 Wash. C. G. 955, Fed. Cas. No. 6, 741; Snavely v. State, 15 Prob. Div. 84; Banks v. Goodfellow, 30 Law J. B. 31, 248; Wilson v. Mitchell, 101 Pa. 495; Whitney v. Twombly, 136 Mass. 147; Lowder v. Lowder, 58 Ind. 540; In re Halbert's Will, 15 Misc. Rep. 308, 37 N. Y. Supp. 757; Dep v. Vancleve, 5 N. J. Law, 660.

As a ground for avoiding or annulling a contract or conveyance, insanity does not mean a total deprivation of reason, but an inability, from defect of perception, memory, and judgment, to do the act in question or to understand its nature and consequences. Frazer v. Frazer, 2 Del. Ch. 250. The insanity must have entered into and induced the particular contract or conveyance; it must appear that it was not the act of the free and untrammeled mind, and that on account of the diseased condition of the mind the person entered into a contract or made a conveyance which he would not have made if he had been in the possession of his reason. Dewey v. Alligire, 37 Neb. 6, 55 N. W. 276, 40 Am. St. Rep. 468; Dennett v. Dennett, 44 N. H. 557, 84 Am. Dec. 97. Insanity sufficient to justify the annulment of a marriage means such a want of understanding at the time of the marriage as to render the party incapable of assenting to the contract of marriage. The morbid propensity to steal, called "kleptomania," does not answer this description. Lewis v. Lewis, 44 Minn. 124, 46 N. W. 323, 9 L. R. A. 505, 20 Am. St. Rep. 560.

As a ground for restraining the personal liberty of the patient, it may be said in general that the form of insanity from which he suffers should be such as to make his going at a large a source of danger to himself or to others, though this matter is largely regulated by local law. In the U. S., the law permits the commitment to insane asylums and hospitals of persons whose insanity does not manifest itself in homicidal or other destructive forms of mania, but who are incapable of caring for themselves and their property or who are simply fit subjects for treatment in hospitals and other institutions specially designed for the care of such patients. See, for example, Gen. St. Kan. 1901, § 5670.

To constitute insanity such as will authorize the appointment of a guardian or conservator for the patient, there must be such a deprivation of reason and judgment as to render him incapable of understanding and acting with discretion in the ordinary affairs of life; a want of sufficient mental capacity to transact ordinary business and to take care of and manage his property and affairs. See Snyder v. Snyder, 142 Ill. 60, 31 N. E. 305; In re Wetmore's Guardianship, 6 Wash. 271, 33 Pac. 615.

Insanity as a plea or proceeding to avoid the effect of the statute of limitations means
practically the same thing as in relation to the appointment of a guardian. On the one hand, it does not require a total deprivation of reason or absence of understanding. On the other hand, it does not include mere weakness of mind short of imbecility. It means such a degree of derangement as renders the subject incapable of understanding the nature of the particular affair and his rights and remedies in regard to it and incapable of taking discreet and intelligent action. See Burnham v. Mitchell, 34 Wis. 134.

There are a few other legal rights or relations into which the question of insanity enters, such as the capacity of a witness or of a voter; but they are governed by the same general principles. The test is capacity to understand and appreciate the nature of the particular act and to exercise intelligence in its performance. A witness must understand the nature and purpose of an oath and have enough intelligence and memory to relate correctly the facts within his knowledge. So a voter must understand the nature of the act to be performed and be able to make an intelligent choice of candidates. In either case, eccentricity, "crankiness," feeble-mindedness not amounting to imbecility, or insane delusions which do not affect the matter in hand, do not disqualify. See District of Columbia v. Armes, 107 U. S. 521, 2 Sup. Ct. 840, 27 L. Ed. 180; Clark v. Robinson, 88 111. 502.

Insanus est qui, abjecta ratione, omnia cum impetu et furore facit. He is insane who, reason being thrown away, does everything with violence and rage. 4 Coke, 128.

INSCRIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To subscribe an accusation. To bind oneself, in case of failure to prove an accusation, to suffer the same punishment which the accused would have suffered had he been proved guilty. Calvin.

INSCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A written accusation in which the accuser undertakes to suffer the punishment appropriate to the offense charged, if the accused is able to clear himself of the accusation. Calvin; Cod. 9, 1, 10; Id. 9, 2, 16, 17.

INSCRIPTION. In evidence. Anything written or engraved upon a metallic or other solid substance, intended for great durability; as upon a tombstone, pillar, tablet, medal, ring, etc.

In modern civil law. The entry of a mortgage, lien, or other document at large in a book of public records; corresponding to "recording" or "registration."

INSCRIPTIONES. The name given by the old English law to any written instrument by which anything was granted. Blount.
INSOLVENCY.


As to the distinction between bankruptcy and insolvency, see BANKRUPTCY.

—Insolvency fund. In English law. A fund, consisting of moneys and securities, which, at the time of the passing of the bankruptcy act, 1861, stood in the Bank of England, to the credit of the commissioners of the insolvent debtors' court, and was, by the twenty-sixth section of that act, directed to be carried by the bank to the account of the accountant in bankruptcy. Provision has now been made for its transfer to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt. Robs. Bankr. 20, 56—Open insolvency. The condition of one who has no property, within the reach of the law, applicable to the payment of any debt. Hardesty v. Kinworthy, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 305; Sonserby v. Brown, 73 Ind. 356.

INSOLVENT. One who cannot or does not pay; one who is unable to pay his debts; one who is not solvent; one who has not means or property sufficient to pay his debts. See INSOLVENCY.


INSPECTOR. A prosecutor or adversary.

INSPECTION. The examination or testing of food, fluids, or other articles made subject by law to such examination, to ascertain their fitness for use or commerce. People v. Compagnie Generale Transatlantique (C. C.) 10 Fed. 361; Id., 107 U. S. 59, 2 Sup. Ct. 87, 27 L. Ed. 383; Turner v. Maryland, 107 U. S. 38, 2 Sup. Ct. 44, 27 L. Ed. 370.

Also the examination by a private person of public records and documents; or of the books and papers of his opponent in an action, for the purpose of better preparing his own case for trial.

—Inspection laws. Laws authorizing and directing the inspection and examination of various kinds of merchandise intended for sale, especially food, with a view to ascertaining its fitness for use, and excluding unwholesome or unmarketable goods from sale, and directing the appointment of official inspectors for that purpose. See Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, cl. 2; Story, Const. § 1017, et seq. Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 202, 6 L. Ed. 22; Plaintsman v. Northrop, 8 Cow. (N. Y.) 43; Patapeco Guano Co. v. Board of Agriculture, 171 U. S. 345, 18 Sup. Ct. 862, 41 L. Ed. 191; Turner v. State, 53 Md. 203—Inspection of documents. This phrase refers to the right of a party, in a civil action, to inspect and make copies of documents which are essential or material to the maintenance of his cause, and which are either in the custody of an officer of the law or in the possession of the adverse party—Inspection, trial by. A mode of trial formerly in use in England, by which the judges of a court decided a point in dispute, upon the testimony of their own senses, without the intervention of a jury. This took place in cases where the fact upon which issue was taken must, from its nature, be evident to the court on the occurrence of demonstration, or other irrefragable proof; and was adopted for the greater expedition of a cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 851.

INSPECTORS. Officers whose duty it is to examine the quality of certain articles of merchandise, food, weights and measures, etc.

INSPECTORSHIP, DEED OF. In English law. An instrument entered into between an insolvent debtor and his creditors, appointing one or more persons to inspect and oversee the winding up of such insolvent's affairs on behalf of the creditors.

INSPEXIMUS. Lat. In old English law. We have inspected. An exemplification of letters patent, so called from the emphatic word of the old forms. 5 Coke, 539.

INSTALLATION. The ceremony of inducing or investing with any charge, office, or rank, as the placing a bishop into his see, a dean or prebendary into his stall or seat, or a knight into his order. Wharton.

INSTALLMENTS. Different portions of the same debt payable at different successive periods as agreed. Brown.

INSTANCe. In pleading and practice. Solicitation, properly of an earnest or urgent kind. An act is often said to be done at a party's "special instance and request."

In the civil and French law. A general term, designating all sorts of actions and judicial demands. Dig. 44, 7, 58.

In ecclesiastical law. Causes of instance are those proceeded in at the solicitation of some party, as opposed to causes of
office, which run in the name of the judge. Hallifax, Civil Law, p. 156.

In Scotch law. That which may be insisted on at one diet or course of probation. Wharton.

—Instance court. In English law. That division or department of the court of admiralty which exercises all the ordinary admiralty jurisdiction, with the single exception of prize cases, the latter belonging to the branch called the "Prize Court." The term is sometimes used in American law for purposes of explanation, but has no proper application to admiralty courts in the United States, where the powers of both instance and prize courts are conferred without any distinction. 3 Kent, Comm. 355, 378; The Betsey, 3 Dall. 5, 1 L. Ed. 498; The Emulous, 1 Gall. 563, Fed. Cas. No. 4,479.

INSTANCI.A. In Spanish law. The institution and prosecution of a suit from its commencement until definitive judgment. The first instance, "primera instancia," is the prosecution of the suit before the judge competent to take cognizance of it at its inception; the second instance, "segunda instancia," is the exercise of the same action before the court of appellate jurisdiction; and the third instance, "tercera instancia," is the prosecution of the same suit, either by an application of revision before the appellate tribunal that has already decided the cause, or before some higher tribunal, having jurisdiction of the same. Escriche.

INSTANTANEOUS. An "instantaneous" crime is one which is fully consummated or completed in and by a single act (such as arson or murder) as distinguished from one which involves a series or repetition of acts. See U. S. v. Owen (D. C.) 32 Fed. 537.

INSTANTER. Immediately; instantaneously; without delay. Trial instanter was had where a prisoner between attainder and execution pleaded that he was not the same who was attainted. When a party is ordered to plead instanter, he must plead the same day. The term is usually understood to mean within twenty-four hours. Rex v. Johnson, 6 East, 583; Smith v. Little, 53 Ill. App. 160; State v. Clevery, 20 Mo. App. 627; Fentress v. State, 16 Tex. App. 83; Champlin v. Champ- lin, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 329.

INSTAR. Lat. Likeness; the likeness, size, or equivalent of a thing. Instar den­ tium, like teeth. 2 Bl. Comm. 295. Instar omnium, equivalent or tantamount to all. Id. 146; 3 Bl. Comm. 231.

INSTAURUM. In old English deeds. A stock or store of cattle, and other things; the whole stock upon a farm, including cattle, wagons, plows, and all other implements of husbandry. 1 Mon. Angl. 548b; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 72, § 7. Terra instaurata, land ready stocked.

INSTIGATION. Incitation; urging; solicitation. The act by which one incites another to do something, as to commit some crime or to commence a suit. State v. Fraker, 148 Mo. 143, 49 S. W. 1017.

INSTIPARE. To plant or establish.

INSTITOR. Lat. In the civil law. A clerk in a store; an agent.

INSTITORIA ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an action given to those who had contracted with an institor (q. v.) to compel the principal to performance. Inst. 4, 7, 2; Dig. 14, 3, 1; Story, Ag. § 426.

INSTITORIAL POWER. The charge given to a clerk to manage a shop or store. 1 Bell, Comm. 506, 507.


To nominate, constitute, or appoint; as to institute an heir by testament. Dig. 28, 5, 65.

INSTITUTE, n. In the civil law. A person named in the will as heir, but with a direction that he shall pass over the estate to another designated person, called the "substitute."

In Scotch law. The person to whom an estate is first given by destination or limitation; the others, or the heirs of tailzie, are called "substitutes."

INSTITUTES. A name sometimes given to text-books containing the elementary principles of jurisprudence, arranged in an orderly and systematic manner. For example, the Institutes of Justinian, of Gaius, of Lord Coke.

—Institutes of Gaius. An elementary work of the Roman jurist Gaius; important as having formed the foundation of the Institutes of Justinian, (q. v.) These Institutes were discovered by Niebuhr in 1816, in a codex rescris­ tute of the library of the cathedral chapter at Verona, and were first published in Berlin in 1820. Two editions have since appeared. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 54.—Institutes of Justinian. One of the four component parts of principal divisions of the Corpus Juris Civ­ ilis, being an elementary treatise on the Roman law, in four books. This work was compiled from earlier sources, (resting principally on the Institutes of Gaius,) by a commission compos­ ed of Tribonian and two others, by command and under direction of the emperor Justinian, and was first published November 21, A. D. 533.—Institutes of Lord Coke. The name of four volumes by Lord Coke, published A. D. 1639. The first is an extensive comment upon a treatise on tenures, compiled by Littleton, a judge of the common pleas, temp. Edward IV. This comment is a rich mine of valuable common-law learning, collected and heaped to-
gather from the ancient reports and Year Books, but greatly defective in method. It is usually cited by the name of "Co. Litt." or as "1 Inst." The second volume is a comment upon old acts of parliament, without systematic order; the third a more methodical treatise on the pleas of the crown; and the fourth an account of the several species of courts. These are cited as 2, 3, or 4 "Inst." without any author's name. Wharton.

**INSTITUTIO HÆREDIS.** Lat. In Roman law. The appointment of the hæres in the will. It corresponds very nearly to the nomination of an executor in English law. Without such an appointment the will was void at law, but the prætor (i. e., equity) would, under certain circumstances, carry out the intentions of the testator. Brown.

**INSTITUTION.** The commencement or inauguration of anything. The first establishment of a law, rule, etc. Any custom, system, organization, etc., firmly established. An elementary rule or principle.

In practice. The commencement of an action or prosecution; as, A. B. has instituted a suit against C. D. to recover damages for trespass.

In political law. A law, rite, or ceremony enjoined by authority as a permanent rule of conduct or of government. Webster.

A system or body of usages, laws, or regulations, of extensive and recurring operation, containing within itself an organism by which it effects its own independent action, continuance, and generally its own further development. Its object is to generate, effect, regulate, or sanction a succession of acts, transactions, or productions of a peculiar kind or class. We are likewise in the habit of calling single laws or usages "institutions," if their operation is of vital importance and vast scope, and if their continuance is in a high degree independent of any interfering power. Lieb. Civil Lib. 300.

In corporation law. An organization or foundation, for the exercise of some public purpose or function; as an asylum or a university. By the term "institution" in this sense is to be understood an establishment or organization which is permanent in its nature, as distinguished from an enterprise or undertaking which is transient and temporary. Humphries v. Little Sisters of the Poor, 29 Ohio St. 206; Indianapolis v. Sturdevant, 24 Ind. 591.

In ecclesiastical law. A kind of investiture of the spiritual part of the benefice, as induction is of the temporal; for by institution the care of the souls of the parish is committed to the charge of the clerk. Brown.

In the civil law. The designation by a testator of a person to be his heir.

In jurisprudence. The plural form of this word ("institutions") is sometimes used as the equivalent of "institutes," to denote an elementary text-book of the law.
In the law of evidence. Anything which may be presented as evidence to the senses of the adjudicating tribunal. The term “instrument of evidence” includes not merely documents, but witnesses and living things which may be presented for inspection. 1 Whart. Ev. § 615.

Instrument of appeal. The document by which an appeal is brought in an English matrimonial cause from the president of the probate, divorce, and admiralty division to the full court. It is analogous to a petition. Brown’s Dig. 230; 7 Am. Ev. §§ 18, 19. Instruments of evidence. Instruments of evidence are the media through which the evidence of facts, either disputed or required to be proved, is conveyed to the mind of a judicial tribunal; and they comprise persons, as well as writings. Best, Ev. § 123.

Instrument of saisine. An instrument in Scotland by which the delivery of “saisine” (i.e., seisin, or the feudal possession of land) is attested. It is subscribed by a notary, in the presence of witnesses, and is executed in pursuance of a “precept of saisine,” whereby the “grantor of the deed” desires “any notary public to whom these presents may be presented” to give saisine to the intended grantee or grantees. It must be entered and recorded in the registers of saisines. Mosley & Whitney.

Instrumenta. Lat. That kind of evidence which consists of writings not under seal; as court-rolls, accounts, and the like. 3 Co. Litt. 457.

Insucken multures. A quantity of corn paid by those who are thirled to a mill. See Thiblage.

Insufficiency. In equity pleading. The legal inadequacy of an answer in equity which does not fully and specifically reply to some one or more of the material allegations, charges, or interrogatories set forth in the bill. White v. Joy, 13 N. Y. 80; Houghton v. Townsend, 8 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 446; Hill v. Fair Haven & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 Atl. 725.

Insula. Lat. An island; a house not connected with other houses, but separated by a surrounding space of ground. Calvin.

Insuper. Lat. Moreover; over and above. An old exchequer term, applied to a charge made upon a person in his account. Blount.


Every interest in property, or any relation thereto, or liability in respect thereof, of such a nature that a contemplated peril might directly damnum the insured, is an insurable interest. Civil Code, Cal. § 2546.

In the case of life insurance, a reasonable expectation of pecuniary benefit from the continued life of another; a reasonable ground, founded upon the relation of the parties to each other, either pecuniary or of blood or affinity, to expect some benefit or advantage from the continuance of the life of the assured. Insurance Co. v. Schaefer, 94 U. S. 460, 24 L. Ed. 251; Warnock v. Davis, 104 U. S. 779, 26 L. Ed. 924; Rombach v. Insurance Co., 35 La. Ann. 234, 48 Am. Rep. 239.

Insurance. A contract whereby, for a stipulated consideration, one party undertakes to compensate the other for loss on a specified subject by specified perils. The party agreeing to make the compensation is usually called the “insurer” or “underwriter,” the other, the “insured” or “assured,” the agreed consideration, the “premium,” the written contract, a “policy,” the events insured against, “risks” or “perils;” and the subject, right, or interest to be protected, the “insurable interest.” 1 Phil. Ins. §§ 1–5.


Classification. Accident insurance is that form of insurance which undertakes to indemnify the assured against expense, loss of time, and suffering resulting from accidents causing him physical injury, usually by payment at a fixed rate per week while the consequent disability lasts, and sometimes including the payment of a fixed sum to his heirs in case of his death by accident within the term of the policy. See Employers’ Liability Assur. Corp. v. Merrill, 155 Mass. 404, 29 N. E. 529.—Burglary insurance. Insurance against loss of property by the depredations of burglars and thieves. Casualty insurance. This term is generally used as equivalent to “accident” insurance. See State v. Federal Inv. Co., 48 Minn. 110, 50 N. W. 1028. But in some states it means insurance against accidental injuries to property, as distinguished from accidents resulting in bodily injury or death. See Employers’ Liability Assur. Corp. v. Merrill, 155 Mass. 404, 29 N. E. 529.—Contingent insurance is a term applied to indemnity agreements, in the form of insurance bonds or policies, whereby parties to commercial contracts are to a designated extent guarantied against loss by reason of a breach of contractual oblig-
gations on the part of the other contracting party; to this class belong policies of contract credit insurance. A "private" insurance company, while in the latter case the undertaking is

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become members of the association and contribute either cash or assessable premium notes, or both, to a common fund, out of which each is entitled to indemnity in case of loss. Mr. Gatt v. Insurance Co., 21 N. Y. 65; Insurance Co. v. Howe, 21 How. 33, 16 L. Ed. 61; Given v. Bettwa, 162 Pa. 638, 29 Atl. 702. A stock company is one organized according to the usual form of business corporations, having a capital stock divided into shares, which, with current income and accumulated surplus, constitutes the fund for the payment of losses, policy-holders paying fixed premiums and not being members of the association unless they also happen to be stockholders.—Insurance policy. See Policy.—Oversurance. Insurance effected upon property, either in one or several companies, to an amount which, separately or in the aggregate, exceeds the actual value of the property.—Reinsurance. Insurance of an insurer; a contract by which an insurer procures a third person (usually another insurance company) to insure him against loss or liability by reason of the original insurance. CIV. Code Cal. § 2946; Insurance Co. v. Insurance Co., 38 Ohio St. 15, 43 Am. Rep. 413.

INSURE. To engage to indemnify a person against pecuniary loss from specified perils. To act as an insurer.

INSURED. The person who obtains insurance on his property, or upon whose life an insurance is effected.

INSURER. The underwriter or insurance company with whom a contract of insurance is made. The person who undertakes to indemnify another by a contract of insurance is called the "insurer," and the person indemnified is called the "insured." Civil Code Cal. § 2538.

INSURGENT. One who participates in an insurrection; one who opposes the execution of law by force of arms, or who rises in revolt against the constituted authorities.

A distinction is often taken between "insurgent" and "rebel," in this: that the former term is not necessarily used in a bad sense, inasmuch as an insurrection, though extralegal, may be just and timely; as when it is undertaken for the overthrow of tyranny or the reform of gross abuses. According to Webster, an insurrection is an incipient or early stage of a rebellion.

INSURRECTION. A rebellion, or rising of citizens or subjects in resistance to their government. See INSURGENT.

Insurrection shall consist in any combined resistance to the lawful authority of the state, with intent to the denial thereof, when the same is manifested, or intended to be manifested, by acts of violence. Code Ga. 1882, § 4315. And see Allegheny County v. Gibson, 90 Pa. 417, 35 Am. Rep. 679; Boon v. Etta Ins. Co., 40 Conn. 584; In re Charge to Grand Jury (D. C.) 62 Fed. 580.

INTAKERS. In old English law. A kind of thieves inhabiting Redesdale, on the extreme northern border of England; so called because they took in or received such bottles of cattle and other things as their accomplices, who were called "out-partners," brought in to them from the borders of Scotland. Spelman; Cowell.

INTAKES. Temporary inclosures made by customary tenants of a manor under a special custom authorizing them to inclose part of the waste until one or more crops have been raised on it. Elton, Common, 277.

INTANGIBLE PROPERTY. Used chiefly in the law of taxation, this term means such property as has no intrinsic and marketable value, but is merely the representative or evidence of value, such as certificates of stock, bonds, promissory notes, and tranches. See Western Union Tel. Co. v. Norman (C. C.) 77 Fed. 23.

INTEGER. Lat. Whole; untouched. Rex integra means a question which is new and undecided. 2 Kent, Comm. 177.

INTEGRITY. As occasionally used in statutes prescribing the qualifications of public officers, trustees, etc., this term means soundness of moral principle and character, as shown by one person dealing with others in the making and performance of contracts, and fidelity and honesty in the discharge of trusts; it is synonymous with "probity," "honesty," and "uprightness." In re Bouquier's Estate, 58 Cal. 302, 26 Pac. 178; In re Gordon's Estate, 142 Cal. 125, 75 Pac. 672.

INTELLIGIBILITY. In pleading. The statement of matters of fact directly (excluding the necessity of inference or argument to arrive at the meaning) and in such appropriate terms, so arranged, as to be comprehensible by a person of common or ordinary understanding. See Merrill v. Everett, 38 Conn. 48; Davis v. Trump, 48 W. Va. 191, 27 S. E. 397, 64 Am. St. Rep. 849; Jennings v. State, 7 Tex. App. 358; Ash v. Purnell (Com. Pl.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 54.

INTEMPERANCE. Habitual intemperance is that degree of intemperance from the use of intoxicating drinks which disqualifies the person a great portion of the time from properly attending to business, or which would reasonably inflict a curse of great mental anguish upon an innocent party. Civ. Code Cal. § 106. And see Mowry v. Home L. Ins. Co., 9 R. I. 355; Zeigler v. Com. (Pa.) 14 Atl. 253; Tatum v. State, 63 Ala. 149; Elkins v. Buschner (Pa.) 16 Atl. 104.

INTEND. To design, resolve, purpose. To apply a rule of law in the nature of presumption; to discern and follow the probability of like cases.

INTENDANT. One who has the charge, management, or direction of some office, department, or public business.

Used in the constitutional and statutory law of some European governments to designate a principal officer of state correspond-
ing to the cabinet ministers or secretaries of the various departments of the United States government, as, "intendant of marine," "intendant of finance."

The term was also used in Alabama to designate the chief executive officer of a city or town, having practically the same duties and functions as a mayor. See Const. Ala. 1901, § 176; Intendant and Council of Greensboro v. Mullins, 13 Ala. 341.

**INTENDED TO BE RECORDED.** This phrase is frequently used in conveyances, when reciting some other conveyance which has not yet been recorded, but which forms a link in the chain of title. In Pennsylvania, it has been construed to be a covenant, on the part of the grantor, to procure the deed to be recorded in a reasonable time. Penn v. Preston, 2 Rawle (Pa.) 14.

**INTENDENTE.** In Spanish law. The immediate agent of the minister of finance, or the chief and principal director of the different branches of the revenue, appointed in the various departments in each of the provinces into which the Spanish monarchy is divided. Escricha.

**INTENDMENT OF LAW.** The true meaning, the correct understanding or intention of the law; a presumption or inference made by the courts. Co. Litt. 78.

**INTENT.** 1. In criminal law and the law of evidence. Purpose; formulated design; a resolve to do or forbear a particular act; aim; determination. In its literal sense, the stretching of the mind or will towards a particular object. "Intent" expresses mental action at its most advanced point, or as it actually accompanies an outward, corporal act which has been determined on. Intent shows the presence of will in the act which consummates a crime. It is the exercise of intelligent will, the mind being fully aware of the nature and consequences of the act which is about to be done, and with such knowledge, and with full liberty of action, willing and electing to do it. BurriU, Circ. Ev. 224, and notes.

**INTENTION.** Meaning; will; purpose; signification; intention; applied to words or language. See CERTAINTY.

**INTENTIO.** A writ that lay against him who entered into lands after the death of a tenant in dower, or for life, etc., and held out to him in reversion or remainder. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 203.

**INTER.** Lat. Among; between.

**INTER ALIA.** Among other things. A term anciently used in pleading, especially in reciting statutes, where the whole statute was not set forth at length. Inter alia enactatum fuit, among other things it was enacted. See Plowd. 65.

**INTER ALIOS.** Between other persons; between those who are strangers to a matter in question.

**INTER APICES JURIS.** Among the subtleties of the law. See APEX JURIS.

**INTER BRACHIA.** Between her arms. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 55, §§ 1, 2.

**INTER CETEROS.** Among others; in a general clause; not by name, (nominitim.)
A term applied in the civil law to clauses of disinheritance in a will. Inst. 2, 13, 1; id. 2, 13, 3.

INTER CANEM ET LUPUM. (Lat. Between the dog and the wolf.) The twilight; because then the dog seeks his rest, and the wolf his prey. 3 Inst. 65.

INTER CONJUGES. Between husband and wife.

INTER CONJUNCTAS PERSONAS. Between conjunct persons. By the act 1621, c. 18, all conveyances or alienations between conjunct persons, unless granted for onerous causes, are declared, as in a question with creditors, to be null and of no avail. Conjunct persons are those standing in a certain degree of relationship to each other; such, for example, as brothers, sisters, sons, uncles, etc. These were formerly excluded as witnesses, on account of their relationship; but this, as a ground of exclusion, has been abolished. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER FAUCES TERRAE. (Between the jaws of the land.) A term used to describe a roadstead or arm of the sea enclosed between promontories or projecting headlands.

INTER PARES. Between peers; between those who stand on a level or equality, as respects diligence, opportunity, responsibility, etc.

INTER PARTES. Between parties. Instruments in which two persons unite, each making conveyance to, or engagement with, the other, are called “papers inter partes.” Smith v. Emery, 12 N. J. Law, 60.

INTER QUATUOR PARIETES. Between four walls. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 55, § 4.

INTER REGALIA. In English law. Among the things belonging to the sovereign. Among these are rights of salmon fishing, mines of gold and silver, forests, forfeitures, casualties of superiority, etc., which are called “regalia minora,” and may be conveyed to a subject. The regalia majora include the several branches of the royal prerogative, which are inseparable from the person of the sovereign. Tray. Lat. Max.

INTER RUSTICOS. Among the illiterate or unlearned.

INTER SE, INTER SESE. Among themselves. Story, Partn. § 405.

INTER VIRUM ET UXOREM. Between husband and wife.

INTER VIVOS. Between the living; from one living person to another. Where property passes by conveyance, the transaction is said to be inter vivos, to distinguish it from a case of succession or devise. So an ordinary gift from one person to another is called a “gift inter vivos,” to distinguish it from a donation made in contemplation of death, (mortis causa.)

INTERCALLEARE. Lat. In the civil law. To introduce or insert among or between others; to introduce a day or month into the calendar; to intercalate. Dig. 50, 16, 98, pr.

INTERCEDERE. Lat. In the civil law. To become bound for another’s debt.

INTERCHANGEABLY. By way of exchange or interchange. This term properly denotes the method of signing deeds, leases, contracts, etc., executed in duplicate, where each party signs the copy which he delivers to the other. Roosevelt v. Smith, 17 Misc. Rep. 323, 40 N. Y. Supp. 381.

INTERCOMMON. To enjoy a common mutually or promiscuously with the inhabitants or tenants of a contiguous township, vill, or manor. 2 Bl. Comm. 33; 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 271, § 290.

INTERCOMMUNING. Letters of intercommuning were letters from the Scotch privy council passing (on their act) in the king’s name, charging the lieges not to reset, supply, or intercommune with the persons thereby denounced; or to furnish them with meat, drink, house, harbor, or any other thing useful or comfortable; or to have any intercourse with them whatever,—under pain of being reputed art and part in their crimes, and dealt with accordingly; and desiring all sheriffs, bailies, etc., to apprehend and commit such rebels to prison. Bell.

INTERCOURSE. Communication; literally, a running or passing between persons or places; commerce. As applied to two persons, the word standing alone, and without a descriptive or qualifying word, does not import sexual connection. People v. Howard, 143 Cal. 316, 76 Pac. 1116.

INTERDICT. In Roman law. A decree of the praetor by means of which, in certain cases determined by the edict, he himself directly commanded what should be done or omitted, particularly in causes involving the right of possession or a quasi possession. In the modern civil law, interdicts are regarded precisely the same as actions, though they give rise to a summary proceeding. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 265.

Interdicts are either prohibitory, restorative, or exhibitory; the first being a prohibition, the second a decree for restoring possession lost by force, the third a decree for
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An interest was distinguished from an “action,” (actus,) properly so called, by the circumstance that, in the first instance, (principaliter,) upon the application of the plaintiff, without previously appointing a judge, by issuing a decree commanding what should be done, or left undone. Gaius, 4, 139. It might be adopted as a remedy in various cases where a regular action could not be maintained, and hence interdicts were at one time more extensively used by the preator than the actions themselves. Afterwards, however, they fell into disuse, and in the time of Justinian were generally dispensed with. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 255; Inst. 4, 15, 8.

In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical censure, by which divine services are prohibited to be administered either to particular persons or in particular places.

In Scotch law. An order of the court of session or of an inferior court, pronounced on cause shown, for stopping any act or proceedings complained of as illegal or wrongfull. It may be resorted to as a remedy against any encroachment either on property or possession, and is a protection against any unlawful proceeding. Bell.

INTERDICTION. In French law. Every person who, on account of insanity, has become incapable of controlling his own interests, can be put under the control of a guardian, who shall administer his affairs with the same effect as he might himself. Such a person is said to be “interdit,” and his status is described as “Interdiction.” Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 562.

In the civil law. A judicial decree, by which a person is deprived of the exercise of his civil rights.

In international law. An “interdiction of commercial intercourse” between two countries is a governmental prohibition of commercial intercourse, intended to bring about an entire cessation for the time being of all trade whatever. See The Edward, 1 Wheat. 272, 4 L. Ed. 86.

—Interdiction of fire and water. Banishment by an order that no man should supply the person banished with fire or water, the two necessaries of life.

INTERDICTUM SALVIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. The Salviân interdict. A process which lay for the owner of a farm to obtain possession of the goods of his tenant who had pledged them to him for the rent of the land. Inst. 4, 15, 3.

Interdum eventit ut excepit quæ prima facie justa videtur, tamen inique nocet. It sometimes happens that a plea which seems prima facie just, nevertheless is injurious and unequal. Inst. 4, 14, 1, 2.

INTERESSE. Lat. Interest. The interest of money; also an interest in lands.

—Interesse termini. An interest in a term. That species of interest or property which a lessee for years acquires in the lands demised to him, before he has actually become possessed of them. It is distinguished from that property or interest vested in him by the demise, and also reduced into possession by an actual entry upon the lands and the assumption of the владельц himself, and then the term was termed an “estate for years.” Brown.—Pro interesse suo. For his own interest; according to the extent of his individual interest. Used (in practice) to describe the intervention of a party who comes into a suit for the purpose of protecting interests of his own which may be involved in the dispute between the principal parties or which may be affected by the settlement of their contention.

INTEREST. In property. The most general term that can be employed to denote a property in lands or chattels. In its application to lands or things real, it is frequently used in connection with the terms “estate,” “right,” and “title,” and, according to Lord Coke, it properly includes them all. Co. Litt. 345b. See Ragsdale v. Mays, 65 Tex. 257; Hurst v. Hurst, 7 W. Va. 297; New York v. Stone, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 142; State v. McKellop, 40 Mo. 183; Loventhal v. Home Ins. Co., 112 Ala. 116, 20 South. 419, 33 L. R. A. 252; Arg. Rep. 17.

More particularly it means a right to have the advantage accruing from anything; any right in the nature of property, but less than title; a partial or undivided right; a title to a share.

The terms “interest” and “title” are not synonymous. A mortgagor in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have both of them, absolute as well as insurable interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. Hough v. City F. Ins. Co., 29 Conn. 20, 76 Am. Dec. 581.

—Absolute or conditional. That is an absolute interest in property which is so completely vested in the individual that he can by no contingency be deprived of it without his own consent. So, too, he is the owner of such an absolute interest who must necessarily sustain the loss if the property is destroyed. The terms “interest” and “title” are not synonymous. A mortgagor in possession, and a purchaser holding under a deed defectively executed, have, both of them, absolute, as well as insurable, interests in the property, though neither of them has the legal title. “Absolute” is here synonymous with “vested,” and is used in contradistinction to contingent or conditional. Hough v. City F. Ins. Co., 29 Conn. 10, 76 Am. Dec. 581; Garver v. Hawkeye Ins. Co., 60 Iowa, 202. 2 N. W. 555; Washington F. Ins. Co. v. Kelly, 32 Mo. 421, 431, 3 Am. Rep. 149; Elliott v. Ashland Mut. F. Ins. Co., 117 Pa. 548, 12 Atl. 676, 2 Am. St. Rep. 705; Williams v. Bank of German Ins. Co. (C. C.) 17 Fed. 63.—Interest or no interest. These words, inserted in an insurance policy, mean that the question whether the insured has or has not an insurable interest in the subject-matter is waived, and the policy is to be good irrespective of such interest. The effect of such a clause is to make it a question of the Interest policy. In insurance. One which actually, or prima facie, covers a substantial and insurable interest; as opposed to a wager policy. Bell. In a suit. In legal action in the probate branch of the high court of justice, in which the question in dispute is whether a particular party is entitled to a grant of letters of administration of the estate of a deceased person. Wharton.
Interest reipublicae suprema hominum testamenta rata haberi. It concerns the state that men's last wills be held valid, [or allowed to stand.] Co. Litt. 230a.

Interest reipublicae ut carceres sint in tuto. It concerns the state that prisons be safe places of confinement. 2 Inst. 589.

Interest (imprimis) reipublicae ut Pax in regno conservetur, et quaecunque paol adversentur provide declinemtur. It especially concerns the state that peace be preserved in the kingdom, and that whatever things are against peace be prudently avoided. 2 Inst. 158.

Interest reipublicae ut quilibet re sua bene utatur. It is the concern of the state that every one uses his property properly.

Interest reipublicae ut sit finis litium. It concerns the state that there be an end of lawsuits. Co. Litt. 303. It is for the general welfare that a period be put to litigation. Broom, Max. 331, 343.

INTERFERENCE. In patent law, this term designates a collision between rights claimed or granted; that is, where a person claims a patent for the whole or any integral part of the ground already covered by an existing patent or by a pending application. Milton v. Kingsley, 7 App. D. C. 540; Derick v. Fox (C. C.) 56 Fed. 717; Nathan Mfg. Co. v. Craig (C. C.) 49 Fed. 370.

Strictly speaking, an “interference” is declared to exist by the patent office whenever it is decided by the properly constituted authority in that bureau that two pending applications (or a patent and a pending application), in their claims or essence, cover the same discovery or invention, so as to render necessary an investigation into the question of priority of invention between the two applications or the application and the patent, as the case may be. Lowrey v. Charles Electric Smelting, etc., Co. (C. C.) 69 Fed. 372.

INTERIM. Lat. In the mean time; meanwhile. An assignee ad interim is one appointed between the time of bankruptcy and appointment of the regular assignee. 2 Bell, Com. 355.

—Interim committitur. “In the mean time, let him be committed.” An order of court (or the docket-entry noting it) by which a prisoner is committed to prison and directed to be kept there until some further action can be taken, or until the time arrives for the execution of his sentence.—Interim curator. In English law. A person appointed by justices of the peace to be part of the property of a felon convicted, until the appointment by the crown of an administrator or administrators for the same purpose. Mozley & Whitley.—Interim factor. In Scotch law. A judicial officer elected or appointed under the bankruptcy law to take charge of and preserve the estate until a fit person shall be elected to the 2 Bell, Com. 357—Interim office. One appointed to fill the office during a temporary vacancy, or during an interval caused by the absence or incapacity of the regular incumbent.—Interim order. One
made in the mean time, and until something is done.—**Interim receipt.** A receipt for money paid by way of premium for a contract of insurance for which application is made. If the risk is rejected, the money is refunded, less the pro rata premium.

**INTERLAQUEARE.** In old practice. To link together, or interchangeably. Writs were called "interlaqueata" where several were issued against several parties residing in different counties, each party being summoned by a separate writ to warrant the tenant, together with the other warrantors. *Fleta*, lib. 5, c. 4, § 2.

**INTERLINEATION.** The act of writing between the lines of an instrument; also what is written between lines. *Morris v. Vanderen*, 1 Dall. 67, 1 L. Ed. 38; *Russell v. Eubanks*, 84 Mo. 88.

**INTERLOCUTOR.** In Scotch practice. An order or decree of court; an order made in open court. *2 Swint*, 362; *Arkley*, 32.


**INTERLOCUTORY.** Provisional; temporary; not final. Something intervening between the commencement and the end of a suit which decides some point or matter, but is not a final decision of the whole controversy. *Mora v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co.*, 13 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 310.


**INTERLOPERS.** Persons who run into business to which they have no right, or who interfere wrongfully; persons who enter a country or place to trade without license. *Webster*.

**INTERMARRIAGE.** In the popular sense, this term denotes the contracting of a marriage relation between two persons considered as members of different nations, tribes, families, etc., as, between the sovereigns of two different countries, between an American and an alien, between Indians of different tribes, between the scions of different clans or families. But, in law, it is sometimes used (and with propriety) to emphasize the mutuality of the marriage contract and as importing a reciprocal engagement by which each of the parties "marries" the other. Thus, in a pleading, instead of averring that "the plaintiff was married to the defendant," it would be proper to allege that "the parties intermarried" at such a time and place.

**INTERMEDDLE.** To interfere with property or the conduct of business affairs officiously or without right or title. *McQueen v. Babcock*, 41 Barb. (N. Y.) 339; *In re Shinn's Estate*, 106 Pa. 121, 30 Atl. 1026, 45 Am. St. Rep. 656. Not a technical legal term, but sometimes used with reference to the acts of an executor *de son tort* or *negoitorum gestor* in the civil law.

**INTERMEDIARY.** In modern civil law. A broker; one who is employed to negotiate a matter between two parties, and who for that reason is considered as the mandatory (agent) of both. *Civ. Code La.* 1900, art. 3016.

**INTERMEDIATE.** Intervening; interposed during the progress of a suit, proceeding, business, etc., or between its beginning and end.

---Intermediate account. In probate law. An account of an executor, administrator, or guardian filed subsequent to his first or initial account and before his final account. Specifically in New York, an account filed with the surrogate for the purpose of disclosing the acts of the personal representative and the state or condition of the fund in his hands, and not made the subject of a judicial settlement. *Code Civ. Proc. N. Y.* 1589, § 2514, subd. 9.---Intermediate order. In code practice. An order made between the commencement of an action and the entry of a final judgment, or, in criminal law, between the finding of the indictment and the completion of the judgment roll. *People v. Prior*, 163 N. Y. 99, 57 N. E. 85; *Boyce v. Wabash Ry. Co.*, 63 Iowa, 70, 18 N. W. 675, 90 Am. Rep. 730; *State v. O'Brien*, 18 Mont. 1, 43 Pac. 1091; *Hymes v. Van Cleef*, 61 Hun, 618, 15 N. Y. Supp. 341.---Intermediate toll. Toll for travel on a toll road, paid or to be collected from persons who pass thereon at points between the toll gates, such persons not passing by, through, or around the toll gates. *Hollingworth v. State*, 29 Ohio St. 522.

**INTERMITTENT EASEMENT.** See EASEMENT.

**INTERMIXTURE OF GOODS.** Confusion of goods; the confusing or mingling together of goods belonging to different owners in such a way that the property of neither owner can be separately identified or extracted from the mass. *See Smith v. Sanborn*, 6 Gray (Mass.) 134. And see CONFUSION OF GOODS.

**INTERN.** To restrict or shut up a person, as a political prisoner, within a limited territory.

**INTERNAL.** Relating to the interior; comprised within boundary lines; of interior concern or interest; domestic, as opposed to foreign.

---Internal commerce. See COMMERCE.—**Internal improvements.** With reference to government policy and constitutional provisions restricting taxation or the contracting of public debts, this term means works of general public utility or advantage, designed to promote the facility of intercommunication, trade, and commerce, the transportation of persons and property, or the development of the natural resources of the state, such as railroads, public highways, turnpikes, and canals, bridges, the improvement
of rivers and harbors, systems of artificial irrigation, and the improvement of water powers; but it does not include the building and maintenance of state institutions. See Guernsey v. Burlington, 11 Fed. Cas. 99; Rippe v. Becker, 56 Minn. 100, 57 N. W. 331, 22 L. R. A. 887; State v. Froeblich, 113 Wis. 273, 89 N. W. 111, 55 Am. St. Rep. 894; U. S. v. Dodge County, 110 U. S. 156, 8 Sup. Ct. 590, 28 L. Ed. 457.—Internal police. A term sometimes applied to the police power, or power to enact laws in the interest of the public safety, health, and morality, which is inherent in the legislative authority of each state, is to be exercised with reference only to its domestic affairs and its own citizens, and is not surrendered to the federal government. See Chebeyagan Lumber Co. v. Delta Transp. Co., 100 Mich. 16, 58 N. W. 630.—Internal revenue. In the legislation and fiscal administration of the United States, revenue raised by the imposition of taxes and excises on domestic products or manufactures, and on domestic business and occupations, inheritance taxes, and stamp taxes; as broadly distinguished from "customs duties," i. e., duties or taxes on foreign commerce or on goods imported. See Rev. St. U. S. tit. 35 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2038).—Public international law is the body of rules and principles, founded on treaty, custom, precedent, and the consensus of opinion as to justice and moral obligation, which civilized nations recognize as binding upon them in their mutual dealings and relations. Hein v. Bridault, 37 Miss. 239; U. S. v. White (C. C.) 27 Fed. 201. —Public international law is the body of rules which control the conduct of independent states in their relations with each other. 

PRIVATE international law is that branch of municipal law which determines before the courts of what nation a particular action or suit should be brought, and by the law of what nation it should be determined; in other words, it regulates private rights as dependent on a diversity of municipal laws and jurisdictions applicable to the persons, facts, or things in dispute, and the subject of it is hence sometimes called the "conflict of laws." Thus, questions whether a given person owes allegiance to a particular state where he is domiciled, whether his status, property, rights, and duties are governed by the lex situs, the lex loci, the lex fori, or the lex domicili, are questions with which private international law has to deal. Sweet; Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 55, 81 Am. Dec. 376.

INTERNUCIUS. A messenger between two parties; a go-between. Applied to a broker, as the agent of both parties. 4 C. Rob. Adm. 204.

INTERPELLATION. In the civil law. The act by which, in consequence of an agreement, the party bound declares that he will not be bound beyond a certain time. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 732.

INTERPLEA. 1. A plea by which a person sued in respect to property disclaims any interest in it and demands that rival claimants shall litigate their titles between themselves and relieve him from responsibility. Bennett v. Woverton, 24 Kan. 286. See INTERPLEADER.

2. In Missouri, a statutory proceeding, serving as a substitute for the action of replevin, by which a third person intervenes in an action of attachment, sets up his own title to the specific property attached, and seeks to recover the possession of it. See Rice v. Sally, 176 Mo. 107, 75 S. W. 398; Spooner v. Ross, 24 Mo. App. 603; State v. Barker, 26 Mo. App. 491; Brownwell, etc. Car. Co. v. Barnard, 139 Mo. 142, 40 S. W. 762.

INTERPLEADER. When two or more persons claim the same thing (or fund) of a third, and he, laying no claim to it himself, is ignorant which of them has a right to it, and fears he may be prejudiced by their proceeding against him to recover it, he may file a bill in equity against them, the object of which is to make them litigate their title between themselves, instead of litigating it with him, and such a bill is called a "bill of interpleader." Brown.

By the statute 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 58, summary proceedings at law were provided for the same purpose, in actions of assumpsit, debt, detinue, and trover. And the same remedy is known, in one form or the other, in most or all of the United States.

Under the Pennsylvania practice, when goods levied upon by the sheriff are claimed by a third party, the sheriff takes a rule of interpleader on the parties, upon which, when made absolute, a feigned issue is framed, and the title to the goods is tested. The goods, pending the proceedings, remain in the custody of the defendant upon the execution of a forthcoming bond. Bouvier.

INTERPOLATE. To insert words in a complete document.

INTERPOLATION. The act of interpolating; the words interpolated.

INTERPRET. To construe; to seek out the meaning of language; to translate orally from one tongue to another.
INTERPRETARE ET CONCORDARE

Interpretare et concordare leges legitimus, est optimus interpretandi modus. To interpret, and [in such a way as] to harmonize laws with laws, is the best mode of interpretation. 8 Coke, 169c.

Interpretatio chartarum benigne factenda est, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The interpretation of deeds is to be liberal, that the thing may rather have effect than fail. Broom, Max. 543.

Interpretatio fienda est ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Such an interpretation is to be adopted that the thing may rather stand than fail.

Interpretatio tallis in ambiguis semper fienda est ut evitetur inconveniens et absurdum. In cases of ambiguity, such an interpretation should always be made that what is inconvenient and absurd may be avoided. 4 Inst. 328.

INTERPRETATION. The art or process of discovering and expounding the intended signification of the language used in a statute, will, contract, or any other written document, that is, the meaning which the author designed it to convey to others. People v. Comrs. of Taxes, 95 N. Y. 550; Rome v. Knox, 14 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 272; Ming v. Pratt, 22 Mont. 262, 56 Pac. 279; Tallman v. Tallman, 3 Misc. Rep. 465, 23 N. Y. Supp. 734.

The discovery and representation of the true meaning of any signs used to convey ideas. Lieb. Herm.

"Construction" is a term of wider scope than "interpretation;" for, while the latter is concerned only with ascertaining the sense and meaning of the subject-matter, the former may also be directed to explaining the legal effects and consequences of the instrument in question. Hence interpretation precedes construction, but stops at the written text.

Close interpretation (interpretatio restricta) is adopted if just reasons, connected with the formation and character of the text, induce us to take the words in their narrowest meaning. This species of interpretation has generally been called "literal," but the term is inadmissible. Lieb. Herm. 54.

Extensive interpretation (interpretatio extensiva, called, also, "liberal interpretation") adopts a more comprehensive signification of the word. Id. 53.

Extravagant interpretation (interpretatio excessiva) is that which substitutes a meaning evidently beyond the true one. It is therefore not genuine interpretation. Id. 59.

Free or unrestricted interpretation (interpretatio soluta) proceeds simply on the general principles of interpretation in good faith, not bound by any specific or superior principle. Id. 59.

Limited or restricted interpretation (interpretatio limitata) is when we are influenced by other principles than the strictly hermeneutic ones. Id. 60.

Predestinated interpretation (interpretatio predestinata) takes place if the interpreter, laboring under a strong bias of mind, makes the text subservient to his preconceived views or desires. This includes artful interpretation, (interpretatio evasiva) by which the interpreter seeks to give a meaning to the text other than the one he knows to have been intended. Id. 60.

It is said to be either "legal," which rests on the same authority as the law itself, or "doctrinal," which rests upon its intrinsic reasonableness. Legal interpretation may be either "authentic," when it is expressly provided by the legislator, or "usual," when it is derived from unwritten practice. Doctrinal interpretation may turn on the meaning of words and sentences, when it is called "grammatical," or on the intention of the legislator, when it is described as "logical." When logical interpretation stretches the words of a statute to cover its obvious meaning, it is called "extensive;" when, on the other hand, it avoids giving full meaning to the words, in order not to go beyond the intention of the legislator, it is called "restrictive." Holl. Jur. 344.

As to strict and liberal interpretation, see CONSTRUCTION.

In the civil law, authentic interpretation of laws is that given by the legislator himself, which is obligatory on the courts. Customary interpretation (also called "usual") is that which arises from successive or concurrent decisions of the court on the same subject-matter, having regard to the spirit of the law, jurisprudence, usages, and equity; as distinguished from "authentic" interpretation, which is that given by the legislator himself. Houston v. Robertson, 2 Tex. 26.

—Interpretation clause. A section of a statute which defines the meaning of certain words occurring frequently in the other sections.

INTERPRETER. A person sworn at a trial to interpret the evidence of a foreigner or a deaf and dumb person to the court. Amory v. Fellowes, 5 Mass. 226; People v. Lem Dee, 132 Cal. 199, 64 Pac. 266.

INTERREGNUM. An interval between reigns. The period which elapses between the death of a sovereign and the election of another. The vacancy which occurs when there is no government.

INTERROGATOIRE. In French law. An act which contains the interrogatories made by the judge to the person accused, on the facts which are the object of the accusation, and the answers of the accused. Poth. Proc. Crim. c. 4, art. 2, § 1.

INTERROGATORIES. A set or series of written questions drawn up for the purpose of being propounded to a party in...
INTERROGATORIES

INTERVENTION

equity, a garnishee, or a witness whose testi-
mony is taken on deposition; a series of form-
al questions used in the judicial examina-
tion of a party or a witness. In tak-
ing evidence on depositions, the interroga-
tories are usually prepared and settled by
counsel, and reduced to writing in advance of
the examination.

Interrogatories are either direct or cross,
the former being those which are put on be-
half of the party calling a witness; the latter
are those which are interposed by the ad-
verse party.

INTERRUPTIO. Lat. Interruption. A
term used both in the civil and common law
of prescription. Calv. In

Interuptio multiplex non tollit præ-
scriptionem semel obtentam. 2 Inst. 654.
Frequent interruption does not take away a
prescription once secured.

INTERUPTION. The occurrence of
some act or fact, during the period of pre-
scription, which is sufficient to arrest the
running of the statute of limitations. It is
said to be either "natural" or "civil," the
former being caused by the act of the party;
the latter by the legal effect or operation
of some fact or circumstance. Innerarity v.
Mims. 1 Ala. 674; Carr v. Fowler. 3 Q. B.
588; Flight v. Thomas, 2 Adol. & El. 701.

Interruption of the possession is where the
right is not enjoyed or exercised continuously;
interruption of the right is where the person
having or claiming the right ceases the exercise
of it in such a manner as to show that he does
not claim to be entitled to exercise it.

In Scotch law. The true proprietor's
claiming his right during the course of pre-
scription. Bell.

INTERSECTION. The point of inter-
section of two roads is the point where their
middle lines intersect. In re Springfield
Road, 73 Pa. 127.

INTERSTATE. Between two or more
states; between places or persons in differ-
ent states; concerning or affecting two or
more states politically or territorially.

Interstate commerce. Traffic, intercours
commercial trading, or the transportation of
persons or property between or among the sev-
eral states of the Union, or from or between
points in one state and points in another state;
commerce between two states, or between places
lying in different states. Gibbons v. Ogden. 9
Wheat. 194. 6 L. Ed. 20; Wabash, etc. R. Co.
v. Illinois. 118 U. S. 567. 7 Sup. Ct. 4, 80 L.
Ed. 244; Louisville & N. Y. R. Co. v. Railroad
Comrs (C.) 19 Fed. 701. Interstate com-
merce act. The act of congress of February
4, 1887 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3154), design-
ged to regulate commerce between the states, and
particularly the transportation of persons and
property, by carriers, between interstate points,
proscribing that charges for such transportation
shall be reasonable and just, prohibiting unjust
discrimination, rebates, draw-backs, preferences,
pooling of freights, etc., requiring schedules of
rates to be published, establishing a commission
to carry out the measures enacted, and prescrib-
ing the powers and duties of such commission and
the measures therein enacted, composed of five
persons, appointed by the President, empowered
to inquire into the business of the carriers af-
fected, to enforce the law, to receive, investi-
gate, and determine complaints made to them of
any violation of the act, make annual reports,
hold stated sessions, etc.—Interstate extradi-
tion. The reclamation and surrender, accord-
ing to due legal proceedings, of a person who,
having committed a crime in one of the states
of the Union, has fled into another state to
evade justice or escape prosecution.—Inter-
state law. That branch of private interna-
tional law which affords rules and principles for
the determination of controversies between citi-
zens of different states in respect to mutual
rights or obligations, in so far as the same are
affected by the diversity of their citizenship or
by diversity in the laws or institutions of the
several states.

INTERVENOR. An intervenor is a per-
son who voluntarily interposes in an action
or other proceeding with the leave of the
court.

INTERVENING DAMAGES. See Dam-
ages.

INTERVENTION. In international
law. Intervention is such an interference
between two or more states as may (accord-
ing to the event) result in a resort to force;
while mediation always is, and is intended to
be and to continue, peaceful only. ·Interven-
tion between a sovereign and his own sub-
jects is not justified by anything in inter-
national law; but a remonstrance may be
addressed to the sovereign in a proper case.
Brown.

In English ecclesiastical law. The pro-
ceeding of a third person, who, not being
originally a party to the suit or proceeding,
but claiming an interest in the subject-mat-
ter in dispute, in order the better to protect
such interest, interposes his claim. 2 Chit.
Pr. 492; 3 Chit. Commer. Law, 633; 2 Hagg.
Const. 137; 3 Phillim. Ecc. Law, 586.

In the civil law. The act by which a
third party demands to be received as a
party in a suit pending between other per-
sons. The intervention is made either for the
purpose of being joined to the plaintiff, and
to claim the same thing he does, or some
other thing connected with it; or to join the
defendant, and with him to oppose the claim
of the plaintiff, which it is his interest to
defend. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 7,
no. 3.

In practice. A proceeding in a suit or ac-
tion by which a third person is permitted
by the court to make himself a party, either
joining the plaintiff in claiming what is
sought by the complaint, or uniting with the
defendant in resisting the claims of the plain-
INTESTABILIS. Lat. A witness incompetent to testify. Calvin.

INTESTABLE. One who has not testamentary capacity; e. g., an infant, lunatic, or person civilly dead.

INTESTACY. The state or condition of dying without having made a valid will. Brown v. Mugway, 15 N. J. Law, 331.

INTESTATE. Without making a will. A person is said to die intestate when he dies without making a will, or dies without leaving anything to testify what his wishes were with respect to the disposal of his property after his death. The word is also often used to signify the person himself. Thus, in speaking of the property of a person who died intestate, it is common to say “the intestate’s property;” i. e., the property of the person dying in an intestate condition. Brown. See In re Cameron’s Estate, 47 App. Div. 120, 62 N. Y. Supp. 187; Messmann v. Egenberger, 46 App. Div. 49, 61 N. Y. Supp. 556; Code Civ. Proc. N. Y. 1889, § 2514, subd. 1.

Besides the strict meaning of the word as above given, there is also a sense in which intestacy may be partial; that is, where a man leaves a will which does not dispose of his whole estate, he is said to “die intestate” as to the property so omitted.

—Intestate succession. A succession is called “intestate” when the deceased has left no will, or when his will has been revoked or annulled as irregular. Therefore the heirs to whom a succession has fallen by the effects of law only are called “heirs ab intestato.” Civ. Code La. art. 1096.

INTESTATO. Lat. In the civil law. Intestate; without a will. Calvin.

INTESTATUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. An intestate; one who dies without a will. Dig. 50, 17, 7.

Intestatus decedit, qui ant omnino testamentum non fecit; ant non juravit fecit; ant id quod fecerat ruprum irrimatur factum est; ant nemo ex eo haeres eststitit. A person dies intestate who either has made no testament at all or has made one not legally valid; or if the testament he has made be revoked, or made useless; or if no one becomes heir under it. Inst. 3, 1, pr.

INTIMATION. In the civil law. A notification to a party that some step in a legal proceeding is asked or will be taken. Particularly, a notice given by the party taking an appeal, to the other party, that the court above will hear the appeal.

In Scotch law. A formal written notice, drawn by a notary, to be served on a party against whom a stranger has acquired a right or claim; e. g., the assignee of a debt must serve such a notice on the debtor, otherwise a payment to the original creditor will be good.

INTIMIDATION. In English law. Every person commits a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine or imprisonment, who wrongfully uses violence to or intimidates any other person, or his wife or children, with a view to compel him to abstain from doing, or to do, any act which he has a legal right to do, or abstain from doing. (St. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 86, § 7.) This enactment is chiefly directed against outrages by trades-unions. Sweet. There are similar statutes in many of the United States. See Payne v. Railroad Co., 13 Lea (Tenn.) 514, 49 Am. Rep. 666; Embry v. Com., 79 Ky. 441.

—Intimidation of voters. This, by statute in several of the states, is made a criminal offense. Under an early Pennsylvania act, it was held that, to constitute the offense of intimidation of voters, there must be a preconceived intention for the purpose of intimidating the officers or interrupting the election. Republica v. Gibbs, 3 Yeates (Pa.) 429.

INTITLE. An old form of “entitle.” 6 Mod. 304.

INTOL AND UTTOI.. In old records. Toll or custom paid for things imported and exported, or bought in and sold out. Cowell.

INTOXICATION. The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. But in its popular use this term is restricted to alcoholic intoxication, that is, drunkenness or inebriety, or the mental and physical condition induced by drinking excessive quantities of alcoholic liquors, and this is its meaning as used in statutes, indictments, etc. See Sapp v. State, 116 Ga. 182, 42 S. E. 410; State v. Pierce, 65 Iowa, 85, 21 N. W. 195; Wadsworth v. Dunnam, 98 Ala. 610, 13 South. 599; Ring v. Ring, 112 Ga. 854, 38 S. E. 330; State v. Kelley, 47 Vt. 296; Com. v. Whitney, 11 Cush. (Mass.) 477.

INTOXICATING LIQUOR. Any liquor used as a beverage, and which, when so used in sufficient quantities, ordinarily or commonly produces entire or partial intoxication; any liquor intended for use as a beverage or capable of being so used, which contains alcohol, either obtained by fermentation or by the additional process of distillation, in such proportion that it will produce intoxication when imbibed in such quantities as may practically be drunk. Intox-

**INTRA.** Lat. In; near; within. "Intra" or "inter" has taken the place of "intra" in many of the more modern Latin phrases.

**INTRA ANNI SPATIUM.** Within the space of a year. Cod. 5, 9, 2. *Intra an nale tempus.* Id. 6, 30, 19.

**INTRA FIDEM.** Within belief; credible. Calvin.

**INTRA LUCUTUS TEMPUS.** Within the time of mourning. Cod. 9, 1, auth.

**INTRA MGENIA.** Within the walls (of a house.) A term applied to domestic or *mental* servants. 1 Bl. Comm. 425.

**INTRA PARIETES.** Between walls; among friends; out of court; without litigation. Calvin.

**INTRA PRÆSIDIA.** Within the defences. See *Infra Præsidia.*

**INTRA QUATUOR MARIA.** Within the four seas. Shep. Touch. 378.

**INTRA VIRES.** An act is said to be *intra vires* ("within the power") of a person or corporation when it is within the scope of his or its powers or authority. It is the opposite of *ultra vires*, (q. v.) Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. Dodd, 115 Ky. 176, 72 S. W. 827.

**INTRALIMINAL.** In mining law, the term "intraliminal rights" denotes the right to mine, take, and possess all such bodies or deposits of ore as lie within the four planes formed by the vertical extension downward of the boundary lines of the claim; as distinguished from "extraliminal," or more commonly "extralateral," rights. See Jefferson Min. Co. v. Anchoria-Leland Mill & Min. Co., 32 Colo. 176, 75 Pac. 1073, 64 L. R. A. 925.

**INTRARE MARISCUM.** L. Lat. To drain a marsh or low ground, and convert it into herbage or pasture.

**INTRASTATE COMMERCE.** See *Commerce.*

**INTRINSECUM SERVITIUM.** Lat. Common and ordinary duties with the lord's court.

**INTRINSIC VALUE.** The intrinsic value of a thing is its true, inherent, and essential value, not depending upon accident, place, or person, but the same everywhere and to every one. Bank of North Carolina v. Ford, 27 N. C. 698.

**INTRODUCTION.** The part of a writing which sets forth preliminary matter, or facts tending to explain the subject.

**INTROMISSION.** In Scotch law. The assumption of authority over another's property, either legally or illegally. The irregular intermeddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole debts of the deceased, is called "vitiatus intromission." Kames, *q. b.* 3, c. 8, § 2.

*—Necessary intromission.* That kind of intromission or interference where a husband or wife continues in possession of the other's goods after their decease, for preservation. Wharton.

**IN TRSAL.** Dealing in stock, goods, or cash of a principal coming into the hands of his agent, to be accounted for by the agent to his principal. Stewart v. McKean, 29 Eng. Law & Eq. 391.

**INTRONISATION.** In French ecclesiastical law. Enthronement. The installation of a bishop in his episcopal see.

**INTRUDER.** One who enters upon land without either right of possession or color of title. Miller v. McCullough, 104 Pa. 630; Russel v. Chambers, 43 Ga. 479. In a more restricted sense, a stranger who, on the death of the ancestor, enters on the land, unlawfully, before the heir can enter.

**INTRUSION.** A species of injury by ouster or amotion of possession from the freehold, being an entry of a stranger, after a particular estate of freehold is determined, before him in remainder or reversion. Hulick v. Scovil, 9 Ill. 170; Boylan v. Delnzer, 45 N. J. Eq. 485, 18 Atl. 121. The name of a writ brought by the owner of a fee-simple, etc., against an intruder. New Nat. Brev. 453. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 57.

**INTOLERABLE CRUELTY.** In the law of divorce, this term denotes extreme cruelty, cruel and inhuman treatment, barbarous, savage, and inhuman conduct, and is equivalent to any of those phrases Shaw v. Shaw, 17 Conn. 193; Morehouse v. Morehouse, 70 Conn. 420, 39 Atl. 516; Blain v. Blain, 45 Vt. 544.

**INTUITUS.** Lat. A view; regard; contemplation. *Diverso intuitu,* (q. v.) with a different view.

**INURE.** To take effect; to result. Cedar Rapids Water Co. v. Cedar Rapids, 118 Iowa, 234, 91 N. W. 1061; Hinson v. Booth, 39 Fla. 333, 22 South. 687; Holmes v. Tallada, 125
INUREMENT

INUREMENT. Use; user; service to the use or benefit of a person. Dickerson v. Colgrove, 100 U. S. 583, 25 L. Ed. 618.

Inutitus labor et sine fructu non est effectus legis. Useless and fruitless labor is not the effect of law. Co. Litt. 127b. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unprofitable. Id; Wing. Max. p. 110, max. 38.

INVADIARE. To pledge or mortgage lands.

INVADIATIO. A pledge or mortgage.

INVADIATUS. One who is under pledge; one who has had sureties or pledges given for him. Spelman.

INVALID. Vain; inadequate to its purpose; not of binding force or legal efficacy; lacking in authority or obligation. Hood v. Perry, 73 Ga. 312; State v. Casteel, 110 Ind. 174, 11 N. E. 219; Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co. v. Winne, 20 Mont. 20, 49 Pac. 446.

INVASION. An encroachment upon the rights of another; the incursion of an army for conquest or plunder. Webster. See Etta Ins. Co. v. Boon, 95 U. S. 129, 24 L. Ed. 395.

INVASIONES. The inquisition of serjeanties and knights' fees. Cowell.

INVENT. To find out something new; to devise, contrive, and produce something not previously known or existing, by the exercise of independent investigation and experiment; particularly applied to machines, mechanical appliances, compositions, and patentable inventions of every sort.

INVENTIO. In the civil law. Finding; one of the modes of acquiring title to property by occupancy. Heinecc. lib. 2, tit. 1, § 350.

In old English law. A thing found; as goods or treasure-trove. Cowell. The plural, “intentiones,” is also used.

INVENTOR. One who finds out or contrives some new thing; one who devises some new art, manufacture, mechanical appliance, or process; one who invents a patentable contrivance. See Sparkman v. Higgins, 22 Fed. Cas. 879; Henderson v. Tompkins (C. C) 60 Fed. 704.

INVENTUS. Lat. Found. Thesaurus inventus, treasure-trove. Non est inventus, [he] is not found.

INVERITARE. To make proof of a thing. Jacob.

INVEST. To loan money upon securities of a more or less permanent nature, or to place it in business ventures or real estate, or otherwise lay it out, so that it may produce a revenue or income. Drake v. Crane, 127 Mo. 85, 29 S. W. 990, 27 L. R. A. 653; Stramann v. Scheeren, 7 Colo. App. 1, 42 Pac. 191; Una v. Dodd, 39 N. J. Eq. 186.

To clothe one with the possession of a fief or benefit. See INVESTITURE.

INVESTITIVUS. The fact by means of which a right comes into existence;
INVESTITURE

A ceremony which accompanied the grant of lands in the feudal ages, and consisted in the open and notorious delivery of possession in the presence of the other vassals, which perpetuated among them the use of their new acquisition at the time when the art of writing was very little known; and thus the evidence of the property was reposed in the memory of the neighborhood, who, in case of disputed title, were afterwards called upon to decide upon it. See Brown.

INVOLUNTARY

An involuntary act is that which is performed with constraint or without the assent or consent.

INVITED ERROR.

A book in which invoices are made by the importer, factor, or consignee, containing the value, charges, and other particulars, are set forth. See Merchants' Exch. Co. v. Welsman, 132 Mich. 353, 35 Atl. 753; Plummer v. Dill, 156 Mass. 426, 31 N. E. 300; Dill v. W. Va. 318, 41 S. E. 216.

INVOCATION.

A writing made on behalf of an importer, specifying the merchandise imported, and its prime cost or value. And. Rev. Law, § 294.

INVOLUTE.

A book in which invoices are made by the importer, factor, or consignee, containing the value, charges, and other particulars, are set forth. See Merchants' Exch. Co. v. Welsman, 132 Mich. 353, 35 Atl. 753; Plummer v. Dill, 156 Mass. 426, 31 N. E. 300; Dill v. W. Va. 318, 41 S. E. 216.

INVOLUNTARY.

An involuntary act is that which is performed with constraint or with repugnance, or without the will to do it. An action is involuntary, then, which is performed under duress. Wolff Inst. Nat. § 5.

INVOLUNTARY deposit.

In the law of bailments, one made by the accidental leaving or placing of personal property in the possession of its owner.
of another, without negligence on the part of the owner, or, in cases of fire, shipwreck, inundation, riot, insurrection, or the like extraordinary emergencies, by the owner of personal property committing it out of necessity to the care of any person. Rev. St. Okl. 1903, § 2520; Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 4092; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 1554.—Involuntary discontinuance. In practice. A discontinuance is involuntary where, in consequence of technical omission, mispleading, or the like, the suit is regarded as out of court, as where the parties undertake to refer a suit that is not referrable, or omit to enter proper continuances. Hunt v. Griffin, 49 Miss. 748.—Involuntary manslaughter. The unintentional killing of a person by one engaged in an unlawful, but not felonious act. 4 Steph. Comm. 52.—Involuntary servitude. The condition of one who is compelled by force, coercion, or imprisonment, and against his will, to labor for another, whether he is paid or not. See State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 845; Ex parte Wilson, 114 U. S. 417, 5 Sup. Ct. 935, 14 L. Ed. 235, 20 L. Ed. 89; Thompson v. Benton, 117 Mo. 83, 22 S. W. 863, 20 L. R. A. 462, 38 Am. St. Rep. 639; Irwin v. Hylton, 64 Cal. 529, 2 Pac. 418; Hall v. Munger, 5 Lans. (N. Y.) 113; Corn Exch. Bank v. Byle, 119 N. Y. 414, 23 N. E. 805; Salter v. Hilgen, 40 Wis. 365; Turrill v. Walker, 4 Mich. 183. Involuntary where, in consequence of technical omission, or defense, as distinguishable from defects occurring in the course of some legal proceeding. Ex parte Singleton, 59 Cal. 529; Turrill v. Walker, 4 Mich. 183. Involuntary bankruptcy. Involuntary bankruptcy is the technical term for every defect in practical proceedings, or the mode of conducting an action or defense, as distinguishable from defects in pleadings. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 509. The doing or not doing that, in the conduct of a suit at law, which, conformably with the practice of the court, ought or ought not to be done. Doe ex dem. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 252.

In canon law. Any impediment which prevents a man from taking holy orders.—Legal irregularity. An irregularity occurring in the course of some legal proceeding. A defect or informality which, in the technical view of the law, is to be accounted an irregularity.

IRRELEVANCY. The absence of the quality of relevancy in evidence or pleadings. Irrelevancy, in an answer, consists in statements which are not material to the decision of the case; such as do not form or tender any material issue. People v. McCumber, 18 N. Y. 321, 72 Am. Dec. 515; Walker v. Hewitt, 11 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 388; Carpenter v. Belk, 1 Rob. (N. Y.) 719; Smith v. Smith, 50 S. C. 54, 27 S. E. 545.

IRRELEVANT. In the law of evidence. Not relevant; not relating or applicable to the matter in issue; not supporting the issue.

IRREMOVABILITY. The status of a pauper in England, who cannot be legally removed from the parish or union in which
he is receiving relief, notwithstanding that he has not acquired a settlement there. 3 Steph. Comm. 60.

**IRREPARABLE INJURY.** See INJURY.

**IRREPLEVIAEL.** That cannot be repleived or delivered on sureties. Spelled, also, "irrepleivizable." Co. Litt. 145.

**IRRRESISTIBLE FORCE.** A term applied to such an interposition of human agency as is, from its nature and power, absolutely uncontrollable; as the inroads of a hostile army. Story, Ballm. § 25.

**IRRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE.** Used chiefly in criminal law, this term means an impulse to commit an unlawful or criminal act which cannot be resisted or overcome by the patient because insanity or mental disease has destroyed the freedom of his will and his power of self-control and of choice as to his actions. See McCarty v. Com., 114 Ky. 620, 71 S. W. 658; State v. Knight, 95 Me. 407, 50 Atl. 276, 55 L. R. A. 373; Leache v. State, 22 Tex. App. 279, 3 S. W. 593, 58 Am. Rep. 638; State v. Peel, 23 Mont. 358, 59 Pac. 109, 75 Am. St. Rep. 529. And see INSANITY.

**IRREVOCABLE.** Which cannot be revoked or recalled.

**IRRIGATION.** The operation of watering lands for agricultural purposes by artificial means.

—Irrigation company. A private corporation, authorized and regulated by statute in several states, having for its object to acquire exclusive rights to the water of certain streams or other sources of supply, and to convey it by means of ditches or canals through a region where it can be beneficially used for agricultural purposes, and either dividing the water among stockholders, or making contracts with consumers, or furnishing a supply to all who apply at fixed rates—Irrigation district. A public and quasi-municipal corporation authorized by law in several states, comprising a defined region or area of land which is susceptible of one mode of irrigation from a common source and by the same system of works. These districts are created by proceedings in the nature of an election under the supervision of a court, and are authorized to purchase or condemn the lands and waters necessary for the system of irrigation proposed and to construct necessary canals and other works, and the water is apportioned ratably among the land-owners of the district.

**IRRITANCY.** In Scotch law. The happening of a condition or event by which a charter, contract, or other deed, to which a clause irritant is annexed, becomes void.

**IRRITANT.** In Scotch law. Avoiding or making void; as an irritant clause. See IRRITANCY.

**IRRITANT CLAUSE.** In Scotch law. A provision by which certain prohibited acts specified in a deed are, if committed, declared to be null and void. A *resolutive* clause dissolves and puts an end to the right of a prop­rietor on his committing the acts so declared void.

**IRROGARE.** Lat. In the civil law. To impose or set upon, as a fine. Calvin. To inflict, as a punishment. To ordain, as a law.

**IRROTULATIO.** L. Lat. An enrolling; a record.

**IS QUI COGNOSCIT.** Lat. The cognizer in a fine. *Is cui cognoscitum*, the cognizer.

**ISH.** In Scotch law. The period of the termination of a tack or lease. 1 Bligh, 522.


**ISSINT.** A law French term, meaning "thus," "so," giving its name to part of a plea in debt.

**ISSUABLE.** In practice. Leading to or producing an issue; relating to an issue or issues. See Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 433.

—Issuable plea. A plea to the merits; a traversable plea. A plea such that the adverse party can join issue upon it and go to trial. It is true a plea in abatement is a plea, and, if it be properly pleaded, issues may be found on it. In the ordinary meaning of the word "plea," and of the word "issuable," such pleas may be called "issuable pleas," but, when these two words are used together, "issuable plea," or "issuable defense," they have a technical meaning, to-wit, pleas to the merits. Colquitt v. Mercer, 44 Ga. 434—Issuable terms. In the former practice of the English courts, Hilary term and Trinity term were called "issuable terms," because the issues to be tried at the assizes were made up at those terms. 3 Bl. Comm. 353. But the distinction is superseded by the provisions of the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875.

**ISSUE, v.** To send forth; to emit; to promulgate; as, an officer issues orders, process issues from a court. To put into circulation; as, the treasury issues notes.

**ISSUE, n.** The act of issuing, sending forth, emitting or promulgating; the giving a thing its first inception; as the issue of an order or a writ.

In pleading. The disputed point or question to which the parties in an action have narrowed their several allegations, and upon which they are desirous of obtaining the decision of the proper tribunal. When the plaintiff and defendant have arrived at some specific point or matter affirmed on the one side, and denied on the other, they are said to be at issue. The question so set apart is
called the "issue," and is designated, accord-
ing to its nature, as an "issue in fact" or an
"issue in law." Brown.

Issues arise upon the pleadings, when a
fact or conclusion of law is maintained by
the one party and controverted by the other.
They are of two kinds: (1) Of law; and (2)
of fact. Code N. Y. § 248; Rev. Code Iowa

Issues are classified and distinguished as
follows:

General and special. The former is a
plea which traverses and denies, briefly and
in general and summary terms, the whole
declaration, indictment, or complaint, with­
out tendering new or special matter. See
290, 50 Atl. 1046; Standard Loan & Acc. Ins.
Co. v. Thornton, 97 Tenn. 1, 40 S. W. 136.

Examples of the general issue are "not
guilty," "non assumpsit," "nil debet," "non
est factum." The latter is formed when the
defendant chooses one single material point,
which he traverses, and rests his whole case
upon its determination.

Material and immaterial. They are so
described according as they do or do not
bring up some material point or question
which, when determined by the verdict, will
dispose of the whole merits of the case, and
leave no uncertainty as to the judgment.

Formal and informal. The former spe­
cies of issue is one framed in strict accord­
ance with the technical rules of pleading.
The latter arises when the material allega­
tions of the declaration are traversed, but in
an inartificial or untechnical mode.

A collateral issue is an issue taken upon
matter aside from the intrinsic merits of the
action, as upon a plea in abatement; or
aside from the direct and regular order of
the pleadings, as on a demurrer. 2 Archb.
Pr. K. B. 3, 6, bk. 2, pts. 1, 2; Strickland
v. Maddox, 4 Ga. 394. The term "collateral"
is also applied in England to an issue raised
upon a plea of diversity of person, pleaded
by a criminal who has been tried and con­
victed, in bar of execution, viz., that he
is not the same person who was attainted,
and the like. 4 Bl. Comm. 396.

Real or feigned. A real issue is one form­
ed in a regular manner in a regular suit for
the purpose of determining an actual con­
troversy. A feigned issue is one made up
without inquiring into its reasons. 1 Bl.
Comm. 733. It was not, how­
ever, the practice to enter the issue at full
length, if triable by the court, until after the
trial, but only to make an incipitur on the roll.
Id. 734.

ISSUES. In English law. The goods and
profits of the lands of a defendant against
whom a writ of distringas or distress infinite
has been issued, taken by virtue of such
writ, are called "issues." 3 Bl. Comm. 280;
1 Chit. Crim. Law, 301.

ITA EST. Lat. So it is; so it stands.
In modern civil law, this phrase is a form of
attestation added to exemplifications from
a notary's register when the same are made by
the successor in office of the notary who made
the original entries.

ITA LEX SCRIPTA EST. Lat. So the
law is written. Dig. 40, 9, 12. The law
must be obeyed notwithstanding the apparent
rigor of its application. 3 Bl. Comm. 430.
We must be content with the law as it stands,
without inquiring into its reasons. 1 Bl.
Comm. 32.

ITA QUOD. Lat. In old practice. So
that. Formal words in writs. Ita quod
habeas corpus, so that you have the body.
2 Mod. 180.

The name of the stipulation in a submis­sion
as arbitration which begins with the words
"so as [ita quod] the award be made of
and upon the premises."

In old conveyancing. So that. An ex­
pression which, when used in a deed, for­
merly made an estate upon condition. Litt.
§ 329. Sheppard enumerates it among the
three words that are most proper to make an

Ita semper fiat relatio ut valeat dis­
positio. 6 Coke, 76. Let the interpretation

whenever degree; and it is so construed gener­
ally in deeds. But when used in wills, it is, of
course, subject to the rule of construction
that the intention of the testator, as ascertained
from the will, is to have effect, rather than the
technical meaning of the language used by him;
and hence an issue may, in such a connection, be
restricted to children, or to descendants living
at the death of the testator, where such an in­
tention clearly appears. Abbott.
be always such that the disposition may prevail.

**ITA TE DEUS ADJUVET.** Lat. So help you God. The old form of administering an oath in England, generally in connection with other words, thus: *Ita te Deus adjuvet, et saorosancta Dei Evangelia,* So help you God, and God's holy Evangelists. *Ita te Deus adjuvet et omnes sancti,* So help you God and all the saints. Willes, 338.

*Ita utere tuo ut alienum non ledas.* Use your own property and your own rights in such a way that you will not hurt your neighbor, or prevent him from enjoying his. Frequently written, *"Sic utere tuo,"* etc., (q. v.)

**ITEM.** Also; likewise; again. This word was formerly used to mark the beginning of a new paragraph or division after the first, whence is derived the common application of it to denote a separate or distinct particular of an account or bill. See Horwitz v. Norris, 60 Pa. 282; Baldwin v. Morgan, 73 Miss. 276, 18 South. 219.

The word is sometimes used as a verb. "The whole [costs] in this case that was thus itemed to counsel." Bunth. p. 164, case 233.

**ITER.** Lat. In the civil law. A way; a right of way belonging as a servitude to an estate in the country, (prædium rusticum.) The right of way was of three kinds: (1) *iter,* a right to walk, or ride on horseback, or in a litter; (2) *actus,* a right to drive a beast or vehicle; (3) *via,* a full right of way, comprising right to walk or ride, or drive beast or carriage. Helnec. § 408. Or, as some think, they were distinguished by the width of the objects which could be rightfully carried over the way; e. g., *via,* 8 feet; *actus,* 4 feet, etc. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 290; Bracte. fol. 232; 4 Bell, H. L. Sc. 390.

**In old English law.** A journey, especially a circuit made by a justice in eyre, or itinerant justice, to try causes according to his own mission. Du Cange; Bract. lib. 3, cc. 11, 12, 13.

**In maritime law.** A way or route. The route or direction of a voyage; the route or way that is taken to make the voyage assured. Distinguished from the voyage itself.

*Iter est jus eundi, ambulandi hominis; non etiam jumentum agendi vel vehiculum.* A way is the right of going or walking, and does not include the right of driving a beast of burden or a carriage. Co. Litt. 56a; Inst. 2, 3, pr.; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 318.

**ITERATIO.** Lat. Repetition. In the Roman law, a bonitary owner might liberate a slave, and the quiritaly owner’s repetition (iteratio) of the process effected a complete manumission. Brown.

**ITINERA.** Eyles, or circuits. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 52.

**ITINERANT.** Wandering; traveling; applied to justices who make circuits. Also applied in various statutory and municipal laws (in the sense of traveling from place to place) to certain classes of merchants, traders, and salesmen. See Shiff v. State, 84 Ala. 464, 4 South. 419; Twining v. Elgin, 38 Ill. App. 337; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 625, c. 65, § 1; West v. Mt Sterling (Ky.) 65 S. W. 122

**IULE.** In old English law. Christmas.
J. The initial letter of the words "judge" and "justice," for which it frequently stands as an abbreviation. Thus, "J. A.," judge advocate; "J. J.,” junior judge; "L. J.,” law judge; "F. J.,” president judge; "F. J.,” first judge; "A. J.,” associate judge; "C. J.,” chief justice or Judge; "J. P.,” justice of the peace; "J. J.,” judges or justices; "J. C. P.,” justice of the common pleas; "J. K. B.,” justice of the king's bench; "J. Q. B.,” justice of the queen's bench; "J. U. B.,” justice of the upper bench.

This letter is sometimes used for "I," as the initial letter of "Institutiones," in references to the Institutes of Justinian.

JAC. An abbreviation for "Jacobus," the Latin form of the name James; used principally in citing statutes enacted in the reigns of the English kings of that name; e.g., "St. 1 Jac. II." Used also in citing the second part of Croke's reports; thus, "Cro. Jac." denotes "Croke's reports of cases in the time of James I."

JACENS. Lat. Lying in abeyance, as in the phrase "hereditas jacens," which is an inheritance or estate lying vacant or in abeyance prior to the ascertainment of the heir or his assumption of the succession.

JACET IN ORE. Lat. In old English law. It lies in the mouth. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 5, § 48.

JACK. A kind of defensive coat-armor worn by horsemen in war; not made of solid iron, but of many plates fastened together. Some tenants were bound by their tenure to find it upon invasion. Cowell.

JACOBUS. A gold coin worth 24s., so called from James I., who was king when it was struck. Enc. Lond.

JACTITATION. A false boasting; a false claim; assertions repeated, to the prejudice of another's right. The species of defamation or disparagement of another's title to real estate known at common law as "slandering of title" comes under the head of jactitation, and in some jurisdictions (as in Louisiana) a remedy for this injury is provided under the name of an "action of jactitation."

—Jactitation of a right to a church sitting appears to be the boasting by a man that he has a right or title to a pew or sitting in a church to which he has legally no title.—

JACTUS. A throwing goods overboard to lighten or save the vessel, in which case the goods so sacrificed are a proper subject for general average. Dig. 14, 2, "de lego Rhodia de Jactu." And see Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 308, 13 L. Ed. 417.

—Jactus lapilli. The throwing down of a stone. One of the modes, under the civil law, of interrupting prescription. Where one person was building on another's ground, and in this way acquiring a right by usucapio, the true owner challenged the intrusion and interrupted the prescriptive right by throwing down one of the stones of the building before witnesses called for the purpose. Tray. Lat. Max.

JAIL. A gaol; a prison; a building designated by law, or regularly used, for the confinement of persons held in lawful custody. State v. Bryan, 89 N. C. 534. See Gaol.

JAIL DELIVERY. See Gaol.

JAIL LIBERTIES. See Gaol.

JAILER. A keeper or warden of a prison or jail.

JAMBEATUS. In old English and feudal law. Leg-armor. Blount.

JAMMA, JUMMA. In Hindu law. Total amount; collection; assembly. The total of a territorial assessment.

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JAMMABUNDY, JUMMABUNDY. In Hindu law. A written schedule of the whole of an assessment.

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JAMNUM. Furze, or grass, or ground where furze grows; as distinguished from "arable," "pasture," or the like. Co. Litt. 5a.

JAMUNLINGI, JAMUNDILINGI. Freemen who delivered themselves and property to the protection of a more powerful person, in order to avoid military service and other burdens. Speiman. Also a species of serfs among the Germans. Du Cange. The same as commendarii.
In modern law. A janitor is understood to be a person employed to take charge of rooms or buildings, to see that they are kept clean and in order, to lock and unlock them, and generally to care for them. Pagan v. New York, 84 N. Y. 352.

JACQUES. In old English law. Small money.

JAVELIN-MEN. Yeomen retained by the sheriff to escort the judge of assize.

JAVELOUR. In Scotch law. Jailer or gaoler. 1 Pite. Crim. Tr. pt. 1, p. 33.

JEDBURGH JUSTICE. Summary justice inflicted upon a marauder or felon without a regular trial, equivalent to “lynch law.” So called from a Scotch town near the English border, where raiders and cattle lifters were often summarily hung. Also written “Jeddart” or “Jedwood” Justice.

JEMAN. In old records. Yeoman. Cowell; Blount.

JEOPAILLE. L. Fr. I have failed; I am in error. An error or oversight in pleading.

Certain statutes are called “statutes of amendments and jeofailles” because, where a pleader perceives any slip in the form of his proceedings, and acknowledges the error, (jeofaille) he is at liberty, by those statutes, to amend it. The amendment, however, is seldom made; but the benefit is attained by the court’s overlooking the exception. 3 Bl. Comm. 407; 1 Saund. p. 228, no. 1.

Jeofaille is when the parties to any suit in pleading have proceeded so far that they have joined issue which shall be tried or is tried by a jury or inquest, and this pleading or issue is so badly pleaded or joined that it will be error if it proceed. Then some of the said parties may, by their counsel, show it to the court, as well after verdict given and before judgment as before the jury is charged. And the counsel shall say: “This inquest ye ought not to take.” And if it be after verdict, then he may say: “To judgment you ought not to go.” And, because such niceties occasioned many delays in suits, divers statutes are made to redress them. Termes de la Ley.

JEOPARDY. Danger; hazard; peril. Jeopardy is the danger of conviction and punishment which the defendant in a criminal action incurs when a valid indictment has been found, and a petit jury has been impaneled and sworn to try the case and give a verdict. State v. Nelson, 26 Ind. 308; State v. Emery, 59 Vt. 84, 7 Atl. 529; People v. Terrill, 152 Cal. 497, 64 Pac. 894; Mitchell v. State, 42 Ohio St. 283; Grogan v. State, 44 Ala. 9; Ex parte Glenn (C. C.) 111 Fed. 258; Alexander v. Com., 105 Pa. 9.

JERGUE. In English law. An officer of the custom-house who oversees the waiters. Techn. Dict.

JESSE. A large brass candlestick, usually hung in the middle of a church or choir. Cowell.


JETSAM. A term descriptive of goods which, by the act of the owner, have been voluntarily cast overboard from a vessel, in a storm or other emergency, to lighten the ship. 1 C. B. 113.

Jetsam is where goods are cast into the sea, and there sink and remain under water. 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

Jetsam differs from “flotsam,” in this: that in the latter the goods float, while in the former they sink, and remain under water. It differs also from “ligan.”

JETTISON. The act of throwing overboard from a vessel part of the cargo, in case of extreme danger, to lighten the ship. The same name is also given to the thing or things so cast out. Gray v. Walm, 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 234, 7 Am. Dec. 442; Butler v. Wildman, 3 Barn. & Ald. 326; Barnard v. Adams, 10 How. 303, 13 L. Ed. 417.

A carrier by water may, when in case of extreme peril it is necessary for the safety of the ship or cargo, throw overboard, or otherwise sacrifice, any or all of the cargo or appurtenances of the ship. Throwing property overboard for such purpose is called “jettison,” and the loss incurred thereby is called a “general average loss.” Civil Code Cal. § 2145; Civil Code Dak. § 1245.

JEUX DE BOURSE. Fr. In French law. Speculation in the public funds or in stocks; gambling speculations on the stock exchange; dealings in “options” and “futures.”

JEWEL. By “Jewels” are meant ornaments of the person, such as ear-rings, pearls, diamonds, etc., which are prepared to be worn. See Com. v. Stephens, 14 Pick. (Mass.) 373; Robbins v. Robertson (C. C.) 33 Fed. 710; Cavendish v. Cavendish, 1 Brown Ch. 409; Ramaley v. Leland, 43 N. Y. 541, 3 Am. Rep. 728; Gile v. Libby, 36 Barb. (N. Y.) 77.

JOB. The whole of a thing which is to be done. “To build by plot, or to work by the job, is to undertake a building for a certain stipulated price.” Clv. Code La. art. 2727.

JOBBER. One who buys and sells goods for others; one who buys or sells on the stock exchange; a dealer in stocks, shares, or securities.

JOCALIA. In old English law. Jewels. This term was formerly more properly applied to those ornaments which women, al-
though married, call their own. When these jocalla are not suitable to her degree, they are assets for the payment of debts. Rolle, Abr. 911.

JOCELET. A little manor or farm. Cowell.


JOCUS PARTITUS. In old English practice. A divided game, risk, or hazard. An arrangement which the parties to a suit were anciently sometimes allowed to make by mutual agreement upon a certain hazard, as that one should lose if the case turned out in a certain way, and, if it did not, that the other should gain. Bract. fols. 211b, 370a, 492, 494, 2009.

JOHN DOE. The name which was usually given to the fictitious lessee of the plaintiff in the mixed action of ejectment. He was sometimes called "Goodtitle." So the Romans had their fictitious personages in law proceedings, as Titius, Seius.

JOINER. Joining or coupling together; uniting two or more constituents or elements in one; uniting with another person in a legal step or proceeding.

JOINER in demurrer. When a defendant in an action tenders an issue of law, (called a "demurrer") the plaintiff, if he means to maintain his action, must accept it, and this acceptance of the defendant's tender, signified by the plaintiff in a set form of words, is called a "joinder in demurrer." Brown.—JOINER in issue. In pleading. A formula by which one of the parties to a suit joins in or accepts an issue in fact tendered by the opposite party. Steph. Pl. 67, 236. More commonly termed a "joinder in demurrer" or "joinder in pleading." Accepting the issue, and mode of trial tendered, either by demurrer, error, or issue, in fact, by the defendant's pleading. A joinder of parties. This expression signifies the uniting of two or more persons to be enjoyed so long as they both (or all) shall live. As soon as one dies, the interest determines. See High v. Allen, 3 Mo. App. 524.


JOINTLY. Acting together or in concert or co-operation; holding in common or interdependently, not separately. Reclamation Dist. v. Parvin, 67 Cal. 501, 8 Pac. 43; Gold & Stock Tel. Co. v. Commercial Tel. Co. (C. C.) 23 Fed. 342; Case v. Owen, 139 Ind. 22, 33 N. E. 395, 47 Am. St. Rep. 233. Persons are "jointly bound" in a bond or note when both or all must be sued in one action for its enforcement, not either one at the election of the creditor.

JOINTLY and severally. Persons who bind themselves "jointly and severally" in a bond or note may all be sued together for its enforcement, or the creditor may select any one or more as the object of his suit. See Mitchell v. Darroge, 8 Brev. (S. O.) 145; Rice v. Gove, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 183, 38 Am. Dec. 724.

JOINTRESS, JOINTURESS. A woman who has an estate settled on her by her husband, to hold during her life, if she survive him. Co. Litt. 49.

JOINTURE. A freehold estate in lands or tenements secured to the wife, and to take effect on the decease of the husband, and to continue during her life at the least, unless she be herself the cause of its determination. Vance v. Vance, 21 Me. 369.
A competent livelihood of freehold for the wife of lands and tenements to take effect presently in possession or profit, after the decease of the husband, for the life of the wife at least. Co. Litt. 369; 2 Bl. Comm. 137. See Fellers v. Fellers, 54 Neb. 694, 74 N. W. 1077; Saunders v. Saunders, 144 Mo. 482, 46 S. W. 428; Graham v. Graham, 67 Hun, 329, 22 N. Y. Supp. 290.

A jointure strictly signifies a joint estate limited to both husband and wife, and such was its original form; but, in its more usual form, it is a sole estate limited to the wife only, expectant upon a life-estate in the husband. 2 Bl. Comm. 137; 1 Steph. Comm. 255.

**JONCARIA, or JUNCARIA.** In old English law. Land where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 5a.

**JORNALÉ.** In old English law. As much land as could be plowed in one day. Spelman.

**JOUR.** A French word, signifying "day." It is used in our old law-books; as "tout jours," forever.

—**Jour en banc.** A day in banc. Distinguished from "jour en pays," (a day in the country,) otherwise called "jour en mai pris."—**Jour in court.** In old practice. Day in court; day to appear in court; appearance day. "Every process gives the defendant a day in court."

Hale, Anal. § 8.

**JOURNAL.** A daily book; a book in which entries are made or events recorded from day to day. In maritime law, the journal (otherwise called "log" or "log-book") is a book kept on every vessel, which contains a brief record of the events and occurrences of each day of a voyage, with the nautical observations, course of the ship, account of the weather, etc. In the system of double-entry book-keeping, the journal is an account-book into which are transcribed, daily or at other intervals, the items entered upon the day-book, for more convenient posting into the ledger. In the usage of legislative bodies, the journal is a daily record of the proceedings of either house. It is kept by the clerk, and in it are entered the appointments and actions of committees, introduction of bills, motions, votes, resolutions, etc., in the order of their occurrence. See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3; Montgomery Beer Bottling Works v. Gaston, 126 Ala. 425, 28 South, 497, 51 L. R. A. 896, 85 Am. St. Rep. 42; Martin v. Com., 107 Pa. 190.

**JOURNEY.** The original signification of this word was a day's travel. It is now applied to a travel by land from place to place, without restriction of time. But, when thus applied, it is employed to designate a travel which is without the ordinary habits, business, or duties of the person, to a distance from his home, and beyond the circle of his friends or acquaintances. Gholson v. State, 53 Ala. 521, 25 Am. Rep. 632.

**JOURNEY-HOPPERS.** In English law. Regrators of yarn. 8 Hen. VI. c. 5.

**JOURNEYMAN.** A workman hired by the day, or other given time. Hart v. Aldridge, 1 Cwpp. 56; Butler v. Clark, 46 Ga. 468.

**JOURNEYS ACCOUNTS.** In English practice. The name of a writ (now obsolete) which might be sued out where a former writ had abated without the plaintiff's fault. The length of time allowed for taking it out depended on the length of the journey the party must make to reach the court; whence the name.

**JUBERE.** Lat. In the civil law. To order, direct, or command. Calvin. The word jubeo, (I order,) in a will, was called a "word of direction," as distinguished from "precatory words." Cod. 6, 43, 2.

To assure or promise.

To decree or pass a law.

**JUBILACION.** In Spanish law. The privilege of a public officer to be retired, on account of infirmity or disability, retaining the rank and pay of his office (or part of the same) after twenty years of public service, and on reaching the age of fifty.

**JUDEÆS, JUDEUS.** Lat. A Jew.


**JUDEX.** Lat. In Roman law. A private person appointed by the praetor, with the consent of the parties, to try and decide a cause or action commenced before him. He received from the praetor a written formula instructing him as to the legal principles according to which the action was to be judged. Calvin. Hence the proceedings before him were said to be in iudeico, as those before the praetor were said to be in iure.

In later and modern civil law. A judge in the modern sense of the term.

In old English law. A juror. A judge, in modern sense, especially—as opposed to justiciarus, i.e., a common-law judge—to denote an ecclesiastical judge. Bract. fol. 401. 402.

—Iudea a quo. In modern civil law. The judge from whom, as iudea ad quem is the
judge to whom, an appeal is made or taken. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 9, c. 11, no. 34. —Judex ad quem. A judge to whom an appeal is taken. —Judex datus. In Roman law. A judge given, that is, assigned or appointed, by the preretor to try a cause. —Judex delegatus. A delegated judge; a special judge. —Judex fiscalis. A fiscal judge; one having cognizance of matters relating to the fiscus, (g. v.) —Judex ordinarius. In the civil law. An ordinary judge; one who had the right of hearing and determining causes as a matter of his own proper jurisdiction, (ex propria jurisdic
tione,) and not by virtue of a delegated authority. Calvin. —Judex pedaneus. In Roman law. The judge who was commissioned by the preretor to hear a cause was so called, from the low seat which he anciently occupied at the foot of the preretor’s tribunal.


Judex ante oculos equitatem semper habere debet. A judge ought always to have equity before his eyes.

Judex bonus nihil ex arbitrio suo faciat, nec proposito domesticae voluntatis, sed juxta leges et jura pronunciet. A good judge should do nothing of his own arbitrary will, nor on the dictate of his personal inclination, but should decide according to law and justice. 7 Coke, 27a.

Judex damnatur omn nocens absolvitur. The judge is condemned when a guilty person escapes punishment.

Judex debet judicare secundum agentia et probata. The judge ought to decide according to the allegations and the proofs.

Judex est lex loquens. A Judge is the law speaking, [the mouth of the law.] 7 Coke, 4a.

Judex habere debet duos sales, —salem sapientiae, ne sit insipidus; et salam conscientiae, ne sit dolobus. A judge should have two salts,—the salt of wisdom, lest he be insipid; and the salt of conscience, lest he be devilish.

Judex non potest esse testis in propria causa. A judge cannot be a witness in his own cause. 4 Inst. 279.

Judex non potest injuriarum sibi datam punire. A judge cannot punish a wrong done to himself. See 12 Coke, 114.

Judex non reddit plus quam quod petens ipse requirit. A judge does not give more than what the complaining party himself demands. 2 Inst. 286.

JUDGE. A public officer, appointed to reside and to administer the law in a court of justice; the chief member of a court, and charged with the control of proceedings and the decision of questions of law or discretion. Todd v. U. S., 158 U. S. 278, 15 Sup. Ct. 889, 59 L. Ed. 982; Foot v. Stiles, 57 N. Y. 405; re Lawyers’ Tax Cases, 8 Hask. 141, 80 N. Y. 525, 29 Jud. Tenn. 650, —Judex acti and —Judex datus (q. v.) are often used in substantially the same sense.

—Judice advocate. An officer of a court-martial, whose duty is to swear in the other members of the court, to advise the court, and to act as the public prosecutor; but he is also so far supreme, as the preretor is bound to protect him from the necessity of answering criminating questions, and to object to leading questions when propounded to other witnesses. —Judge advocate. A privy councilor who advises the government in reference to courts-martial and other matters of military law.

In England, he is generally a member of the house of commons and of the government for the time being. —Judice de facto. One who holds and exercises the office of a judge under color of lawful authority and by a title valid on its face, though he has not full right to the office, as where he was appointed under an unconstitutional statute, or by an usurper of the appointing power, has not taken the oath prescribed by law. State v. Miller, 111 Mo. 542, 20 S. W. 243; Walcott v. Wells, 21 Nev. 47, 24 Pac. 367, 9 L. R. A. 59, 57 Am. St. Rep. 475; Dreida v. Basche, 103 N. Y. 328, 58 N. Y. 556, 26 N. Y. 300; v. Barrett, 71 Ark. 310, 74 S. W. 748. —Judge-made law. A phrase used to indicate judicial decisions which construe away the meaning of statutes or find meanings in them the legislature never intended. It is sometimes used as meaning, simply, the law established by judicial precedents. —Judge-made law.

Judge ordinary. By St. 20 & 21 Vict. c. 85, § 9, the judge of the court of probate was made judge of the court for divorce and matrimonial causes created by that act, under the name of the “judge ordinary.” In Scotland, the title “judge ordinary” is applied to all those judges, whether supreme or inferior, who, by the nature of their office, have a fixed and permanent jurisdiction in all actions of the same general nature; as contradistinguished from the old Scotch privy council, or from those judges to whom special matters was committed as commissioners for taking proofs, and messengers at arms. Bell. —Judge’s certificate. In England, a certificate from a judge who presided at the trial of a cause, that the party applying is entitled to costs. In some cases, this is a necessary preliminary to the taxing of costs by the court. A certificate, in the opinion of the court, signed by the judges, upon a question of law submitted to them by the chancellor for their decision. See 3 B. Comm. 453. —Judge’s minutes, or notes. Memoranda usually taken by a judge, while a trial is proceeding, of the testimony of witnesses, of documents offered or admitted in evidence, of offers of evidence, and whether it has been received or rejected, and the like matters. —Judge’s order. An order made by a judge at chambers, or out of court.

JUDGER. A Cheshire juryman. Jacob.

JUDGMENT. The official and authentic decision of a court of justice upon the respective rights and claims of the parties to an action or suit therein litigated and submitted to its determination. People v. Hobel, 19 Colo. App. 525, 76 Pac. 550; Bullock v. Bullock, 52 N. J. Eq. 551, 30 Atl. 676, 27 L. R. A. 213, 40 Am. St. Rep. 528; Eybridge v. Kaufmann, 90 Mo. 25, 1 S. W. 730; State
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The sentence of the law pronounced by the court upon the matter appearing from the previous proceedings in the suit. It is the conclusion that naturally follows from the premises of law and fact. Branch v. Branch, 5 Fla. 450; In re Sedgely Ave., 88 Pa. 515.

The determination or sentence of the law, pronounced by a competent judge or court, as the result of an action or proceeding instituted in such court, affirming that, upon the matters submitted for its decision, a legal duty or liability does or does not exist. 1 Black, Judgm. § 1; Gunter v. Earnest, 68 Ark. 180, 56 S. W. 876.

The term “judgment” is also used to denote the reason which the court gives for its decision; but this is more properly denominated an “opinion.”

Classification. Judgments are either in rem or in personam; as to which see JUDGMENT IN REM, JUDGMENT IN PERSONAM.

Judgments are either final or interlocutory. A final judgment is one which puts an end to an action at law by declaring that the plaintiff either has or has not entitled himself to recover the remedy he sues for. 3 Bl. Comm. 398. So distinguished from interlocutory judgments, which merely establish the right of the plaintiff to recover, in general terms. Id. 397. A judgment which determines a particular cause. Bostwick v. Brinkerhoff, 106 U. S. 3, 1 Sup. Ct. 15, 27 L. Ed. 73; Klever v. Seawall, 65 Fed. 377, 12 C. C. A. 653; Pfeiffer v. Crane, 89 Ind. 487; Nelson v. Brown, 59 Vt. 601, 10 Atl. 721. A judgment which cannot be appealed from, which is perfectly conclusive upon the matter adjudicated. Snell v. Cotton Gin Mfg. Co., 24 Pick. (Mass.) 300. A judgment which terminates all litigation on the same right. In which the term “final judgment,” in the judiciary act of 1789, § 25, includes both species of judgments as just defined. 1 Kent, Comm. 316; Weston v. Charleston, 2 Pet. 494, 7 L. Ed. 481; Forgay v. Conrad, 6 How. 201, 209, 12 L. Ed. 404. A judgment which is not final is called “interlocutory;” that is, an interlocutory judgment is one which determines some preliminary or subordinate point or plea, or settles some step, question, or default arising in the progress of the cause, but does not adjudicate the ultimate rights of the parties, or finally put the case out of court. Thus, a judgment or order passed upon any provisional or accessory claim or contention is, in general, merely interlocutory, although it may finally dispose of that particular matter. 1 Black, Judgm. § 21.

Judgments are either domestic or foreign. A judgment or decree is domestic in the courts of the same state or country where it was originally rendered; in other states or countries it is called foreign. A foreign judgment is one rendered by the courts of a state or country politically and judicially distinct from that where the judgment or its effect is brought in question. One pronounced by a tribunal of a foreign country, or of a sister state. Karns v. Kunkle, 2 Minn. 313 (Gil. 268); Gulick v. Loder, 13 N. J. Law, 68, 23 Am. Dec. 711.

A judgment may be upon the merits, or it may not. A judgment on the merits is one which is rendered after the substance and matter of the case have been judicially investigated, and the court has decided which party is in the right; as distinguished from a judgment which turns upon some preliminary matter or technical point, or which, in consequence of the act or default of one of the parties, is given without a contest or trial.

Of judgments rendered without a regular trial, or without a complete trial, the several species are enumerated below. And first:

Judgment by default is a judgment obtained by one party when the other party neglects to take a certain necessary step in the action (as, to enter an appearance, or to plead) within the proper time. In Louisiana, the term “contradictory judgment” is used to distinguish a judgment given after the parties have been heard, either in support of their claims or in their defense, from a judgment by default. Cox’s Executors v. Thomas, 11 La. 366.

Judgment by confession is where a defendant gives the plaintiff a cognoscit or written confession of the action (or “confession of judgment,” as it is frequently called) by virtue of which the plaintiff enters judgment.

Judgment nihil dicit is a judgment rendered for the plaintiff when the defendant “says nothing;” that is, when he neglects to plead to the plaintiff’s declaration within the proper time.

Judgment by non sum informatus is one which is rendered when, instead of entering a plea, the defendant’s attorney says he is not informed of any answer to be given to the action. Steph. Pl. 130.

Judgment of nonsuit is of two kinds,—voluntary and involuntary. When plaintiff abandons his case, and consents that judgment go against him for costs, it is voluntary. But when he, being called, neglects to appear, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury could find a verdict, it is involuntary. Freem. Judgm. § 6.

Judgment of retraxit. A judgment rendered where, after appearance and before

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verdict, the plaintiff voluntarily goes into court and enters on the record that he "withdraws his suit." It differs from a non-suit. In the latter case the plaintiff may sue again, upon payment of costs; but a retractit is an open, voluntary renunciation of his claim in court, and by it he forever loses his action.

Judgment of nolle prosequi. This judgment is entered when plaintiff declares that he will not further prosecute his suit, or entry of a stet processus, by which plaintiff agrees that all further proceedings shall be stayed.

Judgment of non pros. (non prosequitur) is one given against the plaintiff for a neglect to take any of those steps which it is incumbent on him to take in due time.

Judgment of casetetur breve or billa (that the writ or bill be quashed) is a judgment rendered in favor of a party pleading in abatement to a writ or action. Steph. Pl. 130, 131.

Judgment of nil capiat per breve or per billam is a judgment in favor of the defendant upon an issue raised upon a declaration or peremptory plea.

Judgment quad partes replacit. This is a judgment of repleader, and is given if an issue is formed on so immaterial a point that the court cannot know for whom to give judgment. The parties must then reconstruct their pleadings.

Judgment of respondeat ousted is a judgment given against the defendant, requiring him to "answer over," after he has failed to establish a dilatory plea upon which an issue in law has been raised.

Judgment quad recuperet is a judgment in favor of the plaintiff, (that he do recover,) rendered when he has prevailed upon an issue in fact or an issue in law other than one arising on a dilatory plea. Steph. Pl. 126.

Judgment non obstante veredicto is a judgment entered for the plaintiff "notwithstanding the verdict" which has been given for defendant; which may be done where, after verdict and before judgment, it appears by the record that the matters pleaded or replied to, although verified by the verdict, are insufficient to constitute a defense or bar to the action.

Special, technical names are given to the judgments rendered in certain actions. These are explained as follows:

Judgment quod computet is a judgment in an action of account-render that the defendant do account.

Judgment quod partitio flat is the interlocutory judgment in a writ of partition, that partition be made.

Judgment quando acciderint. If on the plea of plene administravit in an action against an executor or administrator, or on the plea of riens per descent in an action against an heir, the plaintiff, instead of taking issue on the plea, take judgment of assets quando acciderint, in this case, if assets afterwards come to the hands of the executor or heir, the plaintiff must first sue out a scire facias, before he can have execution upon this scire facias, assets be found for part, the plaintiff may have judgment to recover so much immediately, and the residue of the assets in futuro. 1 Sid. 448.

Judgment de melioribus damnis. Where, in an action against several persons for a joint tort, the jury by mistake sever the damages by giving heavier damages against one defendant than against the others, the plaintiff may cure the defect by taking judgment for the greater damages (de melioribus damnis) against that defendant, and entering a nolle prosequi (q. v.) against the others. Sweet.

Judgment in error is a judgment rendered by a court of error on a record sent up from an inferior court.

Other compound and descriptive terms. A conditional judgment is one whose force depends upon the performance of certain acts to be done in the future by one of the parties; as, one which may become of no effect if the defendant appears and pleads according to its terms, or one which orders the sale of mortgaged property in a foreclosure proceeding unless the mortgagor shall pay the amount decreed within the time limited. Mahoney v. Loan Ass'n (C. C.) 70 Fed. 513; Simmons v. Jones, 118 N. C. 472, 24 S. E. 114. Consent judgment. One entered upon the consent of the parties, and in pursuance of their agreement as to what the terms of the judgment shall be. Henry v. Hilliard, 120 N. C. 479, 27 S. E. 130. A dormant judgment is one which has not been satisfied nor extinguished by lapse of time, but which has remained so long unexecuted that execution cannot now be issued upon it without first reviving the judgment. Draper v. Nixon, 56 Ala. 436, 8 South. 489. Or one which has lost its lien on land from the failure to issue execution on it or take other steps to enforce it within the time limited by statute. 1 Black. Judgm. (2d ed.) § 462. Judgment nisi. At common law, this was a judgment entered on the return of the nisi prius record, which, according to the terms of the postea, was to become absolute unless otherwise ordered by the court within the first four days of the next succeeding term. See U. S. v. Winstead (D. C.) 12 Fed. 51; Young v. McPherson, 3 N. J. Law, 837. Judgment of his peers. A trial by a jury of twelve men according to the course of the common law. Fetter v. Wilt, 46 Pa. 460; State v. Simons, 61 Kan. 752, 60 Pac. 1052; Newland v. Marsh, 19 Ill. 382.

Judicandum est legibus, non exemp- lis. Judgment is to be given according to

JUDGMENT IN PERSONAM. A judgment in personam is an adjudication, pronounced upon the status of some particular subject-matter, by a tribunal having competent authority for that purpose. It differs from a judgment in rem, in this: that the latter judgment is in form, as well as substance, between the parties claiming the right; and that it is so inter partes appears by the record itself. It is binding only upon the parties appearing to be such by the record, and those claiming by them. A judgment in rem is founded on a proceeding instituted, not against the person, as such, but against or upon the thing, subject-matter itself, whose status or condition is to be determined. It is a proceeding to determine the state or condition of the thing itself; and the judgment is a solemn declaration upon the status of the thing, and it ipso facto renders it what it declares it to be. Woodruff v. Taylor, 20 Vt. 73. And see Martin v. King, 72 Ala. 360; Lord v. Chadbourne, 42 Me. 429, 66 Am. Dec. 290; Hine v. Husey, 45 Ala. 496; Cross v. Armstrong, 44 Ohio St. 613, 10 N. E. 160. Various definitions have been given of a judgment in rem, but all are criticised as either incomplete or comprehending too much. It is generally said to be a judgment declaratory of the status of some subject-matter, whether this be a person or a thing. Thus, the probate of a will fixes the status of the document as a will. The personal rights and interests which follow are mere incidental results of the judgment, and are mere incidental results of the judgment, and do not appear on the face of the judgment. So, a decree establishing or dissolving a marriage is a judgment in rem, because it fixes the status of the person. And the judgment of forfeiture, by the proper tribunal, against specific articles or goods, for a violation of the revenue laws, is a judgment in rem. But it is objected that the customary definition does not fit such a case, because there is no fixing of the status of anything, the whole effect being a seizure, whatever the thing may be. In the foregoing instances, and many others, the judgment is conclusive against all the world, without reference to actual presence or participation in the proceedings. If the expression "strictly in rem" may be applied to any class of cases, it should be confined to such as these. "A very able writer says: 'The distinguishing characteristic of judgments in rem is that, with respect to their effects, they are recognized as against any person, it is equally recognized and enforced as against all persons.' It seems to us that the true definition of 'judgment in rem' is 'an adjudication against some person or thing, or upon the status of some subject-matter; which, wherever and whenever binding upon any person, is equally binding upon all persons." Bartero v. Real Estate Savings Bank, 10 Mo. App. 78.

Judicandum est legibus, non exempt- lis. Judgment is to be given according to
the laws, not according to examples or precedents. 4 Coke, 33b; 4 Bl. Comm. 405.

**JUDICARE.** Lat. In the civil and old English law. To judge; to decide or determine judicially; to give judgment or sentence.

**JUDICATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. Judging; the pronouncing of sentence, after hearing a cause. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 8, c. 8, no. 7.

**JUDICATORES TERRARUM.** Lat. Persons in the county palatine of Chester, who, on a writ of error, were to consider of the judgment given there, and reform it; otherwise they forfeited £100 to the crown by custom. Jenk. Cent. 71.

**JUDICATURE.** 1. The state or profession of those officers who are employed in administering justice; the judiciary.

2. A judicatory, tribunal, or court of justice.

3. Jurisdiction; the right of judicial action; the scope or extent of jurisdiction.

---Judicature acts. The statutes of 36 & 37 Vict. c. 66, and 38 & 39 Vict. c. 77, which went into force November 1, 1875, with amendments in 1877, c. 9; 1879, c. 78; and 1881, c. 69—made most important changes in the organization of, and methods of procedure in, the superior courts of England, consolidating them together so as to constitute one supreme court of judicature, consisting of two divisions,—her majesty's high court of justice, having chiefly original jurisdiction; and her majesty's court of appeal, whose jurisdiction is chiefly appellate.

Judices non tenentur exprimere causam sententiae sua. Jenk. Cent. 75. Judges are not bound to explain the reason of their sentence.

**JUDICES ORDINARI.** Lat. In the civil law. Ordinary *judices*; the common *judices* appointed to try causes, and who, according to Blackstone, determined only questions of fact. 3 Bl. Comm. 315.

**JUDICES PEDANEI.** Lat. In the civil law. The ordinary *judices* appointed by the prator to try causes.

**JUDICES SELECTI.** Lat. In the civil law. Select or selected *judices* or judges; those who were used in criminal cases and between whom and modern *jurors* many points of resemblance have been noticed. 3 Bl. Comm. 366.


Judici satis poena est, quod Deum habet ultorem. It is punishment enough for a judge that he has God as his avenger. 1 Leon. 295.

**JUDICIA.** Lat. In Roman law. Judicial proceedings; trials. *Judicia publica,* criminal trials. Dig. 48, 1.

Judicia in curia regis non adnihilatur, sed steat in robore suo quonque per errores aut attactam aut adnihilatam. Judgments in the king's courts are not to be annihilated, but to remain in force until annulled by error or attaint. 2 Inst. 539.

Judicia in deliberationibus cerebro matutescunt, in accelerato processu nunquam. Judgments frequently become matured by deliberations, never by hurried process or precipitation. 3 Inst. 210.

Judicia posteriora sunt in lege fortiora, 8 Coke, 97. The later decisions are the stronger in law.

Judicia sunt tanquam juris dicta, et pro veritate accipuntur. Judgments are, as it were, the sayings of the law, and are received as truth. 2 Inst. 537.

**JUDICIAL.** Belonging to the office of a judge; as judicial authority.

Relating to or connected with the administration of justice; as a judicial officer.

Having the character of judgment or formal legal procedure; as a judicial act.

Proceeding from a court of justice; as a judicial writ, a judicial determination.

---Judicial action. Action of a court upon a cause, by hearing it, and determining what shall be adjuged or decreed between the parties, and with which is the right of the case. Rhode Island v. Massachusetts, 12 Pet. 719, 9 L. Ed. 1225; Kerosene Lamp Heater Co. v. Monitor Oil Stove Co., 41 Ohio St. 235.—Judicial acts. Acts requiring the exercise of some judicial discretion, as distinguished from ministerial acts, which require neither delay nor deliberation. Ex parte Kellogg, 6 Vt 510; Mills v. Brooklyn, 32 N. Y. 497; Reclamation Dist. v. Hamilton, 112 Cal. 603, 44 Pac. 103.—Judicial admissions. Admissions made voluntarily by a party which appear of record in the proceedings of the court.—Judicial authorities. The state or profession of judges or retired judges, which acts as the king's adviser in matters of law referred to it, and exercises a certain appellate jurisdiction, chiefly in ecclesiastical causes. judicial action act of 1873.—Judicial confession. In the law of evidence. A confession of guilt, made by a prisoner before the privy council, being judges or retired judges. In the law of evidence. 2 Inst. 539.

Judicial business. Such as involves the exercise of judicial power, or the application of the mind and authority of a court to some contested matter, or the conduct of judicial proceedings, as distinguished from such ministerial and other acts, incident to the progress of a cause, as may be performed by the parties, counsel, or officers of the court without application to the court or judge. In re Smith, 138 Cal. 216, 71 Pac. 180, 94 Am. St. Rep. 39; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Jaffray, 36 Neb. 218, 54 N. W. 258, 19 L. R. A. 316; State v. California Min. Co., 13 Nev. 214.—Judicial committee of the privy council. In English law. A tribunal composed of members of the privy council, being judges or retired judges, which acts as the king's adviser in matters of law referred to it, and exercises a certain appellate jurisdiction, chiefly in ecclesiastical causes, though its power in this respect was curtailed by the judicature act of 1873.—Judicial confession. In the law of evidence. A confession of guilt, made by a prisoner before a magistrate, or in court, in the due course of legal proceedings. 1 Green. Eq. § 216;
White v. State, 49 Ala. 344; U. S. v. Williams, 25 Fed. Cas. 643; State v. Lamb, 28 Mo. 218; Speer v. State, 4 Tex. App. 479.—Judicial conventions. Agreements entered into in consequence of an order of court; as, for example, entering into a bond on taking out a writ of sequestration. Penniman v. Barrymore, 6 Mart. N. S. (La.) 494.—Judicial decisions. The opinions or determinations of a judicial body, presided over by a judge where the causes before them, particularly in appellate courts. Le Blanc v. Illinois Cent. R. Co., 75 Miss. 463, 19 South. 211.—Judicial dicta. Dicta made by a court or judge in the course of a judicial decision or opinion. Com. v. Paine, 207 Pa. 45, 56 Atl. 317. See Dictum.—Judicial district. One of the circuits or precincts into which a state is commonly divided for judicial purposes, a court of general original jurisdiction being usually provided in each of such districts, and the boundaries of the districts marking the territorial limits of its authority; or the district may include two or more counties, having separate and independent county courts, but in that case they are presided over by the same judge. See Ex parte Gardner, 22 Nev. 259, 39 Pac. 570; Lindsey v. Coahoma County Sup'rs, 69 Miss. 157, 32 South. 396; Com. v. Mail, 121 M. 377.—Judicial oath. One taken before an officer in open court, as distinguished from a "non-judicial" oath, which is taken before an officer ex parte or out of court. State v. Drew, 38 La. Ann. 877.—Judicial officer. A person in whom is vested authority to decide causes or exercises powers appropriate to a court of justice, or by judicial officers empowered for that purpose by the constitution and laws of government and with which the courts will not interfere, called "political" or "legislative" questions. See Patton v. Chattanooga, 187 Fed. 24, 25 L. R. A. 127, 87 West. 124, 24 Am. L. Reg. 174; Aldrich v. Kinney, 4 Conn. 386, 10 Am. Dec. 151.—Judicial question. One proper for the determination of a court of justice, as distinguished from such questions as are outside the province of the judicial or executive departments of government and with which the courts will not interfere, called "political" or "legislative" questions. See Paton v. Chattanooga, 103 Tenn. 197, 65 S. W. 414.—Judicial remedies. Such as are administered by the courts of justice, or by judicial officers empowered for that purpose by the constitution and laws of the state. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1903, § 20; Code Civ Proc. Mont. 1895, § 3469.—Judicial separation. A separation of man and wife by divorce; otherwise called a "limited divorce."—Judiciar. Pertaining to, or relating to, courts of justice, or by judicial officers empowered for the administration of justice. See Bair v. Stoufer, 29 Mo. 203, 56 Atl. 481; Mitchell v. Clay County, 69 Neb. 779, 96 N. W. 678; De Weese v. Smith (G. C.) 97 Fed. 517. As to judicial "Day," "Deposit," "Discretion," "Documents," "Evidence," "Factor," "Mortgage," "Notice," "Process," "Sales," "Sequestration," and "Writs," see these titles.

JUDICARY, adj. Pertaining or relating to the courts of justice, to the judicial department of government, or to the administration of justice.

JUDICARY, n. That branch of government invested with the judicial power; the system of courts in a country; the body of judges; the bench.

JUDICARY ACT. The name commonly given to the act of congress of September 24, 1789, (1 St. at Large, 73,) by which the system of federal courts was organized, and their powers and jurisdiction defined.

Judicis posterioribus fides est adhibenda. Faith or credit is to be given to the later judgments. 13 Coke, 14.

JUDICIO SISTI. Lat. A caution, or security, given in Scotch courts for the defendant to abide judgment within the jurisdiction. Stirn. Law Gloss.

Judicis est in pronuntiando sequal regulam, exceptione non probata. The judge in his decision ought to follow the rule, when the exception is not proved.

Judicis est judicare secundum allegata et probata. Dyer, 12. It is the duty of a judge to decide according to facts alleged and proved.

Judicis est jus diœrcœ, non dœre. It is the province of a judge to declare the law, not to give it. Lofft, Append. 42.

Judicium officium est opus diœci in die suo perdiœcere. It is the duty of a judge to finish the work of each day within that day. Dyer, 12.

Judicium officium est ut res, ita temporal rerum, quaerere. It is the duty of a judge to inquire into the times of things, as well as into things themselves. Co. Litt. 171.

JUDICIUM. Lat. Judicial authority or jurisdiction; a court or tribunal; a judicial hearing or other proceeding; a verdict or judgment; a proceeding before a judge or judge. State v. Whitford, 54 Wis. 150, 11 N. W. 424.—Judicum capitale. In old English law. Judgment of death; capital judgment. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 59, § 2. Called, also, "judicium vitae antimortis," judgment of loss of life. Id. lib. 2, c. 1, § 5.—Judicum Dei. In old English and European law. The judgment of God; otherwise called "divinum judicium," the "divine judgment." A term particularly applied to the ordeal by fire or hot iron and water, and also to the trials by the cross, the enschilt, and the corseled, and the duelium or trial by battle, (q.
Judicium est quasi juris dictum. Judgment is, as it were, a declaration of law.

Judicium (semper) pro veritate accipitur. A judgment is always taken for truth, [that is, as long as it stands in force it cannot be contradicted.] 2 Inst. 380; Co. Litt. 396, 168a.

JUG. In old English law. A watery place. Domesday; Cowell.

JUGE. In French law. A judge.

Juge d'instruction. A judge appointed to decide summarily controversies of minor importance, especially such as turn mainly on questions of fact. He has also the functions of a police magistrate. Ferrière.


JUGERUM. An acre. Co. Litt. 5b. As much as a yoke (jugum) of oxen could plow in one day.

JUGULATOR. In old records. A cutthroat or murderer. Cowell.

JUGUM. Lat. In the civil law. A yoke; a measure of land; as much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Nov. 17, c. 8.

Jugum terrae. In old English law. A yoke of land; half a plow-land. Domesday; Co. Litt. 5a; Cowell.

JUNCARIA. In old English law. The soil where rushes grow. Co. Litt. 5a; Cowell.


JUNGERE DUELLUM. In old English law. To join the duelium; to engage in the combat. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 21, § 10.

JUNIOR. Younger. This has been held to be no part of a man's name, but an addition by use, and a convenient distinction between a father and son of the same name. Cobb v. Lucas, 15 Pick. (Mass.) 9; People v. Collins, 7 Johns. (N. Y.) 552; Padgett v. Lawrence, 10 Paige (N. Y.) 177, 40 Am. Dec. 232; Prentiss v. Blake, 34 Vt. 460.

Junior right. A custom prevalent in some parts of England (also at some places on the continent) by which an estate descended to the youngest son in preference to his older brothers; the same as “Borough-English.”


JUNIPERUS SABINA. In medical jurisprudence. This plant is commonly called “savin.”

JUNK-SHOP. A shop where old cordage and ships' tackle, old iron, rags, bottles, paper, etc., are kept and sold. A place where odds and ends are purchased and sold. Charleston City Council v. Goldsmith, 12 Rich. Law (S. C.) 470.

JUNTA, or JUNTO. A select council for taking cognizance of affairs of great consequence requiring secrecy; a cabal or faction. This was a popular nickname applied to the Whig ministry in England, between 1693-1696. They clung to each other for mutual protection against the attacks of the so-called “Reactionist Stuart Party.”

JURA. Lat. Plural of “Jus.” Rights; laws. 1 Bl. Comm. 123. See Jus.

Jura fiscalia. In English law. Fiscal rights: rights of the exchequer. 3 Bl. Comm. 45. —Jura in re. In the civil law. Rights in a thing; rights which, being separated from the dominium, or right of property, exist independently of it, and are enjoyed by some other person than him who has the dominium. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 237. —Jura majestatis. Rights of sovereignty or majority; a term used in the
civil law to designate certain rights which belong to each and every sovereignty and which are deemed essential to its existence. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 15 Cal. 226.—Jura mixti domini. In old English law. Rights of mixed dominion. The king's right or power of jurisdiction was so termed. Hale, Anal. § 6. —Jura personarum. Rights of persons; the rights of persons. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122. —Jura praediorum. In the civil law. The rights of estates. Dig. 50, 16, 86.—Jura regalia. In English law. Royal rights or privileges. 1 Bl. Comm. 117, 119; 3 Bl. Comm. 44. —Jura regina. In English law. Royal rights; the prerogatives of the crown. Crabb, Com. Law. 174.—Jura rerum. Rights of things; the rights of things; rights which a man may acquire over external objects or things unconnected with his person. 1 Bl. Comm. 122; 2 Bl. Comm. 1.—Jura summi imperii. Rights of supreme dominion; rights of sovereignty. 1 Bl. Comm. 49; 1 Kent, Comm. 211.

Jura ecclesiastica limitata sunt infra limites separatos. Ecclesiastical laws are limited within separate bounds. 3 Bulst. 53.

Jura codem modo destituuntur quo constitutur. Laws are abrogated by the same means [authority] by which they are made. Broom, Max. 878.

Jura nature sint immutabilia. The laws of nature are unchangeable. Branch, Princ.

Jura publica antefacera privatis. Public rights are to be preferred to private. Co. Litt. 130a. Applied to protections.

Jura publica ex privato [privatis] promiscue decidi non debent. Public rights ought not to be decided promiscuously with private. Co. Litt. 130a, 181b.

Jura regis specialia non conceduntur per generalia verba. The special rights of the king are not granted by general words. Jenk. Cent. p. 103.

Jura sanguinis nullo jure oivili dirimi sunt. The right of blood and kindred cannot be destroyed by any civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Bac. Max. reg. 11; Broom, Max. 533; Jackson v. Phillips, 14 Allen (Mass.) 562.

JURAI. 1. Pertaining to natural or positive right, or to the doctrines of rights and obligations; as "jural relations." 2. Of or pertaining to jurisprudence; juristic; juridical.

3. Recognized or sanctioned by positive law; embraced within, or covered by, the rules and enactments of positive law. Thus, the "jural sphere" is to be distinguished from the "moral sphere;" the latter denoting the whole scope or range of ethics or the science of conduct, the former embracing only such portions of the same as have been made the subject of legal sanction or recognition.

4. Founded in law; organized upon the basis of a fundamental law, and existing for the recognition and protection of rights. Thus, the term "jural society" is used as the synonym of "state" or "organized political community."

JURAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law.

An oath.

—Juramentum calumniæ. In the civil and canon law. The oath of calumny. An oath imposed upon both parties to a suit, as a preliminary to its trial, to the effect that they are not influenced by malice or any sinister motives in prosecuting or defending the same, but by a belief in the justice of their cause. It was also required of the attorneys and proctors. —Juramentum corporalis. A corporal oath. See Oath. —Juramentum in litum. In the civil law. An assessment oath; an oath, taken by the plaintiff in an action, that the extent of the damages he has suffered, estimated in money, amounts to a certain sum, which oath, in certain cases, is accepted in lieu of other proof. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 379.—Juramentum judiciæ. In the civil law. An oath which the judge, of his own accord, defers to either of the parties. It is of two kinds: First, that which the judge defers for the decision of the cause, and which is understood by the general name "juramentum judiciæ," and is sometimes called "suppletory oath," juramentum suppletorium; second, that which the judge defers in order to fix and determine the amount of the condemnation which he ought to pronounce, and which is called juramentum in litum. Poth. Obl. p. 76; 1 Bl. Comm. 49; 1 Kent, Comm. 211.

JURATA. 1. In old English law. A jury of twelve men sworn. Especially, a jury of
the common law, as distinguished from the
assises.

The jury clause in a nisi prius record, so
called from the emphatic words of the old
forms: "Juratea ponitur in respectum," the
jury is put in respite. Townsh. Pl. 497.

Also a jurat, (which see.)

JURATION. The act of swearing; the
administration of an oath.

Jurato creditur in judicilib. He whom
makes oath is to be believed in judgment. 3
Inst. 79.

JURATOR. A juror; a compurgator,
(q. v.)

Juratores debeat esse vicini, sufi-
cientes, et minus suspecti. Jurors ought to
be neighbors, of sufficient estate, and free

Juratores sunt judices facti. Jenk.
Cent. 61. Juries are the judges of fact.

JURATORY CAUTION. In Scotch law.
A description of caution (security) some-
times offered in a suspension or advocacy
where the complainer is not in circumstan-
ces to offer any better. Bell.

JURATS. In English law. Officers in
the nature of aldermen, sworn for the gov-
ernment of many corporations. The twelve
assistants of the bailiff in Jersey are called
"Jurats."

JURE. Lat. By right; in right; by the
law.

—Jure bellii. By the right or law of war. 1
Kent, Comm. 126; 1 C. Rob. Adm. 289.—Jure
civili. By the civil law. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl.
Comm. 423.—Jure corona. In right of the
crown.—Jure divino. By divine right. 1 Bl.
Comm. 191.—Jure ecclesiae. In right of the
church. 1 Bl. Comm. 401.—Jure emphyteuti-
ce. By the right or law of emphytesia. 3 Bl.
Comm. 223. See EMPHYTEUSIS.—Jure genti-
tn. By the law of nations. Inst. 1, 3, 4; 1 Bl.
Comm. 423.—Jure proprietatis. By right of
propriety or nearness. 2 Crabb, Real
Prop. p. 1019, § 2398.—Jure representation-
is. By right of representation; in the right of
another person. 2 Bl. Comm. 224, 517; 2
Crabb, Real Prop. p. 1019, § 2398.—Jure ux-

Jure naturalis sequum est neminem cum
alterius detrimento et injuria fieri locu-
pletiorem. By the law of nature it is not
just that any one should be enriched by the
detriment or injury of another. Dig. 50, 17,
206.

Juri non est consennum quod aliquis
accessorius in curia regis convincatur
antequam aliquis de facto fuerit attin-
teus. It is not consonant to justice that any
necessary to be convicted in the king's
court before any one has been attainted of
the fact. 2 Inst. 183.

JURIC. Lat. Relating to the courts
or to the administration of justice; juridi-
cal; lawful. Dues juricibus, a lawful day
for the transaction of business in court; a
day on which the courts are open.

JURIS. Lat. Of right; of law.

—Jurus et de jure. Of law and of right. A
presumption juris et de jure, or an irrebuttable
presumption, is one which the law will not suf-er to be rebutted by any counter-evidence, but
establishes as conclusive; while a presumption
jurus factus is one which holds good in the ab-

ence of evidence to the contrary, but may be
rebutted.—Jurus et seisinum conjunctio.
The union of seisin or possession and the right
of possession, forming a complete title. 2 Bl.
Comm. 139, 311.—Jurus positivi. Of positive
law; a regulation or requirement of positive
law, as distinguished from natural or divine

—Jurus privati. Of private right; subjects
of private property. Hale, Anal. § 23.—Jurus
publici. Of common right; of common or
public use; such things as, at least in their
own use, are common to all the king's subjects;
as common highways, common bridges, common
rivers, and common ports. Hale, Anal. § 23.

—Jurus utrum. In English law. An abolish-
ed writ which lay for the parson of a church
whose predecessor had alienated the lands and

Juris affectus in executione consistit.
The effect of the law consists in the execu-

Juris ignorantia est cum jus nostrum
ignoramus. It is ignorance of the law when
we do not know our own rights. Haven v.
Foster, 9 Pick. (Mass.) 130, 19 Am. Dec. 353.

Juris praecpta sunt hae: Honestè vi-
vere; alterum non Isedere; suum cuique
tribuere. These are the precepts of the
law: To live honorably; to hurt nobody; to
render to every one his due. Inst. 1, 1, 3; 1
Bl. Comm. 40.

JURISCONSULT. A jurist; a person
skilled in the science of the law, particularly
of international or public law.

JURISCONSULTUS. Lat. In Roman
law. An expert in juridical science; a per-
son thoroughly versed in the laws, who was
habitually employed to, for information and
advice, both by private persons as his cli-
ents, and also by the magistrates, advocates,
and others employed in administering jus-
tice.

Jurisdictio est potestas de publico intro-
ducta, cum necessitate juris dicendi.
JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction is a power introduced for the public good, on account of the necessity of dispensing justice. 10 Coke, 73a.

JURISDICTION. The power and authority constitutionally conferred upon (or constitutionally recognized as existing in) a court or judge to pronounce the sentence of the law, or to award the remedies provided by law, upon a state of facts, proved or admitted, referred to the tribunal for decision, and authorized by law to be the subject of investigation or action by that tribunal, and in favor of or against persons (or a res) who present themselves, or who are brought, before the court in some manner sanctioned by law as proper and sufficient. 1 Black, Judgm. § 215. And see Nenno v. Railroad Co., 105 Mo. App. 540, 80 S. W. 24; Ingram v. Fosun, 118 Ky. 882, 82 S. W. 606; Tod v. Crisman, 123 Iowa, 683, 99 N. W. 688; Harrigan v. Gilchrist, 121 Wis. 127, 99 N. W. 909; Wightman v. Karsner, 20 Ala. 451; Reuleyns v. Stockton, 140 U. S. 254, 11 Sup. Ct. 773, 35 L. Ed. 464; Templeton v. Ferguson, 89 Tex. 47, 83 S. W. 329; Succession of Weigel, 17 La. Ann. 565.

Jurisdiction is a power constitutionally conferred upon a judge or magistrate to take cognizance of and determine causes according to law, and to carry his sentence into execution. U. S. v. Arredondo, 6 Pet. 691, 8 L. Ed. 547; Yates v. Lansing, 9 Johns. (N. Y.) 413, 6 Am. Dec. 290; Johnson v. Jones, 2 Neb. 135.

The authority of a court as distinguished from the other departments; judicial power considered with reference to its scope and extent as respects the questions and persons subject to it; power given by law to hear and decide controversies. Abbott.

Jurisdiction is the power to hear and determine the subject-matter in controversy between parties to the suit; to adjudicate or exercise any power given by law to hear and determine a cause; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide causes. Brownville v. Basse, 43 Tex. 440. —Appellate jurisdiction. The power and authority to take cognizance of a cause and proceed to its determination, not in its initial stage, but only after it has been finally decided by an inferior court, i. e., the power of review and determination of dower, etc. See Richardson v. Green, 25 Ohio St. 662, 33 N. E. 841. —Concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of several different tribunals, both authorized to deal with the same subject-matter at the choice of the suitor. State v. Sinnott, 89 Me. 41, 35 Atl. 1007; Rogers v. Bonnert, 2 Ohio 533, 37 Pac. 1078; Hopkins v. Young v. Weigel, 141 Ill. 491, 30 N. E. 1050. —Co-ordinate jurisdiction. That which is possessed by courts of equal rank, degree, or authority, equally competent to deal with the matter in question, whether belonging to the same or different systems; concurrent jurisdiction. That which exists for the trial and punishment of criminal offenses; the authority by which judicial officers take cognizance of and decide criminal cases. Ellision v. State, 125 Ind. 492, 24 N. E. 739; In re City of Buffalo, 159 N. Y. 422, 34 N. E. 677. In general sense, the jurisdiction belonging to a court of equity, but more particularly the aggregate of those cases, controversies, and occasions which form proper subjects for the exercise of the powers of a chancery court. See Anderson v. Curr. 65 Hun. 179, 19 N. Y. Supp. 992; People v. Mcllvaine, 232 N. Y. 254, 138 N. E. 944; People v. Travers, 569 N. Y. 354, 192 N. Y. Supp. 193. —Foreign jurisdiction. Any jurisdiction foreign to that of the forum. Also the exercise by a state or nation of jurisdiction beyond its own territory, state or nation having acquired an interest, whether acquired in fact or otherwise. —General jurisdiction. Such as extends to all controversies that may be brought before a court within the legal bounds of rights and remedies; as opposed to special or limited jurisdiction, which covers only a particular class of cases, or cases where the amount in controversy is below a prescribed sum, or which is subject to specific exceptions. The terms "general" and "special," applied to jurisdiction, indicate the difference between a legal authority extending over the whole of a particular subject and one limited to a part; and, when applied to the terms of court, the occasion upon which these terms respectively apply. See Gracie v. Freeland, 1 N. Y. 232.—Limited jurisdiction. This term is ambiguous, and the books sometimes use it without due precision. It is sometimes used synonymously with appellate, sometimes as a "special." The true distinction between courts is between such as possess a general and such as have only a special jurisdiction for a particular purpose, or are clothed with special powers for the performance. Obert v. Hammel, 18 N. J. Law, 73. —Original jurisdiction. Jurisdiction in the first instance; that instance in which courts take cognizance of a cause at its inception, try it, and pass judgment upon the law and facts. Distinguished from appellate jurisdiction. —Probate jurisdiction. Such jurisdiction as ordinarily pertains to probate, or surrogates' courts, including the establishment of wills, the administration of estates, the supervising of the guardianship of infants, the allotment of dower, etc. See Richardson v. Green, 61 Fed. 423, 9 C. C. A. 565; Chadwick v. Chadwick, 57 Mass. 256, 13 Pac. 424. —Saltern jurisdiction. A court authorized to take cognizance of only some few kinds of causes or proceedings expressly designated by statute is called a "court of special jurisdiction." —Territorial jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of a court to a give judgment or make an order itself forthwith; e. g., to commit to prison for contempt; to punish malpractice in a solicitor; or, in the case of justices of the peace, a jurisdiction to convict an offender themselves instead of committing him for trial by a jury. —Territorial jurisdiction. Jurisdiction considered as limited to cases arising or persons residing within a defined territory, as, a county, a judicial district, etc. The authority of any court is limited by the boundaries thus fixed. See Phillips v. Thralls, 26 Kan. 781. —Voluntary jurisdiction. In English law. A jurisdiction exercised by certain courts or judges, as in the higher courts, in matters where there is no opposition. 3 Bl. Comm. 66. The opposite of contentious jurisdiction. (q. v.) In Scotland law. One exercised in matters admitting of no opposition or question, and therefore cognizable by any judge, and in any place, and on any lawful day. Bell.

JURISDICTION

In English ecclesiastical law. That branch of the jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical courts which is exercised upon adversary cases. In English ecclesiastical law. JURISDICTION

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JURISDICTION
JURISDICTIONAL. Pertaining or relating to jurisdiction; conferring jurisdiction; showing or disclosing jurisdiction; defining or limiting jurisdiction; essential to jurisdiction.

—Jurisdictional facts. See FACT.

JURISINCEPTOR. Lat. A student of the civil law.

JURISPERITUS. Lat. Skilled or learned in the law.

JURISPRUDENCE. The philosophy of law, or the science which treats of the principles of positive law and legal relations.

"The term is wrongly applied to actual systems of law, or to current views of law, or to suggestions for its amendment, but is the name of a science. This science is a formal, or analytical, rather than a material, one. It is the science of actual or positive law. It is wrongly divided into 'general' and 'particular' or into 'philosophical' and 'historical.' It may therefore be defined as the formal science of positive law." —Holl. Jur. 12

In the proper sense of the word, "jurisprudence" is the science of law, namely, that science which has for its function to ascertain the principles on which legal rules are based, so as not only to classify those rules in their proper order, and show the relation in which they stand to one another, but also to settle the manner in which new or doubtful cases should be brought under the appropriate rules. Jurisprudence is more a formal than a material science. It has no direct concern with questions of moral or political policy, for they fall under the province of ethics and legislation; but, when a new or doubtful case arises to which two different rules seem, when taken literally, to be equally applicable, it may be, and often is, the function of jurisprudence to consider the ultimate effect which would be produced if each rule were applied to an indefinite number of similar cases, and to choose that rule which, when so applied, will produce the greatest advantage to the community. Sweet.

—Comparative jurisprudence. The study of the principles of legal systems by the comparison of various systems of law.—Equity jurisprudence. That portion of remedial justice which is exclusively administered by courts of equity as distinguished from courts of common law. Jackson v. Nimmo, 3 Lea (Tenn.) 699. More generally speaking, the science which treats of the rules, principles, and maxims which govern the decisions of a court of equity; the cases and controversies which are considered proper subjects for its cognizance, and the nature and form of the remedies which it grants.—Medical jurisprudence. The science which applies the principles and practice of different branches of medicine to the elucidation of doubtful questions in a court of justice. Otherwise called "forensic medicine." (q. v.) A sort of mixed science, which may be considered as common ground to the practitioners both of law and physic. 1 Steph. Comm. S. 8.

JURISPRUDENTIA. Lat. In the civil and common law. Jurisprudence, or legal science.

Jurisprudentia est divinarum atque humanarum rerum notitia, justi atque injusti scientia. Jurisprudence is the knowledge of things divine and human, the science of what is right and what is wrong. Dig. 1, 1, 10, 2; Inst. 1, 1, 1. This definition is adopted by Bracton, word for word Bract. fol. 3.

Jurisprudentia legis communis Angliae est scientia socialis et copiosa. The jurisprudence of the common law of England is a science social and comprehensive. 7 Coke, 23a.

JURIST. One who is versed or skilled in law; answering to the Latin "jurisperitus," (q. v.) One who is skilled in the civil law, or law of nations. The term is now usually applied to those who have distinguished themselves by their writings on legal subjects.

JURISTIC. Pertaining or belonging to, or characteristic of, jurisprudence, or a jurist, or the legal profession.

—Juristic act. One designed to have a legal effect, and capable thereof.

JURISDICTIONAL. In old English law. A journey; a day's traveling. Cowell.

JURO. In Spanish law. A certain perpetual pension, granted by the king on the public revenues, and more especially on the salt-works, by favor, either in consideration of meritorious services, or in return for money loaned the government, or obtained by it through forced loans. Escrib.che.

JUROR. One member of a jury. Sometimes, one who takes an oath; as in the term "non-juror," a person who refuses certain oaths.

JUROR'S BOOK. A list of persons qualified to serve on juries.

JURY. In practice. A certain number of men, selected according to law, and sworn (jurati) to inquire of certain matters of fact, and declare the truth upon evidence to be laid before them. This definition embraces the various subdivisions of juries; as grand jury, petit jury, common jury, special jury, coroner's jury, sheriff's jury, (q. v.) A jury is a body of men temporarily selected from the citizens of a particular district, and invested with power to present or indict a person for a public offense, or to try a question of fact. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 190.

The terms "jury" and "trial by jury," as used in the constitution, mean twelve competent men, disinterested and impartial, not of kin, nor personal dependents of either of the parties, having their homes within the jurisdictional limits of the court, drawn and selected by officers free from all bias in favor of or against either party, duly impaneled and sworn to render a true verdict according to the law and the evidence. State v. McClear, 11 Nev. 39.

Classification.—Common jury. In practice. The ordinary kind of jury by which is—
sues of fact are generally tried, as distinguished from a special jury, (q. e.)—Foreign jury. A jury composed of citizens of a foreign country in which the issue was joined.—Grand jury. A jury of inquiry who are summoned and returned by the sheriff to each session of the criminal courts of record whose duty is to receive complaints and accusations in criminal cases, hear the evidence adduced on the part of the state, and in the absence of a warrant of indictment in cases where they are satisfied a trial ought to be had. They are first sworn, and instructed by the court. This is called a "grand jury" because it comprises a large number of persons than the ordinary trial jury or "petit jury." At common law, a grand jury consisted of not less than twelve or more than twenty-three men, and, in this is still the rule in many of the states, though in some the number is otherwise fixed by statute; thus in Oregon and Utah, the grand jury is composed of seven men; in South Dakota, not less than six nor more than eight; in Texas, twelve; in Idaho, sixteen; in Washington, twelve to seventeen; in North Dakota, sixteen to twenty-three; in California, nineteen; in New Mexico, twenty-one. See Ex parte Bain, 121 U. S. 1, 7 Sup. Ct. 151, 30 L. Ed. See also G. D. Frick v. Fuller, 137 U. S. 344, 34 N. Y. Supp. 760; Finley v. State, 61 Ala. 204; People v. Dufl, 65 How. Proc. (N. Y.) 305; Ellis v. State, 3 Fl. 314, 65 So. 692. —Mixed jury. A bilingual jury; a jury of the half-tongue. See De Medicatiae Lign. Also a jury composed partly of negroes and partly of white men.—Petit jury. The ordinary jury of twelve men for the trial of a civil or criminal action. So called to distinguish it from the grand jury. A petit jury is a body of twelve men impaneled and sworn in a district court, to try and determine, by a true and unanimous verdict, any question or issue of fact in any civil or criminal proceeding after procedure, according to law and the evidence as given them in the court. Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 71, § 1.—Pig jury. See Pig.—Special jury. A jury ordered by the court, on the motion of either party, in cases of unusual importance or intricacy. Called, from the manner in which it is constituted, a "struck jury." 3 Bl, Comm. 337. A jury composed of persons above the rank of ordinary freeholders; usually summoned to try questions of greater importance than those usually submitted to common juries. Brown.—Struck jury. In practice. A special jury. So called because constituted by striking out a certain number of names from a prepared list. See Wallace v. Railroad Co., S Houst. (Del.) 529, 18 Atl. 818; State v. Co. 24 N. J. Eq. 710;—Trial jury. A body of men returned from the citizens of a particular district before a court or officer of competent jurisdiction, and sworn to try and determine, by verdict of fact. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 193. Other compound terms.—Jury-box. The place in court (strictly an inclosed place) where the jury were sitting during the trial. Archb. Pr. K. B. 208; 1 Burrill, Pr. 455.—Jury commissioner. An officer charged with the duty of selecting the names to be put into the jury wheel, or of drawing on the panel of jurors for a particular term of court.—Jury-list. A paper containing the names of jurors impaneled to try a cause; it contains the names of all the jurors summoned to attend court.—Jury of matrons. In common-law practice. A jury of twelve matrons or discreet women summoned to try a cause. In the latter case, such jury inquired into the truth of the plea.—Jury process. The process by which a jury is summoned in a cause, and by which the court is到最后, a machine containing the names of persons qualified to serve as grand and petit juries, from which, in an order determined by the hazard of its revolutions, are drawn a sufficient number of names to form the panels for a given term of court. JURMAN. A juror: one who is impaneled on a jury. JURYWOMAN. One member of a jury of matrons, (q. v.) JUS. Lat. In Roman law. Right; justice; law; the whole body of law; also a right. The term is used in two meanings: 1. "Jus" means "law," considered in the abstract; that is, as distinguished from any specific enactment, the science or department of learning, or quasi personified factor in human history or conduct or social development, which we call, in a general sense, "the law." Or, it means the law taken as a system, an aggregate, a whole; the sum total of a number of individual laws taken together. Or it may designate some one particular system or body of particular laws; as in the phrases "Jus civile," "Jus gentium," "Jus Praetorium." 2. In a second sense, "jus" signifies a "right"; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand inherent in one person and incident upon another; or a capacity residing in one person of controlling, with the consent and assistance of the state, the actions of another. This is its meaning in the expressions "Jus in rem," "Jus accesendi," "Jus possessionis." It is thus seen to possess the same ambiguity as the words "droit," "recht," and "right," (which see.) Within the meaning of the maxim that "Ignorantia juris non excusat" (ignorance of the law is no excuse), the word "jus" is used to denote the general law or ordinary law of the land, and not a private right. Churchill v. Bradley, 38 VT. 453, 5 Atl. 159, 56 Am. Rep. 563; Cooper v. L. R. 2 H. L. 149; Freyench v. Meyer, 39 N. J. Eq. 561. The continental jurists seek to avoid this ambiguity in the use of the word "jus," by calling its former signification "objective," and the latter meaning "subjective." Thus Mackeldy (Rom. Law, § 2) says: "The laws of the first kind [compulsory or positive laws] form law [jus] in its objective sense, [jus est norma agendi, law is a rule of conduct.] The possibility resulting from law in this sense to do or require another to do is law in its subjective sense, [jus est facultas agendi, a license to act.] The voluntary action of man in conformity with the precepts of law is called 'justice, (justitia)'" Some further meanings of the word are: An action. Bract. fol. 3. Or, rather, those proceedings in the Roman action which were conducted before the praetor. Power or authority. Sui juris, in one's own power; independent. Inst. 1, 8, pr.; Bract. fol. 3. Alieni juris, under another's power. Inst. 1, 8, pr.
The profession (ora) or practice of the law. Jus ponitur pro ipsa arte. Bract. fol. 2b.
A court or judicial tribunal, ( locus in quo redditur jus.) Id. fol. 3.

For various compound and descriptive terms, see the following titles:

**JUS ABSTINENDI.** The right of renunciation; the right of an heir, under the Roman law, to renounce or decline the inheritance, as, for example, where his acceptance, in consequence of the necessity of paying the debts, would make it a burden to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 733.

**JUS ABUTENDI.** The right to abuse. By this phrase is understood the right to do exactly as one likes with property, or having full dominion over property. 3 Toul. Lett, no. 86.

**JUS ACCRESCENDI.** The right of survivorship. The right of the survivor or survivors of two or more joint tenants to the tenancy or estate, upon the death of one or more of the joint tenants.

Jus accrescendi inter mercatores, pro beneficio commercii, locum non habet. The right of survivorship has no place between merchants, for the benefit of commerce. Co. Litt. 182a; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1207; Broom, Max. 435. There is no survivorship in cases of partnership, as there is in joint-tenancy. Story, Partn. § 90.

**Jus accrescendi prefertur oneribus.** The right of survivorship is preferred to incumbrances. Co. Litt. 185a. Hence no dower or curtesy can be claimed out of a joint estate. 1 Steph. Comm. 316.

**Jus accrescendi prefertur ultima voluntati.** The right of survivorship is preferred to the last will. Co. Litt. 185b. A devise of one's share of a joint estate, by will, is no severance of the jointure; for no testament takes effect till after the death of the testator, and by such death the right of the survivor (which accrued at the original creation of the estate, and has therefore a priority to the other) is already vested. 2 Bl. Comm. 186; 3 Steph. Comm. 316.

**JUS AD REM.** A term of the civil law, meaning "a right to a thing;" that is, a right exercisable by one person over a particular article of property in virtue of a contract or obligation incurred by another person in respect to it, and which is enforceable only against or through such other person. It is thus distinguished from jus in re, which is a complete and absolute dominion over a thing available against all persons.

The disposition of modern writers is to use the term "jus ad rem" as descriptive of a right without possession, and "jus in re" as descriptive of a right accompanied by possession. Or, in a somewhat wider sense, the former denotes an inchoate or incomplete right to a thing; the latter, a complete and perfect right to a thing. See The Carlos F. Roses, 177 U. S. 655, 20 Sup. Ct. 583, 44 L. Ed. 829; The Young Mechanic 30 Fed. Cas. 873.

In canon law. A right to a thing. An inchoate and imperfect right, such as is gained by nomination and institution; as distinguished from jus in re, or complete and full right, such as is acquired by corporal possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 312.

**JUS AELIANUM.** A body of laws drawn up by Sextus Aelius, and consisting of three parts, wherein were explained, respectively: (1) The laws of the Twelve Tables; (2) the interpretation of and decisions upon such laws; and (3) the forms of procedure. In date, it was subsequent to the jus Flavi-anum, (q. v.) Brown.

**JUS AENEICLAE.** The right of primogeniture, (q. v.)

**JUS ALBINATUS.** Le droit d'audain, (q. v.) See ALBINATUS JUS.

**JUS ANGLORUM.** The laws and customs of the West Saxons, in the time of the Heptarchy, by which the people were for a long time governed, and which were preferred before all others. Wharton.

**JUS AQUÆDUCTUS.** In the civil law. The name of a servitude which gives to the owner of land the right to bring down water through or from the land of another.

**JUS BANCÆ.** In old English law. The right of bench. The right or privilege of having an elevated and separate seat of judgment, anciently allowed only to the king's judges, who hence were said to administer high justice, (summam administrant justitiam.) Blount.

**JUS BELL.** The law of war. The law of nations as applied to a state of war, defining in particular the rights and duties of the belligerent powers themselves, and of neutral nations. The right of war; that which may be done without injustice with regard to an enemy. Gro. de Jure B. lib. 1, c. 1, § 3.

**Jus bellum dicendi.** The right of proclaiming war.

**JUS CANONICUM.** The canon law.

**JUS CIVILE.** Civil law. The system of law peculiar to one state or people. Inst. 1, 3, 1. Particularly, in Roman law, the civil law of the Roman people, as distinguished from the jus gentium. The term is also applied to the body of law called, emphatically, the "civil law."

The jus civil and the jus gentium are distinguished in this way. All people ruled by statutes and customs use a law partly peculiar to themselves, partly common to all men. The
law each people has settled for itself is peculiar to the state itself, and is called "jus civile," as being peculiar to that very state. The law again, that natural reason has settled among all men,—the law that is guarded among all peoples quite alike,—is called the "jus gentium," and all nations use it as if law. The Roman people, therefore, use a law that is partly peculiar to itself, partly common to all men. Hunter, Rom. Law, 38.

But this is not the only, or even the general use of the words. What the Roman jurists had chiefly in view, when they spoke of "jus civile," was not local as opposed to cosmopolitan law, but the old law of the city as contrasted with the newer law introduced by the praetor, (jus prae­torium, jus honorarium.) Largely, no doubt, the jus gentium corresponds with the jus prae­torium; but the correspondence is not perfect. Id. 39.

"Jus civile est quod sibi populus constituit." The civil law is what a people establishes for itself. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Jackson v. Jackson, 1 Johns. (N. Y.) 424, 428.

"Jus Civitatis." The right of citizenship; the freedom of the city of Rome. It differs from jus quiritium, which comprehended all the privileges of a free native of Rome. The difference is much the same as between "denization" and "naturalization" with us. Wharton.

"Jus Cloaque." In the civil law. The right of sewerage or drainage. An easement consisting in the right of having a sewer, or of conducting surface water, through the house or over the ground of one's neighbor. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

"Jus Commune." In the civil law. Common right; the common and natural rule of right, as opposed to jus singulare, (q. v.) Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

In English law. The common law, answering to the Saxon "fjolright." 1 Bl. Comm. 67.

"Jus constitut oportet in quae ut plurimum accidunt non qua ex inopinato." Laws ought to be made with a view to those cases which happen most frequently, and not to those which are of rare or accidental occurrence. Dig. 1, 3, 3; Broom, Max. 43.

"Jus Corone." In English law. The right of the crown, or to the crown; the right of succession to the throne. 1 Bl. Comm. 191; 2 Steph. Comm. 434.

"Jus Cudende Monete." In old English law. The right of coinage money. 2 How. State Tr. 118.

"Jus Curialitatis." In English law. The right of curtesy. Spelman.

"Jus Dare." To give or to make the law; the function and prerogative of the legislative department.

"Jus Deliberandi." In the civil law. The right of deliberating. A term granted by the proper officer at the request of him who is called to the inheritance, (the heir,) within which he has the right to investigate its condition and to consider whether he will accept or reject it. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 742; Civ. Code La. art. 1023.


"Jus Devolutum." The right of the church of presenting a minister to a vacant parish, in case the patron shall neglect to exercise his right within the time limited by law.

"Jus Digere." To declare the law; to say what the law is. The province of a court or judge. 2 Eden, 29; 3 P. Wms. 485.

"Jus Disponendi." The right of disposing. An expression used either generally to signify the right of alienation, as when we speak of depriving a married woman of the jus disponendi over her separate estate, or specially in the law relating to sales of goods, where it is often a question whether the vendor of goods has the intention of reserving to himself the jus disponendi; i. e., of preventing the ownership from passing to the purchaser, notwithstanding that he (the vendor) has parted with the possession of the goods. Sweet.

"Jus Dividendi." The right of disposing of realty by will. Du Cange.

"Jus Duplumat." A double right; the right of possession united with the right of property; otherwise called "droit-droit." 2 Bl. Comm. 199.

"Jus est ars boni et aequi." Law is the science of what is good and just. Dig. 1, 1, 1; Bract. fol. 26.

"Jus est norma recti; et guæquiv est contra normam recti est injuria." Law is a rule of right; and whatever is contrary to the rule of right is an injury. 3 Buist. 313.

"Jus et frons nunquam cohabitantis." Right and fraud never dwell together. 10 Coke, 455. Applied to the title of a statute. Id.; Best, Ev. p. 290, § 293.

"Jus ex injuria non oritur." A right does (or can) not rise out of a wrong. Broom, Max. 738, note; 4 Bing. 639.

"Jus Falcandi." In old English law. The right of mowing or cutting. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

"Jus Feciale." In Roman law. The law of arms, or of heralds. A rudimentary species of international law founded on the
rites and religious ceremonies of the different peoples.

**JUS FIDCIARIUM.** In the civil law. A right in trust; as distinguished from *jus legisitimum*, a legal right. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

**JUS FLAVIANUM.** In old Roman law. A body of laws drawn up by Cneius Flavius, a clerk of Appius Claudius, from the materials to which he had access. It was a popularization of the laws. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 39.

**JUS FLUMINUM.** In the civil law. The right to the use of rivers. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 6.

**JUS FODIENDI.** In the civil and old English law. A right of digging on another's land. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fol. 222.

**JUS FUTURUM.** In the civil law. A future right; an inchoate, incipient, or expectant right, not yet fully vested. It may be either *"jus delatum,"* when the subsequent acquisition or vesting of it depends merely on the will of the person in whom it is to vest, or *"jus nondum delatum,"* when it depends on the future occurrence of other circumstances or conditions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

**JUS GENTIUM.** The law of nations. That law which natural reason has established among all men is equally observed among all nations, and is called the "law of nations," as being the law which all nations use. Inst. 1, 2, 1; Dig. 1, 1, 9; 1 Bl. Comm. 43; 1 Kent, Comm. 7; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 125.

Although this phrase had a meaning in the Roman law which may be rendered by our expression "law of nations," it must not be understood as equivalent to what we now call "international law," its scope being much wider. It was originally a system of law, or more properly equity, gathered by the early Roman lawyers and magistrates from the common ingredients in the customs of the old Italian tribes—those being the nations, gentes, whom they had opportunities of observing—to be used in cases where the *jus civile* did not apply; that is, in cases between foreigners or between a Roman citizen and a foreigner. The principle upon which they proceeded was that any rule of law which was common to all the nations they knew of must be intrinsically consonant to right reason, and therefore fundamentally valid and just. From this it was an easy transition to the converse principle, viz., that any rule which instinctively commended itself to their sense of justice and reason must be a part of the *jus gentium*. And so the latter term came eventually to be used in the sense of "equity," (as the Romans understood it,) or the system of praetorian law. It was originally a system of law, or more properly *international law,* its scope being much wider. The body of Ro- man law, which was made up of edicts of the supreme magistrates, particularly the praetors.

**JUS HABENDI.** The right to have a thing. The right to be put in actual possession of property. Lewin, Trusts, 683.

—*Jus habendi et retinendi.* A right to have and to retain the profits, titles, and offerings, etc., of a rectory or parsonage.

**JUS HEREDITATIS.** The right of inheritance.

**JUS HAURIENDI.** In the civil and old English law. The right of drawing water. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 27, § 1.

**JUS HONORARIUM.** The body of Roman law, which was made up of edicts of the supreme magistrates, particularly the praetors.

**JUS IMMUNITATIS.** In the civil law. The law of immunity or exemption from the burden of public office. Dig. 50, 6.

**JUS IN PERSONAM.** A right against a person; a right which gives its possessor a power to oblige another person to give or procure, to do or not to do, something.

**JUS IN RE.** In the civil law. A right in a thing. A right existing in a person with respect to an article or subject of property, inherent in his relation to it, implying complete ownership with possession, and available against all the world. See *Jus ad Rem.*

—*Jus in re proprium.* The right of enjoyment which is incident to full ownership or property, and is often used to denote the full ownership or property itself. It is distinguished from *jus in re aliendi,* which is a mere easement or right in or over the property of another.

**Jus in re inherit ossibus usufructuarii.** A right in the thing cleaves to the person of the usufructuary.

**JUS INCOSIGNITUM.** An unknown law. This term is applied by the civilians to obsolete laws. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 33.

**JUS INDIVIDUUM.** An individual or indivisible right; a right incapable of division. 36 Eng. Law & Eq. 25.

**JUS ITALICUM.** A term of the Roman law descriptive of the aggregate of rights, privileges, and franchises possessed by the cities and inhabitants of Italy, outside of...
the city of Rome, and afterwards extended to some of the colonies and provinces of the empire, consisting principally in the right to have a free constitution, to be exempt from the land tax, and to have the title to the land regarded as Quiritarian property. See Gibbon, Rom. Emp. c. xvii; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 43.

*Jus jurandi forma* verbis differt, re convenit; hunc enim sensum habere debet: ut Deus invocetur. Grot, de Jur. B., 1. 2, c. 13, § 10. The form of taking an oath differs in language, agrees in meaning; for it ought to have this sense: that the Delity is invoked.

**Jus Latii.** In Roman law. The right of Latium or of the Latins. The principal privilege of the Latins seems to have been the use of their own laws, and their not being subject to the edicts of the praetor, and that they had occasional access to the freedom of Rome, and a participation in her sacred rites. Butl. Hor. Jur. 41.

**Jus Latium.** In Roman law. A rule of law applicable to magistrates in Latium. It was either *majus Latium* or *minus Latium*,—the *majus Latium* raising to the dignity of Roman citizen not only the magistrate himself, but also his wife and children; the *minus Latium* raising to that dignity only the magistrate himself. Brown.

**Jus Legitimum.** A legal right in the civil law. A right which was enforceable in the ordinary course of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

**Jus Mariti.** The right of a husband; especially the right which a husband acquires to his wife's movable estate by virtue of the marriage. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 63.

**Jus Merum.** In old English law. Mere or bare right; the mere right of property in lands, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197; Bract. fol. 23.

**Jus Naturae.** The law of nature. See *Jus Naturalis*.

**Jus Naturalis.** The natural law, or law of nature; law, or legal principles, supposed to be discoverable by the light of nature or abstract reasoning, or to be taught by nature to all nations and men alike; or law supposed to govern men and peoples in a state of nature, i.e., in advance of organized governments or enacted laws. This concept originated with the philosophical jurists of Rome, and was gradually extended until the phrase came to denote a supposed basis or substratum common to all systems of positive law, and hence to be found, in greater or less purity, in the laws of all nations. And, conversely, they held that if any rule or principle of law was observed in common by all peoples with whose systems they were acquainted, it must be a part of the *jus naturale*, or derived from it. Thus the phrases "*jus naturale*" and "*jus gentium*" came to be used interchangeably.

**Jus naturale est quod apud homines eandem habet potentiam.** Natural right is that which has the same force among all mankind. 7 Coke, 12.

**Jus Navigandi.** The right of navigating or navigation; the right of commerce by ships or by sea. Lucc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 3.

**Jus Necess.** In Roman law. The right of death, or of putting to death. A right which a father anciently had over his children.

**Jus non habenti tute non paretur.** One who has no right cannot be safely obeyed. Hob. 146.

**Jus non patitur ut idem bis solvatur.** Law does not suffer that the same thing be twice paid.

**Jus Non Scriptum.** The unwritten law. 1 Bl. Comm. 64.

**Jus Offerendi.** In Roman law, the right of subrogation, that is, the right of succeeding to the lien and priority of an elder creditor on tendering or paying into court the amount due to him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 355.

**Jus Papiianum.** The civil law of Papirius. The title of the earliest collection of Roman *leges curtatae*, said to have been made in the time of Tarquin, the last of the kings, by a *pontifex maximus* of the name of Sextus or Publius Papirius. Very few fragments of this collection now remain, and the authenticity of these has been doubted. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 21.

**Jus Pascendi.** In the civil and old English law. The right of pasturing cattle. Inst. 2, 3, 2; Bract. fols. 533, 222.

**Jus Patronatus.** In English ecclesiastical law. The right of patronage; the right of presenting a clerk to a benefice. Blount.

A commission from the bishop, where two presentations are offered upon the same avoidance, directed usually to his chancellor and others of competent learning, who are to summon a jury of six clergymen and six laymen to inquire into and examine who is the rightful patron. 3 Bl. Comm. 246; 3 Steph. Comm. 517.
JUS PERSONARUM. Rights of persons. Those rights which, in the civil law, belong to persons as such, or in their different characters and relations; as parents and children, masters and servants, etc.

JUS PENITENDI. In Roman law, the right of rescision or revocation of an executory contract on failure of the other party to fulfil his part of the agreement. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 444.

JUS PORTUS. In maritime law. The right of port or harbor.

JUS POSSESSIONIS. The right of possession.

JUS POSTLIMITINII. In the civil law. The right of postliminy; the right or claim of a person who had been restored to the possession of a thing, or to a former condition, to be considered as though he had never been deprived of it. Dig. 49, 15, 5; 3 Bl. Comm. 107, 210.

In international law. The right by which property taken by an enemy, and re-captured or rescued from him by the fellow-subjects or allies of the original owner, is restored to the latter upon certain terms. 1 Kent, Comm. 108.

JUS PRESENS. In the civil law. A present or vested right; a right already completely acquired. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 191.

JUS PRETORIUM. In the civil law. The discretion of the praetor, as distinct from the legis, or standing laws. 3 Bl. Comm. 49. That kind of law which the praetors introduced for the purpose of aiding, supplying, or correcting the civil law for the public benefit. Dig. 1, 1, 7. Called also, "jus honorarium," (q. e.)

JUS PRECARIUM. In the civil law. A right to a thing held for another, for which there was no remedy by legal action, but only by entreaty or request. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

JUS PRESENTATIONIS. The right of presentation.

JUS PRIVATUM. Private law; the law regulating the rights, conduct, and affairs of individuals, as distinguished from "public" law, which relates to the constitution and functions of government and the administration of criminal justice. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 124. Also private ownership, or the right, title, or dominion of a private owner, as distinguished from "jus publicum," which denotes public ownership, or the ownership of property by the government, either as a matter of territorial sovereignty or in trust for the benefit and advantage of the general public. In this sense, a state may have a double right in given property, e. g., lands covered by navigable waters within its boundaries, including both "jus publicum," a sovereign or political title, and "jus privatum," a proprietary ownership. See Oakland v. Oakland Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 100, 50 Pac. 277.

JUS PROJICIENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which consists in the right to build a projection, such as a balcony or gallery, from one's house in the open space belonging to one's neighbor, but without resting on his house. Dig. 50, 16, 242; Id. 8, 2, 2; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317.

JUS PROPRIETATIS. The right of property, as distinguished from the jus possessionis, or right of possession. Bract. fol. 3. Called by Bracton "jus morum," the mere right. Id.; 2 Bl. Comm. 197; 3 Bl. Comm. 19, 176.

JUS PROTEGENDI. In the civil law. The name of a servitude. It is a right by which a part of the roof or tiling of one house is made to extend over the adjoining house. Dig. 50, 16, 242, 1; Id. 8, 2, 25; Id. 8, 5, 8, 5.

JUS PUBLICUM. Public law, or the law relating to the constitution and functions of government and its officers and the administration of criminal justice. Also public-ownership, or the paramount or sovereign territorial right or title of the state or government. See Jus Privatum.

Jus publicum et privatum quod ex naturalibus praecipit aut gentium aut civilibus est collectum; et quod in jure scripto jus appellatur, id in lege Anglice rectum esse dicitur. Co. Litt. 185. Public and private law is that which is collected from natural principles, either of nations or in states; and that which in the civil law is called "jus," in the law of England is said to be "right."

Jus publicum privatum pactis mutari non potest. A public law or right cannot be altered by the agreements of private persons.

JUS QUESITUM. A right to ask or recover; for example, in an obligation there is a binding of the obligor, and a jus quasi- tum in the oblige. 1 Bell, Comm. 223.

JUS QUIRITIUM. The old law of Rome, that was applicable originally to patricians only, and, under the Twelve Tables, to the entire Roman people, was so called, in contradistinction to the jus praevarium, (q. v.) or equity. Brown.

Jus quo universitates utuntur est idem quod habent privati. The law
which governs corporations is the same which governs individuals. Foster v. Essex Bank, 16 Mass. 265, 8 Am. Dec. 135.

JUS RECUPERANDI. The right of recovering [lands.]

JUS RELICTÆ. In Scotch law. The right of a relict; the right or claim of a relict or widow to her share of her husband's estate, particularly the movables. 2 Kames, Eq. 349; 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 1, p. 67.

JUS REPRESENTATIONIS. The right of representing or standing in the place of another, or of being represented by another.

JUS RERUM. The law of things. The law regulating the rights and powers of persons over things; how property is acquired, enjoyed, and transferred.

Jus respectiç æquitatem. Law regards equity. Co. Litt. 24b; Broom, Max. 151.

JUS SCRIPTUM. In Roman law. Written law. Inst. 1, 2, 3. All law that was actually committed to writing, whether it had originated by enactment or by custom, in contradistinction to such parts of the law of custom as were not committed to writing. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 126.

In English law. Written law, or statute law, otherwise called "lex scripta," as distinguished from the common law, "lex non scripta." 1 Bl. Comm. 62.

JUS SINGULARE. In the civil law. A peculiar or individual rule, differing from the jus commune, or common rule of right, and established for some special reason. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 196.

JUS STAPULÆ. In old European law. The law of staple; the right of staple. A right or privilege of certain towns of stopping imported merchandise, and compelling it to be offered for sale in their own markets. Locc. de Jure Mar. lib. 1, c. 10.

JUS STRICTUM. Strict law; law interpreted without any modification, and in its utmost rigor.

Jus superveniens auctori accrescit successori. A right growing to a possessor acceives to the successor. Halk. Lat. Max. 76.

JUS TERTII. The right of a third party. A tenant, baillee, etc., who pleads that the title is in some person other than his landlord, baillor, etc., is said to set up a jus tertii.

Jus testamentorum pertinet ordinario. Y. B. 4 Hen. VII., 139. The right of testaments belongs to the ordinary.

JUS TRIPERTITUM. In Roman law. A name applied to the Roman law of wills, in the time of Justinian, on account of its threefold derivation, viz., from the praetorian edict, from the civil law, and from the imperial constitutions. Maine, Anc. Law, 207.

Jus triplex est,—proprietas, possessionis, et possibilitatis. Right is threefold,—of property, of possession, and of possibility.

JUS TRIUM LIBERORUM. In Roman law. A right or privilege allowed to the parent of three or more children. 2 Kent, Comm. 85; 2 Bl. Comm. 247. These privileges were an exemption from the trouble of guardianship, priority in bearing offices, and a treble proportion of corn. Adams, Rom. Ant. (Am. Ed.) 227.

JUS UTENDI. The right to use property without destroying its substance. It is employed in contradistinction to the jus abutendi. 3 Toullier, no. 86.

JUS VENANDI ET PISCANDI. The right of hunting and fishing.

Jus vendit quod usus approbavit. Ellesm. Postn. 35. The law dispenses what use has approved.

JUSJURANDUM. Lat. An oath.

Jusjurandum inter alios factum nec nocere nec prodesse debet. An oath made between others ought neither to hurt nor profit. 4 Inst. 279.

JUST. Right; in accordance with law and justice.

"The words "just" and "justly" do not always mean "just" and "justly" in a moral sense, but they not unfrequently, in their connection with other words in a sentence, bear a very different signification. It is evident, however, that the word "just" in the statute [requiring an affidavit for an attachment to state the plaintiff's claim is just] means "just" in a moral sense; and from its isolation, being made a separate subdivision of the section, it is intended to mean 'morally just' in the most emphatic terms. The claim must be morally just, as well as legally just, in order to entitle a party to an attachment." Robinson v. Burton, 5 Kan. 300.

—Just cause. Legitimate cause; legal or lawful ground for action; such reasons as will suffice in law to justify the action taken. State v. Baker, 112 La. 280, 26 South. 703; Clai- borne v. Railroad Co., 46 W. Va. 371, 33 S. E. 295.—Just compensation. As used in the constitutional provision that private property shall not be taken for public use without "just compensation," this phrase means a full and fair equivalent for the loss sustained by the taking for public use. It may be more or it may be less than the mere money value of the property actually taken. The exercise of the power being necessary for the public good, and all property being held subject to its exercise when and as the public good requires it, it
would be unjust to the public that it should be required to pay the owner more than a fair indemnity for the loss he sustains by the appropriation of his property for public general good. On the other hand, it would be equally unjust to the owner if he should receive less than a fair indemnity for such loss. To arrive at this fair indemnity, the interests of the public and of the owner, and all the circumstances of the particular appropriation, should be taken into consideration.


By the term "just title," in cases of prescription, we do not understand that which the possessor may have derived from the true owner, for then no true prescription would be necessary, but a title understood in itself the whole circle of virtues. Yet the term, when considered relatively and with respect to others, has the name of "justice." But "justice," being in itself a part of "virtue," is confined to things simply good or evil, and consists in a man's taking such a proportion of them as he ought. Bouvier.

**Commutative justice** is that which should govern contracts. It consists in rendering to every man the exact measure of his dues, without regard to his personal worth or merits, i. e., placing all men on an equality. **Distributive justice** is that which should govern the distribution of rewards and punishments. It assigns to each the rewards which his personal merit or services deserve, or the proper punishment for his crimes. It does not consider all men as equally deserving or equally blame-worthy, but discriminates between them, observing a just proportion and conjunction.

In old English law. A certain measure of liquor, being as much as was sufficient to drink at once. Mon. Angl. tit. prel. no. 5.

**Justice, n.** In old French. To do justice; to see justice done; to summon one to do justice.

**Justice in eyre.** In old French, "etre," t. e., a journey. Those justices who in ancient times were sent by commission into various counties, to hear more especial and for the purpose of trying only a limited number of special causes; whereas the justices in eyre were sent through the various states. It is said that this word in its Latin form (justitia) was properly applicable only to the judges of common-law courts, while the term "judex" designated the judges of ecclesiastical and other courts. See Leg. Hen. I. §§ 24, 63; Co. Litt. 710.

The same title is also applied to some of the judicial officers of the lowest rank and jurisdiction, such as police justices and justices of the peace.

**Justice ayres, (or aires).** In Scotch law. Circuits made by the judges of the justiciary courts through the country, for the distribution of justice. Bell — Justice in eyre. From the old French word "aire," i. e., a journey. Those justices who in ancient times were sent by commission into various counties, to hear more especially such causes as were termed "pleas of the crown," were called "justices in eyre." They differed from justices in oyer and terminer, inasmuch as the latter were sent to one place, and for the purpose of trying only a limited number of special causes; whereas the justices in eyre were sent through the various counties, with a more indefinite and general commission, so as to resemble our present justices of assize, although their authority and manner of proceeding differed much from that of the crown.

In English law. The principal court of the forest, held before the chief justice in eyre, or chief minister judge, or his deputy; to hear and determine all trespasses within the forest, and all claims of franchises, liberties, and privileges.
and all pleas and causes whatsoever therein arising. 3 Bl. Comm. 72; 4 Inst. 291; 3 Steph. Comm. 440—Justices of appeal. The title given to the ordinary judges of the English court of appeal. They are the two former lords justices of appeal in chancery, and one other judge appointed by the king's commission. Jud. Act 1875, § 4—Justices of assize. These justices, or, as they are sometimes called, "justices of nisi prius," are judges of the superior English courts of criminal law. They are the various lords justices of the counties of England and Wales for the purpose of disposing of such causes as are ready for trial at the assizes. See Assize.—Justices of gaol delivery. Those justices who are sent with a commission to hear and determine all causes appertaining to persons, who, for any offense, have been cast into gaol. Part of their authority was to punish those who let to mainprise those prisoners who were not bailable by law, and they seem formerly to have been sent into the country upon this exclusive occasion, but afterwards had the same authority given them as the justices of assize. Br. & Amer.—Justices of laborers. Justices appointed to redress the wrongs of laboring men, who were either idle or had unreasonable wages. Blount.—Justices of nisi prius. In English law. This title is now usually coupled with that of justices of assize; the judges of the superior courts hold them in both those capacities. 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 59.—Justices of oyer and terminer. Certain persons appointed by the king's commission, among whom were usually two judges of the courts at Westminster, who went twice in every year to every county of the kingdom, (except London and Middlesex,) and, at what was usually called the "assizes," heard and determined all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. Brown.—Justices of the bench. The justices of the court of common bench or common pleas.—Justices of the hundred. Hundreldors; lords of the hundreds; they who had the jurisdiction of hundreds and held the hundred courts. Justices appointed by Richard I. to carry into effect the money contracts of the crown. Justices of the pavilion. In old English law. Judges of a pyepowder court, of a most singular kind of jurisdiction, anciently authorized by the bishop of Winchester, at a fair held on St. Giles' hills near that city. Cowell; Blount.—Justices of the quorum. See Quorum.—Justices of trial-baston. In old English law. A kind of justices appointed by King Edward I. upon occasion of great disorders in the realm, during his absence in the Scotch and French wars. They were a kind of justices in eyre, with great powers adapted to the emergency, and which they exercised in a summary manner. Cowell; Blount.—Justice of the peace. In American law. A judicial officer of inferior rank holding a court not of record, and having (usually) civil jurisdiction of a limited nature, for the trial of minor cases, to an extent prescribed by statute, and for the conservation of the peace and the preliminary hearing of criminal complaints and the commitment of offenders. See Wenzler v. People, 58 N. Y. 550; Com. v. Frank, 21 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 120; Welkel v. Cate, 53 Md. 110; Smith v. Abbott, 17 N. J. Law, 366; People v. Mann, 97 N. Y. 530, 49 Am. Rep. 556.

In English law. Judges of record appointed by the crown to be justices within a certain district, (e. g., a county or borough,) for the conservation of the peace, and for the execution of divers things, comprehended within their commission and within divers statutes, committed to their charge. Stone, J. Pr. 2.

JUSTICES' COURTS. Inferior tribunals, not of record, with limited jurisdiction, both civil and criminal, held by justices of the peace. There are courts so called in many of the states. See Seev. v. Shanks, 9 N. D. 204, 82 N. W. 754; Brownfield v. Thompson, 96 Mo. App. 340, 70 S. W. 378.

JUSTICEMENTS. An old general term for all things appertaining to justice.

JUSTICER. The old form of justice. Blount.

JUSTICESHIP. Rank or office of a justice.

JUSTICIABLE. Proper to be examined in courts of justice.

JUSTICIAR. In old English law. A judge or Justice. One of several persons learned in the law, who sat in the aula regis, and formed a kind of court of appeal in cases of difficulty.


JUSTICIARIUS ITINERANTES. In English law. Justices in eyre, who formerly went from county to county to administer justice. They were so called to distinguish them from justices residing at Westminster, who were called "justiciar residuenta." Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIARI RESIDENTES. In English law. Justices or judges who usually resided In Westminster. They were so called to distinguish them from justices residing at Westminster, who were called "justici residentes." Co. Litt. 293.

JUSTICIARY. An old name for a judge or justice. The word is formed on the analogy of the Latin "justiciarius" and French "justiciier."

JUSTICIARY COURT. The chief criminal court of Scotland, consisting of five lords of session, added to the justice general and Justice clerk; of whom the justice general, and, in his absence, the justice clerk, is president. This court has a jurisdiction over all crimes, and over the whole of Scotland. Bell.
JUSTICIATUS. Judicature; prerogative.

JUSTICIES. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, empowering him, for the sake of dispatch, to try an action in his county court for a larger amount than he has the ordinary power to do. It is so called because it is a commission to the sheriff to do the party justice, the word itself meaning, "You may do justice to—" 3 Bl. Comm. 36; 4 Inst. 266.

JUSTIFIABLE. Rightful; warranted or sanctioned by law; that which can be shown to be sustained by law; as justifiable homicide. See HOMICIDE.

JUSTIFICATION. A maintaining or showing a sufficient reason in court why the defendant did what he is called upon to answer, particularly in an action of libel. A defense of justification is a defense showing the libel to be true, or in an action of assault showing the violence to have been necessary. See Steph. Pl. 184.

In practice. The proceeding by which bail establish their ability to perform the undertaking of the bond or recognizance.

JUSTIFICATORIES. A kind of compurgators, (q. v.) or those who by oath justified the innocence or oaths of others; as in the case of wager of law.

JUSTIFYING BAIL consists in proving the sufficiency of bail or sureties in point of property, etc.

The production of bail in court, who there justify themselves against the exception of the plaintiff.

JUSTINIANIST. A civilian; one who studies the civil law.

JUSTITIA. Lat. Justice. A jurisdiction, or the office of a judge.

—Justitia piepoudrous. Speedy justice.

Bract. 3336.

Justitia debet esse libera, quia nihil iniquus venali justitia; plena, quia justitia non debet claudecare; et coloris, quia dilatio est quedam negatio. Justice ought to be free, because nothing is more Iniquitous than venal justice; full, because justice ought not to halt; and speedy, because delay is a kind of denial. 2 Inst. 56.

Justitia est constans et perpetua voluntas jus suum cuique tribuendi. Justice is a steady and unceasing disposition to render to every man his due. Inst. 1, 1, pr.; Dig. 1, 1, 10.

JUSTITISM. In Spanish law. The judiciary; the body of judges; the judges who concur in a decree.

JUSTITITIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A suspension or intermission of the administration of justice in courts; vacation time. Calvin.

JUSTIZA. In Spanish law. The name anciently given to a high judicial magistrate, or supreme judge, who was the ultimate interpreter of the laws, and possessed other high powers.

JUSTS, or JOUSTS. Exercises between martial men and persons of honor, with spears, on horseback; different from tournaments, which were military exercises between many men in troops. 24 Hen. VIII. c. 13.

Justum non est aliquem antenatum mortuum facere bastardum, qui pro tota vita sua pro legitimo habetur. It is not just to make a bastard after his death one elder born who all his life has been accounted legitimate. 8 Coke, 101.

JUXTA. Lat. Near; following; according to.

—Juxta conventionem. According to the covenant. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 6.—Juxta formam statut. According to the form of the statute.—Juxta ratum. At or after the rate. Dyer, 82.—Juxta tenorem sequentem. According to the tenor following. 2 Salk. 417. A phrase used in the old books when the very words themselves referred to were set forth. 10.; 1 Ld. Raym. 415.

JUZGADO. In Spanish law. The judiciary; the body of judges; the judges who concur in a decree.
K. B. An abbreviation for "King's Bench," (q. v.)

K. C. An abbreviation for "King's Counsel.

KABANI. A person who, in oriental states, supplies the place of our notary public. All obligations, to be valid, are drawn by him; and he is also the public weigh-master, and everything of consequence ought to be weighed before him. Enc. Lond.

KABOOLEAT. In Hindu law. A written agreement, especially one signifying assent, as the counterpart of a revenue lease, or the document in which a payer of revenue, whether to the government, the zamindar, or the farmer, expresses his consent to pay the amount assessed upon his land. Wills. Ind. Gloss.

KAIA. A key, kay, or quay. Spelman.

KAIAGE, or KAIAGIUM. A wharfage-due.

KAIN. In Scotch law. Poultry renderable by a vassal to his superior, reserved in the lease as the whole or a part of the rent. Bell.

KALALCONNA. A duty paid by shopkeepers in Hindostan, who retail spirituous liquors; also the place where spirituous liquors are sold. Wharton.

KALENDAR. An account of time, exhibiting the days of the week and month, the seasons, etc. More commonly spelled "calendar."

KALENDAR. In the civil law. A calendar; a book of accounts, memorandum-book, or debt-book; a book in which accounts were kept of moneys loaned out on interest. Dig. 32, 64. So called because the Romans used to let out their money and receive the interest on the calendars of every month; hence the name. Paroch. Antiq. 604.

KALENDAR. In English ecclesiastical law. Rural chapters, or conventions of the rural deans and parochial clergy, which were formerly held on the calends of every month; hence the name. Paroch. Antiq. 604.

KALENDS. In English ecclesiastical law. Rural chapters, or conventions of the rural deans and parochial clergy, which were formerly held on the calends of every month; hence the name. Paroch. Antiq. 604.

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KALENDS. See Calendar.

KARL. In Saxon and old English law A man; a serving man. Buekarl, a seaman. Huskarl, a house servant. Spelman.

KARRATA. In old records. A cart-load. Cowell; Blount.

KAST. In Swedish law. Jettison; a literal translation of the Latin "jactus."

KATATONIA. See INSANITY.

KAY. A quay, or key.

KAZY. A Mohammedan judge or magistrate in the East Indies, appointed originally by the court at Delhi, to administer justice according to their written law. Under the British authorities their judicial functions ceased, and their duties were confined to the preparation and attestation of deeds, and the superintendence and legalization of marriage and other ceremonies among the Mohammedans. Wharton.

KEELAGE. The right to demand money for the privilege of anchoring a vessel in a harbor; also the money so paid.

KEELHALE, KEELHAUL. To drag a person under the keel of a ship by means of ropes from the yard-arms, a punishment formerly practiced in the British navy. Enc. Lond.

KEELS. This word is applied, in England, to vessels employed in the carriage of coals. Jacob.

KEEP. 1. To retain in one's power or possession; not to lose or part with; to preserve or retain. Benson v. New York, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 235; Deans v. Gay, 132 N. C. 227, 43 S. E. 643.

2. To maintain, carry on, conduct, or manage; as, to "keep" a liquor saloon, bawdy house, gaming table, nuisance, inn, or hotel. State v. Irvin, 117 Iowa, 460, 91 N. W. 700; People v. Rice, 103 Mich. 320, 61 N. W. 540; State v. Miller, 68 Conn. 373, 63 Atl. 795; State v. Cox, 52 Vt. 474.

3. To maintain, tend, harbor, feed, and shelter; as, to "keep" a dangerous animal, to "keep" a horse at livery. Allen v. Ham, 63 Me. 536; Skinner v. Caughey, 64 Minn. 375, 67 N. W. 203.

4. To maintain continuously and methodically for the purposes of a record; as, to
"keep" books. See Backus v. Richardson, 5 Johns. (N. Y.) 483.

5. To maintain continuously and without stoppage or variation; as, when a vessel is said to "keep her course," that is, continue in motion in the same general direction in which she was previously sailing. See The Britannia, 153 U. S. 130, 14 Sup. Ct. 795, 38 L. Ed. 660.

—Keep down interest. The expression "keeping down interest" is familiar in legal instruments, and means the payment of interest periodically and not becoming due; but it does not include the payment of all arrears of interest which may have become due on any security from the time when it was executed. 4 El. & Bl. 211.

—Keep house. The English bankrupt laws use the phrase "keeping house" to denote an act of bankruptcy. It is committed when a trader absents himself from his place of business and retires to his private residence to evade the importunity of creditors. The use of the phrase "Keeper of the Seals" is refusal to see a creditor who has called on the debtor at his house for money. Robs. Bankr. 119.

—Keep in repair. When a lessee is bound to keep the premises in repair, he must have them in repair at all times during the term; and, if they are at any time out of repair, he is liable to a breach of the covenant. 1 Barn. & Ald. 535. —Keep open. To allow general access to one's shop, for purposes of traffic, is a violation of a statute forbidding him to "keep open" his shop on the Lord's day, although the outer entrances are closed. Com. v. Harrison, 11 Gray (Mass.) 303.

—Keep open." In the sense of such a law, implies a readiness to carry on the usual business in the shop, store, saloon, etc. Lynch v. People, 16 Mich. 472.

—Keeping term. English law. A duty performed by students of law, consisting in eating a sufficient number of dinners in hall to make the term count for the purpose of being called to the bar. Mosley & Whitley. —Keeping the peace. Avoiding a breach of the peace; dissuading or preventing others from breaking the peace.

KEEPER. A custodian, manager, or superintendent; one who has the care, custody, or management of any thing or place. Schultz v. State, 52 Ohio St 281; State v. Rozum, 8 N. D. 548, 80 N. W. 481; Fishell v. Morris, 57 Conn. 547, 18 Atl. 717, 6 L. R. A. 82; McCoy v. Zane, 65 Mo. 15; Stevens v. People, 67 Ill. 590.

—Keeper of the Forest. In old English law. An officer (called also chief warden of the forest) who had the principal government of all things relating to the forest, and the control of all officers belonging to the same. Cowell; Blount.—Keeper of the great seal. In English law. A high officer of state, through whose hands pass all charters, grants, and commissions of the king under the great seal. He is styled "lord keeper of the great seal," and this office and that of lord chancellor are united under one person; for the authority of the lord keeper and that of the lord chancellor were, by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, declared to be exactly the same; and, like the lord chancellor, the lord keeper at the present day is created by the mere decree of the king's great seal in his custody. Brown.—Keeper of the king's conscience. A name sometimes applied to the chancellor of England, as being formerly an ecclesiastical and presiding over the royal chapel. 3 Bl. Comm. 48.—Keeper of the privy seal. In English law. An officer through whose hands pass all charters signed by the king before they come to the great seal. He is a privy councillor, and was anciently called "clerk of the privy seal," but is now generally called the "lord privy seal." Brown.—Keeper of the touch. The master of the assay in the English mint. 12 Hen. VI. c. 14.

KENILWORTH EDICT. An edict or award between Henry III. and those who had been in arms against him; so called because made at Kenilworth Castle, in Warwickshire, anno 51 Hen. III., A. D. 1268. It contained a composition of those who had forfeited their estates in that rebellion, which composition was five years' rent of the estates forfeited. Wharton.

KENNING TO A TERCE. In Scotch law. The act of the sheriff in ascertaining the just proportion of the husband's lands which belong to the widow in right of her terce or dower. Bell.

KENTLAGE. In maritime law. A permanent ballast, consisting usually of pigs of iron, cast in a particular form, or other weighty material, which, on account of its superior cleanliness, and the small space occupied by it, is frequently preferred to ordinary ballast. Abb. Shipp. 5.

KENTREF. The division of a county; a hundred in Wales. See CANTRED.

KENTUCKY RESOLUTIONS. A series of resolutions drawn up by Jefferson, and adopted by the legislature of Kentucky in 1799, protesting against the "alien and sedition laws," declaring their illegality, announcing the strict constructionist theory of the federal government, and declaring "nullification" to be "the rightful remedy."


KERRIERE. A customary cart-way; also a commutation for a customary carriage-duty. Cowell.

KERNELLATUS. Fortified or embattled. Co. Litt. 5a.

KERNES. In English law. Idlers; vagabonds.

KEY. A wharf for the lading and unloading of merchandise from vessels. More commonly spelled "quay." An instrument for fastening and opening a lock.

This appears as an English word as early as the time of Bracton, in the phrase "cone et keye," being applied to women at a certain age, to denote the capacity of having charge of household affairs. Bract. fol. 80b. See CONE and KEY.

KEYAGE. A toll paid for loading and unloading merchandise at a key or wharf. Rowan v. Portland, 8 B. Mon. (Ky.) 253.
KEYS, in the Isle of Man, are the twenty-four chief commoners, who form the local legislature. 1 Steph. Comm. 99.

In old English law. A guardian, warden, or keeper.

KEYS OF COURT. In old Scotch law. Certain officers of courts. See CLAVES CURE.


KHALSA. In Hindu law. An office of government in which the business of the revenue department was transacted under the Mohammedan government, and during the early period of British rule. Khalsa lands are lands, the revenue of which is paid into the exchequer. Wharton.

KIDDER. In English law. An engrosser of corn to enhance its price. Also a huckster.

KIDDLE. In old English law. A dam or open weir in a river, with a loop or narrow cut in it, accommodated for the laying of engines to catch fish. 2 Inst. 38; Blount.

KIDNAPPING. The forcible abduction or stealing away of a man, woman, or child from their own country, and sending them into another. It is an offense punishable at the common law by fine and imprisonment. 4 Bl. Comm. 219.

In American law, this word is seldom, if at all, applied to the abduction of other persons than children, and the intent to send them out of the country does not seem to constitute a necessary part of the offense. The term is said to include false imprisonment. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 671. See State v. Rollins, 8 N. H. 567; State v. Sutton, 116 Ind. 527, 19 N. E. 602; Dehn v. Mandeville, 68 Hun, 335, 22 N. Y. Supp. 984; People v. De Leon, 109 N. Y. 226, 16 N. E. 46, 4 Am. St. Rep. 444; People v. Flick, 59 Cal. 144, 26 Pac. 759.

KILDERKIN. A measure of eighteen gallons.

KILKETH. An ancient servile payment made by tenants in husbandry. Cowell.

KILL, v. To deprive of life; to destroy the life of an animal. The word "homicide" expresses the killing of a human being. See The Ocean Spray, 18 Fed. Cas. 559; Carroll v. White, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 620; Porter v. Hughley, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 222; Com. v. Clarke, 162 Mass. 495, 39 N. E. 280.

KILL, n. A Dutch word, signifying a channel or bed of the river, and hence the river or stream itself. It is found used in this sense in descriptions of land in old conveyances. French v. Carhart, 1 N. Y. 96.
KING'S CHAMBERS. Those portions of the seas, adjacent to the coasts of Great Britain, which are inclosed within headlands so as to be cut off from the open sea by imaginary straight lines drawn from one promontory to another.

KING'S CORONER AND ATTORNEY. An officer of the court of king's bench, usually called “the master of the crown office,” whose duty it is to file informations at the suit of a private subject by direction of the court. 4 Bl. Comm. 308, 309; 4 Steph. Comm. 374, 378.

KING'S COUNSEL. Barristers or serjeants who have been called within the bar and selected to be the king's counsel. They answer in some measure to the advocati fasci, or advocates of the revenue, among the Romans. They must not be employed against the crown without special leave, which is, however, always granted, at a cost of about nine pounds. 3 Bl. Comm. 27.

KING'S EVIDENCE. When several persons are charged with a crime, and one of them gives evidence against his accomplices, on the promise of being granted a pardon, he is said to be admitted king's or (in America) state's evidence. 4 Steph. Comm. 593; Sweet.

KING'S PROCTOR. A proctor or solicitor representing the crown in the former practice of the courts of probate and divorce. In petitions for dissolution of marriage, or for declarations of nullity of marriage, the king's proctor may, under the direction of the attorney general, and by leave of the court, intervene in the suit for the purpose of proving collusion between the parties. Mozley & Whitley.

KING'S REMEMBRANCER. An officer of the central office of the English supreme court. Formerly he was an officer of the exchequer, and had important duties to perform in protecting the rights of the crown; e. g., by instituting proceedings for the recovery of land by writs of intrusion, (q. v.) and for the recovery of legacy and succession duties; but of late years administrative changes have lessened the duties of the office. Sweet.

KINGDOM. A country where an officer called a “king” exercises the powers of government, whether the same be absolute or limited. Wolf, Inst. Nat. § 994. In some kingdoms, the executive officer may be a woman, who is called a “queen.”

KINGS-AT-ARMS. The principal herald of England was of old designated “king of the heralds,” a title which seems to have been exchanged for “king-at-arms” about the reign of Henry IV. The kings-at-arms at present existing in England are three,—Garter, Clarenceux, and Norroy, besides Bath, who is not a member of the college. Scotland is placed under an officer called “Lyon King-at-Arms,” and Ireland is the province of one named “Ulster.” Wharton.

KINGTON, or KINTLE. A hundred pounds in weight. See QUINTAL.

KINTLEDGE. A ship's ballast. See KENTLAGE.

KIPPER-TIME. In old English law. The space of time between the 3d of May and the Epiphany, in which fishing for salmon in the Thames, between Gravesend and Henley-on-Thames, was forbidden. Rot. Parl. 59 Edw. III.

KIRBY'S QUEST. In English law. An ancient record remaining with the remembrancer of the exchequer, being an inquisition or survey of all the lands in England, taken in the reign of Edward I. by John de Kirby, his treasurer. Blount; Cowell.


KISSING THE BOOK. The ceremony of touching the lips to a copy of the Bible, used in administering oaths. It is the external symbol of the witness' acknowledgment of the obligation of the oath.

KIST. In Hindu law. A stated payment; installment of rent.

KLEPTOMANIA. In medical jurisprudence. A form (or symptom) of mania, consisting in an irresistible propensity to steal. See INSANITY.
KNAVE. A rascal; a false, tricky, or deceitful person. The word originally meant a boy, attendant, or servant, but long-continued usage has given it its present signification.

KNAVESHIP. A portion of grain given to a mill-servant from tenants who were bound to grind their grain at such mill.

KNIGHT. In English law. The next personal dignity after the nobility. Of knights there are several orders and degrees. The first in rank are knights of the Garter, instituted by Richard I. and improved by Edward III. in 1344; next follows a knight banneret; then come knights of the Bath, instituted by Henry IV., and revived by George I.; and they were so called from a ceremony of bathing the night before their creation. The last order are knights bachelors, who, though the lowest, are yet the most ancient, order of knighthood; for we find that King Alfred conferred this order upon his son Athelstan. 1 Bl. Comm. 403.

KNIGHT-MARSHAL. In English law. An officer in the royal household who has jurisdiction and cognizance of offenses committed within the household and verge, and of all contracts made therein, a member of the household being one of the parties. Wharton.

KNIGHT-SERVICE. A species of feudal tenure, which differed very slightly from a pure and perfect feud, being entirely of a military nature; and it was the first, most universal, and most honorable of the feudal tenures. To make a tenure by knight-service, a determinate quantity of land was necessary, which was called a “knight’s fee,” (feodum militare) the measure of which was estimated at 680 acres. Co. Litt. 69a; Brown.

KNIGHTENCOURT. A court which used to be held twice a year by the bishop of Hereford, in England.

KNIGHTENGUILD. An ancient guild or society formed by King Edgar.

KNOCK DOWN. To assign to a bidder at an auction by a knock or blow of the hammer. Property is said to be “knocked down” when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signifies to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. “Knocked down” and “struck off” are synonymous terms. Sherwood v. Reade, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 459.

KNOT. In seamen’s language, a “knot” is a division of the log-line serving to measure the rate of the vessel’s motion. The number of knots which run off from the reel in half a minute shows the number of miles the vessel sails in an hour. Hence when a ship goes eight miles an hour she is said to go “eight knots.” Webster.

KNOW ALL MEN. In conveyancing. A form of public address, of great antiquity, and with which many written instruments, such as bonds, letters of attorney, etc., still commence.

KNOWINGLY. With knowledge; consciously; intelligently. The use of this word in an indictment is equivalent to an averment that the defendant knew what he was about to do, and, with such knowledge, proceeded to do the act charged. U. S. v. Claypool (D. C.) 14 Fed. 128.

KNOWLEDGE. The difference between “knowledge” and “belief” is nothing more than in the degree of certainty. With regard to things which make not a very deep impression on the memory, it may be called “belief.” “Knowledge” is nothing more than a man’s firm belief. The difference is ordinarily merely in the degree, to be judged of by the court, when addressed to the court; by the jury, when addressed to the
Knowledge may be classified in a legal sense, as positive and imputed.—Imputed, when the means of knowledge exists, known and accessible to the party, and capable of communicating positive information. When there is knowledge, notice, as legally and technically understood, becomes immaterial. It is only material when, in the absence of knowledge, it produces the same results. However closely actual notice may, in many instances, approximate knowledge, and constructive notice may be its equivalent in effect, there may be actual notice without knowledge; and, when constructive notice is made the test to determine priorities of right, it may fall far short of knowledge, and be sufficient. Cleveland Woolen Mills v. Sibert, 81 Ala. 140, 1 South. 773.

Carnal knowledge. Coitus; copulation; sexual intercourse.—Personal knowledge. Knowledge of the truth in regard to a particular fact or allegation, which is original, and does not depend on information or hearsay. Personal knowledge of an allegation in an answer is personal knowledge of its truth or falsity; and if the allegation is a negative one, this necessarily includes a knowledge of the truth or falsity of the allegation denied. West v. Home Ins. Co. (C. C.) 18 Fed. 622.


Kut-Kubaila. In Hindu law. A mortgage-deed or deed of conditional sale, being one of the customary deeds or instruments of security in India as declared by regulation of 1806, which regulates the legal proceedings to be taken to enforce such a security. It is also called "Byeidi-Wuffa." Wharton.


Kyth. Sax. Kin or kindred.
L.

This letter, as a Roman numeral, stands for the number “fifty.” It is also used as an abbreviation for “law,” “liber,” (a book) “lord,” and some other words of which it is the initial.

L. 5. An abbreviation of “Long Quinto,” one of the parts of the Year Books.

L. C. An abbreviation which may stand either for “Lord Chancellor,” “Lower Canada,” or “Leading Cases.”


L. L. (also L. Lat.) and L. F. (also L. Fr.) are used as abbreviations of the terms “Law Latin” and “Law French.”

L. R. An abbreviation for “Law Reports.”


LLL. The reduplicated form of the abbreviation “L.” for “law,” used as a plural. It is generally used in citing old collections of statute law; as “LL. Hen. I.”

LLL.B., LLM., and LL.D. Abbreviations used to denote, respectively, the three academic degrees in law,—bachelor, master, and doctor of laws.

LA. Fr. The. The definite article in the feminine gender. Occurs in some legal terms and phrases; as “Terme de la Ley,” terms of the law.

LA. Fr. There. An adverb of time and place; whereas.

LA CHAMBRE DES ESTEILLES. The star-chamber.

La conscience est la plus changeante des règles. Conscience is the most changeable of rules. Bouv. Dict.


LABORARIIS. An ancient writ against persons who refused to serve and do labor, and who had no means of living; or against such as, having served in the winter, refused to serve in the summer. Reg. Orig. 180.


A laborer, as the word is used in the Pennsylvania act of 1872, giving a certain preference of lien, is one who performs, with his own hands, the contract which he makes with his employer. Appeal of Wentroth, 82 Pa. 469.

—Laborers, statutes of. In English law. These are the statutes 23 Edw. III., 12 Rich. II., 5 Eliz. c. 4, and 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125', making various regulations as to laborers, servants, apprentices, etc.

LAC, LAK. In Indian computation, 100,000. The value of a lac of rupees is about £10,000 sterling. Wharton.

LACE. A measure of land equal to one pole. This term is widely used in Cornwall.

LACERTA. In old English law. The title belonging to the wife of a peer, and (by courtesy) the wife of a baronet or knight, and also to any woman, married or sole, whose father was a nobleman of a rank not lower than that of earl.

LADIES. In English law. The title belonging to the wife of a peer, and (by courtesy) the wife of a baronet or knight, and also to any woman, married or sole, whose father was a nobleman of a rank not lower than that of earl. —Lady-court. In the English law. The court of a lady of the manor. Lord day. The 25th of March, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In parts of Ireland, however, they so designate the 15th of August, the festival of the Assumption of the Virgin.—Lady's friend. The style of an officer of the English house of commons, whose duty was to secure a suitable provision for the wife, when her husband sought a divorce by special act of parliament. The act of 1837 abolished parliamentary divorces, and this office with them.

LESA MAJESTAS. Lat. Leve-majesty, or injured majesty; high treason. It is a phrase taken from the civil law, and anciently meant any offense against the king's person or dignity.

LESIUS ULTRA DIMIDIO VEL ENORMIS. In Roman law. The injury sustained by one of the parties to an onerous contract when he had been overreached by the other, to the extent of more than one-half of the value of the subject-matter; a...
when a vendor had not received half the value of property sold, or the purchaser had paid more than double value. Colq. Rom. Civil Law, § 2094.

LESIONE FIDEL, SUITS PRO. Suits in the ecclesiastical courts for spiritual offenses against conscience, for non-payment of debts, or breaches of civil contracts. This attempt to turn the ecclesiastical courts into courts of equity was checked by the constitutions of Clarendon, A. D. 1164. 3 Bl. Comm. 52.

LESIWERP. A thing surrendered into the hands or power of another; a thing given or delivered. Spelman.

LET. In old English law. One of a class between servile and free. Palgrave, i. 354.

LETARE JERUSALEM. Easter offerings, so called from these words in the hymn of the day. They are also denominated "quadragesimalia." Wharton.

LÊTHE, or LATHE. A division or district peculiar to the county of Kent. Spelman.

LAFORDSWIC. In Saxon law. A betraying of one's lord or master.

LAGA. L. Lat., from the Saxon "lag." Law; a law.

LAGAN. See LIGAN.

LAGE DAY. In old English law. A law day; a time of open court; the day of the county court; a juridical day.


LAGU. In old English law. Law; also used to express the territory or district in which a particular law was in force, as Dena lagu, Mercna lagu, etc.

LAHLSIT. A breach of law. Cowell. A mulct for an offense, viz., twelve "ores."

LAHM, or LAGEMANNUS. An old word for a lawyer. Domesday, I. 189.


LAICUS. Lat. A layman. One who is not in holy orders, or not engaged in the ministry of religion.

LAIRWITE, or LAIRESITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of some manors. 4 Inst. 206.

LAIS GENTS. L. Fr. Lay people; a jury.

LAITY. In English law. Those persons who do not make a part of the clergy. They are divided into three states: (1) Civil, including all the nation, except the clergy, the army, and navy, and subdivided into the nobility and the commonalty; (2) military; (3) maritime, consisting of the navy. Wharton.

LAKE. A large body of water, contained in a depression of the earth's surface, and supplied from the drainage of a more or less extended area. Webster. See Jones v. Lee, 77 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 855; Ne-pe-nee-kaun Club v. Wilson, 96 Wis. 290, 71 N. W. 661.

The fact that there is a current from a higher to a lower level does not make that a river which would otherwise be a lake; and the fact that a river swells out into broad, pond-like sheets, with a current, does not make that a lake which would otherwise be a river. State v. Gilmanton, 14 N. H. 477.


LAMB. A sheep, ram, or ewe under the age of one year. 4 Car. & P. 216.

LAMBARD'S ARCHAIONOMIA. A work printed in 1588, containing the Anglo-Saxon laws, those of William the Conqueror, and of Henry I.

LAMBARD'S EIRENARCHA. A work upon the office of a justice of the peace, which, having gone through two editions, one in 1579, the other in 1581, was reprinted in English in 1590.

LAMBETH DEGREE. In English law. A degree conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in prejudice of the universities. 3 Steph. Comm. 65; 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

LAME DUCK. A cant term on the stock exchange for a person unable to meet his engagements.

LAMMAS DAY. The 1st of August. It is one of the Scotch quarter days, and is what is called a "conventional term."

LAMMAS LANDS. Lands over which there is a right of pasturage by persons other than the owner from about Lammas, or reaping time, until sowing time. Wharton.

LANA. Lat. In the civil law. Wool. See Dig. 32, 60, 70, 88.

LANCASTER. A county of England, erected into a county palatine in the reign of Edward III., but now vested in the crown.
LAND. In feudal law. Vassals who were obliged to work for their lord one day a week in the week, from Michaelmas to autumn, either with fork, spade, or flail, at the lord's option. Spelman.

LAND, in the most general sense, comprehend any ground, soil, or earth whatsoever; as meadows, pastures, woods, moors, waters, marshes, firm-herbs, and heath. Co. Litt. 46.

The word "land" includes not only the soil, but every thing attached to it, whether attached by the course of nature, as trees, herbages, and water, or by the hand of man, as buildings and fences. Mott v. Palmer, 1 N. Y. 572; Nessler v. Neher, 18 Neb. 649, 26 N. W. 471; Higgins Fuel Co. v. Snow, 113 Fed. 433, 51 C. C. A. 267; Lightfoot v. Grove, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 477; Johnson v. Richardson, 33 Miss. 464; Mitchell v. Warner, 5 Conn. 571; Myers v. League, 62 Fed. 659, 10 C. C. A. 571, 2 Bl. Comm. 16, 17.

Land is the solid material of the earth, whatever may be the improper name by which it is composed, whether soil, rock, or other substance. Civ. Code Cal. § 659.

Philosophically, it seems more correct to say that the word "land" means, in law, as in the vernacular, the soil, or portion of the earth's crust; and to explain or justify such expressions as that "whoever owns the land owns the buildings above and the minerals below," upon the view, not that these are within the extension of the term "land," but that they are so connected with the building of which they consist, by rules of law they pass by a conveyance of the land. This view makes "land," as a term, narrower in signification than "reality," though it would allow an instrument speaking of land to operate co-extensively with one granting reality or real property by either of those terms. But many of the authorities use the expression "land" as including these incidents to the soil. Abbott.

Accommodation lands. In English law. Land bought by a builder or speculative, who erects thereon, and lets or sells portions of them upon an improved ground-right. Bountiful lands. Portions of the public domain given or donated to private persons as a bounty for services rendered, chiefly for military service.

Certificate lands. In Pennsylvania, in the period succeeding the revolution, lands set apart in the name of any person or body of persons, which might be bought with the certificates which the soldiers of that state in the revolutionary army had received in lieu of pay. Cent. Dict.

Crown lands. In England and Canada, lands belonging to the sovereign personally or to the government or nation, as distinguished from such as have passed into private ownership. Demeane lands. See Demeane. Donation lands. Lands granted from the public domain to an individual as a bounty, gift, or donation; particularly, in early Pennsylvania history, lands thus granted to soldiers of the revolutionary war. Fabric lands. In English law, lands given towards the maintenance, rebuilding, or repairing of cathedral and other churches. General land office. An office of the United States government, being a division of the department of the interior, having charge of all executive action relating to the public lands, including their survey, sale or other disposition, and patenting; constituted by act of Congress in 1812 (Rev. St. § 446 [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 255]) and presided over by an officer styled "commissioner of the general land office." Land certificate. Upon the registration of freehold land under the English land transfer act, 1875, a certificate is given to the registered proprietor, and similarly upon every transfer of registered land. This registration supersedes a declaration of any further registration in the register counties. Sweet. Land court. In American law, a court formerly existing in St. Louis, Mo., having a limited jurisdiction over actions concerning real property, and suits for dower, partition, etc. Land damages. See Damages. Land department. An office of the general land office of the United States government which has jurisdiction and charge of the public lands, including the secretary of the interior and commissioner of the general land office and their subordinate officers, and being in effect the department of the interior considered with reference to its powers and duties concerning the public lands. See U. S. v. Winona & St. P. R. Co., 67 Fed. 936, 15 C. C. A. 96; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Bardeleben (C. C.) 46 Fed. 617--Land district. A division of a state or territory, created by federal authority, in which is located a United States land office, with a "register of the land office" and a "receiver of public monies," for the disposition of the public lands within the district. See U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 491--Land-gabel. A tax or rent issuing out of land, and which means, in St. Louis, Mo., penny for every house. This land-gabel, or land-gavel, in the register of Domeday, was a quit-rent for the site of a house, or the land whereon it stood, where the same was sold by the same owners; and the same is now called "ground-rent." Wharton--Land grant. A donation of public lands to a subordinate government, a corporation, or an individual, as, from the United States to a state, or to a railroad company to aid in the construction of its road. Land offices. Governmental offices, subordinate to the general land office, established in various parts of the United States, for the transaction of local business relating to the survey, location, settlement, pre-emption, and sale of the public lands. General land office, supra--Land-poor. By this term is generally understood that a man has a great deal of unproductive land, and perhaps is obliged to borrow money to pay taxes; but a man "land-poor" may be largely responsible. Matson v. Blackmer, 46 Mich. 397, 9 N. W. 445. A person who overlooks or has the management of a farm or estate. Land tax. A tax laid upon the legal or beneficial owner of real property, and apportioned upon the assessed value of his land. Land tenant. The person actually in possession of land; otherwise styled the "terre-tenant." Land titles and transfer act. An English statute (38 & 39 Vict. c. 87) providing for the establishment of a registry for titles to real property, and making sundry provisions for the transfer of lands and the recording of the same. Land waiter. In English law. An officer of the customs-house, whose duty is, upon landing any merchandise, to examine, weigh, or measure it, and to take an account thereof. In some ports they also execute the office of a coast waiter. They are likewise officers for the establishment of a registry for titles to real property, and making sundry provisions for the transfer of lands and the recording of the same. This office exists in certain states.
goods, they, as well as the patent searchers, are to certify the shipment thereof on the debentures. Enc. Lond.—Land-warrant. The evidence which the state, on good consideration, gives that a person therein named is entitled to the quantity of land therein specified, the bounds and description of which the owner or grantee may fix by entry and survey in the section of country set apart for its location and satisfaction. Neal v. President, etc., of East Tennessee College, 6 Yerg. (Tenn.) 253.

—Mineral lands. In the land laws of the United States. Lands containing deposits of valuable, useful, or precious minerals in such quantity as to justify expenditures in the effort to extract them, and which are more valuable for the minerals they contain than for agricultural or other uses. Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 153 U. S. 626, 23 Sup. Ct. 365, 47 L. Ed. 575; Debevec v. Hawke, 115 U. S. 392, 6 Sup. Ct. 96, 23 L. Ed. 423; Davis v. Wiebold, 120 U. S. 607, 11 Sup. Ct. 628, 36 L. Ed. 238; Smith v. Hill, 89 Cal. 122, 26 Pac. 644; Merrill v. Dixon, 15 Nev. 496.—Place lands. Lands granted in aid of a road on the sea which are within certain limits on each side of the road, and which become instantly fixed by the adoption of the line of the road. There is a well-defined difference between place lands and "indebent lands." See Indemnity. See Jackson v. La Moure County, 11 N. D. 238, 46 N. W. 449.—Public lands. Public domain, unappropriated lands; lands belonging to the United States and which are subject to sale or other disposal under general laws, and not reserved or held back for any special governmental or public purpose. Newhall v. Sanger, 92 U. S. 763, 23 L. Ed. 789; U. S. v. Garretson (C. C.) 42 Fed. 24; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Hinchman (C. C.) 55 Fed. 526; State v. Telegraph Co., 52 La. Ann. 1411, 27 South. 796.—School lands. Public lands of a state set apart by the state (or by congress in a territory) to create, by the proceeds of their sale, a fund for the establishment and maintenance of public schools.—Seated land. Land that is occupied, cultivated, improved, reclamation made, or used as a place of residence. Residence without cultivation, or cultivation without residence, or both together, inasmuch as the character of being seated the term is used, as opposed to "unseated land." In Pennsylvania tax laws. See Earley v. Eywv, 105 Pa. 346; Stoetzel v. Eywv, 105 Pa. 507; kỳaily, 6 Watts (Pa.) 272; Coal Co v. Fales, 55 Pa. 98.—Swamp and overflowed lands. Land subject to their swampy character and requiring drainage or reclamation to render them available for beneficial use. Such lands, when constituting a portion of the public domain, have generally been granted by congress to the several states within whose limits they lie. See Miller v. Tobin v. (C.) 15 Fed. 614; Keran v. Allen, 33 Cal. 546; Hogaboom v. Ehrhart, 58 Cal. 253; Thompson v. Thornton, 50 Cal. 144.—Tide lands. Lands between high and low water marks on the sea or any tidal water, that portion of the shore or beach covered and uncovered by the ebb and flow of the tide. Rondell v. Fay, 22 Cal. 754; Oakland v. Water Front Co., 118 Cal. 160, 50 Pac. 277; Andrus v. Knott, 12 Or. 501, 8 Pac. 763; Walker v. State Harbor Com'rs, 17 Wall. 650, 21 L. Ed. 744.—Unseated land. A phrase used in the Pennsylvania tax laws to describe land which, though owned by a private person, has not been reclaimed, cultivated, improved, occupied, or made a place of residence. See Seated land, supra. And see Stoetzel v. Jackson, 105 Pa. 567; McLeod v. Lloyd, 45 Or. 290, 71 Pac. 799.

LANDA. An open field without wood; a lawn or lawn. Cowell; Blount.

LANDAGENDE, LANDHIAFORD, or LANDRICA. In Saxon law. A proprietor of land; lord of the soil. Anc. Inst. Eng.

LANDBOG. In Saxon law. A charter or deed by which lands or tenements were given or held. Spelman; Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 10.

LANDCHEAP. In old English law. An ancient customary fine, paid either in money, payable at any alienation of land lying within some manor, or within the liberty of some borough. Cowell; Blount.

LANDEA. In old English law. A ditch or trench for conveying water from marshy grounds. Spelman.

LANDED. Consisting in real estate or land; having an estate in land.


LANDEFRICUS. A landlord; a lord of the soil.

LANDEGANDMAN. Sax. In old English law. A kind of customary tenant or inferior tenant of a manor. Spelman.

LANDGRAVE. A name formerly given to those who executed justice on behalf of the German emperors, with regard to the internal policy of the country. It was applied, by way of eminence, to those sovereign princes of the empire who possessed by inheritance the title of "landgraves," of which they received investiture from the emperor. Enc. Lond.


LANDING. A place on a river or other navigable water for lading and unloading goods, or for the reception and delivery of passengers; the terminus of a road on a river or other navigable water, for the use of travelers, and the loading and unloading of goods. State v. Randall, 1 Strob. (S. C.) 111, 47 Am. Dec. 543. A place for loading or unloading boats, but not a harbor for them. Hays v. Briggs, 74 Pa. 373.

LANDIRECTA. In Saxon law. Services and duties laid upon all that held land, including the three obligations called "trino-
da necessitas;" (q. v.;) quasi land rights. Cowell.

LANDLOCKED. An expression sometimes applied to a piece of land belonging to one person and surrounded by land belonging to other persons, so that it cannot be approached except over their land. L. R. 13 Ch. Div. 798; Sweet.

LANDLORD. He of whom lands or tenements are held. He who, being the owner of lands or tenements, has leased the same for a term of years, on a rent reserved, to another person, called the "tenant." Jackson v. Harseen, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 326, 17 Am. Dec. 517; Becker v. Becker, 13 App. Div. 342, 43 N. Y. Supp. 17.

When the absolute property in or fee-simply of the land belongs to a landlord, he is then sometimes denominated the "ground landlord," in contradistinction to such a one as is possessed only of a limited or particular interest in land, and who himself holds under a superior landlord. Brown.

—Landlord and tenant. A phrase used to denote the familiar legal relation existing between lessor and lessee of real estate. The relation is contractual, and is constituted by a lease (or agreement therefor) of lands for a term of years, from year to year, for life, or at will. —Landlord's warrant. A distress warrant; a warrant from a landlord to levy upon the tenant's goods and chattels, and sell the same at public sale, to compel payment of the rent or the observance of some other stipulation in the lease.

LANDMARK. A monument or erection set up on the boundary line of two adjoining estates, to fix such boundary. The removing of a landmark is a wrong for which an action lies.

LANDS. This term, the plural of "land," is said, at common law, to be a word of less extensive signification than either "tenements" or "hereditaments." But in some of the states it has been provided by statute that it shall include both those terms.

—Lands clauses consolidation acts. The name given to certain English statutes, (8 Vict. c. 8, amended by 23 & 24 Vict. c. 106, and 32 & 33 Vict. c. 18,) the object of which was to provide legislative clauses in a convenient form for incorporation by reference in future special acts of parliament for taking lands, with or without the consent of their owners, for the promotion of railways, and other public undertakings. Mozley & Whitley.—Lands, tenements, and hereditaments. The technical and most comprehensive description of real property, as "goods and chattels," is of personality. Williams, Real Prop. 5.

LANDSLAGH. In Swedish law. A body of common law, compiled about the thirteenth century, out of the particular customs of every province; being analogous to the common law of England. 1 Bl. Comm. 68.

LANDWARD. In Scotch law. Rural. 7 Bell, App. Cas. 2.

LANGEMAN. A lord of a manor. 1 Inst. 5.

LANGEOLUM. An undergarment made of wool, formerly worn by the monks, which reached to their knees. Mon. Angl. 419.

LANGUAGE. Any means of conveying or communicating ideas; specifically, human speech, or the expression of ideas by written characters. The letter, or grammatical import, of a document or instrument, as distinguished from its spirit; as "the language of the statute." See Behling v. State, 110 Ga. 754, 36 S. E. 85; Stevenson v. State, 90 Ga. 456, 10 S. E. 95; Cavan v. Brooklyn (City Ct. Brook.) 5 N. Y. Supp. 739.

LANGUIDUS. (Lat. Sick.) In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff when a defendant, whom he has taken by virtue of process, is so dangerously sick that to remove him would endanger his life or health. 3 Chit. Pr. 249, 358.

LANIS DE CRESENTIA WALLIE TRADUCENDIS ABSQUE CUSTUMA, etc. An ancient writ that lay to the customer of a port to permit one to pass wool without paying custom, he having paid it before in Wales. Reg. Orig. 279.


LANZAS. In Spanish law. A commutation in money, paid by the nobles and high officers, in lieu of the quota of soldiers they might be required to furnish in war. Trevino v. Fernandez, 13 Tex. 660.

LAPIDATION. The act of stoning a person to death.

LAPIDICINA. Lat. In the civil law. A stone-quarry. Dig. 7, 1, 9, 2.

LAPILLI. Lat. In the civil law. Precious stones. Dig. 34, 2, 19, 17. Distinguished from "genus," "gemme." Id.

LAPIS MARMORIUS. A marble stone about twelve feet long and three feet broad, placed at the upper end of Westminster Hall, where was likewise a marble chair erected on the middle thereof, in which the English sovereigns anciently sat at their coronation dinner, and at other times the lord chancellor. Wharton.

LAPSE, v. To glide; to pass slowly, silently, or by degrees. To slip; to deviate from the proper path. Webster. To fall or fail.

—Lapse patent. A patent for land issued in substitution for an earlier patent to the same land, which was issued to another party, but has lapsed in consequence of his neglect to avail himself of it. Wilcox v. Colloway, 1 Wash. (Va.) 39.—Lapsed devise. See DEVEISE.—Lapsed legacy. See LEGACY.
LAPSE, n. In ecclesiastical law. The transfer, by forfeiture, of a right to present or collate to a vacant benefice from a person vested with such right to another. In consequence of some act of negligence by the former. Ayl. Par. 331.

In the law of wills. The failure of a testamentary gift in consequence of the death of the devisee or legatee during the life of the testator.

In criminal proceedings, "lapse" is used in England, in the same sense as "abate" in ordinary procedure; i.e., to signify that the proceedings came to an end by the death of one of the parties or some other event.

LARCENT. Having the character of larceny; as a "larcenous taking." Contemplating or intending larceny; as a "larcenous purpose."

—Larcenous intent. A larcenous intent exists where a man knowingly takes and carries away the goods of another without any claim or pretense of right, with intent wholly to deprive the owner of the same or convert them to his own use. Wilson v. State, 18 Tex. App. 274, 51 Am. Rep. 309.


The felonious taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another. 4 Bl. Comm. 229. The unlawful taking and carrying away of things personal, with intent to deprive the rightful owner of the same. 4 Steph. Comm. 152. The felonious taking the property of another, without his consent and against his will, with intent to convert it to the use of the taker. Hammon's Case, 2 Leach, 1089.

The taking and removing, by trespass, of personal property which the trespasser knows to belong either generally or specially to another, with the intent to deprive such owner of his ownership therein; and, perhaps it should be added, for the sake of some advantage to the trespasser,—a proposition on which the decisions are not harmonious. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, §§ 757, 755.

Larceny is the taking of personal property, accomplished by fraud or stealth, and with intent to deprive another thereof. Pen. Code Dak. § 580.

Larceny is the felonious stealing, taking, carrying, leading, or driving away the personal property of another. Pen. Code Cal. § 484.

—Constructive larceny. One where the felonious intent to appropriate the goods to his own use, at the time of the asportation, is made out by construction from the defendant's conduct. Originally, this kind was not apparently felonious. 2 East, P. C. 655; 1 Leach, 212.—Compound larceny. Larceny or theft accomplished by taking the thing stolen either from the person or from the house; in other words called "mixed" larceny, and distinguishable from "simple" or "plain" larceny, in which the thief is apprehended by such an intrusion either upon the person or the dwelling. Anderson v. Winfree, 85 Ky., 597, 4 S. W. 351; State v. Chambers, 22 W. Va. 788, 46 Am. Rep. 550.—Larceny by bailee. In England, simple larceny, was originally divided into two sorts,—grand larceny, where the value of the goods stolen was above twelve pence, and petit larceny, where their value was equal to or below that sum. 4 Bl. Comm. 229. The distinction was abolished in England by St. & S. Geo. v, 29, and is not generally recognized in the United States, although in a few states there is a statutory offense of grand larceny, one essential element of which is the value of the goods stolen, which value varies from $7 in Vermont to $50 in California. See State v. Bean, 74 Vt. 111, 50 Atl. 269; Fallon v. People, 2 Keys (N. Y.) 147; People v. Murray, 8 Cal. 520; State v. Kennedy, 88 Mo. 343.—Larceny by bailee. In Pennsylvania law. The crime of larceny is committed where "any person, being a bailee of any property, shall fraudulently take or convert the same to his own use, or to the use of any other person; the owner thereof, or any other person shall not break bulk or otherwise determine the value of the goods stolen, which value varies from $7 in Vermont to $50 in California. See Ex parte Bell, 19 Fla. 612; Barnhart v. State, 154 Ind. 177, 56 N. E. 212; People v. Rhett, 68 Cal. 184, 4 Pac. 1185.—Simple larceny. Larceny which is not complicated or aggravated by acts of violence, or taking from a person, or with force and violence, is called "compound" larceny. See State v. Chambers, 22 W. Va. 788, 46 Am. Rep. 550; Anderson v. Winfree, 85 Ky. 597, 4 S. W. 351; Pitcher v. People, 16 Mich. 142.

LARDARIUS REGIS. The king's larderer, or clerk of the kitchen. Cowell.

LARDING MONEY. In the manor of Bradford, in Wills, the tenants pay to their lord a small yearly rent by this name, which is said by some for liberty to feed their hogs with the masts of the lord's wood, the fat of a hog being called "lard;" or it may be a commutation for some customary service of carrying salt or meat to the lord's larder. Mon. Angl. t, p. 321.

LARGE. L Fr. Broad; the opposite of "estretye," strait or strict. Primus et larges. Britt. c. 34.

LARONS. In old English law. Thieves.
Lascar. A native Indian sailor; the term is also applied to tent pitchers, inferior artillery-men, and others.


—Lascivious carriage. In Connecticut A term including those wanton acts between persons of different sexes that flow from the exercise of lustful passions, and which are not otherwise punished as crimes against chastity and public decency. See Swift, Dig. 343. It includes, also, indecent acts by one against the will of another. Fowler v. State, 5 Day (Conn.) 81.

—Lascivious cohabitation. The offense committed by two persons (not married to each other) who live together in one habitations as man and wife and practice sexual intercourse.


Last, n. In old English law, signifies a burden; also a measure of weight used for certain commodities of the bulkier sort.

Last, adj. Latest; ultimate; final; most recent.

—Last clean chance. In the law of negligence, this term denotes the doctrine or rule that, notwithstanding the negligence of a plaintiff, if, at the time the injury was done, it might have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the defendant, the defendant will be liable for the failure to exercise such care. Styles v. Railroad Co., 121 N. C. 852, 29 S. E. 894. —Last court. A court held by the twenty-four jurats in the marshes of Kent, and summoned by the bailiffs, whereby orders were made to lay and levy taxes, impose penalties, etc., for the preservation of the said marshes. Enc. Lond.

—Last defendant. A defendant in an article sold, which is known to the seller, but not to the purchaser, and is not discoverable by mere observation. See Hoe v. Sanborn, 21 N. Y. 562, 78 Am. Dec. 163. So, a latent defect in the title of a vendor of land is one not discoverable by inspection made with ordinary care. Newell v. Cornell, 9 Port. (Ala.) 422. —Last equity. See Equity.

Lateral. In old records. Sidesmen; companions; assistants. Cowell.

Lateral railroad. A lateral road is one which proceeds from some point on the main trunk between its termini; it is but another name for a branch road, both being a part of the main road. Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 273.

Lateral support. The right of lateral and subjacent support is that right which the owner of land has to have his land supported by the adjoining land or the soil dies is so called. Husse v. Brown, 8 Me. 169; Harrington v. Stees, 82 Ill. 54, 24 Am. Rep. 250; McVoy v. Percival, Hud. Law (S. C.) 387; Prince v. Hazelton, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 513, 11 Am. Dec. 307. —Last will. This term, according to Lord Coke, is most commonly used where lands and tenements are devised, and “testament” where it concerns chattels. Co. Litt. 111 b. Both terms, however, are now generally applied in drawing a will either of lands or chattels. See Reagan v. Stanley, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 322; Hill v. Hill, 7 Wash. 406, 55 Pac. 300.

Lascivious cohabitation. The term is also applied to tent pitchers, inferior artillery-men, and others.


Late. Defunct; existing recently, but now dead. Pleasant v. State, 17 Ala. 190. Formerly; recently; lately

Latently. This word has been held to have “a very large retrospect, as we say ‘lately deceased’ of one dead ten or twenty years.” Per. Cur. 2 Show. 294.

Latent. Hidden; concealed; that does not appear upon the face of a thing; as, a latent ambiguity. See Ambiguities.

Latent. Hidden; concealed; that does not appear upon the face of a thing; as, a latent ambiguity. See Ambiguity.


Latera. In old records. Sidesmen; companions; assistants. Cowell.

Lateral railroad. A lateral road is one which proceeds from some point on the main trunk between its termini; it is but another name for a branch road, both being a part of the main road. Newhall v. Railroad Co., 14 Ill. 273.

**LATERARE.** To lie sideways, in opposition to lying endways; used in descriptions of lands.

**LATIMUS.** In the civil law. Great or large possessions; a great or large field; a common. A great estate made up of smaller ones, (fundis,) which began to be common in the latter times of the empire.

**LATIMUS.** A possessor of a large estate made up of smaller ones. Du Cange.

**LATIMER.** A word used by Lord Coke in the sense of an interpreter 2 Inst. 515. Supposed to be a corruption of the French "latinier," or "latiner." Cowell; Blount.

**LATIN.** The language of the ancient Romans. There are three sorts of law Latin: (1) Good Latin, allowed by the grammarians and lawyers; (2) false or incongruous Latin, which in times past would abate original writs, though it would not make void any judicial writ, declaration, or plea, etc.; (3) words of art, known only to the sages of the law, and not to grammarians, called "Lawyers' Latin." Wharton.

**LATINORIUS.** An interpreter of Latin.

**LATIN JUNIANI.** Lat. In Roman law. A class of freedmen (libertini) intermediate between the two other classes of freedmen called, respectively, "Cives Romani" and "Dediticii." Slaves under thirty years of age at the date of their manumission, or manumitted otherwise than by vindicta, census, or testamentum, or not the quiritary property of their manumissors at the time of manumission, were called "Latini." By reason of one or other of these three defects, they remained slaves by strict law even after their manumission, but were protected in their liberties first by equity, and eventually by the Lex Junia Norbana, A. D. 19, from which law they took the name of "Juniani" in addition to that of "Latini." Brown.

**LATITAT.** In old English practice. A writ which issued in personal actions, on the return of non est inventus to a bill of Mid-dlesex; so called from the emphatic word in its recital, in which it was "testified that the defendant lurks (latitat) and wanders about" in the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 286. Abolished by St. 2 Wm. IV. c. 39.

**LATITATIO.** Lat. In the civil law and old English practice. A lying hid; lurking, or concealment of the person. Dig. 42, 4, 7, 5; Bract. fol. 123.

**LATOR.** Lat. In the civil law. A bearer; a messenger. Also a maker or giver of laws.

**LATRO.** Lat. In the civil and old English law. A robber. Dig. 50, 16, 118; Fleta, lib. 1, c. 38, § 1. A thief.

**LATROCINATION.** The act of robbing; a depredation.

**LATROCINIUM.** The prerogative of adjudging and executing thieves; also larceny; thiet; a thing stolen.

**LATROCINY.** Larceny.

**LATTER-MATH.** A second mowing; the aftermath.

**LAUDARE.** Lat. In the civil law. To name; to cite or quote; to show one's title or authority. Calvin. In feudal law. To determine or pass up-on judicially. Laudamentum, the finding or award of a jury. 2 Bl. Comm. 285.

**LAUDATIO.** Lat. In Roman law. Testimony delivered in court concerning an accused person's good behavior and integrity of life. It resembled the practice which prevails in our trials of calling persons to speak to a prisoner's character. The least number of the laudatores among the Romans was ten. Wharton.

**LAUDATOR.** Lat. An arbitrator; a witness to character.

**LAUDEMO.** In Spanish law. The tax paid by the possessor of land held by quit-rent or emphyteusis to the owner of the estate, when the tenant alienates his right in the property. Escriuhe.

**LAUDEMUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A sum paid by a new emphyteuta (q. v.) who acquires the emphyteusis, not as heir, but as a singular successor, whether by gift, devise, exchange, or sale. It was a sum equal to the fiftieth part of the purchase money, paid to the dominus or proprietor for his acceptance of the new emphyteuta. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 328. Called, in old English law, "acknowledgment money." Cowell.
LAUDUM. Lat. An arbitration or award.

In old Scotch law. Sentence or judgment; dome or doom. 1 Pitt. Crim. Tr. pt. 2, p. 8.

LAUGHE. Frank-pledge. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.

LAUNCEGAY. A kind of offensive weapon, now disused, and prohibited by 7 Rich. II. c. 13.

LAUNCH. 1. The act of launching a vessel; the movement of a vessel from the land into the water, especially the sliding on ways from the stocks on which it is built. Homer v. The Lady of the Ocean, 70 Me. 352.

2. A boat of the largest size belonging to a ship of war; an open boat of large size used in any service; a lighter.

LAUREATE. In English law. An officer of the household of the sovereign, whose business formerly consisted only in composing an ode annually, on the sovereign's birthday, and on the new year; sometimes also, though rarely, on occasion of any remarkable victory.

LAURELS. Pieces of gold, coined in 1619, with the king's head laureated; hence the name.

LAUS DEO. Lat. Praise be to God. An old heading to bills of exchange.

LAVATORIUM. A laundry or place to wash in; a place in the porch or entrance of cathedral churches, where the priest and other officiating ministers were obliged to wash their hands before they proceeded to divine service.


LAW. 1. That which is laid down, ordained, or established. A rule or method according to which phenomena or actions co-exist or follow each other.

2. A system of principles and rules of human conduct, answering to the Latin "ius," as when it is spoken of as a subject of study or practice. In this sense, it includes the decisions of courts of justice, as well as acts of the legislature. The judgment of a competent court, until reversed or otherwise superseded, is law, as much as any statute. Indeed, it may happen that a statute may be passed in violation of law, that is, of the fundamental law or constitution of a state; that it is the prerogative of courts in such cases to declare it void, or, in other words, to declare it not to be law. Burrill.

3. A rule of civil conduct prescribed by the supreme power in a state. 1 Steph. Comm. 25; Civ. Code Dak. § 2; Pol. Code Cal. § 4466.

A "law," in the proper sense of the term, is a general rule of human action, taking cognizance only of external acts, enforced by a determinate authority, which authority is human, and among human authorities is that which is paramount in a political society. Holl. Jur. 96.

A "law," properly so called, is a command which obliges a person or persons; and, as distinguished from a particular or occasional command, obliges generally to acts or forbearances of a class. Aust. Jur.

A rule or enactment promulgated by the legislative authority of a state; a long-established local custom which has the force of such an enactment. Dubois v. Hepburn, 10 Pet. 18, 9 L. Ed. 325.

4. In another sense the word signifies an enactment; a distinct and complete act of positive law; a statute, as opposed to rules of civil conduct deduced from the customs of the people or judicial precedents.

When the term "law" is used to denote enactments of the legislative power, it is frequently confined, especially by English writers, to permanent rules of civil conduct, as distinguished from other acts, such as a divorce act, an apportionment bill, an estates act. Rep. Eng. St. L. Com. Mar. 1856.


Historically considered. With reference to its origin, "law" is derived either from judicial precedents, from legislation, or from custom. That part of the law which is derived from judicial precedents is called "common law," "equity," or "admiralty," "probate," or "ecclesiastical law," according to the nature of the courts by which it was originally enforced. (See the respective titles.) That part of the law which is derived from legislation is called the "statute law."
Many statutes are classed under one of the divisions above mentioned because they have merely modified or extended portions of it, while others have created altogether new rules. That part of the law which is derived from custom is sometimes called the "customary law," as to which, see Custom.

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The earliest notion of law was not an enumeration of a principle, but a judgment in a particular case. When pronounced in the early ages by a king, it was assumed to be the result of direct divine inspiration. Afterwards came the notion of a custom which a judgment affirms, or punishes its breach. In the outset, however, the only authoritative statement of right and wrong is a judicial sentence rendered after the fact has occurred. It does not presuppose a law to have been violated, but is enacted for the first time by a higher form into the judge's mind at the moment of adjudication.


Synonyms and distinctions. According to the usage in the United States, the name "constitutions" is commonly given to the organic or fundamental law of a state, and the term "law" is used in contradistinction to the former, to denote a statute or enactment of the legislative body.

"Law," as distinguished from "equity," denotes the doctrine and procedure of the common law of England and America, from which equity is a departure.

The term is also used in opposition to "fact." Thus questions of law are to be decided by the court, while it is the province of the jury to solve questions of fact.

Classification. With reference to its subject-matter, law is either public or private. Public law is that part of the law which deals with the state, either by itself or in its relations with individuals, and is divided into (1) constitutional law; (2) administrative law; (3) criminal law; (4) criminal procedure; (5) the law of the state considered in its quasi private personality; (6) the procedure relating to the state as so considered. Holl. Jur. 300.

Law is also divided into substantive and adjective. Substantive law is that part of the law which creates rights and obligations, while adjective law provides a method of enforcing and protecting them. In other words, adjective law is the law of procedure. Holl. Jur. 61, 238.

The ordinary, but not very useful, division of law into written and unwritten rests on the same principle. The written law is the statute law; the unwritten law is the common law, (q. v.) 1 Steph. Comm. 40, following Blackstone.

Kinds of statutes. Statutes are called "general" or "public" when they affect the community at large; and local or special when their operation is confined to a limited region, or particular class or interest. Statutes are also either prospective or retrospective; the former, when they are intened to operate upon future cases only; the latter, when they may also embrace transactions occurring before their passage.

Statutes are called "enabling" when they confer new powers; "remedial" when their effect is to provide relief or reform abuses; "penal" when they impose punishment, pecuniary or corporal, for a violation of their provisions.

5. In old English jurisprudence, "law" is used to signify an oath, or the privilege of being sworn; as in the phrases "to wage one's law," "to lose one's law."

—Absolute law. The true and proper law of nature, immutable in the abstract or in principle, in theory, but not in application; for very often the object, the reason, situation, and other circumstances, may vary its exercise and obligation. 1. Steph. Comm. 21 et seq. —Substantive law. The laws of a foreign country, or of a sister state. People v. Martin, 38 Misc. Rep. 67, 76 N. Y. Supp. 958; Bank of Chillicothe v. Tisdale, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 331. —Absolute law. Foreign laws are often the suggesting occasions of changes in, or additions to, our own laws, and in that respect are called "invitations.

Brown.—Laws. A general law, (a) a law intradistinguished from one that is special or local, is a law that embraces a class of subjects or places, and does not omit any subject or place naturally belonging to such class. Van Riper v. Parsons, 40 N. J. Law, 1; Mathis v. Jones, 84 Ga. 904, 11 S. E. 1015; Brooks v. Hyde, 37 Cal. 376; Arms v. Ayer, 192 Ill. 601, 61 N. E. 861, 58 L. R. A. 277, 85 Am. St. Rep. 357; State v. Davis, 55 Ohio St. 45, 44 N. E. 511. A law, framed in general terms, restricted to no locality, and applicable equally to all of a group of subjects, which, having regard to the purposes of the legislation, are distinguished by characteristics sufficiently marked and important to make them a class by themselves, is not a special or local law, but a general law. Van Riper v. Parsons, 40 N. J. Law, 123, 29 Am. Rep. 210. A special law is one relating to particular persons or things; one made for individual cases or for particular places or districts; one operating upon a selected class, rather than upon the public generally. Opposed to substantive law, a law not founded in the nature of things, but imposed by the mere will of the legislature. —Law burrows. In Scotch law, Security for the peaceful behavior of a party; security to keep the peace. Properly, a process for obtaining such security. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 198. —Law burrows. This phrase is used, under the Louisiana Civil Code, to signify costs incurred in court in the prosecution of a suit, to be paid by the party cast. Rousche v. His Creditors, 224 La. 1006; Barkey v. His Creditors, 11 Rob. (La.) 28. —Law court of appeals. In American law. An appellate tribunal, formerly existing in the state of South Carolina, for hearing appeals from the courts of law. —Law day. See Day. —Law French. The Norman French language, introduced into England before the Conquest, and which, for several centuries, was, in an emphatic sense, the language of the English law, being that in which the proceedings of the courts and of parliament were carried on, and in which many of the ancient statutes, reports, abridgments, and treatises were written and printed. Opposed to "English dialect," and the later specimens of it
fully warrant the appellation, but at the time of its introduction it was, as has been observed, the best form of the language spoken in Norman.

Burling.—Law Latin. The corruption of the Latin language employed in the old English law-books and legal proceedings. It contained many barbarous words and contrivances for that purpose. A. D. 1280. The publication of a quasi official character, comprising various statistics of interest in connection with the legal profession. It includes (among other things) the following matters:—A list of judges, queen's counsel, and sergeants at law; the judges of the county courts; the laws on the laws; barristers, in alphabetical order; the names of counsel practicing in the several circuits of England and Wales; London attorneys; country attorneys; officers of the courts of chancery and common law; the magistrates and law officers of the city of London; the metropolitan magistrates and police; recorders; county court officers and circuits; local landmarks and sheriffs; colonial judges and officers; public notaries. Mozley & Whitley.—Law lords. The jurisdiction of the highest parliamentary courts. These courts have been high judicial office, or have been distinguished in the legal profession. Mozley & Whitley.—Law of maritime.—LAW OF MARITIME.—Mercantile Law.—See MARITIME LAW.

Law of nations. See INTERNATIONAL LAW.

Law of nature. See NATURAL LAW.

Law of sovereigns. The laws which give laws to war; how to make and observe truces and league, to punish offenders in the camp, and such like. Cowell; Blount. Now more commonly called the law of war.

Law of citations. In Roman law. An act of Valentinian, passed A. D. 426, providing that the writing of only five jurists, viz., Papinian, Gaius, Ulpian, and Maximian, should be quoted as authorities. The majority was binding on the judge. If they were equally divided the opinion of Papinian was to prevail; and in such a case, if Papinian was silent upon the matter, then the judge was free to follow his own view of the matter. Brown.

Law of evidence. The aggregate of rules and principles regulating the admissibility, relevancy, and weight and sufficiency of evidence in legal proceedings. See Ballinger's Ann. Codes & St. Or. 1901, § 678.—Law of marquee. A sort of law of reprisal, which entitles him who has received any wrong from another to get redress by taking the shipping or goods of the wrong-doer, where he can find them within his own bounds or precincts, in satisfaction of the wrong. Cow. eel.—How to prosecute a law merchant or law of the case. A ruling or decision once made in a particular case by an appellate court, while it may be overruled in another and cannot get ordinary justice to prevail in the courts of law.—Law spiritual. The ecclesiastical law, or law Christian. Co. Litt. 344.—Law worthy. Being entitled to, or having the benefit and protection of, the law. Local law. A law which, instead of relating to and benefiting persons, companies, or institutions to which it may be applicable, within the whole territorial jurisdiction of the law-making power, is limited in its operation to certain persons or to certain territories, including individuals or corporations. See GENERAL LAW. Personal law, as opposed to territorial law, the law which pertains subject to the law of the territory in which they reside. It is only by permission of the territorial law that personal law can exist at the present day; e. g., it applies to British subjects resident in the Levant and in other Mohammedan and barbarous countries. Under the Roman Empire, it had a very wide application. Brown.

As to the different kinds of law, or law regarded in its different aspects, see ADJECTIVE LAW; ADMINISTRATIVE LAW; BANKRUPTCY LAW; CANON LAW; CASE LAW; CIVIL LAW; CIVIL Procedure; COMMON LAW; CONSTITUTIONAL LAW; CRIMINAL LAW; EQUITABLE LAW; FOREST LAW; INTERNATIONAL LAW; MARITIME LAW; MARTIAL LAW; MERCANTILE LAW; MILITARY LAW; MORAL LAW; MUNICIPAL LAW; NATURAL LAW; ORGANIC LAW; PARLIAMENTARY LAW; PENAL LAW; POSITIVE LAW; PRIVATE LAW; PUBLIC LAW; RETROSPECTIVE LAW; REVENUE LAW; ROMAN LAW; SUBSTANTIVE LAW; WHITNEY LAW.

Inquiry, and renders judgment only after trial. Heisk. (Tenn.) 186. It means due process of law warranted by the constitution, or by statutes passed in pursuance of the constitution. Mayo v. Wilson, 1 N. H. 58.—Law of the road. A general custom in America (made obligatory by statute in some states) for pedestrians and vehicles, when meeting in a street or road, to turn to the right in order to avoid danger of collision. See Riepe v. Elting, 89 N. C. 596, 63 N. W. 285, 26 L. R. A. 623.—Law of the staple. Law administered in the court of the mayor of the staple; the law-marshals. See STAPLE.—Law of the staple. The staple. This term designates a branch of the public international law, and comprises the body of rules and principles observed by civilized nations for the regulation of matters inherent in, or incidental to, the conduct of a public war; such, for example, as the relations of neutrals and belligerents, blockades, captures, prizes, truces and armistices, capitulations, prisoners, and declarations of war and peace.—Laws of Wisby. See WISBY, LAWS OF.—LAW OF WISBY. Published volume containing the reports of cases argued and adjudged in the courts of law. LAW SPIRITUAL. The ecclesiastical law, or law Christian. Co. Litt. 344.—Law worthy. Being entitled to, or having the benefit and protection of, the law. LOCAL LAW. A law which, instead of relating to and benefiting persons, companies, or institutions to which it may be applicable, within the whole territorial jurisdiction of the law-making power, is limited in its operation to certain persons or to certain territories, including individuals or corporations. See GENERAL LAW. PERSONAL LAW, AS OPPOSED TO TERRITORIAL LAW, THE LAW WHICH PERTAINS SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF THE TERRITORY IN WHICH THEY RESIDE. IT IS ONLY BY PERMISSION OF THE TERRITORIAL LAW THAT PERSONAL LAW CAN EXIST AT THE PRESENT DAY; E. G., IT APPLIES TO BRITISH SUBJECTS RESIDENT IN THE LEVANT AND IN OTHER MOHAMMEDAN AND BARBAROUS COUNTRIES. UNDER THE ROMAN EMPIRE, IT HAD A VERY WIDE APPLICATION. BROWN.

Law construeth every act to be lawful, when it standeth indifferent whether it should be lawful or not. Wing. Max. p. 722, max. 194; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 76.

Law construeth things according to common possibility or intendment. Wing. Max. p. 705, max. 189.


Law favoreth common right. Wing. Max. p. 547, max. 144.

Law favoreth diligence, and therefore hateth folly and negligence. Wing. Max. p. 665, max. 172; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 70.


Law favoroth life, liberty, and dower. 4 Bacon's Works, 345.

Law favoroth mutual recompense. Wing. Max. p. 411, max. 108; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 42.

Law [the law] favoroth possession, where the right is equal. Wing. Max. p. 375, max. 98; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 36.


Law favoroth public quiet. Wing. Max. p. 742, max. 200; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 54.


Law [the law] favoroth things for the commonwealth, [common weal.] Wing. Max. p. 720, max. 197; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 63.


Law hateth delays. Wing. Max. p. 674, max. 176; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 71.

Law hateth new inventions and innovations. Wing. Max. p. 756, max. 204.

Law hateth wrong. Wing. Max. p. 563, max. 146; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 62.


Law respecteth matter of substance more than matter of circumstance. Wing. Max. p. 582, max. 101; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 39.

Law respecteth possibility of things. Wing. Max. p. 403, max. 104; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 40.

Law [the law] respecteth the bonds of nature. Wing. Max. p. 285, max. 78; Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 29.

LAWFUL. Legal; warranted or authorized by the law; having the qualifications prescribed by law; not contrary to nor forbidden by the law.

The principal distinction between the terms "lawful" and "legal" is that the former con­templates the substance of law, the latter the form of law. To say of an act that it is "law­ful" implies that it is authorized, sanctioned, or at any rate not forbidden, by law. To say that it is "legal" implies that it is done or performed in accordance with the forms and us­ages of law, or in a technical manner. In this sense "illegal" approaches the meaning of "in­valid." For example, a contract or will, executed without the required formalities, might be said to be invalid or illegal, but could not be described as unlawful. Further, the word "lawful" more clearly implies an ethical con­tent than does "legal." The latter goes no fur­ther than to denote compliance, with positive, technical, or formal rules; while the former usually imports a moral substance or ethical permissibility. A further distinction is that the word "legal" is used as the synonym of "con­structive," which "lawful" is not. Thus "legal fraud" is fraud implied or inferred by law, or made out by construction. "Lawful fraud" would be a contradiction of terms. Again, "legal" is used as the antithesis of "equ­itable." Thus, we speak of "legal assets," "legal estate," etc., but not of "lawful assets," or "lawful estate." But there are some col­locations in which the two words are used as exact equivalents. Thus, a "lawful" writ, warrant, or process is the same as a "legal" writ, warrant, or process.

—Lawful age. Full age; majority; generally the age of twenty-one years, though sometimes eighteen as to a female. See McKim v. Handy, 4 Md. Ch. 237.—Lawful authorities. The expression "lawful authorities," used in our treaty with Spain, refers to persons who exercised the power of making grants by author­ity. Mitchel v. U. S., 9 Pet. 711, 9 L. Ed. 283.—Lawful entry. Such a discharge is involuntary as exonerates the debtor from his debts. Mason v. Haile, 12 Wheat. 370, 6 L. Ed. 669.—Lawful entry. An entry on real estate, by one out of possession, under claim or color of right and without force or fraud. See Stoudler v. Hart, 69 Kan. 135, 74 Pac. 615, 64 L. R. A. 320, 104 Am. St. Rep., 396.—Lawful goods. Whatever is not prohibited to be exported by the positive
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law of the country, even though it be contraband of war; for a neutral has a right to carry
such goods at his own risk. Seton v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 1; Skidmore v. Desoility,
2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 77; Juheh v. Rhinelander, 2 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 120.—Lawful heirs.
See Heia—Lawful man. A freeman, unattainted, and capable of bearing oath; a legatus
homo.—Lawful money. Money which is a legal tender in payment of debts; e. g., gold
and silver coined at the mint.

LAWING OF DOGS. The cutting several claws of the forefeet of dogs in the forest, to prevent their running at deer.

LAWLESS. Not subject to law; not controlled by law; not authorized by law; not observing the rules and forms of law. See Arkansas v. Kansas & T. Coal Co. (C. C.) 96 Fed. 952.

—Lawless court. An ancient local English court, said to have been held in Essex once a year, at cock-crowing, without a light or pen and ink, and conducted in a whisper. Jacob.—Lawless man. An outlaw.


LAWSUIT. A vernacular term for a suit, action, or cause instituted or depending between two private persons in the courts of law.

LAWYER. A person learned in the law; as an attorney, counsel, or solicitor.

Any person who, for fee or reward, prosecutes or defends causes in courts of record or other judicial tribunals of the United States, or of any of the states, or whose business it is to give legal advice in relation to any cause or matter whatever. Act of July 10, 1866, § 9, (14 St. at Large, 121.)

LAY, v. To state or allege in pleading.

—Lay damages. To state at the conclusion of the declaration the amount of damages which the plaintiff claims.—Lay out. This term has come to be used technically in highway laws as embracing all the series of acts necessary to the complete establishment of a highway. Cone v. Hartford, 28 Conn. 375.—Laying the venue. Stating in the margin of a declaration the county in which the plaintiff proposes that the trial of the action shall take place.

LAY, adj. Relating to persons or things not clerical or ecclesiastical; one not in ecclesiastical orders. Also non-professional.

—Lay corporation. See CORPORATION.—Lay days. In the law of shipping. Days allowed in charters-parties for loading and unloading the cargo. 3 Kent, Comm. 202, 203.—Lay fee held by ordinary feudal tenure, as distinguished from the ecclesiastical tenure of frankalmoign, by which an ecclesiastical corporation held of the donor. The tenure of frankalmoign is reserved by St. 12 Car. II., which abolished military tenures. 2 Bl. Comm. 101.—Lay impro priator. In English ecclesiastical law. A lay person holding a spiritual appropriation. 3 Steph. Comm. 72.—Lay investiture. In ecclesiastical law. The ceremony of putting a bishop in possession of the temporalities of his diocese.—Lay judge. A judge who is not learned in the law, i. e., not a lawyer; formerly employed in some of the states as assessors or assistants to the presiding judges in the nisi prius courts or courts of first instance.—Lay people. Jurymen.—Layman. One of the people, and not one of the clergy; one who is not of the legal profession; one who is not of a particular profession.

LAYE. L. Fr. Law.

LAYSTALL. A place for dung or soil.

LAZARET, or LAZARETTO. A pest-house, or public hospital for persons affected with the more dangerous forms of contagious diseases; a quarantine station for vessels coming from countries where such diseases are prevalent.

LAZULI. A Saxon term for persons of a servile condition.

LE CONGRES. A species of proof on charges of impotency in France, coitus co­ram testibus. Abolished A. D. 1677.

Le contrat fait la loi. The contract makes the law.

LE GUIDON DE LA MER. The title of a French work on marine insurance, by an unknown author, dating back, probably, to the sixteenth century, and said to have been prepared for the merchants of Rouen. It is noteworthy as being the earliest treatise on that subject now extant.

Le ley de Dieu et ley de terre sont tout un; et l'un et l'autre preferre et favor le common et publique bien del terre. The law of God and the law of the land are all one; and both preserve and favor the common and public good of the land. Keliew. 101.

Le ley est le plus haut inheriance que le roy ad, car per le ley il mesme et touts ses sujets sont rules; et, si le ley ne fuit, nul roy ne nul inheriance serra. 1 J. H. 6, 63. The law is the highest inheritance that the king possesses, for by the law both he and all his subjects are ruled; and, if there were no law, there would be neither king nor inheritance.

LE ROI, or ROY. The old law-French words for "the king."

—Le roi veut en delibérer. The king will deliberate on it. This is the formula which the king of the French used when he intended to veto an act of the legislative assembly. 3 Touliier, no. 42.—Le roy (or la reine) le veut. The king (or the queen) wills it. The form of the royal assent to public bills in par-
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LEADING A USE. Where a deed was executed before the levy of a fine of land, for the purpose of specifying to whose use the fine should inure, it was said to "lead" the use. If executed after the fine, it was said to "declare" the use. If executed after the fine, it was said to "declare" the use. 2 Bl. Comm. 363.

LEADING CASE. Among the various cases that are argued and determined in the courts, some, from their important character, have demanded more than usual attention from the judges, and from this circumstance are frequently looked upon as having settled or determined the law upon all points involved in 'such cases, and as guides for subsequent decisions, and from the importance they thus acquire are familiarly termed "leading cases." Brown.

LEADING COUNSEL. That one of two or more counsel employed on the same side in a cause who has the principal management of the cause.

LEADING QUESTION. A question put or framed in such a form as to suggest the answer sought to be obtained by the person interrogating. Coogler v. Rhodes, 38 Fla. 240, 21 South. 111, 56 Am. St. Rep. 170; Gunter v. Watson, 49 N. C. 456; Railway Co. v. Hammon; 92 Tex. 509, 50 S. W. 123; Franks v. Gress Lumber Co., 111 Ga. 87, 36 S. E. 314.

Questions are leading which suggest to the witness the answer desired, or which embody a material fact, and may be answered by a mere negative or affirmative, or which involve an answer bearing immediately upon the merits of the cause, indicating to the witness a representation which will best accord with the interests of the party propounding them. Turney v. State, 8 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 104, 47 Am. Dec. 74.

A question is leading which puts into a witness' mouth the words that are to be echoed back, or plainly suggests the answer which the party wishes to get from him. People v. Mahan. 4 & W. (N. Y.) 229, 247, 21 Am. Dec. 122.

LEAGUE. 1. A treaty of alliance between different states or parties. It may be offensive or defensive, or both. It is offensice when the contracting parties agree to unite in attacking a common enemy; defensive when the parties agree to act in concert in defending each other against an enemy. Wharton.

2. A measure of distance, varying in different countries. The marine league, marking the limit of national jurisdiction on the high seas, is equal to three geographical (or marine) miles of 6,075 feet each. In Spanish and Mexican law, the league, as a legal measure of length, consisted of 5,000 varas, and a vara was equivalent to 33⅓ English inches, making the league equal to a little more than 2.63 miles, and the square league equal to 4,428 acres. This is its meaning as used in Texas land grants. United States v. Perot, 98 U. S. 428, 25 L. Ed. 251; Hunter v. Morse, 49 Tex. 219. "League and labor," an area of land equivalent to 4,805 acres. Ammons v. Dwyer, 78 Tex. 669, 15 S. W. 1049. See LABOR.

LEAKAGE. The waste or diminution of a liquid caused by its leaking from the cask, barrel, or other vessel in which it was placed. Also an allowance made to an importer of liquids, at the custom-house, in the collection of duties, for his loss sustained by the leaking of the liquid from its cask or vessel.

LEAL. L. Fr. Loyal; that which belongs to the law.

REALTE. L. Fr. Legality; the condition of a legalis homo, or lawful man.

LEAN. To incline in opinion or preference. A court is sometimes said to "lean against" a doctrine, construction, or view contended for, whereby it is meant that the court regards it with disfavor or repugnance, because of its inexpediency, injustice, or inconsistency.

LEAP-YEAR. See BISEXTILE.

LEARNED. Possessing learning; erudite; versed in the law. In statutes prescribing the qualifications of judges, "learned in the law" designates one who has received a regular legal education, the almost invariable evidence of which is the fact of his admission to the bar. See Jamieson v. Wiggins, 12 S. D. 16, 80 N. W. 137; 46 L. R. A. 317, 76 Am. St. Rep. 555; O'Neal v. McKenna, 118 Ala. 620, 22 South. 905.

LEARNING. Legal doctrine. 1 Leon. 77.
LEASE. A conveyance of lands or tenements to a person for life, for a term of years, or at will, in consideration of a return of rent or some other recompense. The person who so conveys such lands or tenements is termed the "lesser," and the person to whom they are conveyed, the "lessee," and when the lesser so conveys lands or tenements to a lessee, he is said to lease, demise, or let them. 4 Cruise, Dig. 58.

A conveyance of any lands or tenements, (usually in consideration of rent or other annual recompense,) made for life, for years, or at will, but always for a less time than the lessor has in the premises; for, if it be for the whole interest, it is more properly an assignment than a lease. 2 Bl. Comm. 317; Shep. Touch. 206; Watk. Conv. 220. And see Siswery v. Hansen, 24 Me. 545; Thomas v. West Jersey R. C., 101 U. S. 78, 25 L. Ed. 950; Jackson v. Parsons, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 226, 17 Am. Dec. 517; Lacey v. Newcomb, 95 Iowa, 287, 63 N. W. 704; Mayberry v. Johnson, 15 N. J. Law, 121; Millicken v. Faulk, 111 Ala. 568, 20 South. 594; Craig v. Summers, 47 Minn. 189, 49 N. W. 742, 15 L. R. A. 236; Harley v. O'Donnell, 9 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 56.

A contract in writing, under seal, whereby a person having a legal estate in hereditaments, corporeal or incorporeal, conveys the possession of the same estate to another, in consideration of a certain annual rent or render, or other recompense. Archb. Landl. & Ten. 2.

"Lease" or "hire" is a synallagmatic contract, to which consent alone is sufficient, and by which one party gives to the other the enjoyment of a thing, or his labor, at a fixed price. Civil Code La. art. 2669.

When the contract is bipartite, the one part is called the "lease," the other the "counterpart." In the United States, it is usual that both papers should be executed by both parties; but in England the lease is executed by the lessor alone, and given to the lessee, while the counterpart is executed by the lessee alone, and given to the lessor.

—Concurrent lease. One granted for a term which is to commence before the expiration or other determination of a previous lease of the same premises made to another person; or, in other words, an assignment of a part of the reversion, entitling the lessee to all the rents accruing on the previous lease after the date of his lease and to appropriate remedies against the holding tenant. Carrigg v. Thompson, 67 Minn. 534, 59 N. W. 658. —Lease and re-lease. A species of conveyance much used in England, said to have been invented by Serjeant Moore, soon after the enactment of the statute of uses. It is thus contrived: A lease, or rather bargain and sale upon some pecuniary consideration for one year, is made by the tenant of the freehold to the lessee or bargainee. This, without any enrolment, makes the bargainor stand seised to the use of the bargainee, and vests in the bargainee the term of one year, and then the statute immediately annexes the possession. Being thus in possession, he is capable of receiving a relief against the freehold and reversion, which must be made to the tenant in possession, and accordingly the next day a release is granted to him. The lease and release, when used as a conveyance of the fee, have the joint operation of a single conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 338; 4 Kent, Comm. 452; Co. Litt. 207; Cruise, Dig. tit. 3, c. 11.—Mining lease. See Mining.—Parol lease. A lease of real estate not evidenced by writing, but lasting in an oral agreement.—Perpetual lease. A lease of lands which may last without limitation as to time; a grant of lands in fee with the reservation of a rent in fee; a fee-farm. Edwards v. Noel, 88 Mo. App. 434.—Sublease, or underlease. One executed by the lessee of an estate to a third person, conveying the same estate for a shorter term than that for which the lessee holds it.


LEASEING, or LESING. Gleaning.

LEASING-MAKING. In old Scotch criminal law. An offense consisting in slanderous and untrue speeches, to the disdain, reproach, and contempt of the king, his council and proceedings, etc. Bell.

LEAVE. To give or dispose of by will. "The word 'leave,' as applied to the subject-matter, prima facie means a disposition by will." Thorley v. Thorley, 10 East, 438; Carr v. Effinger, 78 Va. 203.

LEAVE AND LICENSE. A defense to an action in trespass setting up the consent of the plaintiff to the trespass complained of.

LEAVE OF COURT. Permission obtained from a court to take some action which, without such permission, would not be allowable; as, to sue a receiver, to file an amended pleading, to plead several pleas. See Copperthwait v. Dummer, 18 N. J. Law, 203.

LECCATOR. A debauched person. Cowell.

LECHERWITE, LAIRWITE, or LEGGERWITE. A fine for adultery or fornication, anciently paid to the lords of certain manors. 4 Inst. 206.

LECTOR DE LETRA ANTIQUA. In Spanish law. A person appointed by competent authority to read and decipher ancient writings, to the end that they may be presented on the trial of causes as documents entitled to legal credit. Escriche.

LEGEND. A book of accounts in which a trader enters the names of all persons with whom he has dealings; there being two parallel columns in each account, one for the entries to the debit of the person charged, the other for his credits. Into this book are posted the items from the day-book or journal.

-Legend-book. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a book kept in the prerogative courts in England. It is considered as a roll of the court, but, it seems, it cannot be read in evidence. Bac. Abr.

LEGREGVUS. In old English law. A lathe-reeve, or chief officer of a lathe. Spelman.

LEDEN. The rising water or increase of the sea.

LEET. In English law. The name of a court of criminal jurisdiction, formerly of much importance, but latterly fallen into disuse. See Court-Leet.

LEETS. Meetings which were appointed for the nomination or election of ecclesiastical officers in Scotland. Cowell.

LEGA, or LACTA. The alloy of money. Spelman.

LEGABILIS. In old English law. That which may be bequeathed. Cowell.

LEGACY. A bequest or gift of personal property by last will and testament. Browne v. Cogswell, 5 Allen (Mass.) 557; Evans v. Price, 118 Ill. 593, 8 N. E. 854; Probate Court v. Matthews, 6 Vt. 274; In re Karr, 2 How. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 409; N. Y. St, 1903, 9 Ind. App. 131, 36 N. E. 429; Ky. St, 467.

Classification.—Absolute legacy. One given without condition and intended to vest immediately.—Additional legacy. One given to the testator or in addition to another legacy, or (in lieu of) another legacy given before by the same will or in a codicil thereto.—Alternate legacy. One which the testator gives one of two or more things without designating which.—Conditional legacy. One which is liable to take effect or to be defeated according to the occurrence or non-occurrence of some uncertain event. Harker v. Smith, 41 Ohio St. 238, 52 Am. Rep. 39; Markham v. Hufford, 123 Mich. 506; 82 N. W. 222, 48 L. R. A. 580, 81 Am. St, Rep. 222.—Contingent legacy. A legacy given to a person at a future uncertain time, that may or may not arrive; as "at his age of twenty-one," or "if" or "when he attains twenty-one." 2 Bl. Comm. 513; 2 Steph. Comm. 259. A legacy made dependent upon some uncertain event. 1 Rop. Leg. 560. A legacy which has not vested. In re Engle's Estate, 166 Pa. 280, 31 Atl. 76; Andrews v. Russell, 127 Ala. 195, 28 South. 703; Ruben- cove v. McCarthv, 159 N. Y. 514, 54 N. E. 277; Roquet v. Cogswell, 5 Allen (Mass.) 557; Evans v. Matthews, 6 Vt 274; In re Karr, 2 How. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 409; N. Y. St, 1903, 9 Ind. App. 131, 36 N. E. 429; Ky. St, 467.

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A legacy of quantity is ordinarily a general legacy; but there are legacies of quantity in the nature of specific legacies, as of so much money, with reference to a particular fund for a particular purpose. This kind of legacy is called by the civilians a "demonstrative legacy," and it is so far general and differs so much in effect from one properly specific that, if the fund be called in or fail, the legatee will not be deprived of his legacy, but be permitted to receive it out of the general assets; yet the legacy is so far specific that it will not be liable to abate with general legacies upon a deficiency of assets. 2 Williams & Blackstone.—General legacy. A pecuniary legacy, payable out of the general assets of a testator. 2 Bl. Comm. 512; Ward, Leg. 1, 16. One so given as not to amount to a bequest of a particular fund of pecuniary money of the testator, distinguished from others of the same kind; one of quantity merely, not specific, Tiff v. Porter, 8 N. Y. 518; Evans v. Hunter, 86 N. Y. 523; In re Ross's Estate, 140 Cal. 292, 79 Pac. 970; In re Karr, 2 How. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 409; Bacon v. Bacon, 65 Vt. 247; Rotf's Appeal, 94 Pa. 191; Williams v. McComb, 35 N. C. 465; Lasher v. Lasher, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 110; In re Stuart's Will, 115 Wis. 268, 89 N. W. 898; H. Jones v. Mitchell, 6 N. C. 230, 5 Am. Dec. 527.

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legacy is payable, the bequest is said to lapse, as it then falls into the residuary fund of the estate.—Modal legacy. A bequest accompanied by directions as to the mode or manner in which the money is to be applied for the legatee’s benefit, e. g., a legacy to A. to buy him a house or a commission in the army. See Lown. Leg. 31. Bilateral legacy. A bequest of a sum of money, or of an annuity. It may or may not specify the fund from which it is to be drawn. It is not the less a pecuniary legacy in contradistinction to rules of equity; a designated recepient, as a purse or chest. See Humphrey v. Robinson, 52 Hun. 200, 5 N. Y. Supp. 164; Lang v. N. Y. Leg. Obs. 75; Mathis v. Mathis, 18 N. J. Law, 68.—Residuary legacy. A bequest of all the testator’s personal estate not otherwise effectually disposed of by his will; a bequest of “all the rest, residue, and remainder” of the personal property after payment of debts and satisfaction of the particular legacies. See In re Williams’ Estate, 112 Cal. 521, 44 Pac. 808, 53 Am. St. Rep. 224; Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 1537, subd. 4.—Special legacy. A specific legacy (q. v.) is sometimes so called.—Specific legacy. A legacy or gift by will of a particular specified thing, as of a horse, a piece of furniture, a term of years, and the like. Mornss v. Garland, 78 Va. 222. In a strict sense, a legacy of a particular chattel, which is specified and distinguished from all other chattels of the testator of the same kind; as of a horse of a certain color. A legacy of a quantity of chattels described collectively; as a gift of all the testator’s pictures. Ibid, Leg. 16-18. A legacy is general, where its amount or value is a charge upon the general assets in the hands of the executors, and where, if these are sufficient to meet all the provisions in the will, it must be satisfied; it is specific, when it is limited to a particular thing, subject, or chose in action, so specified as to render the bequest inapplicable to any other; as the bequest of a horse, a picture, or jewel, or a debt due from a person named, and, in special cases, even of a sum of money. Langdon v. Astor, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 477, 543.—Trust legacy. A bequest of personal property to trustees to be held upon trust; as, to pay the annual income to a beneficiary for life.—Universal legacy. In the civil law. A testamentary disposition by which the testator gives to one or several persons the whole of the property which he leaves at his decease. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 1606.—Legacy duty. A duty imposed in England upon personal property (other than debts) devolving under any will or intestacy. Astor, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 477, 543.—Legacy in intestacy. The person to whom a thing is bequeathed; a legatee or legatary. Inst. 2, 20, 2, 4, 5, 10; Bract. fol. 40. In old European law. A legate, messenger, or envoy. Spellman.

LEGAL. 1. Conforming to the law; according to law; required or permitted by law; not forbidden or discountenanced by law; good and effectual in law.

2. Proper or sufficient to be recognized by the law; cognizable in the courts; competent or adequate to fulfill the requirements of the law.

3. Cognizable in courts of law, as distinguished from courts of equity; construed or governed by the rules and principles of law, in contradistinction to rules of equity.

4. Posited by the courts as the inference or imputation of the law, as a matter of construction, as an established by actual proof; or, legal malice. See Lawful.


LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A lawful man; a person who stands rectus in curia; a person not outlawed, excommunicated, or infamous. It occurs in the phrase, "probi et legales homines," (good and lawful men, competent jurors,) and "legality" designates the condition of such a man. Jacob.

LEGALIS MONETA ANGLIIX. Lawful money of England. 1 Inst. 207.

LEGALITY, or LEGALNESS. Lawfulness.

LEGALIZATION. The act of legalizing or making legal or lawful. See Legalize.

LEGALIZE. To make legal or lawful; to confirm or validate what was before void or unlawful; to add the sanction and authority of law to that which before was without or against law.

—Legalized nuisance. A structure, erection, or other thing which would constitute a nuisance at common law, but which cannot be objected to by private persons because constructed or maintained under direct and sufficient legislative authority. Such, for example, are hospitals and pesthouses maintained by cities. See Baltimore v. Fairfield Imp. Co., 87 Md. 352, 39 Atl. 1081, 40 L. R. A. 494, 67 Am. St. Rep. 344.

LEGALLY. Lawfully; according to law.

LEGANTINE CONSTITUTIONS. The name of a code of ecclesiastical laws, enacted in national synods, held under legates from Pope Gregory IX. and Clement IV., in the reign of Henry III., about the years 1220 and 1268. 1 Bl. Comm. 83.

LEGARE. Lat. In the civil and old English law. To bequeath; to leave or give by will; to give in anticipation of death. In Scotch phrase, to legate.

LEGATARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One to whom a thing is bequeathed; a legatee or legatary. Inst. 2, 20, 2, 4, 5, 10; Bract. fol. 40.

In old European law. A legate, messenger, or envoy. Spellman.

LEGATEE. The person to whom a legacy is given. See Legacy.

—Residuary legatee. The person to whom a testator bequeaths the residue of his personal estate, after the payment of such other legacies as are specifically mentioned in the will. Probate Court v. Matthews, 6 Vt. 274; Laing v. Barbour, 119 Mass. 522; Lafferty v. People’s Sav. Bank, 76 Mich. 35, 43 N. W. 84.

LEGATES. Nuncios, deputees, or extraordinary ambassadors sent by the pope to be
his representatives and to exercise his jurisdiction in countries where the Roman Catholic Church is established by law.

**LEGATION.** An embassy; a diplomatic minister and his suite; the persons commissioned by one government to exercise diplomatic functions at the court of another, including the minister, secretaries, attachés, interpreters, etc., are collectively styled the "legation" of their government. The word also denotes the official residence of a foreign minister

**LEGATOR.** One who makes a will, and leaves legacies

**LEGATORY.** The third part of a free man's personal estate, which by the custom of London, in case he had a wife and children, the free man might always have disposed of by will. Bac. Abr. "Customs of London," D. 4.

**Legatos violare contra jus gentium est.** 4 Coke, pref. It is contrary to the law of nations to injure ambassadors.

**LEGATUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A legacy; a gift left by a deceased person, to be executed by the heir. Inst. 2: 20, 1.

**In old English law.** A legacy given to the church, or an accustomed mortuary. Cowell.

Legatum morte testatoris tantum confirmatur, sicut donatio inter vivos traditione sola. Dyer, 143. A legacy is confirmed by the death of a testator, in the same manner as a gift from a living person is by delivery alone.

**LEGATUM OPTIONIS.** In Roman law. A legacy to A. B. of any article or articles of his personal estate, which by the custom of London, in case he had a wife and children, the free man might always have disposed of by will. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 31.

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**Leges humanae nascuntur, vivunt et moriuntur.** Human laws are born, live, and die. 7 Coke, 25; 2 Atk. 674; 11 C. B. 767; 1 Bl. Comm. 89.

**Legem habere.** To be capable of giving evidence upon oath. Witnesses who had been convicted of crime were incapable of giving evidence, until 6 & 7 Vict. c. 85.—Legem habere. In Roman law. To give consent and authority to a proposed law; to make or pass it. Tactl. Civil Law, 3.—Legem pone. To propound or lay down the law. By an extremely obscure derivation or analogy, this term was formerly used as a slang equivalent in England in cash or in ready money.—Legem sciere. To give consent and authority to a proposed law; applied to the consent of the people.—Legem vadiare. In old English law. To wage law; to offer or to give pledge to make defense, by oath, with compurgators.

Legem terrae amittentes, perpetuum infamiae notam inde merito incurrunt. Those who lose the law of the land, then justly incur the ineffaceable brand of infamy. 3 Inst. 221.

**LEGES.** Lat. Laws. At Rome, the leges (the decrees of the people in a strict sense) were laws which were proposed by a magistrate presiding in the senate, and adopted by the Roman people in the comitia centuriata. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 31.

**Leges Anglie.** The laws of England, as distinguished from the civil law and other foreign systems.—Leges non scriptae. In English law. Unwritten or customary laws, including those ancient acts of parliament which were made before time of memory. Hale, Com. Law. 5. See 1 Bl. Comm. 63, 64.—Leges scriptae. In English law. Written laws; statutes laws, or acts of parliament which are originally reduced into writing before they are enacted, or receive any binding power. Hale, Com. Law. 1, 2.—Leges sub graviori lege. Laws under a weightier law. Hale, Com. Law, 46, 44.—Leges tabulariae. Laws regulating the mode of voting by ballot, (tabella.) 1 Kent, Comm. 232, note.

**Leges Anglie sunt tripartita,—jus commune, consuetudines, ac decreta comitiorum.** The laws of England are threefold,—common law, customs, and decrees of parliament.

**Leges figendi et refigendi consuetudo est periculosissima.** The practice of fixing and refixing [making and remaking] the laws is a most dangerous one. 4 Coke, pref.

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Leges non verbis, sed rebus, sunt impositae. Laws are imposed, not on words; but things. 10 Coke, 101; Branch, Princ.

Leges posteriores priores contrariae abrogant. Later laws abrogate prior laws that are contrary to them. Broom, Max. 27, 29.

Leges sumum ligent latorem. Laws should bind their own maker. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.


LEGIBUS SOLUTUS. Lat. Released from the laws; not bound by the laws. An expression applied in the Roman civil law to the emperor. Calvin.

Legibus sumptis desinentibus, lege naturee utendum est. When laws imposed by the state fail, we must act by the law of nature. 2 Rolle, 298.

LEGISLATION. The act of giving or enacting laws. State v. Hyde, 121 Ind. 20, 22 N. E. 644.

LEGISLATIVE. Making or giving laws; pertaining to the function of law-making or to the process of enactment of laws. See Evansville v. State, 118 Ind. 426, 21 N. E. 267, 4 L. R. A. 93.

LEGISLATIVE department. That department of government whose appropriate function is the making or enactment of laws, as distinguished from the judicial department, which interprets and applies the laws, and the executive department, which carries them into execution and effect. See In re Davies, 168 N. Y. 59, 61 N. E. 118, 55 L. R. A. 555.—Legislative officer. A member of the legislative body or department of a state or municipal corporation. See Prosecuting Attorney v. Judge of Recorder's Court, 59 Mich. 520, 25 N. W. 694.—Legislative power. The lawmaking power; the department of government whose function is the framing and enactment of laws. Evansville v. State, 118 Ind. 426, 21 N. E. 267, 4 L. R. A.

LEGISLATOR. One who makes laws; a member of a legislative body.

LEGISLATORUM est viva vox, rebus et non verbis legem imponere. The voice of legislators is a living voice, to impose laws on things, and not on words. 10 Coke, 101.

LEGISLATURE. The department, assembly, or body of men that makes laws for a state or nation; a legislative body.

LEGISPERITUS. Lat. A person skilled or learned in the law; a lawyer or advocate. Feud. lib. 2, tit. 1.

LEGIT VEL NON? In old English practice, this was the formal question propounded to the ordinary when a prisoner claimed the benefit of clergy,—does he read or not? If the ordinary found that the prisoner was entitled to clergy, his formal answer was, "Legit ut clericus," he reads like a clerk.

LEGITIM. In Scotch law. The children's share in the father's movables.

LEGITIMACY. Lawful birth; the condition of being born in wedlock; the opposite of illegitimacy or bastardy. Davenport v. Caldwell, 10 S. C. 337; Pratt v. Pratt, 5 Mo. App. 541.

LEGITIMATE. v. To make lawful; to confer legitimacy; to place a child born before marriage on the footing of those born in lawful wedlock. —Legitimation per subsequent matrimonium. The legitimation of a bastard by the subsequent marriage of his parents. Bell.

LEGITIMATE, adj. That which is lawful, legal, recognized by law, or according to law; as legitimate children, legitimate authority, or lawful power. Wilson v. Babb, 18 S. C. 69; Gates v. Selbert, 157 Mo. 254, 57 S. W. 1065, 80 Am. St. Rep. 625.

LEGITIMATION. The making legitimate or lawful that which was not originally so; especially the act of legalizing the status of a bastard.


Legitime imperanti parere neeesse est. Jenk. Cent. 120. One lawfully commanding must be obeyed.
LEGITIMI HÆREDES. Lat. In Roman law. Legitimate heirs; the agnate relations of the estate-leaver; so called because the inheritance was given to them by a law of the Twelve Tables.

LEGITIMUS. Lawful; legitimate. *Legitimus hæres et flius est quem nuptiae demonstrant*, a lawful son and heir is he whom the marriage points out to be lawful. Bract. fol. 63.

LEGIO. Lat. In Roman law. I bequeath. A common term in wills. Dig. 30, 36, 81, et seq.

LEGRUITA. In old records. A fine for criminal conversation with a woman.

LEGULEIUS. A person skilled in law, (in legibus versatus;) one versed in the forma of law. Calvin.

LEIDGRAVE. An officer under the Saxon government, who had jurisdiction over a lath. Enc. Lond. See LATH.

LEIPA. In old English law. A fugitive or runaway.

LEND. To part with a thing of value to another for a time fixed or indefinite, yet to have some time in ending, to be used or enjoyed by that other, the thing itself or the equivalent of it to be given back at the time fixed, or when lawfully asked for, with or without compensation for the use as may be agreed upon. Kent v. Quicksilver Min. Co., 78 N. Y. 177.

LENDER. He from whom a thing is borrowed. The bailor of an article loaned.

LENT. In ecclesiastical law. The quadragesimal fast; a time of abstinence; the time from Ash-Wednesday to Easter.

LEOD. People; a people; a nation. Spelman.

LEODES. In old European law. A vassal, or liege man; service; a were or were-gild. Spelman.


LEONINA SOCIETAS. Lat. An attempted partnership, in which one party was to bear all the losses, and have no share in the profits. This was a void partnership in Roman law; and, apparently, it would also be void as a partnership in English law, as being inherently inconsistent with the notion of partnership. (Dig. 17, 2, 29, 2.) Brown.

LEP AND LACE. A custom in the manor of Writtle, in Essex, that every cart which goes over Greenbury within that manor (except it be the cart of a nobleman) shall pay 4d. to the lord. Blount.

LEPORARIUS. A greyhound. Cowell.

LEPORIUM. A place where hares are kept. Mon. Angl. t. 2, p. 1065.

LEPROSUS. L. Lat. A leper. *Leproso amovendo*. An ancient writ that lay to remove a leper or lazar, who thrust himself into the company of his neighbors in any parish, either in the church or at other public meetings, to their annoyance. Beg. Orig. 227.

LESCHEWES. Trees fallen by chance or wind-falls. Brooke, Abr. 341.

LESE MAJESTY. The old English and Scotch translation of "lesa majestas," or high treason. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 6.


In the civil law. The injury suffered by one who does not receive a full equivalent for what he gives in a commutative contract. Civil Code La. art. 1860. Inequality in contracts. Poth. Obl., no. 33.

In medical jurisprudence. Any change in the structure of an organ due to injury or disease, whether apparent or diagnosed as the cause of a functional irregularity or disturbance.

LESPEGEND. An inferior officer in forests to take care of the vert and venison therein, etc. Wharton.

LESSEE. He to whom a lease is made. He who holds an estate by virtue of a lease. Viterbo v. Friedlander, 120 U. S. 707, 7 Sup. Ct. 962, 30 L. Ed. 776.


—Lessor of the plaintiff. In the action of ejectment, this was the party who really and in effect prosecuted the action and was interested in its result. The reason of his having been so called arose from the circumstance of the action having been carried on in the name of a nominal plaintiff, (John Doe,) to whom the real plaintiff had granted a fictitious lease, and thus had become his lessor.


LESTAGE, LASTAGE. A custom for carrying things in fairs and markets. Fleta. l. 1, c. 47; Termes de la Ley.

LESTAGEFY. Lestage free, or exempt from the duty of paying ballast money. Cowell.
LESTER. Lastage or lestage; a duty laid on the cargo of a ship. Cowell

LESTAGIUM. A document addressed by the emperor to a question of law submitted to him by the magistrates.

LET. 1. One of the arbitrary marks or characters constituting the alphabet, and used in written language as the representatives of sounds or articulations of the human organs of speech. Several of the letters of the English alphabet have a special significance in jurisprudence, as abbreviations and otherwise, or are employed as numerals.

2. A dispatch or epistle; a written or printed message; a communication in writing from one person to another at a distance. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C.) 40 Fed. 640; U. S. v. Denleke (C. C.) 35 Fed. 409.

3. In the Imperial law of Rome, "letter" or "epistle" was the name of the answer returned by the emperor to a question of law submitted to him by the magistrates.

4. A commission, patent, or written instrument containing or attesting the grant of some power, authority, or right. The word appears in this generic sense in many compound phrases known to commercial law and jurisprudence; e. g., letter of attorney, letter missive, letter of credit, letters patent. The plural is frequently used.

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into some other order of religion. Jacob—Letters of correspondence. In Scotch law. Letters are admissible in evidence against the panel, i. e., the prisoner at the bar, in criminal trials. A by the king is evidence against him; not so one from a third party found in his possession. Bell.—Letters of fire and sword. See Fire and Sword—Letters of request. A formal instrument by which an inferior judge of ecclesiastical jurisdiction requests the judge of a superior court to decide and determine any matter which has come before him, thereby waiving or remitting his own jurisdiction. This is a mode of beginning a suit originally in the court of archeves, in order to secure the concurrence of a consistory for Letters of safe conduct. No subject of a nation at war with England can, by the law of nations, come into the realm, nor can travel himself upon the high seas, or send his goods and merchandise from one place to another, without danger of being seized, unless he has letters of safe conduct, which, by divers old statutes, must be granted under the great seal, and enrolled in chancery, or else are of no effect; the sovereign being the best judge of such emergencies as may arise from exception from the usual law of arms. But passports or licenses from the ambassadors abroad are now more usually obtained, and are allowed to be of equal validity. Wharton.—Letters of slaines, or slanes. Letters subscribed by the relatives of a person who had been slain, declaring that they had received an allowance and remittance in an application to the crown for a pardon to the offender. These or other evidences of their concurrence were necessary to found the application Bell.—Letters rogatory. A formal communication in writing, sent by a court in which an action is pending to a court or judge of a foreign country, requesting that the testimony of a witness resident within the jurisdiction of the latter court may be there formally taken under its direction and transmitted to the first court for use in the pending action. This process was also in use, at an early period, between the several states of the Union. The request rests entirely upon the comity of courts towards each other. See Union Square Bank v. Reichmann, 9 App. Div. 596, 41 N. Y. Supp. 692.—Letters testamentary. A formal instrument of authority and appointment given to an executor by the proper court, empowering him to enter upon the discharge of his official duties. The letters of administration granted to an administrator. As to letters of “Administration,” “Advice,” “Attorney,” “Credit,” “Hornung,” “Recommendation,” see those titles. As to “Letters Patent,” see Patent—LETTERS. Fr. In French law. A letter. It is used, like our English “letter,” for a formal instrument giving authority. —Lettres de cachet. Letters issued and signed by the king of France, and countersigned by a secretary of state, authorizing the imprisonment of a person. It is said that they were devised by Père Joseph, under the administration of Richelieu. They were made use of occasionally as a means of delaying the course of justice; but during the reign of Louis XIV. they were obtained by any person of sufficient influence with the king or his ministers. Under them, persons were imprisoned for life or for a long period on the most frivolous pretences, usually in order to prevent the publicization of a state pique of revenge, and without any reason being assigned for such punishment. They were also granted by the king for the purpose of shielding his favorites or their friends from the consequences of their crimes; and thus were as pernicious in their operation as the protection afforded by the church to criminals in a former age. Abolished during the Revolution of 1789. Wharton. LEUCA. In old French law. A league, consisting of fifteen hundred paces. Spelman. In old English law. A league or mile of a thousand paces. Domescul; Spelman. A privileged space around a monastery of a league or mile in circuit. Spelman.—LEVANDAE NAVIS CAUSA. Lat. For the sake of lightening the ship; denotes a purpose of throwing overboard goods, which renders them subjects of general average. LEVANT ET COUCHANT. L. Fr. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to trespassing cattle which have remained long enough upon land to have lain down to rest and risen up to feed; generally the space of a night and a day, or, at least, one night. LEVANTS ET CUBANTES. Rising up and lying down. A term applied to cattle. 3 Bl. Comm. 9. The Latin equivalent of “levant et couchant.” LEVARI FACIAS. Lat. A writ of execution directing the sheriff to cause to be made of the lands and chattels of the judgment debtor the sum recovered by the judgment. Pentland v. Kelly, 6 Watts & S. (Pa.) 454. Also a writ to the bishop of the diocese, commanding him to enter into the benefit of a judgment debtor, and take and seizenthe same into his possession, and hold the same until he shall have levied the amount of the judgment out of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof. —Levari facias damna de disseisitoribus. A writ formerly directed to the sheriff for the levying of damages, which a disseisior had been condemned to pay to the disseisee. Cowell.—Levari facias quando vicecomes returnavit quod non habuit emptores. An old writ commanding the sheriff to sell the goods of a debtor which he had already taken, and had returned that he could not sell them; and as much more of the debtor’s goods as would satisfy the whole debt. Cowell—Levari facias residuum debiti. An old writ directed to the sheriff for levying the remnant of a partly-satisfied debt upon the lands and tenements or chattels of the debtor. Cowell—LEVATO VELO. Lat. An expression used in the Roman law, and applied to the trial of wreck and salvage. Commentators disagree about the origin of the expression; but all agree that its general meaning is that these causes shall be heard summarily. The most probable solution is that it refers to the place where causes were heard. A sail was spread before the door and officers employed to keep strangers from the tribu-
nal. When these causes were heard, this sail was raised, and suitors came directly to the court, and their causes were heard immediately. As applied to maritime courts, its meaning is that causes should be heard without delay. These causes require dispatch, and a delay amounts practically to a denial of justice. (See Cod. 11, 4, 5.) Bouvier.

LEVEE. An embankment or artificial mound of earth constructed along the margin of a river, to confine the stream to its natural channel or prevent inundation or overflow. State v. New Orleans & N. E. R. Co., 42 La. Ann. 138, 7 South. 226; Royse v. Evansville & T. H. R. Co., 100 Ind. 392, 67 N. E. 446. Also (probably by an extension of the foregoing meaning) a landing place on a river or lake; a place on a river or other navigable water for lading and discharging goods and for the reception and discharge of passengers to and from vessels lying in the contiguous waters, which may be either a wharf or pier or the natural bank. See Coffin v. Portland (C. C.) 27 Fed. 415; St. Paul v. Railroad Co., 63 Minn. 330, 68 N. W. 458, 34 L. R. A. 184; Napa v. Howland, 57 Cal. 54, 25 Pac. 247.

—Levee district. A municipal subdivision of a state (which may or may not be a public corporation) organized for the purpose, and charged with the duty of constructing and maintaining such levees within its territorial limits as are to be built and kept up at public expense and for the general public benefit. See People v. Levee Dist. No. 6, 131 Cal. 30, 63 Pac. 676.

LEVYABLE. That which may be levied. That which is a proper or permissible subject for a levy; as, a "leviable interest" in land. See Bray v. Ragsdale, 53 Mo. 172.

LEVIR. In Roman law. A husband's brother; a wife's brother-in-law. Calvin.

LEVIS. Lat. Light; slight; trifling. Levis culpa, slight fault or neglect. Levis-sima culpa, the slightest neglect. Levis nota, a slight mark or brand. See Brand v. Schenectady & T. R. Co., 8 Barb. (N. Y.) 378.

LEVIYING WAR. In criminal law. The assembling of a body of men for the purpose of effecting by force a treasur-
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and all who perform any part, however mi-
minute, or however remote from the scene of
action, and who are leagued in the general
conspiracy, are considered as engaged in levy-
ing war, within the meaning of the constitu-
tion. Const. art. 3, § 3; Ex parte Bolhim, 4
Cranch, 75, 2 L. Ed. 554.
LEXEDNESS. Licentiousness; an of-
fense against the public economy, when of an
open and notorious character; as by fre-
quenting houses of ill fame, which is an in-
dictable offense, or by some grossly scandal-
ous and public indecency, for which the pun-
ishment at common law is fine and imprison-
ment. Wharton. See Brooks v. State, 2 Yerg.
(Tenn.) 483; U. S. v. Males (D. C.) 51 Fed.
42; Comm. v. Wardell, 128 Mass. 54, 35 Am.
Rep. 357; State v. Baugness, 106 Iowa, 107,
76 N. W. 508.
—Open lewdness. Lewd or licentious behav-
ior committed without disguise or con-
cealment. The adjective relates to the quality
of the act, not to the place nor to the number
of spectators. State v. Juneau, 38 Wis. 180, 59
N. W. 832, 24 Am. Dec. 513; State v. Billard,
Rep. 877; State v. Millard, 18 Vt. 574, 46 Am.
Dec. 170; Comm. v. Wardell, 128 Mass. 52, 35 Am.
Rep. 357.
LEX. Lat. In the Roman law. Law; a
law. This term was often used as the synonym of jus, in the sense of a rule of
civil conduct authoritatively prescribed for the
government of the actions of the mem-
ers of an organized jural society.
In a more limited and particular sense, it
was a resolution adopted by the whole Ro-
man "populus" (patricians and plebeians) in
the comitia, on the motion of a magistrate of
senatorial rank, as a consul, a praetor, or a
dictator. Such a statute frequently took the
name of the proposer; as the lex Falcidia,
lex Cornelia, etc.
—Lex Ebutia. A statute which introduced and authorized new and more simple methods of
instituting actions at law.—Lex Elysentius. The
Senex law, a law proposed by the consuls Julius and Sentius, and
passed by A. U. C. 795, restraining a master from
manumitting his slaves in certain cases. Calvin.
—Lex Emilia. A law which reduced the offi-
cial term of the censors at Rome from five
years to a year and a half, and provided for the
discharge of their peculiar functions by the con-
suls in the interim until the time for a new
census. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 29.—Lex agrari
a. The agrarian law. A law proposed by
Tiberius Gracchus, A. U. C. 620, that no one
should possess more than five hundred acres of
land; and that three commissioners should be
appointed to divide among the poorer people
what any one had above that extent.—Lex An-
astasiana. A law which provided that a third
person who purchased a claim or debt for less
than the debt secured, a right of action for reim-
bruance against his co-secured, if part-
ners, was between them. See Mackeld.
Rom. Law, § 454, note 2.—Lex Aquilia. The
Aquilian law; a celebrated law passed on the
proposition of the tribune C. Aquilii Gallus.
A. U. C. 672, regulating the compensation to be
made for damage or injury to life or property
in the cases of killing or wounding the slave
or beast of another. Inst. 4, 3; Calvin.—Lex
Atinia. The Atian law; a law of Rome pro-
posed by the tribune A. Atinius, A. U. C. 789,
regulating the appointment of guardians.
—Lex Atinia. The Atian law; a law de-
claiming that no man should possess more than five hundred acres of
land; and that three commissioners should be
appointed to divide among the poorer people
what any one had above that extent.—Lex Im-
plein law; a law proposed by the consuls
Papius and Poppaeus at the desire of Augustus,
A. U. C. 762, enlarging the
powers of the censors; providing that a third
commissioner should be appointed to divide
among the poorer people what any one had above that extent.—Lex
in the most favored cases of bankruptcy, as relating to bankrupt-
ies.—Lex Julia ntajestatis. The Julian law
related to marriage, dower, and kindred subjects. The
"lex Julia de adulteris" and the
"lex Julia de cessione bonorum" were
found to be law, both being distinguished by the addition of words descriptive of their subject matter. The "lex Julia de adulteris" related to
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ing of the word "law" in some modern phrases, such as the "law of evidence," "law of wills," etc.

—Lex commissoriorum. A law by which a debtor and creditor might agree (where a thing had been pledged to the latter to secure the debt) that, if the debtor did not pay at the day, the pledge should become the absolute property of the creditor. 2 Kent Comm. 588. This was abolished by a law of Constantine. A law according to which a seller might stipulate, if the price of the thing sold was not paid within a certain time, the sale should be void. Dig. 18, 3—Lex regia. The royal or imperial law.

A law promulgated by a king. Tindal, in Gardianum. The law of the Romans, constituting the emperor a source of law, conferring the legislative power upon him, and according the force and obligation of law to the expression of his mere will or pleasure. See Inst. 1, 2, 6; Galus, 1, 5; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 48; Heinsohn, Rom. Ant. 1, 1, tit. 2, §§ 62—67; 1 Kent Comm. 544, note.—Lex Pretoriana. The pre- torian law. A law by which every freedman who made a will was commanded to leave a moiety (i.e., a form of words prescribing to be used upon particular occasions. In medieval jurisprudence. A body or collection of various laws peculiar to a given nation or people; not a code in the modern sense, but an aggregation or collection of laws not codified or systematized. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 98. Also a similar collection of laws relating to a general subject, and not peculiar to any one people.

—Lex Alamannorum. The law of the Alamanni; first promulgated by their kings, by Theodoric, king of the Franks, A.D. 512. Amended and re-enacted by Cloistare II. Spelman.—Lex Baiuvariorum, or Boiorum. The law of the Alemanni and Bavarians, a barbarous nation of Europe, first collected (together with the law of the Franks and Alamanni) by Theodoric I., and finally completed and promulgated by Dagobert. Spelman.

—Lex barbarica. The barbarian law. The laws of those nations that were not subject to the Roman empire as such. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 226.

—Lex Brehonia. The Brehon or Irish law, overthrown by King John. See BREHON LAW.

—Lex Breftois. The law of the ancient Britons, or Marches of Wales. Collum.—Lex Burgundiorum. The law of the Burgundians, a barbarous nation of Europe, first compiled and published by Gundobald, one of the last of their kings, about A.D. 500. Spelman.

—Lex Francorum. The law of the Franks; promulgated by Theodoric I., king of the Franks, and Amilcar, king of the Suevi. The same code as the Salic law of the Alemanni and Bavarians. Spelman. This was a different collection from the Salic law.—Lex Frisiorum. The law of the Frisians, promulgated about the middle of the eighth century. Spelman.—Lex Gothica. The Gothic law, or law of the Goths. First promulgated in A.D. 466. Spelman.—Lex longobardorum. The law of the Lombards.

—Lex mercatoria. The law merchant. That system of laws which is not peculiar to any one people, framed, probably, between the fifth and eighth centuries. It continued in force after the incorporation of Lombardy into the empire of Charlemagne, and traces of it are preserved in the Pandects. Dig. 14, 2, 1; 5 Kent Comm. 223, 231—Lex Salica. The Salic law, or law of the Salian Franks, a Teutonic race who settled in Gaul in the fifth century. This ancient code, said to have been compiled about the year 420, embraced the laws and customs of that people, and was of great historical value, in connection with the origins of feudalism and similar subjects. Its most celebrated provision was one which excluded women from the inheritance of landed estates, by an extension of which law females were always excluded from succession to the crown of France. Hence this provision, by itself, is often referred to as the lex talionis. The law of retaliation; which requires the infliction upon a wrongdoer of the same injury which he has caused to another. Expressed in the Mosaic phrase, "lex talionis," "an eye for an eye; a tooth for a tooth." etc. In modern international law, the term describes the rule by which one state may inflict injury upon the citizens of another state, even to the extent of death, imprisonment, or other hardship, in retaliation for similar injuries imposed upon its own citizens.—Lex Wallenisa. The Welsh law; that system of laws compiled about the year 420, embraced the laws and customs of the ancient barbarous nation or people; not a code in the modern sense, but an aggregation or collection of laws peculiar to a given nation or people; not a code in the modern

In old English law. A body or collection of laws, and particularly the Roman or civil law. Also a form or mode of trial or process of law, as the ordeal or battel, or the oath of a party with compurgators, as in the phrases legem facere, legem vadiare, etc. Also used in the sense of legal rights or civil rights or the protection of the law, as in the phrase legem amittere.

—Lex Angliae. The law of England. The common law. Or, the curtesy of England.—Lex amissa. One who is an infamous, perjured, or outlawed person. Bract. 111. Common law. Or, the curtesy of England.—Lex apparent. In old English and Norman law. Apparent or manifest law. A term used to denote the trial by battel or duel, and the trial by ordeal, "lex" having the sense of process of law. Called "apparent" because the plaintiff was obliged to make his right clear by the testimony of witnesses, before he could obtain an order from the court to summon the defendant. Spelman.—Lex comitatus. The law of the county, that administered in the county court before the earl or his deputy. Spelman.

—Lex communis. The common law. See JUS COMMUNE.—Lex derelicti. The proof of a thing which the party denies to be due to him, whereas another affirms it; defeating the assertion of his adversary, and showing it be against reason or probability. This was used among the old Romans, as well as the Normans. Cowell.

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the common law. Hale, Com. Law, 52. — Lex

instant. The Imperial or Common Law.
Quoted under this name, by Fleta, lib. 1. c. 38, § 15; Id. lib. 3. c. 10, § 3. — Lex judicialis.
An ordeal — Lex manifesta. Manifest or open law; the trial by ordeal or battle. The same thing

with lex apparenis, (q. v.) In King John's char-
ter (chapter 58) and the articles of that charter (chapter 29) the word "manifestat" is omitted. — Lex loci delictus. The law of the place where the crime took place. — Lex loci rei sitae. The law of the place where property is situated.

— Lex domicilii. The law of the domicile. 2 Kent, Comm. 112, 438. — Lex fori. The law of the forum, or court; that is, the positive law of the state, country, or jurisdiction of whose judicial system the court where the suit is brought or remedy sought is an integral part. "Remedies upon contracts and their incidents are regulated and pursued according to the law of the place where the action is instituted, and the lex loci has no application," 2 Kent, Comm. 462. "The remedies are to be governed by the laws of the country where the suit is brought or, as it is compendiously expressed, by the lex fori." Bank of United States v. Don-

nally, 8 Pet. 361, 372, 8 L. Ed. 974. "So far as the law of the forum or court is concerned, the law of the place where that remedy is sought, must govern. But, so far as the law of the construction, the legal operation and effect, of the contract, is concerned, it is governed by the law of the place where the contract is made." Warren v. Copelin, 4 Metc. (Mass.) 594, 597. See Lex LOCI CONTRACTUS.—Lex loci. The law of the place where the contract was made or to be performed; lex loci actus, the law of the place where the act was done; lex loci rei sitae, the law of the place where the subject-matter is situated; lex loci domicilii, the law of the place of domicile. The Imperial or Roman law of the place of the contract. The local law which governs as to the nature, construction, and validity of a contract. See Pritchard v. Norton, 106 U. S. 124, 1 Sup. Ct. 97, 27 L. Ed. 104; Gibson v. Connecticut F. Ins. Co. (C. C.) 77 Fed. 565.—Lex loci delictus. The law of the place where the crime took place.— Lex loci rei sitae. The law of the place where a thing is situated. "It is equally settled in the law of all civilized countries that real property, as to its tenure, mode of enjoyment, transfer and descent, is to be regulated by the lex loci rei sitae." 2 Kent, Comm. 429.—Lex loci solutionsis. The law of the place of solution; the law of the place where payment or perform-
ance of a contract is to be made.—Lex ordin-

nali. The same as lex fori, (q. v.)—Lex rei sitae. The law of the place of situation of the thing.—Lex situs. Modern law Latin for "the law of the place where property is situated." The general rule is that lands and other im-
movable are governed by the lex situs; i. e., by the law of the country in which they are situated. West. Priv. Int. Law, 62.


Lex aliquando sequitur aquitatem. Law sometimes follows equity. 3 Wils. 119.

Lex Angliae est lex misericordiae. 2 Inst. 315. The law of England is a law of mercy.

Lex Angliae non patitur absurdum. 9 Coke, 22a. The law of England does not suffer an absurdity.

Lex Angliae nunquam matris sed semp-

per patri conditionem initiatum partum judicat. Co. Litt. 123. The law of England rules that the offspring shall always follow the condition of the father, never that of the mother.

Lex Angliae nunquam sine parlamento mutari potest. 2 Inst. 218. The law of England cannot be changed but by parla-
mament.

Lex beneficiaei rei consimili remedium praestat. 2 Inst. 889. A beneficial law affords a remedy for a similar case.

Lex citius tolerare vult privatun dam-
nun quam publicun malum. The will more readily tolerate a private loss than a public evil. Co. Litt. 152.

Lex contra id quod presumit, proba-

tionem non recipit. The law admits no proof against that which it presumes. Lofft, 573.

Lex de futuro, judec de praeterito. The law provides for the future, the judge for the past.

Lex deficere non potest in justitia ex-
hibenda. Co. Litt. 197. The law cannot be defective in dispensing justice.

Lex dilationes semper exhorret. 2 Inst. 240. The law always abores delays.

Lex est ab aeterno. Law is from ever-
lasting. A strong expression to denote the remote antiquity of the law. Jenk. Cent. p. 34, case 66.

Lex est dictamen rationis. Law is the dictate of reason. Jenk. Cent. p. 117, case 33. The common law will judge according to the law of nature and the public good.
Lex est norma recti. Law is a rule of right. Branch, Princ.

Lex est ratio summa, quae jubet quae sunt utilia et necessaria, et contraria prohibit. Law is the perfection of reason, which commands what is useful and necessary, and forbids the contrary. Co. Litt. 319; Id. 979.

Lex est sanctio sancta, jubes honesta, et prohibens contraria. Law is a sacred sanction, commanding what is right, and prohibiting the contrary. 2 Inst. 587.

Lex est tutissima cassis; sub clypeo legis nemo decipitur. Law is the safest helmet; under the shield of the law no one is deceived. 2 Inst. 56.


Lex angit ubi subsistit aequitate. 11 Coke, 90. The law makes use of a fiction where equity subsists.

Lex intendit vicinum vicini facta scire. The law intends that one neighbor knows what another neighbor does. Co. Litt. 786.

Lex judicat de rebus necessario factendis quasi re ipsa factis. The law judges of things which must necessarily be done as if actually done. Branch, Princ.

Lex necessitatis est lex temporis; i.e., instantis. The law of necessity is the law of the instant, or present moment. Hob. 159.

Lex neminem cogit ad vana seu inutilia peragenda. The law compels no one to do vain or useless things. Co. Litt. 197; Broom, Max. 225; 5 Coke, 21a.

Lex neminem cogit ostendere quod nescire presumitur. The law compels no one to show that which he is presumed not to know.

Lex nemini facit injuriam. The law does injury to no one. Branch, Princ.

Lex nemini operatur iniquum. The law works injustice to no one. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 83.

Lex nil facit frustra. The law does nothing in vain. Jenk. Cent. p. 12, case 19; Broom, Max. 252; 1 Ventr. 417.

Lex nil frustra jubet. The law commands nothing vainly. 3 Bulst. 280.

Lex non a rege est violanda. Jenk. Cent. 7. The law is not to be violated by the king.

Lex non cogit ad impossibilia. The law does not compel the doing of impossibilities. Broom, Max. 242; Hob. 96.

Lex non curat de minimis. Hob. 88. The law cares not about trifles.


Lex non favet delicatorem votis. The law favors not the wishes of the dainty. Broom, Max. 379; 9 Coke, 58.

Lex non intendit aliquid impossibile. The law does not intend anything impossible. 12 Coke, 50d. For otherwise the law should not be of any effect.

Lex non patitur fractiones et divisiones statuum. The law does not suffer fractions and divisions of estates. Branch, Princ.; 1 Coke, 87a.

Lex non precipit inutilia, quia inutilis labor stultus. Co. Litt. 197. The law commands not useless things, because useless labor is foolish.

Lex non requirit verificari quod appareat curiae. The law does not require that to be verified (or proved) which is apparent to the court. 9 Coke, 54b.

Lex plus laudatur quando ratione probatur. The law is the more praised when it is approved by reason. Broom, Max. 159.

Lex posterior derogat priori. A later statute takes away the effect of a prior one. But the later statute must either expressly repeal, or be manifestly repugnant to, the earlier one. Broom, Max. 29; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 7.

Lex prospicit, non respicit. Jenk. Cent. 284. The law looks forward, not backward.


Lex respicit æquitatem. Co. Litt. 245. The law pays regard to equity.
Lex scripta si cesset, id custodiri eportet quod moribus et consuetudine inductum est; et, si qua in re hoc descecerit, tunc id quod proximum et consequens ei est; et, si id non appareat, tunc jus quod urbe Romana utitur servari eportet. 7 Coke, 19. If the written law be silent, that which is drawn from manners and custom ought to be observed; and, if that is in any manner defective, then that which is next and analogous to it; and, if that does not appear, then the law which Rome uses should be followed. This maxim of Lord Coke is so far followed at the present day that, in cases where there is no precedent of the English courts, the civil law is always heard with respect, and often, though not necessarily, followed. Wharton.

Lex semper dabit remedium. The law will always give a remedy. Branch, Princ.; Broom, Max. 192.

Lex semper intendit quod convenit rationi. Co. Litt. 78b. The law always intends what is agreeable to reason.

Lex spectat nature ordinem. The law regards the order of nature. Co. Litt. 197b.

Lex succurrivit ignarii. Jenk. Cent. 15. The law assists the ignorant.


Lex uno ore omnes alloquitur. The law addresses all with one [the same] mouth or voice. 2 Inst. 184.

Lex vigilantibus, non dormientibus, subvenient. Law assists the wakeful, not the sleeping. 1 Story, Cont. § 529.

LEY. L. Fr. Law; the law.

—LEY civil. In old English law. The civil or Roman law. Yearb. H. 8 Edw. III. 42. Otherwise termed "LEY scriptur," the written law. Yearb. 10 Edw. III. 24.—LEY gager. Law wager; wager of law; the giving of gage or security by a defendant that he would make or perfect his law at a certain day. Litt. § 514; Co. Litt. 294b, 295a.

LEY. Sp. In Spanish law. A law; the law; law in the abstract.

—LEYES de Estilo. In Spanish law. A collection of laws usually published as an appendix to the Fuero Real; treating of the mode of conducting suits, prosecuting them to judgment, and entering appeals. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 74.

LEZE-MAJESTY. An offense against sovereign power; treason; rebellion.

LIABILITY. The state of being bound or obliged in law or justice to do, pay, or make good something; legal responsibility. Wood v. Currey, 57 Cal. 209; McElfresh v. Kirkendall, 36 Iowa, 225; Benge v. Bowling, 106 Ky. 575, 51 S. W. 151; Joslin v. New Jersey Car-Spring Co., 36 N. J. Law, 145.

LIABLE. 1. Bound or obliged in law or equity; responsible; chargeable; answerable; compellable to make satisfaction, compensation, or restitution.

2. Exposed or subject to a given contingency, risk, or casualty, which is more or less probable.

—LIMITED LIABILITY. The liability of the members of a joint-stock company may be either unlimited or limited; and, if the latter, then the limitation of liability is either the amount, if any, unpaid on the shares, (in which case the limit is said to be "by shares") or such an amount as the members guaranty in the event of the company being wound up, (in which case the limit is said to be "by guaranty.") Brown.—PERSONAL LIABILITY. The liability of the stockholders in corporations, under certain statutes, by which they may be held individually responsible for the debts of the corporation, either to the extent of the par value of their respective holdings of stock, or to twice that amount, or without limit, or otherwise, as the particular statute directs.

LIARD. An old French coin, of silver or copper, formerly current to a limited extent in England, and there computed as equivalent to a farthing.

LIBEL, n. In admiralty practice. To proceed against, by filing a libel; to seize under admiralty process, at the commencement of a suit. Also to defame or injure a person's reputation by a published writing.

LIBEL, n. In practice. The initiatory pleading on the part of the plaintiff or complainant in an admiralty or ecclesiastical cause, corresponding to the declaration, bill, or complaint.

In the Scotch law It is the form of the complaint or ground of the charge on which either a civil action or criminal prosecution takes place. Bell.


Libel is a false and unprivileged publication by writing, printing, picture, effigy, or other fixed representation to the eye which exposes any person to hatred, contempt, ridicule, or obloquy, or which causes him to be shunned or avoided, or which has a tendency to injure him in his occupation. Civ. Code Cal. § 40.

A libel is a false and malicious defamation of another, expressed in print or writing or pictures or signs, tending to injure the reput-
tation of an individual, and exposing him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. The publication of the libelous matter is essential to recovery. Code Ga. 1852, § 2574.

A libel is a malicious defamation, expressed either in writing or printing, or by signs or pictures, or the like, tending to blacken the memory of one who is dead, or to impeach the honesty, integrity, virtue, or reputation, or publish the natural or alleged defects, of one who is alive, and thereby to expose him to public hatred, contempt, or ridicule. Pen. Code Cal. § 248; Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4097; Bac. Abr. tit. "Libel!" 1 Hawk. P. C. 1, 73, § 1; Com. v. Clap, 4 Mass. 168, 3 Ann. Dec. 212; Clark v. Binney, 2 Pick. (Mass) 115; Ryckman v. Delavan, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 198; Root v. King, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 620.

A libel is a censuraious or ridiculing writing, either in writing or printing, or by signs or pictures, or the like, made with malicious intent. State v. Farley, 4 McCord (S. C.) 317; People v. Crosswell, 3 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 354; State v. Johnson, 7 9 John. (S. C.) 215; McCorckie v. Bmns, 5 Bin. (Pa.) 248; 6 Ann. Dec. 420.

Any publication the tendency of which is to defame or injure another person, or to bring him into contempt, ridicule, or hatred, or which accuses him of a crime punishable by law, or of some act of which he is charged, and disgraceful in society, is a libel. Dexter v. Spear, 4 Mason, 115, Fed. Cas. No. 3,807; White v. Nichols, 3 How. 291, 11 L Ed. 591.

A libel is a libel, without justification or lawful excuse, of words calculated to injure the reputation of another, or to give him into contempt, ridicule, or hatred, which is punishable by law, or by order of the court, and disgraceful in society, is a libel. Inst. 4, 4, 1; Dig. 47, 10; Cod. 9, 56.

Everything, written or printed, which reflects on the character of another, and is published without lawful justification or excuse, is a libel, whatever the intention may have been. O'Brien v. Clement, 15 Mees. & W. 435.

-Criminal libel. A libel which is punishable criminally; one which tends to excite a breach of the peace. Moody v. State, 94 Ala. 422, 10 South. 670; State v. Callender, 2 Pennewill (Del.) 171, 44 Atl. 620; People v. Stokes, 30 Abb. N. C. 200, 24 N. Y. Supp. 727. Libel of accusation. In Scotch law, a libel, a libel, which contains the charge against a person accused of a crime. Libels are of two kinds, namely, indictments and criminal letters—Seditious libel. In English law, a written or printed document containing seditious matter or published with a seditious intention, the latter term being defined as "an intention tobring into hatred or contempt, or to excite disaffection against, the king or the legislature at law. The plaintiff in a libel case, corresponding to the defendant in an ecclesiastical case, is a party who files a libel in an ecclesiastical or admiralty case, or in regard to such petitions. Libelous accusations, an inventory. Calvin. Libellus or oratio consultoria, a message by which emperors laid matters before the senate. 1A writing in which are contained the names of the plaintiff (actor) and defendant, (reus) the thing sought, the right relied upon, and name of the tribunal before which the action is brought. Calvin. In feudal law. An instrument of alienation or conveyance, as of a fief, or a part of it.

-Libellus conventionis. In the civil law. The statement of a plaintiff's claim in a petition presented to the magistrate, who directed an officer to deliver it to the defendant.—Libellus famosus. In the civil law. A defamatory publication; a publication having the effect of lowering or disgracing another person, or publishing the natural or alleged defects, of one who is alive, and thereby to expose him to hatred or contempt. See Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott & McO. (S. C.) 349, 9 Am. Dec. 707; Woolworth v. Star Co., 97 App. Div. 525, 90 N. Y. Supp. 147; Morse v. Times-Republican Printing Co., 124 Iowa, 707, 100 N. W. 867.

LIBELUS. Defamatory; of the nature of a libel; constituting or involving libel.

-Libellus per se. A defamatory publication in libelous sense, when the words are of such a character that an action may be brought upon them without the necessity of showing any special damage, the imputation being such that the law will presume that any one so slandered must have suffered damage. See Mayrant v. Richardson, 1 Nott & McO. (S. C.) 349, 9 Am. Dec. 707; Woolworth v. Star Co., 97 App. Div. 525, 90 N. Y. Supp. 147; Morse v. Times-Republican Printing Co., 124 Iowa, 707, 100 N. W. 867.

LIBER. n. Lat. A book, of whatever material composed; a main division of a literary work.

-Liber assisaorum. The Book of Assises. A collection of cases that arose on assizes and other trials in the country. It was the fourth of the records of the reign of Edward III. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 148.—Liber fendorum. The book of feuds. This was a compilation of feudal law, prepared by order of the emperor, Frederick I., and published at Milan in 1170. It comprised five books, of which only the first two are now extant with fragmentary portions of the others.—Liber judicailis of Alverno, a dome-book. See Dec. 212.—Liber judiciarum. The book of judgment, or doom-book. The Saxonic Domboc. Conjectured to be a book of statutes of ancient Saxony;—Libri niger. Black book. A name given to several ancient records.—Libri niger domus regis, (the black book of the king's household.) The title of a book in which there is an account of the household establishment of King Edward IV., and of the several musicians retained in his service, as well for the purpose of amusements as for service in his chapel. Enc. Lond.—Libri niger sacrae contributed to Gervase of Tilbury. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 220, note.
LIBER, adj. Lat. Free; open and accessible, as applied to courts, places, etc.; of the state or condition of a freeman, as applied to persons.

—Liber bancus. In old English law. Free bench. Bract. fol. 976.—Liber et legalis homo. In old English law. A free and lawful man. A term applied to a juror, from the earliest period.—Liber homo. A free man; a freeman lawfully competent to act as juror. 2d. Raym. 417; Kebl. 503. An appurtenant, as distinguished from a vassal or feudatory. This was the sense of the term in the laws of the barbarous nations of Europe.

LIBERA. A livery or delivery of so much corn or grass to a customary tenant, who cut down or prepared the said grass or corn, and received some part or small portion of it as a reward or gratuity. Cowell.

LIBERA. Lat. (Female of liber, adj.) Free; at liberty; exempt; not subject to toll or charge.

—Libera batella. In old records. A free boat; the right of having a boat to fish in a certain water; a species of free fishery.—Liber chesa habenda. A judicial writ granted to a person for a free chase belonging to his manor after proof made by inquiry of a jury that the same of right belongs to him. Waterton.—Liber eleemosyna. In old English law. Free aims; frankalmoigne. Bract. fol. 275.—Liber falsa. In old English law. Frank fold; free fold; free foliage. T. Leon. 11.—Liber lex. In old English law. Free law; frank law; the law of the land. The law enjoyed by free and lawful men, as distinguished from such men as have lost the benefit and protection of the law in consequence of crime. Hence this term denoted the status of a man who stood guiltless before the law, and was free, in the sense of being entitled to its full protection and benefit. Amittere liberam legem (to lose one's free law) was to fall from that status by crime or infamy. See Co. Litt. 945.—Liberaria piscaria. In old English law. A free fishery. 4 Coke, 646.—Liberaria warren. In old English law. Free warren. (e. c.)

LIBERAM LEGEM AMITTERE. To lose one's free law, (called the villainous judgment,) to become discredited or disabled as juror and witness, to forfeit goods and chattels and lands for life, to have those lands wasted, houses razed, trees rooted up, and one's body committed to prison. It was anciently pronounced against conspirators, but is now disused, the punishment substituted being fine and imprisonment. Hawk. P. C. 61, c. lxxii., s. 9; 3 Inst. 221.

LIBERARE. Lat. In the civil law. To free or set free; to liberate; to give one his liberty. Calvin.

In old English law. To deliver, transfer, or hand over. Applied to writs, panels of jurors, etc. Bract. fols. 116, 1766.

Liberata pecunia non liberat offerentem. Co. Litt. 207. Money being restored does not set free the party offering.

LIBERATE. In old English practice. An original writ issuing out of chancery to

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the treasurer, chamberlains, and barons of the exchequer, for the payment of any annual pension, or other sum. Reg. Orig. 193; Cowell.

A writ issued to a sheriff, for the delivery of any lands or goods taken upon forfeits of recognizance. 4 Coke, 646.

A writ issued to a gaoler, for the delivery of a prisoner that had put in bail for his appearance. Cowell.

LIBERATIO. In old English law. Livery; money paid for the delivery or use of a thing.

In old Scotch law. Livery; a fee given to a servant or officer. Skene.

Money, meat, drink, clothes, etc., yearly given and delivered by the lord to his domestic servants. Blount.

LIBERATION. In the civil law. The extinguishment of a contract, by which he who was bound becomes free or liberated. Wolff, Inst. Nat. § 749. Synonymous with "payment." Dig. 50, 16, 47.

LIBERI. In Saxon law. Freemen; the possessors of allodial lands. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5.

In the civil law. Children. The term included "grandchildren."

LIBERTAS. Lat. Liberty; freedom; a privilege; a franchise.

—Libertas ecclesiastica. Church liberty, or ecclesiastical immunity.

Libertas est naturalis facultas ejus quod cuique facere libet, nisi quod de jure aut vi prohibetur. Co. Litt. 116. Liberty is that natural faculty which permits every one to do anything he pleases except that which is restrained by law or force.

Libertas inestimabilis res est. Liberty is an inestimable thing; a thing above price. Dig. 50, 17, 106.


Libertas omnibus rebus favorabili est. Liberty is more favored than all things, [anything.] Dig. 50, 17, 122.

Libertates regales ad coronam spectantes ex concessione regum a coronâ exierunt. 2 Inst. 496. Royal franchises relating to the crown have emanated from the crown by grant of kings.

LIBERTATIBUS ALLOCANDIS. A writ lying for a citizen or burgess, impleaded contrary to his liberty, to have his privilege allowed. Reg. Orig. 262.
LIBERTATIBUS EXIGENDIS IN ITINERE. An ancient writ whereby the king commanded the justices in eyre to admit of an attorney for the defense of another's liberty. Reg. Orig. 18.

LIBERTI, LIBERTINI. Lat. In Roman law. Freedman. There seems to have been some difference in the use of these two words; the former denoting the manumitted slaves considered in their relations with their former master, who was now called their "patron;" the latter term describing the status of the same persons in the general social economy of Rome.

LIBERTICIDE. A destroyer of liberty.

LIBERTIES. Privileged districts exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction; as, "gaol liberties" or "jail liberties." See GAOL.

Libertinum ingratum leges civiles in pristinam servitutem redigunt; sed leges Anglie semel manumissum semper liberum judecant. Co. Litt. 157. The civil laws reduce an ungrateful freedman to his original slavery; but the laws of England regard a man once manumitted as ever after free.


"Liberty," as used in the provision of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution, forbidding the states to deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, includes, it seems, not merely the right of a person to be free from physical restraint, but to be free in the enjoyment of all his faculties in all lawful ways; to live and work where he will; to earn his livelihood by the above mentioned. Allgeyer v. State of Louisiana, 17 U. S. 578, 24 L. Ed. 532.

2. The word also means a franchise or personal privilege, being some part of the sovereign power, vested in an individual, either by grant or prescription.

3. In a derivative sense, the term denotes the place, district, or boundaries within which a special franchise is enjoyed, an immunity claimed, or a jurisdiction exercised.

In this sense, the term is commonly used in the plural; as the "liberties of the city," the "northern liberties of Philadelphia."

-Civil liberty. The liberty of a member of society, being the man's natural liberty, so far restrained by human laws (and it is necessary and expedient for the general advantage of the public), 1 Bl. Comm. 125; 2 Steph. 1131; a larger number of dollars in the laws permit. 1 Bl. Comm. 6; Inst. 13, 1. See People v. Berberrich, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 271; In re Ferrier, 161 Pa. 572, 33 Am. Rep. 256; People v. Moses, 19 Wash. 437, 52 Pac. 355, 40 L. R. A. 302; State v. Kreutzberg, 114 Wis. 530, 90 N. W. 1098, 58 L. R. A. 748, 91 Am. St. Rep. 534; Ex parte Goell, 69 Ala. 212, 60 So. 145, 18 Gray, 14 Misc. Rep. 334, 36 N. Y. Sup. 122. The greatest amount of absolute liberty which can, in the nature of things, be equally possessed by every citizen in a state. Boulger. Guaranteed protection against interference with the interests and rights held dear and important by large classes of civilized men, or by all the members of a state, together with an effectual share in the making and administration of the laws, as the best apparatus to secure that protection. See De Lolme, Eng. Law, l. c. 24—25. —Liberty of report. In marine insurance. A license or permission incorporated in a marine policy allowing the vessel to touch and trade at a designated port of the principal port of destination. See Allegre v. Maryland Ins. Co., 8 Gill & J. (Md.) 200, 29 Am. Dec. 536.—Liberty of conscience. Freedom of religious liberty, as defined by the first amendment to the constitution. See Eyre v. Marine Ins. Co., 6 Whart. (Pa.) 125.—Liberty of the press. The right to print and publish the truth, from good motives and for justifiable ends. People v. Croswell, 3 Johns. Cas. 334. The freedom to publish whatever the citizen may please, and to be protected against any responsibility for so doing except so far as such publications, from the nature of the former or the character, may be a public offense, or as by their falsehood and malice they may injuriously affect the interest, reputation, or character of other persons. Burrows v. Gaynor, 14 Misc. Rep. 334, 36 N. Y. Sup. 122. It is said to consist in this: "That neither courts of justice, nor any judges whatever, are authorized to take notice of writings intended for the press, but are confined to those which are actually printed." De Loma, Eng. Const. 254.—Liberty of the rules. A privilege to go out of the Fleet and Marshalsea prisons within certain limits, and there reside. Abolished by 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22.—Liberty to hold classes. The liberty of having a court of one's own. Thus certain lords had the privilege of holding pleas within their own manors. —Natural liberty. The power of acting as one thinks fit, without any restraint or control, unless by the law of nature. 1 Bl. Comm. 125. The right which nature gives to all mankind of being free, of being person to whatsoever place one's own inclinations may direct, without imprisonment or restraint, or control, beyond the course of law. See 1 Bl. Comm. 125. Civil Rights Cases, 109 U. S. 3, 3 Sup. Ct. 42, 27 L. Ed. 335; Pinkerton v.
Verberg, 78 Mich. 573, 44 N. W. 573, 7 L. R. A. 507, 18 Am. St. Rep. 473.—Political liberty. Liberty of the citizen to participate in the operations of government, and particularly in the making and administration of the laws. —Religious liberty. Freedom from dictation, constraint, or control in matters affecting the conscience, religious beliefs, and the practice of religion; freedom to entertain and express any or no system of religious opinions, and to engage in or refrain from any form of religious observance or public or private religious worship, not inconsistent with the peace and good order of society and the general welfare. See Frazee's Case, 62 Mich. 396, 30 N. W. 72, 6 Am. St. Rep. 310; State v. White, 64 N. H. 48, 5 Atl. 825.

Liberrum corpus nullam recipit satisfactionem. Dig. 9, 3, 7. The body of a freeman does not admit of valuation.

Libertatem est cuique apud se explorare et expediat sibi consilium. Every one is free to ascertain for himself whether a recommendation is advantageous to his interests. Upton v. Vail, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 181, 184, 5 Am. Dec. 210.

LIBERUM MARITAGIUM. In old English law. Frank-marriage. Bract, fol. 21.

LIBERUM SERVITIUM. Free service. Service of a warlike sort by a feudatory tenant; sometimes called "servitium liberum armorum." Jacob.

Service not unbecoming the character of a freeman and a soldier to perform; as to serve under the lord in his wars, to pay a sum of money, and the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.


LIBERUM TENEMENTUM. In real law. Freehold. Frank-tenement.

In pleading. A plea of freehold. A plea by the defendant in an action of trespass to real property that the locus in quo is his freehold, or that of a third person, under whom he acted. 1 Tidd, Pr. 645.

LIBRAC. In Saxon law. Witchcraft, particularly that kind which consisted in the compounding and administering of drugs and philters. Sometimes occurring in the Latinized form Liblacum.

LIBRA. In old English law. A pound; also a sum of money equal to a pound sterling.

—Libra arcæ. A pound burned; that is, melted, or assayed by melting, to test its purity. Libra arcæ et penæata, pounds burned and weighed. A frequent expression in Domesday, to denote a kind of money coin which the prince was paid. Spelman; Cowell.—Libra numerata. A pound of money counted instead of being weighed. Spelman.—Libra pensæ. A pound of money by weight. It was usual in former days not only to sell the money, but to weigh it; because many cities, lords, and bishops, having their mints, coined money, and often very bad money, too, for which reason, though the pound consisted of 20 shillings, they weighed it. Enc. Lond.

LIBRARIVS. In Roman law. A writer or amanuensis; a copyist. Dig. 50, 17, 92.

LIBRATA TERRÆ. A portion of ground containing four oxgangs, and every oxgang fourteen acres. Cowell. This is the same with what in Scotland was called "poundland" of old extent. Wharton.

LIBRIPENS. In Roman law. A weigher or balance-holder. The person who held a brazen balance in the ceremony of emancipation per as et libram. Inst. 2, 10, 1.

Librorum appellatione continentur omnia volumina, sive in charta, sive in membrana sive in quavis alia materia. Under the name of books are contained all volumes, whether upon paper, or parchment, or any other material. Dig. 32, 52, pr.

LICENCIADO. In Spanish law. An attorney or advocate; particularly, a person admitted to the degree of "Licentiate in Jurisprudence" by any of the literary universities of Spain, and who is thereby authorized to practice in all the courts. Escriche.

LICENSE. In the law of contracts. A permission, accorded by a competent authority, conferring the right to do some act which without such authorization would be illegal, or would be a trespass or a tort. State v. Hipp, 38 Ohio St 226; Youngblood v. Sexton, 32 Mich. 406, 20 Am. Rep. 654; Hubman v. State, 61 Ark. 482, 33 S. W. 843; Chicago v. Collins, 175 111. 445, 51 N. E. 907, 49 L. R. A. 408, 67 L. R. A. 224. Also the written evidence of such permission.


It is distinguished from an "easement," which implies an interest in the land to be affected, and a "lease," or right to take the profits of land. It may be, however, and often is, coupled with a grant of some interest in the land itself, or right to take the profits. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *398.

In pleading. A plea of justification to an action of trespass that the defendant was authorized by the owner of the freehold to commit the trespass complained of.

In the law of patents. A written authority granted by the owner of a patent to
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another person empowering the latter to make or use the patented article for a limited period or in a limited territory.

In international law. Permission granted by a belligerent state to its own subjects, or to the subjects of the enemy, to carry on a trade interdicted by war. Wheat. Int. Law, 447.

—High license. A system for the regulation and restriction of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, of which the distinguishing feature is the annulling of licenses only to persons selected persons and the charging of a license fee so great in amount as automatically to limit the number of retailers.—Letter of license. In English law, a written instrument in the nature of an agreement, signed by all the creditors of a falling or embarrassed debtor in trade, granting him an extension of time for the payment of the debts, allowing him in the mean time to carry on the business in the hope of recuperation, and protecting him from arrest, and giving him the power to continue his business pending personal agreement. This form is not usual in America; but something similar to it is found in the "composition," or "extension agreement," by which the creditors agree to fund their claims in the form of promissory notes, concurrent as to date and maturity, sometimes payable serially and sometimes extending over a term of years. Provision is often made for the supervision or partial control of the business, in the mean time, by a trustee or a committee of the creditors, in which case the agreement is sometimes called a "deed of inspectorship," though this term is more commonly used in England than in the United States.—License cases. The name given to the group of cases including Peirce v. New Hampshire, 5 How. 504, 12 L. Ed. 256, decided by the United States supreme court in 1847, to the effect that state laws requiring a license or the payment of a tax for the privilege of selling intoxicating liquors were not in conflict with the constitutional provision giving to Congress the power to regulate interstate commerce, even as applied to liquors imported from another state and remaining in the original and unbroken packages. This decision was overruled in Leisy v. Hardin, 135 U. S. 100, 34 L. Ed. 681, 10 Sup Ct. 616, 34 L Ed. 128, which in turn was overruled in United States v. E. C. Knight, 156 U. S. 15, 15 S. Ct. 16, 39 L. Ed. 94, and some of the cases growing out of that decision were overruled by the United States court of appeals for the second circuit, in United States v. Schwab, 156 F. 545, in the exercise of the constitutional power of Congress to establish uniform laws on the subject of commerce among the several states. The price paid to governmental or municipal authority for a license to engage in a particular calling or occupation. See Home Ins. Co. v. Augusta, 50 Ga. 537; Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 480.—License fee or tax. The price paid to governmental or municipal authority for a license to engage in a particular calling or occupation. See Home Ins. Co. v. Augusta, 50 Ga. 537; Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 480.—License in amortization. A license authorizing a conveyance of property which, without it, would be invalid under the statutes of mortmain.—Marriage license. A written license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry, usually addressed to the minister or magistrate who is to perform the ceremony. It is given in general terms, and never authorized to solemnize marriages.—Registrar's license. In English law, a license issued by an officer of that name authorizing the solemnization of a marriage without the usual religious ceremony ordained by the Church of England.—Road license. In Canadian law, a license, granted on payment of a tax or fee, permitting the licensee to angle for fish (particularly salmon) which are otherwise protected or preserved.—Special license. In English law. One granted by the archbishop of Canterbury to authorize a marriage at any time or place whatsoever. 2 Steph. Comm. 247, 255.

LICENSED VICTUALLER. A term applied, in England, to all persons selling any kind of intoxicating liquor under a license from the justices of the peace. Wharton.

LICENSEE. A person to whom a license has been granted.

In patent law. One who has had transferred to him, either in writing or orally, a less or different interest than either the interest in the whole patent, or an undivided part of such whole interest, or an exclusive sectional interest. Potter v. Holland, 4 Blatchf. 211, Fed. Cas. No. 11,329.

_LICENSEING ACTS._ This expression is applied by Hallam (Const. Hist. c. 13) to acts of parliament for the restraint of printing, except by license, which are applied to any act of parliament passed for the purpose of requiring a license for doing any act whatever. But, generally, when we speak of the licensing acts, we mean the acts regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. Mozley & Whitley.

LICENSEOR. The person who gives or grants a license.

LICENTIA. Lat. License; leave; permission.

— _Licentia concordandi._ In old practice and conveyancing. License or leave to agree; one of the proceedings on levying a fine of land. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.— _Licentia loquendi._ In old practice and civil procedure, permission given by the court to a tenant in a real action, who had cast an essoin de main bientot, to appear and sue for an essoin de main bientot; the party for whose benefit the license is given is called the "Wilson law."— _License fee or tax._ The price paid to governmental or municipal authority for a license to engage in a particular calling or occupation. See Home Ins. Co. v. Augusta, 50 Ga. 537; Levi v. Louisville, 97 Ky. 394, 30 S. W. 973, 28 L. R. A. 480.— _License to intermarry._ A written license or permission granted by public authority to persons who intend to intermarry, usually addressed to the minister or magistrate who is to perform the ceremony. It is given in general terms, and never authorized to solemnize marriages.— _Registrar's license._ In English law, a license issued by an officer of that name authorizing the solemnization of a marriage without the usual religious ceremony ordained by the Church of England.— _Road license._ In Canadian law, a license, granted on payment of a tax or fee, permitting the licensee to angle for fish (particularly salmon) which are otherwise protected or preserved.— _Special license._ In English law. One granted by the archbishop of Canterbury to authorize a marriage at any time or place whatsoever. 2 Steph. Comm. 247, 255.
LICET. Lat. From the verb “hicere,” (q. v.) Although; notwithstanding. Importing, in this sense, a direct affirmation.

Also, it is allowed, it is permissible.

—Licet amplus requisitus. (Although often requested.) In pleading. A phrase used in the old Latin forms of declarations, and literally translated in the modern precedents. Yel. 69; 2 Chit. Pl. 90; 1 Chit. Pl. 331. The clause in a declaration which contains the general averment of a request by the plaintiff of the defendant to pay the sums claimed is still called the “Licet amplus requisitus.”

Licet dispositio de interesse futuro sit inutilis, tamen potest fieri declaratio precedens que sortiatur effectum, interveniente novo actu. Although a future interest be inoperative, yet a declaration precedent may be made, which may take effect provided a new act intervenes. Bac. Max. 498.

Licitaci. bene miscientur, formula nisi juris obstet. Lawful acts [done by several authorities] are well mingled, [i. e., become united or consolidated into one good act.] unless some form of law forbid. Bac. Max. p. 94, reg. 24.

Licitacion. In Spanish law. The offering for sale at public auction of an estate or property held by co-heirs or Joint proprietors, which cannot be divided up without detriment to the whole.

Licitare. Lat. In Roman law. To offer a price at a sale; to bid; to bid often; to make several bids, one above another. Calvin.

Licitation. In the civil law. An offering for sale to the highest bidder, or to him who will give most for a thing. An act by which co-heirs or other co-proprietors of a thing in common and undivided between them put it to bid between them, to be adjudged and to belong to the highest and last bidder, upon condition that he pay to each of his co-proprietors a part in the price equal to the undivided part which each of the said co-proprietors had in the estate limited, before the adjudication. Poth. Cont. Sale, nn. 516, 693.

Licitator. In Roman law. A bidder at a sale.

Licking of thumbs. An ancient formality by which bargains were completed.

Lidford law. A sort of lynch law, whereby a person was first punished and then tried. Wharton.

Lie. To subsist; to exist; to be sustainable; to be proper or available. Thus the phrase “an action will not lie” means that an action cannot be sustained, or that there is no ground upon which to found the action.

—Lie in franchise. Property is said to “lie in franchise” when it is of such a nature that the persons entitled thereto may seize it without the aid of a court; e. g., wrecks, waifs, estrays.

—Lie in grant. Incorporeal hereditaments are said to “lie in grant;” that is, they pass by force of the grant (deed or charter) without livery.—Lie in livery. A term applied to corporeal hereditaments, freeholds, etc., signifying that they pass by livery, not by the mere force of the grant.—Lie in wait. See Lying in wait.

Lie to. To adjourn. A cottage must have had four acres of land laid to it. See 2 Show. 279.

Lieutenant. An old form of “lieutenant,” and still retained as the vulgar pronunciation of the word.

Liege. In feudal law. Bound by a feudal tenantry; bound in allegiance to the lord paramount, who owned no superior.

In old records. Full; absolute; perfect; pure. Liege widowhood was pure widowhood. Cowell.

—Liege homage. Homage which, when performed by one sovereign prince to another, included fealty and services, as opposed to simple homage, which was a mere acknowledgment of tenure. (1 Bl. Comm. 367; 2 Steph. Comm. 400.) Mozley & Whitley.—Liege lord. A sovereign; a superior lord.—Liege poonice. In Scotch law. That state of health which gives a person full power to dispose of, mortis causd or otherwise, his heritable property. Bell. A deed executed at the time of such a state of health, as opposed to a death-bed conveyance. The term seems to be derived from the Latin legitima potestas.

Liegeman. He that oweth allegiance. Cowell.

Lieger, or leger. A resident ambassador.

Liegies, or liege people. Subjects.

Lien. A qualified right of property which a creditor has in or over specific property of his debtor, as security for the debt or charge or for performance of some act.

In every case in which property, either real or personal, is charged with the payment of a debt or duty, every such charge may be denominated a lien on the property. Whitak. Liens. 1.

A lien is a charge imposed upon specific property, by which it is made security for the performance of an act. Code Civil Proc. Cal. § 1180.

In a narrow and technical sense, the term “lien” signifies the right by which a person in possession of personal property holds and detains it against the owner in satisfaction of a demand; but it has a more extensive meaning, and in common acceptation is understood and used to denote a legal claim or charge on property, either real or personal, for the payment of
any debt or duty; every such claim or charge remaining a lien on the property, although not in the possession of the person to whom the debt or duty is due. Downer v. Brackett, 21 Va. 105. Improvement Trust Co. v. Pirsson, 1 Hilt. (N. Y.) 296; In re Byrne (D. C.) 97 Fed. 764; Storm v. Waddell, 2 Sandif. (N. Y.) 59. Stannard v. Man and C. M. Ry. Co. (D. C.) 441; The Menominee (D. C.) 36 Fed. 199; Mobile B. & L. Ass'n v. Robertson, 65 Ala. 352; The J. E. Purdy (D. C.) 148 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 496, 37 L. Ed. 345.

In the Scotch law, the doctrine of lien is known by the name of "retention," and that of set-off by the name of "compensation." The Roman or civil law embraces under the head of "mortgage and privilege" the peculiar securities which, in the common and maritime law and equity, are termed "liens." Classification. Liens are either particular or general. The former is a right to retain a chattel, or charge any claim belonging out of, or connected with, the identical thing. A general lien is a right to retain a chattel, etc., until payment be made, not only of any debt due at law or in equity, but of any balance which may be due on general account in the same line of business. A general lien, being against the ordinary rule of law, depends entirely upon contract, express or implied, from the special usage of dealing between the parties. Wharton. Crommelin v. Railroad Co., 10 Bosw. (N. Y.) 90; McKenzie v. Nevius, 22 Me. 150, 38 Am. Dec. 291; Brooks v. Bryce, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 16. A special lien is in the nature of a particular lien, being a lien upon particular property; the holder can enforce only as security for the performance of a particular act or obligation and of obligations incidental thereto. Green v. Coast Line R. Co. 97 Ga. 15, 24 S. E. 814, 33 L. R. A. 906, 54 Am. St. Rep. 379; Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2875. Liens are also either conventional or by operation of law. The former is the case where the lien is raised by the express agreement and stipulation of the parties, in circumstances where the law alone would not create a lien from the mere possession of the property or the facts of their transaction. The latter is the case where the law itself, without the stipulation of the parties, raises the lien, as an incident or legal consequence from the relation of the parties or the circumstances of their dealings. Liens of this species may arise either under the rules of common law, or under those of equity or of statute. In the first case they are called "common-law liens"; in the second, "equitable liens;" in the third, "statutory liens." Liens are either possessory or charging; the former, where the creditor has the right to hold possession of the specific property until satisfaction of the debt; the latter, where the debt is a charge upon the specific property although it remains in the debtor's possession.

Other compound and descriptive terms. A right of an attorney at law to hold or retain in his possession the money or property of a client until his proper charges have been adjusted and paid. It requires no proceedings in any court or tribunal. Sweeney v. Sieman, 123 Iowa, 183, 98 N. W. 571. Also a lien on funds in court payable to the client or on a judgment or decree in favor of the attorney for improvements, indebtedness, etc. W. V. Vs. 112, 14 S. E. 447; Jennings v. Bacon, 84 Iowa, 403, 51 N. W. 15; Ackerman v. Ackerman, 14 Abb. P. C. 1239; 229; Mesley v. Norman, 14 Abb. P. C. 122; Wright v. Wright, 98 N. Y. 529. Concurrent liens. Maritime liens are concur-

rent when they are of the same rank, and for supplies or materials or services in preparation for the same voyage, or if they arise on different bottomry bonds to different holders for advances or expenses of the same repairs. The J. W. Tucker (D. C.) 20 Fed. 132. —Equitable liens are such as exist in equity, and of which courts of equity, alone take cognizance. A lien need not be a lien in the strict legal sense; it is not property in the thing, nor does it constitute a right of action for the thing. It more properly represents a right to charge upon the thing. Equitable liens most commonly grow out of constructive trusts. Story, Eq. Jur. § 1215. An equitable lien is a right, not recognized at law, to have a fund or specific property or the proceeds of its sale, applied in full or in part to the payment of a particular debt or class of debts. Burden v. Sup'r. Ferris Sugar Mfr. Co. (C. C.) 78 Fed. 421; The Menominee (D. C.) 36 Fed. 199; Fallon v. Worthington, 13 Colo. 559, 22 Pac. 900, 6 L. R. A. 708, 18 Am. St. Rep. 251; In re Lesser (D. C.) 100 Fed. 436.—First lien. One which takes priority or precedence over all other charges or incumbrances upon the same piece of property, and which must be satisfied before any other charges are entitled to participate in the proceeds of its sale.—Second lien. One which takes rank immediately after a first lien on the same property and is next entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds.—Lien creditor. One whose debt or claim is secured by a lien on particular property, as distinguished from a "general" creditor, who has no such security. —Lien of a covenant. The commencement of a covenant stating the names of the covenants and covenantees, and the character of the covenant, whether joint or several. Wharton.—Reparing lien. The lien which an attorney has upon a client's papers, books, vouchers, etc., which remain in his possession, entitling him to retain them until satisfaction of his claims for professional services. In re Wilson (D. C.) 12 Fed. 239; In re Lexington Ave. 30 App. Div. 602, 52 N. Y. Supp. 203.—Secret lien. A lien reserved by the vendor of chattels, who has delivered them to the vendee, to secure the payment of the price, which is concealed from all third persons.

As to the particular kinds of liens described as "Ballees'" "Judgment," "Maritime," "Mechanics'", "Municipal," and "Vendors'" liens, see those titles.

LIENOR. The person having or owning a lien; one who has a right of lien upon property of another.

LIEU. Fr. Place; room. It's only used with "in," in lieu, instead of. Enc. Lond.

LIEU CONUS. L. Fr. In old pleading. A known place; a place well known and generally noticed of by those who dwell about it, as a castle, a manor, etc. Whishaw; 1 Ld. Raym. 239.

LIEUTENANCY, COMMISSION OF. See Commission of Array.

LIEUTENANT. 1. A deputy; substitute; an officer who supplies the place of another; one acting by vicarious authority. Etymologically, one who holds the post or office of another, in the place and stead of the latter.

2. The word is used in composition as part of the title of several civil and military
officers, who are subordinate to others, and especially where the duties and powers of the higher officer may, in certain circumstances, devolve upon the lower; as lieutenant governor, lieutenant colonel, etc. See infra.

3. In the army, a lieutenant is a commissioned officer, ranking next below a captain. In the United States navy, he is an officer whose rank is intermediate between that of an ensign and that of a lieutenant commander. In the British navy, his rank is next below that of a commander.

—Lieutenant colonel. An officer of the army whose rank is above that of a major and below that of a colonel.—Lieutenant commander. A commissioned officer of the United States navy, whose rank is above that of lieutenant and below that of commander.—Lieutenant general. An officer in the army, whose rank is above that of major general and below that of “general of the army.” In the United States, this rank is not punished by imprisonment, being usually created for special persons or in times of war.—Lieutenant governor. In English law. A deputy-governor, acting as the chief civil officer of one of several colonies under a governor general. Webster. In American law. An officer of a state, sometimes charged with special duties, but usually important as the deputy or substitute of the governor, acting in the place of the governor upon the latter’s death, resignation, or disability.

LIFE. That state of animals and plants, or of an organized being, in which its natural functions and motions are performed, or in which its organs are capable of performing their functions. Webster. The sum of the forces by which death is resisted. Bichat.

—Life-annuity. An engagement to pay an income yearly during the life of some person; also the sum thus promised.—Life-estate. An estate whose duration is limited to the life of the party holding it, or of some other person; a freehold is not of inheritance, but is either perpetual or for a term of years. (q. v.). Ratcliffe, 42 Miss. 154; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3087.—Life in being. A phrase used in the common-law and statutory rules against perjury. It signifies the remaining duration of the life of a person who is in existence at the time when the deed or will takes effect. See McAdoo v. Ratcliff, 42 Miss. 154; Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3087. —Life-estate to himself.—Life-renter. In Scotch law. A tenant for life without waste. Bell.—Life tenant. One who holds an estate in lands for the period of his own life or that of another certain person.—Natural life. The period of a person’s existence considered as continuing until terminated by physical dissolution or death occurring in the course of nature; used in contradistinction to that juristic and artificial conception of life as an aggregate of legal rights or the possession of a legal personality, which could be terminated by “civil death,” that is, that extinction of personality which resulted from entering a monastery or being attainted of treason or felony. See People v. Wright, 89 Mich. 70, 50 N. W. 732.

LIFT. To raise; to take up. To “lift” a promissory note is to discharge its obligation by paying its amount or substituting another evidence of debt. To “lift the bar” of the statute of limitations, or of an estoppel, is to remove the obstruction which it interposes, by some sufficient act or acknowledgment.

LIGA. In old European law. A league or confederation. Spelman.

LIGAN, LAGAN. Goods cast into the sea tied to a buoy, so that they may be found again by the owners, are so denominated. When goods are cast into the sea in storms or shipwrecks, and remain there, without coming to land, they are distinguished by the barbarous names of “jetsam,” “flotsam,” and “ligan.” 5 Coke, 108; Harg. State Tr. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 292.

LIGARE. To tie or bind. Bract. fol. 3039.

To enter into a league or treaty. Spelman.


LIGEANCE. Allegiance; the faithful obedience of a subject to his sovereign, of a citizen to his government. Also, derivative, the territory of a state or sovereignty.

LIGEANTIA. Lat. Ligeance; allegiance.

Ligeantia est quasi legis essentia; est vinculum fideli. Co. Litt. 129. Allegiance is, as it were, the essence of law; it is the chain of faith.

Ligeantia naturalis nullis clausitis coeectur, nullis metis refrenatur, nullis flibibus premitur. 7 Coke, 10. Natural allegiance is restrained by no barriers, reined by no bounds, compressed by no limits.

LIGEAS. In old records. A liege.

LIGHT. A window, or opening in the wall for the admission of light. Also a privilege or easement to have light admitted into one’s building by the openings made for
that purpose, without obstruction or obstraction by the walls of adjacent or neighboring structures.

LIGHT-HOUSE. A structure, usually in the form of a tower, containing signal-lights for the guidance of vessels at night, at dangerous points of a coast, shoals, etc. They are usually erected by government, and subject to governmental regulation.

—Light-house board. A commission authorized by congress, consisting of two officers of the navy, two officers of the corps of engineers of the army, and two civilians, together with an officer of the navy and an officer of engineers of the army as secretaries, attached to the office of the secretary of the treasury, at Washington, and charged with superintending the construction and management of light-houses, ships, and other maritime signals for protection of commerce. Abbott.

LIGHT-SHIP, LIGHT-VESSEL. A vessel serving the purpose of a light-house, usually at a place where the latter could not well be built.

LIGHTER. A small vessel used in loading and unloading ships and steamers. The Mamie (D. C.) 5 Fed. 815; Reed v. Ingham, 26 Eng. Law & Eq. 167.

LIGHTERAGE. The business of transferring merchandise to and from vessels by means of lighters; also the compensation or price demanded for such service. Western Transp. Co. v. Hawley, 1 Daly (N. Y.) 327.

LIGHTERMAN. The master or owner of a lighter. He is liable as a common carrier.

LIGHTS. 1. Windows; openings in the wall of a house for the admission of light.

2. Signal-lamps on board a vessel or at particular points on the coast, required by the navigation laws to be displayed at night.

LIGHTUS. A person bound to another by a solemn tie or engagement. Now used to express the relation of a subject to his sovereign.

Ligna et lapides sub "armorum" appellatione non continentur. Sticks and stones are not contained under the name of "arms." Bract. fol. 144b.

LIGNAGIUM. A right of cutting fuel in woods; also a tribute or payment due for the same. Jacob.

LIGNAMINA. Timber fit for building. Du Fresne.

LIGULA. In old English law. A copy, exemplification, or transcript of a court roll or deed. Cowell.

LIMIT. A member of the human body. In the phrase "life and limb," the latter term appears to denote bodily integrity in general; but in the definition of "mayhem" it refers only to those members or parts of the body which may be useful to a man in fighting. 1 Bl. Comm. 139.

LIMENARCHA. In Roman law. An officer who had charge of a harbor or port. Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 7, 16, 38.


LIMITATION. Restriction or circumspection; settling an estate or property; a certain time allowed by a statute for litigation.

In estates. A limitation, whether made by the express words of the party or existing in intendment of law, circumscribes the continuance of time for which the property is to be enjoyed, and by positive and certain terms, or by reference to some event which possibly may happen, marks the period at which the time of enjoyment shall end. Prest. Estates, 23. And see Brattle Square Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 147, 63 Am. Dec. 725; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 181, 99 Am. Dec. 153; Hoselton v. Hoselton, 166 Mo. 182, 65 S. W. 1005; Stearns v. Godfrey, 10 Me. 160.

—Conditional limitation. A condition followed by a limitation over to a third person in case the condition be not fulfilled or there be a breach of it. Church v. Grant, 3 Gray (Mass.) 151, 63 Am. Dec. 725; Smith v. Smith, 23 Wis. 176, 99 Am. Dec. 153. A conditional limitation is where an estate is so expressly defined and limited by the words of its creation that it cannot endure for any longer time than till the contingency happens upon which the estate is to fail. 1 Steph. Comm. 309. Between conditional limitations and estates depending on conditions subsequent there is this difference: that in the former the estate determines as soon as the contingency happens; but in the latter it endures until the grantor or his heirs take advantage of the breach. Id. 310.—Collateral limitation. One which gives an interest in an estate for a specified period, but makes the right of enjoyment to depend on some collateral event, as an estate to A till B. shall go to Rome. Templeman v. Gibbs, 86 Tex. 358, 24 S. W. 792; 4 Kent, Comm. 128.—Contingent limitation. When a remainder in fee is limited upon any estate which would by the common law be adjudged a fee tail, such a remainder is valid as a contingent limitation upon a fee, and vests in possession on the death of the first taker without issue living at the time of his death. Rev. Codes N. D. 1899, § 3238.—Limitation in law. A limitation in law, or an estate limited, is an estate to
be holden only during the continuance of the condition under which it was granted, upon the determination of which the estate vests immediately in him in expectancy. 2 Bl. Comm. 156.

LIMITATION. The restriction by statute of the right of action to certain periods of time, after the accruing of the cause of action, beyond which, except in certain specified cases, it will not be allowed. Also the period of time so limited by law for the bringing of actions. See Keyser v. Lowell, 117 Fed. 404, 64 C. C. A. 674. Sheehan v. C. C. & S. W. R. Co., 50 Minn. 483, 49 N. W. 1133. Kelley v. Kelley, 11 Minn. 493 (Gil. 358); Riddelsbarger v. Hartford F. Ins. Co., 7 Wall. 390, 19 L. Ed. 257. See also 30 Am. Digest 673.

A certain time prescribed by statute, within which a man was required to allege himself or his ancestor to have been seized of lands sued for by a writ of assize. Cowell.—LIMITATION OF ESTATE. The restriction or circumscription of an estate, in the conveyance by which it is granted, in respect to the interest of the grantee or its duration; the specific curtailment or confinement of an estate, by the terms of the grant, so that it cannot endure beyond a certain period, designated contingently or limitation over. This term includes any estate in the same property created or contemplated by the conveyance, to be enjoyed after the first estate granted expires or is exhausted. Thus, in a gift to A. for life, with remainder to the heirs of the body of the remainder, is a "limitation over" to such heirs. Ewing v. Shropshire, 80 Ark. 150, 93 S. W. 1078.

LIMITED. Restricted; bounded; prescribed. Confined within positive bounds; restricted in duration, extent, or scope.

-LIMITED ADMINISTRATION. An administration of a temporary character, granted for a particular period, or for a special or particular purpose. Limited.—LIMITED ADMINISTRATION. A tenant for life, in tail, or by the curtesy, or other person not having a fee-simple in his absolute ant for life, in tail, or by the curtesy, or other disposition. See for life, in tail, and by the curtesy and other person not having a fee-simple in his absolute ant for life, in tail, or by the curtesy, or other disposition. As to limited "Company," "Divorce," "Executor," "Fees," "Jurisdiction," "Liability," and "Partnership," see those titles.

LIMOGIA. Enamel. Du Cange.

LINARIUM. In old English law. A flux plat, where flux is grown. Du Cange.

LINCOLN'S INN. An inn of court. See INNS OF COURT.
LINEA RECTA SEMPER

(Linea recta semper prefertur transversali. The right line is always preferred to the collateral. Co. Lit. 10; Broom, Max. 523.)

LINEAGE. Race; progeny; family, ascending or descending. Lockett v. Lockett, 94 Ky. 298, 22 S. W. 224.

LINEAL. That which comes in a line; especially a direct line, as from father to son. Collateral relationship is not called "lineal," though the expression "collateral line," is not unusual.

-Lineal consanguinity. That kind of consanguinity which subsists between persons of whom one is descended in a direct line from the other; as between a particular person and his father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and so upward, in the direct ascending line; or between the same person and his son, grandson, great-grandson, and so downwards in the direct descending line. 2 Bl. Comm. 283; Willis Coal & Min. Co. v. Grissell, 198 Ill. 313, 65 N. E. 74.

-Lineal descent. See DESCENT.-Lineal warranty. A warranty by an ancestor from whom the title did or might have come to the heir. 2 Bl. Comm. 301; Rawle, Cov. 30.

LINK. A unit in a connected series; anything which serves to connect or bind together the things which precede and follow it. Thus, we speak of a "link in the chain of title."

LIQUERE. Lat. In the civil law. To be clear, evident, or satisfactory. When a jubes was in doubt how to decide a case, he represented to the praeitor, "under oath, sibi non liquere, (that it was not clear to him,) and was thereupon discharged. Calvin.

LIQUET. It is clear or apparent; it appears. Satis liquet, it sufficiently appears. 1 Strange, 412.

LIQUIDATE. To adjust or settle an indebtedness; to determine an amount to be paid; to clear up an account and ascertain the balance; to fix the amount required to satisfy a judgment. Midgett v. Watson, 29 N. C. 145; Martin v. Kirk, 2 Humph. (Tenn.) 531.

To clear away; to lessen; to pay. "To liquidate a balance means to pay it." Fleckner v. Bank of U. S., 8 Wheat. 338, 362, 5 L. Ed. 631.

LIQUIDATED. Ascertained; determined; fixed; settled; made clear or manifest. Cleared away; paid; discharged.

-Liquidated account. An account whereof the amount and certain fixed, either by the act and agreement of the parties or by operation of law; a sum which cannot be changed by the proof; it is so much or nothing; but the term does not necessarily refer to a writing. Nisbet v. Lawson, 1 Ga. 287.-Liquidated damages. See DAMAGES.-Liquidated debt. A debt is liquidated when it is certain what is due and how much is due. Roberts v. Prior, 20 Ga. 562.-Liquidated demand. A demand is a liquidated one if the amount of it has been ascertained—settled—by the agreement of the parties to it, or otherwise. Mitchell v. Addison, 20 Ga. 63.

LIQUIDATING PARTNER. The partner who upon the dissolution or insolvency of the firm, is appointed to settle its accounts, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts. Garretson v. Brown, 185 Pa. 447, 40 Atl. 300.

LIQUIDATION. The act or process of settling or making clear, fixed, and determinate that which before was uncertain or unascertained.

As applied to a company, (or sometimes to the affairs of an individual.) liquidation is used in a broad sense as equivalent to "winding up," that is, the comprehensive process of settling accounts, ascertaining and adjusting debts, collecting assets, and paying off claims.

LIQUIDATOR. A person appointed to carry out the winding up of a company.

-Official liquidator. In English law. A person appointed by the judge in chancery, in whose court a joint-stock company is being wound up, to bring and defend suits and actions in the name of the company, and generally to do all things necessary for winding up the affairs of the company, and distributing its assets. 3 Steph. Comm. 24.

LIQUOR. This term, when used in statutes forbidding the sale of liquors, refers only to spirituous or intoxicating liquors. Brass v. State, 45 Fla. 1, 34 South. 307; State v. Brittain, 89 N. C. 576; People v. Crilley, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 248. See INTOXICATING LIQUOR; SPIRITUOUS LIQUOR.

-Liquor dealer. One who carries on the business of selling intoxicating liquors, either at wholesale or retail, and irrespective of whether the liquor sold is produced or manufactured by himself or by others; but there must be more than a single sale. See Timm v. Harris- ton, 100 Ill. 601; U. S. v. Allen (D. C.) 39 Fed. 738; Fincannon v. State, 93 Ga. 418, 21 S. E. 63; State v. Dow, 21 Vt. 484; Mansfield v. State, 17 Tex. App. 472—Liquor-shop. A house where spirituous liquors are kept and sold. Wooster v. State, 6 Bax. (Tenn.) 534.-Liquor tax certificate. Under the excise laws of New York, a certificate of payment of the tax imposed upon the business of liquor-selling, entitling the holder to carry on that business, and differing from the ordinary form of license in that it does not confer a mere personal privilege but creates a species of property which is transferable by the owner. See In re Lyman, 190 N. Y. 96, 54 N. E. 577. In re Cullinan, 82 App. Div. 445, 81 N. Y. Supp. 567.

LIRA. The name of an Italian coin, of the value of about eighteen cents.

LIS. Lat. A controversy or dispute; a suit or action at law.

-Lis alibi pendens. A suit pending elsewhere. The fact that proceedings are pending between a plaintiff and defendant in one court in respect to a given matter is frequently a
ground for preventing the plaintiff from tak­
ing its proceed law in another court against
the same defendant for the same object and aris­
ing out of the same cause of action. Sweet.
—Lis mota. A controversy moved or begun.
By this term is meant a suit which has aris­
en upon a point or question which afterwards
forms the issue upon which legal proceedings
are instituted. Westfelt v. Adams, 131 N. C.
379, 42 S. E. 822. After such controversy
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genealogies of the parties, he was said
to be large or small. After such controversy
has arisen, the party is held to be large or small.
See 4 Camp. 417; 6 Car. & P. 560.—Lis pen­
dens. A suit pending; that legal process, in a
suit regarding land, which amounts to legal
notice to all the world that there is a dispute
as to the title. In equity the filing of the bill
and serving a subpoena creates a lis pendens,
except when statutes require some record. Stim.
Law Gloss. See Boyd v. Emmons, 103 Ky. 393,
45 S. W. 364; Timsley v. Rice, 105 Ga. 285,
31 S. E. 174; Bowen v. Kirkland, 17 Tex.
Civ. App. 346, 44 S. W. 159; Hines v. Dun­
can, 79 Ala. 117, 58 Am. Rep. 580. In the
civil law. A suit pending. A suit was not
said to be pending before that stage of it called
"litis contienda sua," or "litis contienda.
(q. e.) Calvin. Notice of lis pendens. A
notice filed for the purpose of warning all per­
sons that the title to certain property is in
litigation, and that, if they purchase the de­
fendant's claim to the same, they are in dan­
erg of being bound by an adverse judgment.
See Empire Land & Canal Co. v. Engley, 18
Colo. 388, 33 Pac. 153.

LIST. A docket or calendar of cases
ready for trial or argument, or of motions
ready for hearing.

LISTED. Included in a list; put on a
list, particularly on a list of taxable persons
or property.

LICTERS. This word is used in some of
the states to designate the persons appointed
to make lists of taxables. See Rev. St. VL
539.

LITE PENDENTE. Lat. Pending the
suit. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 23.

LITEM DENUNCIARE. Lat. In the
civil law. To cast the burden of a suit up­
upon another; particularly used with refer­
ce to a purchaser of property who, being
sued in respect to it by a third person, gives
notice to his vendor and demands his aid
in its defense. See Mackeld. Rom. Law.
§ 403.

LITEM SUAM FACERE. Lat. To
make a suit upon his own. Where a judea, from
partiality or enmity, evidently favored ei­
ther of the parties, he was said item suam
facere. Calvin.

LITIÆ. Letters. A term applied
in old English law to various instruments in
writing, public and private.

—Litteræ diissimulæ. Dimissory letters, (q. e.) Lat. Letters patent; a term including
Greek, Latin, general philology, logic, moral
philosophy, metaphysics; the name of the
principal course of study in the University of Ox­
ford. Wharton.—Litteræ mortuo, deceased
letters; fulfilling words of a statute. Lord Bacon
observes that "there are in every statute cer­
tain words which, as ours, where the life
and blood of the statute continue, and where all
doubts do arise, and the rest are litteræ mor­
tuo, fulfilling words." Bac. St. Uses, (Works,
iv. 183.)—Litteræ patentes. Letters patent;
literally, open letters.—Litteræ procuratoriae.
In old English law. Letters procuratory; let­	ers of procurement; letters of attorney. Bract.
folis. 40, 41.—Litteræ recognitâs. In medi­
time law. A bill of lading. Jac. Sea Laws,
172.—Litteræ sigillate. In old English law.
Sealed letters. The return of the return of sheriff was so
called. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 64, § 10.

Litteræ patentes regis non erunt va­
cue. 1 Bulst. 6. The king's letters patent
shall not be void.

Litteræ scriptæ manent. Written words
last.

LITERAL. According to language; fol­
lowing expression in words. A literal con­
struction of a document adheres closely to
its words, without making differences for ex­
trinsic circumstances; a literal performance
of a condition is one which compiles exactly
with its terms.

—LITERAL contract. In Roman law. A
species of written contract, in which the formal
act by which an obligation was superinduced
on the convention was an entry of the sum due,
where it should be specifically ascertained, on
the debit side of a ledger. Maine, Anc. Law,
320. A contract, the whole of the evidence of
which is reduced to writing, and binds the party
who subscribed it, although he has received no
consideration. Est. —Dr. Rom. Ed. —Lit­
eral proof. In the civil law. Written evi­
dence.

LITERARY. Pertaining to polite learn­
ing; connected with the study or use of
books and writings.

The word "literary," having no legal sig­
nification, is to be taken in its ordinary and
usual meaning. We speak of literary persons
as learned, erudite; of literary property, as
the productions of the learned, or, at least, of
professional writers; of literary institutions, as
does the where the positive sciences are taught,
or persons eminent for learning, associate, for
purposes connected with their professions. This
we think the popular meaning of the word; and
that it would not be properly used as descriptive
of a school for the instruction of youth. In­
dianapolis v. McLean, 8 Ind. 322.

—Literary composition. In copyright law.
An original result of mental production, devel­
oped in a series of written or printed words,
arranged for an intelligent purpose, in an or­
erly succession of expressive combinations.
Keene v. Wheatley, 14 Fed. Cas. 192; Wool­
sley v. Stillman (N. Y.) 396.—Literary
property may be described as the right which
entitles an author and his assigns to all the use
and profit of his composition, to which no in­
dependent right is, through any act or omission

LITERARY COMPOSITION. A term
applied to the old character in which the copy
of the Pandects formerly kept at Pisa, in Italy,
was written. Speelman.
on his or their part, vested in another person. ' 9 Amer. Law Reg. 44.  And see Keene v. Wheatley, 14 Fed. Cas. 192; Palmer v. De Witt, 22 N. Y. Super. Ct. 552. A distinction is to be taken between "literary property" (which is the natural, common-law right which a person has in the form of written expression to which he has, by labor and skill, reduced his thoughts) and "copyright." (which is a statutory monopoly, above and beyond natural property, conferred upon an author to encourage and reward a dedication of his literary property to the public.) Abbott.

LITERATE. In English ecclesiastical law. One who qualifies himself for holy orders by presenting himself as a person accomplished in classical learning, etc., not as a graduate of Oxford, Cambridge, etc.

LITERATURA. "Ad literatum po­nere" means to put children to school. This liberty was anciently denied to those parents who were servile tenants, without the lord's consent. The prohibition against the education of sons arose from the fear that the son, being bred to letters, might enter into holy orders, and so stop or divert the services which he might otherwise do as heir to his father. Paroch. Antiq. 401.

LITERIS OBLIGATIO. In Roman law. The contract of nomen, which was constituted by writing, (scripturâ.) It was of two kinds, viz.: (1) A re in personam, when a transaction was transferred from the day-book ( adversaria) into the ledger ( codex) in the form of a debt under the name or heading of the purchaser or debtor, (nomen;) and (2) a persond in personam, where a debt already standing under one nomen or heading was transferred in the usual course of novatio from that nomen to another and substituted nomen. By reason of this transferring, these obligations were called "nomina transcriptia." No money was, in fact, paid to constitute the contract. If ever money was paid, then the nomen was arcarius, (i. e., a real contract, re contractus,) and not a nomen proprium. Brown.

LITIGANT. A party to a lawsuit; one engaged in litigation; usually spoken of active parties, not of nominal ones.

LITIGARE. Lat. To litigate; to carry on a suit, (istem agere,) either as plaintiff or defendant; to claim or dispute by action; to test or try the validity of a claim by action.

LITIGATE. To dispute or contend in form of law; to carry on a suit.

LITIGATION. A judicial controversy. A contest in a court of justice, for the purpose of enforcing a right.

LITIGIOSITY. In Scotch law. The pendency of a suit; it is a tacit legal prohibition of alienation, to the disappointment of an action, or of diligence, the direct object of which is to obtain possession, or to acquire the property of a particular subject. The effect of it is analogous to that of inhibition. Bell.

LITIGIOSO. Span. Litigious; the subject of litigation; a term applied to property which is the subject of dispute in a pending suit. White v. Gay, 1 Tex. 388.

LITIGIOUS. That which is the subject of a suit or action; that which is contested in a court of justice. In another sense, "litigious" signifies fond of litigation; prone to engage in suits.

—LITIGIOUS church. In ecclesiastical law, a church is said to be litigious where two presentations are offered to the bishop upon the same avoidance. Jenk. Cent. 11.—Litigious right. In the civil law. A right which cannot be exercised without undergoing a lawsuit. Civil Code La. arts. 918, 3556.

LITIS ESTIMATIO. Lat. The measure of damages.

LITIS CONTESTATIO. Lat. In the civil and canon law. Contestation of suit; the process of contesting a suit by the opposing statements of the respective parties; the process of coming to an issue; the attainment of an issue; the issue itself.

In the practice of the ecclesiastical courts. The general answer made by the defendant, in which he denies the matter charged against him in the libel. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 9.

In admiralty practice. The general issue. 2 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 388, and note.

LITIS DENUNCIATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The process by which a purchaser of property, who is sued for its possession or recovery by a third person, falls back upon his vendor's covenant of warranty, by giving the latter notice of the action and demanding his aid in defending it. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 403.

LITIS DOMINIO. Lat. In the civil law. The process by which a purchaser of property, who is sued for its possession or recovery by a third person, falls back upon his vendor's covenant of warranty, by giving the latter notice of the action and demanding his aid in defending it. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 403.

LITIS JESTIMATIO. Lat. The measure of damages.

LITIS CONTESTATIO. Lat. In the civil and canon law. Contestation of suit; the process of contesting a suit by the opposing statements of the respective parties; the process of coming to an issue; the attainment of an issue; the issue itself.

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LITISPENDENCIA. In Spanish law. Litispendency. The condition of a suit pending in a court of Justice.

LITRE. Fr. A measure of capacity in the metric system, being a cubic decimetre, equal to 61.022 cubic inches, or 2.113 American plints, or 1.76 English plints. Webster.

LITTORAL. Belonging to the shore, as of seas and great lakes. Webster. Corresponding to riparian proprietors on a stream or small pond are littoral proprietors on a sea or lake. But "riparian" is also used co-extensively with "littoral." Commonwealth v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 94. See Boston v. Lecraw, 17 How. 426, 15 L. Ed. 118.

LITURA. Lat. In the civil law. An oblitercation or blot in a will or other instrument. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

LITUS. In old European law. A kind of servant; one who surrendered himself into another's power. Spelman.

In the civil law. The bank of a stream or shore of the sea; the coast.

—Litus maris. The sea-shore. "It is certain that that which the sea overflows, either at high spring tides or at extraordinary tides, comes not, as to this purpose, under the denomination of 'litus maris,' and consequently the king's title is not of that large extent, but only to land that is usually overflowed at ordinary tides. That, therefore, I call the 'shore' that is between the common high-water and low-water mark, and no more." Hale de Jure Mar. c. 4.

Litus est quousque maximus fluctus a mari pervenit. The shore is where the highest wave from the sea has reached. Dig. 50, 16, 96. Ang. Tide-Waters, 67.

LIVE-STOCK INSURANCE. See Insurance.

LIVELODE. Maintenance; support.

LIVERY. 1. In English law. Delivery of possession of their lands to the king's tenants in capite or tenants by knight's service.

2. A writ which may be sued out by a ward in chivalry, on reaching his majority, on obtaining delivery of the possession of his lands out of the hands of the guardian. 2 Bl. Comm. 68. Livery-office. An office appointed for the delivery of lands. —Liveryed stable keeper. One whose business it is to keep horses for hire or to let, or to keep, feed, or board horses for others. Kittanning Borough v. Montgomery, 5 Pa. Super. Ct. 398.

LIVRE TOURNOIS. A coin used in France before the Revolution. It is to be computed in the ad valorem duty on goods, etc., at eighteen and a half cents. Act Cong. March. 2, 1798, § 61; 1 Story, Laws, 629.

LLOYD'S. An association in the city of London, for the transaction of marine insurance, the members of which underwrite each other's policies. See Durbar v. Eyppes, 65 N. J. Law, 10, 46 Atl. 585.

—Lloyd's bonds. The names of a class of evidences of debt, used in England: being acknowledgments, by a borrowing company made under its seal, of a debt incurred and actually due by the company to a contractor or other person for work done, goods supplied, or otherwise, as the case may be, with a covenant for payment of the principal and interest at a future time. Brown.

LOADMANAGE. The pay to loadsmen, that is, persons who sail or row before ships, in barks or small vessels, with instruments for towing the ship and directing her course, in order that she may escape the dangers in her way. Poth. Des Avaries, no. 137.

LOAN. A bailment without reward; consisting of the delivery of an article by the owner to another person, to be used by the latter gratuitously, and returned either in specie or in kind. A sum of money confided to another. Ramsey v. Whitbeck, 51 Ill. App. 210; Nichols v. Pearson, 7 Pet 100, 8 L. Ed. 623; Rodman v. Munson, 15 Barb. (N. Y.) 77; Booth v. Terrell, 16 Ga. 25; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 222. A loan of money is a contract by which one delivers a sum of money to another, and the latter agrees to return at a future time a sum equivalent to that which he borrowed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1912.

—Loan association. See Building and Loan Association. —Loan certificates. Certificates issued by a clearing-house to the associated banks to the amount of seven per cent. of the value of the collaterals deposited by the borrowing banks with the loan committee of the clearing-house. Anderson.—Loan for consumption. The loan for consumption of the guardian's lands, upon the heir's attaining the requisite age,—twenty-one for males, eighteen for females. 2 Bl. Comm. 68.—Liveryman. A member of some company in the city of London; also called a "freeman." —Livery of seisin. The appropriate ceremony, at common law, for transferring the corporal possession of lands or tenements by a granter to his grantee. It was livery in deed where the parties went together upon the land, and then a twig, cloid, key, or other symbol was delivered in the name of the whole. Livery in lease was where the same ceremony was performed, not upon the land itself, but in sight of it. 2 Bl. Comm. 315, 316; Micheau v. Crawford, 8 N. J. Law 405; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Cannon (C. C.) 262.—Livery stable. A stable for horses, or a horse? —Livery stable keeper. One whose business it is to keep horses for hire or to let, or to keep, feed, or board horses for others. Kittanning Borough v. Montgomery, 5 Pa. Super. Ct. 398.
is an agreement by which one person delivers to another a certain quantity of things which are consumed by the use, under the obligation, by the borrower, to return them to the lender, or to his order, of the same kind and quality. Civ. Code La. art. 2910. Loans are of two kinds,—for consumption or for use. A loan for consumption is where the article is not to be returned in specie, but in kind. This is a sale, and not a bailment. Code Ga. 1882, § 2125.—Loan for exchange. A loan for exchange is a contract by which one person delivers personal property to another, and the latter agrees to return the same thing to the former a similar thing at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1902.—Loan for use. The loan for use is an agreement by which a person delivers a thing to another, to use it according to its natural destination, or according to the agreement, under the obligation on the part of the borrower to return it after he shall have done using it. Civ. Code La. art. 2583. A loan for use is a contract by which one gives to another the temporary possession and use of personal property, and the latter agrees to return the same thing to him at a future time, without reward for its use. Civ. Code Cal. § 1884. A loan for use is the grant of an article to another for use, so to be returned in specie, and may be either for a certain time or indefinitely, and at the will of the grantor. Code Ga. 1882, § 2126. Loan for exchange is called commodatum, but the civil law differs from a loan for consumption, (called "mutuum" in the civil law,) in this: that the commodatum passes to the borrower; the mutuum is to be returned in kind. In the case of a commodatum, the property in the thing remains in the lender; in a mutuum, the property passes to the borrower. Bouvier.—Loan, gratuitous, (or commodate.) A class of bailment which is called "commodatum" in the Roman law, and is denominated by the French Jus civil, a "lending," (prêt-d’usage,) to distinguish it from "mutuum," a loan for consumption. It is the gratuitous lending of an article to the borrower for his own use. Wharton.—Loan societies. In English law. A kind of club formed for the purpose of advancing money on loan to the industrial classes.

LOBBYING. "Lobbying" is defined to be any personal solicitation of a member of a legislative body during a session thereof, by personal appearance, written or oral communication, or by other means and appliances not addressed solely to the judgment, to favor or oppose, or to vote for or against, any bill, resolution, report, or claim pending, or to be introduced by either branch thereof, by any person who misrepresents the nature of his interest in the matter to such member, or who is employed for a consideration by a person or corporation interested in the passage or defeat of such bill, resolution, report, or claim, for the purpose of procuring the passage or defeat thereof. But this does not include such services as drafting petitions, bills, or resolutions, or preparing in connection therewith any of the following professional services, viz., collecting facts, preparing arguments and memorials, and submitting them orally or in writing to a committee or member of the legislature, and other services of like character, intended to reach the reason of legislators. Code Ga. 1882, § 4486. And see Colusa County v. Welch, 122 Cal. 428, 55 Pac. 248; Trist v. Child, 21 Wall. 448, 22 L. Ed. 623; Durham v. Hastings Pavement Co., 56 App. Div. 244, 67 N. Y. Supp. 632; Houlton v. Nichol, 93 Wis. 393, 67 N. W. 715, 33 L. R. A. 186, 67 Am. St. Rep. 928.

Obligation sans cause, ou sur une fausse cause, ou sur cause illicite, ne peut avoir aucun effet. An obligation without consideration, or upon a false consideration, (which fails,) or upon unlawful consideration, cannot have any effect. Code Civil, 3, 3, 4; Chit. Cont. (11th Am. Ed.) 25, note.

LOCAL. Relating to place; expressive of place; belonging or confined to a particular place. Distinguished from "general," "personal," and "transitory.,"

Local act of parliament. An act which has for its object the interest of some particular locality, as the formation of a road, the alteration of the course of a river, the formation of a public market in a particular district, etc. etc. There are certain acts which, in the nature of tax, levied to pay the whole or part of the cost of local improvements, and assessed upon the various parcels of property specially benefited thereby. Gould v. Baltimore, 59 Md. 330.—Local chattel. A thing is local that is fixed to the freehold. Kitchin, 180.—Local Courts. Those whose jurisdiction is limited to a particular territory or district. The expression often signifies the courts of the state, in opposition to the United States courts. People v. Porter, 90 N. Y. 76; Geraty v. Reid, 73 N. Y. 67.—Local freight. Freight shipped from either terminals of a railroad to a way station, or vice versa, or from one way station to another; that is, over a part of the road only. Mobile & M. R. Co. v. Steiner, 61 Ala. 575.—Local influence. As a statutory ground for the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court, this means influence enjoyed and wielded by the plaintiff, as a resident of the place where the suit is brought, in consequence of his wealth, prominence, political importance, business or social relations, or otherwise, such as might affect the minds of the court or jury and prevent the defendant from winning the case, even though the merits should be with him. See Neale v. Foster (C. C.) 31 Fed. 53.—Local option. A privilege accorded by the legislature of a state to the several counties or other districts of the state to determine, each for itself, by popular vote, whether or not licenses should be issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors within such districts. See Wilson v. State, 35 Ark. 416; State v. Brown, 19 Fla. 689.—Local prejudice. The prejudice or local influence which will warrant the removal of a cause from a state court to a federal court may be either prejudice and influence existing against the party seeking such removal or existing in favor of his adversary. Neale v. Foster (C. C.) 31 Fed. 53.


LOCALITY. In Scotch law. This name is given to a life-rent created in marriage contracts in favor of the wife, instead of leaving her to her legal life-rent of tierce. 1 Bell, Comm. 55.

LOCARE. To let for hire; to deliver or bail a thing for a certain reward or compensation. Bract. fol. 62.
LOCARIUM. In old European law. The price of letting; money paid for the hire of a thing; rent. Spelman.

LOCATAIRE. In French law. A lessee, tenant, or renter.

LOCATAURIUS. Lat. A depository.

LOCATE. To ascertain and fix the position of something, the place of which was before uncertain or not manifest; as to locate the calls in a deed.

To decide upon the place or direction to be occupied by something not yet in being; as to locate a road.

LOCATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Letting for hire. The term is also used by writers upon the law of bailment at common law. In Scotch law it is translated “location.” Bell.

—Locatio-conductio. In the civil law. A compound word used to denote the contract of bailment for hire, expressing the action of both parties, viz., a letting by the one and a hiring by the other. 2 Kent, Comm. 586, note; Story, Bailm. § 388; Coggs v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 913.—Locatio custodia. A letting to keep; a bailment or deposit of goods for hire. Story, Bailm. § 442.—Locatio opera. In the civil law. The contract of hiring work, i.e., labor and services. It is a contract by which one of the parties gives a certain work to be performed by the other, who binds himself to do it for the price agreed between them, which he who gives the work to be done promises to pay to the other for doing it. Poth. Louage, no. 392; Zell v. Dunkle, 156 Pa. 353, 27 Atl. 327.—Locatio operis faciendi. A letting out of work to be done; a bailment of a thing for the purpose of having some work and labor done and payments bestowed on it for a pecuniary recompense. 2 Kent, Comm. 586, 588; Story, Bailm. §§ 370, 421, 422.—Locatio operis mercantis. A letting of work to be done in the carrying of goods; a contract of bailment by which goods are delivered to a person to carry for hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 597; Story, Bailm. §§ 370, 457.—Locatio rei. A letting of a thing to hire. 2 Kent, Comm. 586. The bailment or letting of a thing to be used by the bailor for a compensation to be paid by him. Story, Bailm. § 370.

LOCATION. In American land law. The designation of the boundaries of a particular piece of land, either upon record or on the land itself. Mosby v. Cariland, 1 Bibb. (Ky.) 84.

The finding and marking out of the bounds of a particular tract of land, upon the land itself, in conformity to a certain description contained in an entry, grant, map, etc.; such description consisting in what are termed “locative calls.” Cunningham v. Browning, 1 Bland (Md.) 329.

In mining law. The act of appropriating a “mining claim” (parcel of land containing precious metal in its soil or rock) according to certain established rules. It usually consists in placing on the ground, in a conspicuous position, a notice setting forth the name of the locator, the fact that it is thus taken or located, with the requisite description of the extent and boundaries of the parcel. St. Louis Smelting, etc., Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 875.

In a secondary sense, the mining claim covered by a single act of appropriation or location. Id.

In Scotch law. A contract by which the temporary use of a subject, or the work or service of a person, is given for an ascertain ed hire. 1 Bell, Comm. 235.

LOCATIVE CALLS. In a deed, patent, or other instrument containing a description of land, locative calls are specific calls, descriptions, or marks of location, referring to landmarks, physical objects, or other points by which the land can be exactly located and identified.

LOCATOR. In the civil and Scotch law. A letter; one who lets; he who, being the owner of a thing, lets it out to another for hire or compensation. Coggs v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 913.

In American land law. One who locates land, or intends or is entitled to locate. See Location.

LOCK-UP HOUSE. A place used temporarily as a prison.

LOCKMAN. An officer in the Isle of Man, to execute the orders of the governor, much like our under-sheriff. Wharton.

LOCMAN. Fr. In French marine law. A local pilot whose business was to assist the pilot of the vessel in guiding her course into a harbor, or through a river or channel. Martin v. Farnsworth, 33 N. Y. Super. Ct. 200.

LOCOPARENTIS. See In Loco Parentis.

LOCUS. In old records. A coffin; a purse.

LOCULUS. In old records. A coffin; a purse.

LOCUM TENENS. Lat. Holding the place. A deputy, substitute, lieutenant, or representative.

LOCUPLES. Lat. In the civil law. Able to respond in an action; good for the amount which the plaintiff might recover. Dig. 60, 16, 234, 1.

LOCUS. Lat. A place; the place where a thing is done.

—Locus contractus. The place of a contract; the place where a contract is made.—Locus criminis. The locality of a crime; the place where a crime was committed.—Locus delicti. The place of the offense; the place where an offense was committed. 2 Kent, Comm.
109.—Locus in quo. The place in which. The place in which the cause of action arose, or where anything is alleged, in pleadings, to have been done. The phrase is most frequently used in actions of trespass quare clausum fruet.—Locus partitus. In Old English law. A place divided. A division made between two towns or counties to make a tract of land or place in question lies. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 15, § 1; Cowell.—Locus ponentis locutus. A place for repentance; an opportunity for changing one's mind; a chance to withdraw from a contemplated bargain or contract before it results in a definite contractual liability. Also used of a chance afforded to a person, by the circumstances, of relinquishing the intention which he has formed to commit a crime, before the perpetration thereof.—Locus publicus. In the civil law. A public place. Dig. 43, 8, 1; Id. 43, 8, 2, 3.—Locus regit actum. In private international law. The rule that, when a legal transaction complies with the formalities required by the law of the country where it is done, it is also valid in the country where it is to be given effect, although by the law of that country other formalities are required. 3 Sav. Syst. 381; Westl. Priv. Int. Law, 159.—Locus rei sitae. The place where a thing is situated. In proceedings in rem, or the real actions of the civil law, the proper forum is the locus rei sitae. The Jerusalem, 2 Gall. 191, 197, Fed. Cas. No. 7,593.—Locus sigilli. The place of the seal; the place occupied by the seal of written instruments. Usually abbreviated to “L. S.”—Locus standi. A place of standing; standing in court. A right of appearance in a court of justice, or before a legal body, on a given question.

Locus pro solutione reditus aut pecunia secundum conditionem dimissionis aut obligationis est stricte observandus. 4 Coke, 73. The place for the payment of rent or money, according to the condition of a lease or bond, is to be strictly observed.

LODE. This term, as used in the legislation of congress, is applicable to any zone or belt of mineralized rock lying within boundaries clearly separating it from the neighboring rock. It includes all deposits of mineral matter found through a mineralized zone or belt coming from the same source, impressed with the same forms, and appearing to have been created by the same processes. Eureka Consol. Min. Co. v. Richmond Min. Co., 4 Savy, 312, 8 Fed. Cas. 523. And see Duggan v. Davey, 4 Dak. 110, 26 N. W. 887; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 42; Montana Cent. Ry. Co. v. Migen (C. C.) 68 Fed. 813; Meydenbauer v. Stevens (D. C.) 78 Fed. 790; Iron Silver Min. Co. v. Chessman, 116 U. S. 529, 6 Sup. Ct. 481, 29 L. Ed. 712; U. S. v. Iron Silver Min. Co., 128 U. S. 673, 9 Sup. Ct. 195, 32 L. Ed. 571.

LODEMAN, or LOADS MAN. The pilot conducts the ship up the river or into port; but the loadsman is he that undertakes to bring a ship through the harbor, after being brought thither by the pilot, to the quay or place of discharge. Jacob.

LODEMANAGE. The hire of a pilot for conducting a vessel from one place to another. Cowell.

LOGOGRAPHERS. In Roman law. A public clerk, register, or book-keeper; one
who wrote or kept books of accounts. Dig. 50, 4, 18, 10; Cod. 10, 69.

LOGS. Stems or trunks of trees cut into convenient lengths for the purpose of being afterwards manufactured into lumber of various kinds; not including manufactured lumber of any sort, nor timber which is squared or otherwise shaped for use without further change in form. Kolloch v. Parcer, 62 Wis. 393, 9 N. W. 67. And see Haynes v. Hayward, 40 Me. 148; State v. Addington, 121 N. C. 538, 27 S. E. 988; Code W. Va. 1899, p. 1071, § 27 (Code 1906, § 2524).

LOLLARDS. A body of primitive Westleyans, who assumed importance about the time of John Wycliffe, (1360,) and were very successful in disseminating evangelical truth; but, being implicated (apparently against their will) in the insurrection of the villeins in 1381, the statute De Heretico Comburendo (2 Hen. IV. c. 15) was passed against them, for their suppression. However, they were not suppressed, and their representatives survive to the present day under various names and disguises. Brown.

LOMBARDS. A name given to the merchants of Italy, numbers of whom, during the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, were established as merchants and bankers in the principal cities of Europe.


LONG. In various compound legal terms (see infra) this word carries a meaning not essentially different from its signification in the vernacular.

In the language of the stock exchange, a broker or speculator is said to be "long" on stock, or as to a particular security, when he has in his possession or control an abundant supply of it, or a supply exceeding the amount which he has contracted to deliver, or, more particularly, when he has bought a supply of such stock or other security for future delivery, speculating on a considerable future advance in the market price. See Kent v. Miltenberger, 13 Mo. App. 506.

—Long account. An account involving numerous separate items or charges, on one side or both, or the statement of various complex transactions, such as a court of equity will refer to a master or commissioner or a court of law to a referee under the codes of procedure. See Dickson v. Mitchell, 19 Abb. Frac. (N. Y.) 280; Druse v. Horter, 57 Wis. 644, 16 N. W. 14; Doyle v. Metropolitan Ed. R. Co., 7 Misc. Rep. 376, 20 N. Y. Supp. 865.—Long parliament. The name usually given to the parliament which met in November, 1640, under Charles I., and was dissolved on the 30th of December, 1653. The name "Long Parliament" is, however, also given to the parliament which met in 1661, after the restoration of the monarchy, and was dissolved by Cromwell on the 10th of April, 1665. The name "Long Parliament" is, however, also given to the parliament which met in November, 1640, under Charles I., and was dissolved on the 30th of December, 1653. The name "Long Parliament" is, however, also given to the parliament which met in 1661, after the restoration of the monarchy, and was dissolved by Cromwell on the 10th of April, 1665.

LONGA possessio est pacis jus. Long possession is the law of peace. Branch, Princ.; Co. Litt. 6.


LONGA possessio parit jus possidend, et tollit actionem vero domino. Long possession produces the right of possession, and takes away from the true owner his action. Co. Litt. 110b.

Longum tempus et longus usus qui excidit memoria hominum sufficit pro jure. Co. Litt. 115a. Long time and long use, exceeding the memory of men, suffices for right.

LOOKOUT. A proper lookout on a vessel is some one in a favorable position to see, stationed near enough to the helmsman to communicate with him, and to receive communications from him, and exclusively employed in watching the movements of vessels which they are meeting or about to pass. The Genesee Chief v. Fitzhugh, 12 How. 462, 13 L. Ed. 1058.

LOPWOOD. A right in the inhabitants of a parish within a manor, in England, to top for fuel, at certain periods of the year, the branches of trees growing upon the waste lands of the manor. Sweet.

LOQUELA. Lat. A colloquy; talk. In old English law, this term denoted the oral altercations of the parties to a suit, which led to the issue, now called the "pleadings." It also designated an "imparlance," (q. v.) both names evidently referring to the talking together of the parties. Loquela sine die, a postponement to an indefinite time.

Loquendum ut vulgus; sentiendum ut docti. We must speak as the common people; we must think as the learned. 7 Coke, 11b. This maxim expresses the rule that, when words are used in a technical sense, they must be understood technically; otherwise, when they may be supposed to be used in their ordinary acceptation.

LORD. In English law. A title of honor or nobility belonging properly to the degree of baron, but applied also to the
whole peerage, as in the expression "the house of lords." 1 Bl. Comm. 396-400.

A title of office, as lord mayor, lord commissioner, etc.

In feudal law. A feudal superior or proprietor; one of whom a fee or estate is held.

—Law lords. See LAW.—Lord advocate. The chief public prosecutor of Scotland. 2 Alis. Crim. Pr. 84.—Lord and vassal. In the feudal system, the grantor, who retained the dominant property, was called the "lord," and the grantee, who had only the use or possession, was called the "vassal" or "feudatory."—Lord chief baron. The chief judge of the court of king's bench. Prior to the 30 Hen. VIII., lord chief justice. See JUSTICE.—Lord high chancellor. See CHANCELLOR.—Lord high steward. In England, when a person is impeached, or when a peer is tried on indictment for treason or felony before the house of lords, one of the lords is appointed lord and speaker pro tempore. Sweet.—Lord high treasurer. An officer formerly existing in England, who had the charge of the royal revenues and custom duties, and of leasing the crown lands. His functions are now vested in the lords commissioners of the treasury. Mozley & Whitley.—Lord in gross. In feudal law. He who is lord over the whole country, or as the king in respect of his crown, etc. "Very lord" is he who is immediate lord to his tenant; and "very tenant," he who holds immediately of that lord. So that, where there is lord paramount, lord mesne, and tenant, the lord paramount is not very lord to the tenant. Wharton.—Lord justice. The second judicial officer in Scotland. Lord keeper, or keeper of the great seal, was originally another name for the lord chancellor. After Henry II.'s reign they were sometimes divided, but now there cannot be a lord chancellor and lord keeper at the same time, for by St. 5 Eliz. c. 18, they are declared to be the same office. Com. Dig. "Chancery," B. 1.—Lord lieutenant. In English law. The viceroy of the crown in Ireland. The principal military officer of a county, originally appointed for the purpose of administering the laws and the defense of the country.—Lord mayor. The chief officer of the corporation of the city of London is so called. The origin of the appellation is not very clear; but it is in all probability derived from the use of the great seal in that city, and not as guardian or protector of the commonalty, as is supposed; but as the person charged with it are called "commissioners" or "lords commissioners" of the great seal. Mozley & Whitley. —The persons charged with it are called "commissioners" or "lords commissioners" of the great seal. Mozley & Whitley.—Lord's day. A name sometimes given to Sunday. Co. Litt. 150,—Lords justices of appeal. In English law. The members of the house of lords of whom at least three must be present for the hearing and determination of appeals. The lord chancellor, the lords of appeal in ordinary, and such peers of parliament hold, or have held, high judicial offices, such as ex-chancellors and judges of the superior courts in Great Britain and Ireland. App. Jur. Act 1856, § 2. The term "appeals" is used to signify an appeal lay from a vice-chancellor, by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83.—Lords marchers. Those noblemen who lived on the marches of Wales or Scotland, who in times of war were officer in command, and power of life and death, like petty kings. Abolished by 27 Hen. VIII. c. 26, and 6 Edw. VI. c. 10. Wharton.—Lords of appeal. Those members of the house of lords of whom at least three must be present for the hearing and determination of appeals. They are the lord chancellor, the lords of appeal in ordinary, and such peers of parliament hold, or have held, high judicial offices, such as ex-chancellors and judges of the superior courts in Great Britain and Ireland. App. Jur. Act 1856, § 2. The term "appeals" is used to signify an appeal lay from a vice-chancellor, by 14 & 15 Vict. c. 83.—Lords of appeal. Those members of the house of lords of whom at least three must be present for the hearing and determination of appeals. 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LOSS. In insurance. The injury or damage sustained by the insured in consequence of the happening of one or more of the accidents or misfortunes against which the insurer, in consideration of the premium, has undertaken to indemnify the insured. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1215.

—Actual loss. One resulting from the real and substantial destruction of the property insured.—Constructive loss. One resulting from such injuries to the property, without its destruction, as render it valueless to the assured; the causes of its restoration to the original condition except at a cost exceeding its value.

—Direct loss by fire is one resulting immediately and the entirety from the fire, and not remotely from some of the consequences or effects of the fire. Insurance Co. v. Leader, 121 Ga. 290, 83 S. E. 764; Ermentrout v. Insurance Co., 93 Minn. 303, 60 N. W. 635, 50 L. R. A. 346, 56 Am. St. Rep. 481; California Ins. Co. v. Union Compress Co., 133 U. S. 387, 10 Sup. Ct. 935, 33 L. Ed. 730.—Salvage

—Salvage loss. A loss of a part of a thing or of its value, or any damage not amounting (actually or constructively) to its entire destruction; as contrasted with total loss. Partial loss is one in which the damage done to the thing insured is not so complete as to amount to a total loss, that the contract is meant to relate back to such case the underwriter is liable to pay such proportion of the sum which would be payable on total loss as the damage sustained by the subject of insurance bears to the whole value at the time of insurance. 2 Steph. Comm. 132, 133; Crump, Ins. § 331; Mozley & Whitley. Partial loss implies a damage sustained by the ship or cargo, which falls upon the respective owners of the property so damaged; and, when happening from any peril insured against by the policy, the vessel will be indemnified, unless in cases excepted by the express terms of the policy, Puddeford v. Boardman, 4 Mass. 548; Globe Ins. Co. v. Sherlock, 25 Ohio St. 65; Willard Insurance Co., 30 Mo. 35. —Salvage loss. In the language of marine underwriters, this term means the difference between the amount of salvage, after deducting the charges, and the original value of the property insured. Devitt v. Insurance Co., 61 App. Div. 390, 70 N. Y. Supp. 622; Koons v. La Fonciere Compagnie (D. C.) 260, 48 S. E. 974; Ermentrout v. Insurance Co., 63 Minn. 305, 65 N. W. 635, 30 L. Ed. 767; Bennett v. Garlock, 10 Hun (N. Y.) 338; Collard v. Eddy, 17 Mo. 355; Insurance Co. v. Gossler, 7 Fed. Cas. 406.

—Lost or not lost. A phrase sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance to signify that neither party has knowledge of the fact or any advantage over the other in the way of superior means of information. See Hooper v. Robinson, 38 U. S. 537, 2 L. Ed. 19; Insurance Co. v. Kelso, 18 Wall. 251, 21 L. Ed. 357.—Lost papers. Papers which have been so mislaid that they cannot be found by diligent search.—Lost property. Property which the owner has voluntarily parted with and does not know where to find or recover it, not including property which he has intentionally concealed or deposited in a secret place for safe-keeping. See Sovern v. Yoran, 16 Or. 269, 20 Pac. 100, 8 Am. St. Rep. 238; Fitchett v. State, 2 Sneed 395; Cummings v. Conn, 23 Conn. 290, 89 Am. Dec. 208; Loucks v. Gallogly, 1 Misc. Rep. 22, 23 N. Y. Supp. 126; Danielson v. Roberts, 44 Or. 105, 74 Pac. 913, 65 L. R. A. 626, 102 Am. St. Rep. 627.

LOT. The arbitration of chance; hazard. That which fortuitously determines what course shall be taken or what disposition be made of property or rights. A share; one of several parcels into which property is divided. Used particularly of land.

The thirteenth dish of lead in the mines of Derbyshire, which belong to the crown.

LOT AND SCOT. In English law. Certain duties which must be paid by those who claim to exercise the elective franchise within certain cities and boroughs, before they are entitled to vote. It is said that the practice became uniform to refer to the poor-rate as a register of "scot and lot" voters; so that the term, when employed to define a right of election, meant only the payment by a parishioner of the sum to which he was assessed on the poor-rate. Brown.

LOT OF LAND. A small tract or parcel of land in a village, town, or city, suitable for building, or for a garden, or other similar uses. See Pils v. Killingsworth, 20 Or. 432, 26 Pac. 306; Wilson v. Proctor, 28 Minn. 13, 8 N. W. 830; Webster v. Little Rock, 44 Ark. 551; Diamond Mach. Co. v. Ontonagon, 72 Mich. 261, 40 N. W. 448; Fitzgerald v. Thomas, 61 Mo. 500; Phillipsburgh v. Bruch, 37 N. J. Eq. 486.

LOTHERWITE, or LEYERWIT. In old English law. A liberty or privilege to take amends for lying with a bondwoman without license.

LOTTERY. A lottery is any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property by chance among persons who have paid, or
promised or agreed to pay, any valuable consideration for the chance of obtaining such property, or a portion of it, or for any share of or interest in such property, upon any agreement, understanding, or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by lot or chance, whether called a "lottery," a "raffle," or a "gift enterprise," or by whatever name the same may be known. Pen. Code Cal. § 319; Pen. Code Dak. § 373. See also, Dunn v. People, 40 Ill. 467; Chavannah v. State, 49 Ala. 397; Stearns v. State, 21 Tex. 692; State v. Lovell, 39 N. J. Law, 461; State v. Mumford, 73 Mo. 650, 39 Am. Rep. 532; U. S. v. Politzer (D. C.) 59 Fed. 274; Fleming v. Bills, 3 Or. 289; Com. v. Manderfield, 8 Phila. (Pa.) 450.

Lou le ley done chose, la ceo done remedie a vener a ceo. 2 Rolle, 17. Where the law gives a right, it gives a remedy to recover.

LOUAGE. Fr. This is the contract of hiring and letting in French law, and may be either of things or of labor. The varieties of each are the following:

1. Letting of things.—bat b loyer being the letting of houses; bat b ferme being the letting of lands.

2. Letting of labor,—loyer being the letting of personal service; bat a chepetel being the letting of animals. Brown.

LOURCURDUS. A ram or bell-wether. Cowell.

LOVE-DAY. In old English law. The day on which any dispute was amicably settled between neighbors; or a day on which one neighbor helps another without hire. Wharton.

LOW JUSTICE. In old European law, jurisdiction of petty offenses, as distinguished from "high justice," (q. v.)

LOW WATER. The furthest receding point of ebb-tide. Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 417, 14 L. Ed. 189.

—Low-water mark. See Water-Mark.

LOWBOTE. A recompense for the death of a man killed in a tumult. Cowell.


LOYAL. Legal; authorized by or conforming to law. Also faithful in one's political relations; giving faithful support to one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.

LOYALTY. Adherence to law. Faithfulness to one's prince or sovereign or to the existing government.

LUCID INTERVALS. In medical jurisprudence. Intervals occurring in the mental life of an insane person during which he is completely restored to the use of his reason, or so far restored that he has sufficient Intelligence, Judgment, and will to enter into contractual relations, or perform other legal acts, without disqualification by reason of his disease. See INSANITY.

LUCRA NUPITALIA. Lat. In Roman law. A term including everything which a husband or wife, as such, acquires from the estate of the other, either before the marriage, or on agreeing to it, or during its continuance, or after its dissolution, and whether the acquisition is by pure gift, or by virtue of the marriage-contract, or against the will of the other party by law or statute. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 630.

LUCRATIVA CAUSA. Lat. In Roman law. A consideration which is voluntary; that is to say, a gratuitous gift, or such like. It was opposed to onerosa causa, which denoted a valuable consideration. It was a principle of the Roman law that two lucrative causes could not concur in the same person as regarded the same thing; that is to say, that, when the same thing was bequeathed to a person by two different testators, he could not have the thing (or its value) twice over. Brown.

LUCRATIVA USUCAPIO. Lat. This species of usucapio was permitted in Roman law only in the case of persons taking possession of property upon the decease of its late owner, and in exclusion or deforcement of the heir, whence it was called "usucapio pro harede." The adjective "lucrativa" denoted that property was acquired by this usucapio without any consideration or payment for it by way of purchase; and, as the possessor who so acquired the property was maius fide posseessor, his acquisition, or usucapio, was called also "improba," (i. e., dishonest): but this dishonesty was tolerated (until abolished by Adrian) as an incentive to force the hares to take possession, in order that the debts might be paid and the sacrifices performed; and, as a further incentive to the hares, this usucapio was complete in one year. Brown.

LUCRATIVE. Yielding gain or profit; profitable; bearing or yielding a revenue or salary.

—Lucrative bailment. See Bailment.—Lucrative office. One which yields a revenue (in the form of fees or otherwise) or a fixed salary to the incumbent; according to some authorities, one which yields a compensation supposed to be adequate to the services rendered.
and in excess of the expenses incidental to the office. See State v. Kirk, 44 Ind. 405, 15 Am. Rep. 239; Dailey v. State, 8 Blackf. (Ind.) 380; Crawford v. Dunbar, 52 Cal. 89; State v. De Greas, 53 Tex. 400.—LUCRATIVE succession. In Scotch law. A kind of passive title by which the receiver would have succeeded as heir, liable to all the grantor's debts contracted before the said disposition. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 102.

LUCRATUS. In Scotch law. A gainer.

LUCRE. Gain in money or goods; profit; usually in an ill sense, or with the sense of something base or unworthy. Webster.

LUCRIB CAUSA. Lat. In criminal law. A term descriptive of the intent with which property is taken in cases of larceny, the phrase meaning "for the sake of lucre" or gain. State v. Ryan, 12 Nev. 403, 25 Am. Rep. 802; State v. Slingerland, 19 Nev. 135, 7 Pac. 280.

LUCRUM CESSANS. Lat. In Scotch law. A ceasing gain, as distinguished from damnum datum, an actual loss.

Lucrum facere ex pupilli tutela tutor non debet. A guardian ought not to make money out of the guardianship of his ward. Manning v. Manning's Ex'rs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 535.

LUCTUOSA HEREDITAS. A mournful inheritance. See HEREDITAS LUCTUOSA.

LUCTUS. In Roman law. Mourning. See ANNUS LUCTUS.

LUGGAGE. Luggage may consist of any articles intended for the use of a passenger while travelling, or for his personal equipment. Civ. Code Cal. § 2181.

This term is synonymous with "baggage," but is more commonly used in England than in America. See Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Shepherd, 8 Exch. 37; Duffy v. Thompson, 4 E. D. Smith (N. Y.) 190; Chocstaw, etc., R. Co. v. Zwirtz, 13 Okl. 411, 73 Pac. 941.

LUMEN. Lat. In the civil law. Light: the light of the sun or sky; the privilege of receiving light into a house. A light or window.

LUMINA. Lat. In the civil law. Lights; windows; openings to obtain light for one's building.

LUMINARE. A lamp or candle set burning on the altar of any church or chapel, for the maintenance whereof lands and rent-charges were frequently given to parish churches, etc. Kennett, Gloss.

LUMPING SALE. As applied to judicial sales, this term means a sale in mass, as where several distinct parcels of real estate, or several articles of personal property, are sold together for a "lump" or single gross sum. Anniston Pipe Works v. Williams, 106 Ala. 324, 18 South. 111, 54 Am. St. Rep. 51.

LUNACY. Lunacy is that condition or habit in which the mind is directed by the will, but is wholly or partially misguided or erroneously governed by it; or it is the impairment of any one or more of the faculties of the mind, accompanied with or inducing a defect in the comparing faculty. Owings' Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 386, 17 Am. Dec. 311. See INSANITY.

—Inquisition (or inquest) of lunacy. A quasi-judicial examination into the sanity or insanity of a given person, ordered by a court having jurisdiction, on a proper application and sufficient preliminary showing of facts, held by the sheriff (or marshal, or a magistrate, or the court itself, according to the local practice) with the assistance of a special jury, usually of six men, who are to hear evidence and render a verdict in accordance with the facts. This is the usual foundation for an order appointing a guardian or conservator for a person adjudged to be insane, or for committing him to an insane asylum. See Hughes v. Jones, 116 N. Y. 67, 22 N. E. 446, 5 L. R. A. 637, 15 Am. St. Rep. 386; Hadaway v. Smith, 71 Md. 319, 18 Atl. 559; Mille's Ann. St. Colo. § 235.—Lunacy, commission of. A commission issuing from a court of competent jurisdiction, authorizing an inquiry to be made into the mental condition of a person who is alleged to be a lunatic.

LUNAR. Belonging to or measured by the revolutions of the moon.

—Lunar month. See MONTH.

LUNATIC. A person of deranged or unsound mind; a person whose mental faculties are in the condition called "lunacy." (q. v.)

Lunaticus, qui gaudet in lucidis intervallis. He is a lunatic who enjoys lucid intervals. 1 Story, Cont. § 73.

LUNDRNESS. In old English law. A silver penny, so called because it was to be coined only at London, (a Londres,) and not at the country mints. Low. Essay Coins, 17; Cowell.

LUPANATRIX. A bawd or strumpet. 3 Inst. 206.

LUPINUM CAPUT GERERE. Lat. To be outlawed, and have one's head exposed, like a wolf's, with a reward to him who should take it. Cowell.

LURGULARY. Casting any corrupt or poisonous thing into the water. Wharton.

LUSHBOROW. In old English law. A base sort of money, coined beyond sea in the likeness of English coin, and introduced into England in the reign of Edward III. Prohibited by St. 25 Edw. III. c. 4. Spelman; Cowell.
LUXURY. Excess and extravagance which was formerly an offense against the public economy, but is not now punishable. Wharton.

LYCH-GATE. The gate into a churchyard, with a roof or awning hung on posts over it to cover the body brought for burial, when it rests underneath. Wharton.

LYEF-GELD. Sax. In old records. Lief silver or money; a small fine paid by the customary tenant to the lord for leave to plow or sow, etc. Somn. Gavelkind, 27.

LYING BY. A person who, by his presence and silence at a transaction which affects his interests, may be fairly supposed to acquiesce in it, if he afterwards propose to disturb the arrangement, is said to be prevented from doing so by reason that he has been lying by.

LYING IN FRANCHISE. A term descriptive of waifs, wrecks, estrays, and the like, which may be seized without suit or action.

LYING IN GRANT. A phrase applied to incorporeal rights, incapable of manual tradition, and which must pass by mere delivery of a deed.

LYING IN WAIT. Lying in ambush; lying hid or concealed for the purpose of making a sudden and unexpected attack upon a person when he shall arrive at the scene. In some jurisdictions, where there are several degrees of murder, lying in wait is made evidence of that deliberation and premeditated intent which is necessary to characterize murder in the first degree.

LYNCH LAW. A term descriptive of the action of unofficial persons, organized bands, or mobs, who seize persons charged with or suspected of crimes, or take them out of the custody of the law, and inflict summary punishment upon them, without legal trial, and without the warrant or authority of law. See State v. Aler, 39 W. Va. 540, 20 S. E. 585; Bates' Ann. St. Ohio, 1904, § 4426.

LYNCHBURST'S (LORD) ACT. This statute (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 54) renders marriages within the prohibited degrees absolutely null and void. Therefore such marriages were voidable merely.

LYON KING OF ARMS. In Scotch law. The ancient duty of this officer was to carry public messages to foreign states, and it is still the practice of the heralds to make all royal proclamations at the Cross of Edinburgh. The officers serving under him are heralds, pursuivants, and messengers. Bell.

LYTÆ. In old Roman law. A name given to students of the civil law in the fourth year of their course, from their being supposed capable of solving any difficulty in law. Tayl. Civil Law, 39.
M. This letter, used as a Roman numeral, stands for one thousand.

It was also, in old English law, a brand or stigma impressed upon the brawn of the thumb of a person convicted of manslaughter and admitted to the benefit of clergy.

This letter was sometimes put on the face of treasury notes of the United States, and signifies that the treasury note bears interest at the rate of one mill per centum, and not one per centum interest. U. S. v. Hardymon, 13 Pet. 176, 10 L. Ed. 113.

M. also stands as an abbreviation for several words of which it is the initial letter; as "Mary," (the English queen of that name,) "Michaelmas," "master," "middle."

M. D. An abbreviation for "Middle District," in reference to the division of the United States into judicial districts. Also an abbreviation for "Doctor of Medicine."

M. R. An abbreviation for "Master of the Rolls."

M. T. An abbreviation for "Michaelmas Term."

MACE. A large staff, made of the precious metals, and highly ornamented. It is used as an emblem of authority, and carried before certain public functionaries by a mace-bearer. In many legislative bodies, the mace is employed as a visible symbol of the dignity and collective authority of the house. In the house of lords and house of commons of the British parliament, it is laid upon the table when the house is in session. In the United States house of representatives, it is borne upright by the sergeant-at-arms on extraordinary occasions, as when it is necessary to quell a disturbance or bring refractory members to order.

—Mace-bearer. In English law. One who carries the mace before certain functionaries. In Scotland, an officer attending the court of session, and usually called a "macer."—Mace-proof. Secure against arrest.—Macer. A mace-bearer; an officer attending the court of session in Scotland.

MACE-GREFF. In old English law. One who buys stolen goods, particularly food, knowing it to have been stolen.

MACEDONIAN DECREE. In Roman law. This was the Senatus-consultum Macedonianum, a decree of the Roman senate, first given under Claudius, and renewed under Vespasian, by which it was declared that no action should be maintained to recover a loan of money made to a child who was under the patria potestas. It was intended to strike at the practice of usurers in making loans, on unconcussable terms, to family heirs who would mortgage their future expectations from the paternal estate. The law is said to have derived its name from that of a notorious usurer. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 432; Inst. 4, 7, 1; Dig. 14, 6.

MACHECOLLAIRE. To make a warlike device over a gate or other passage like to a grate, through which scalding water or ponderous or offensive things may be cast upon the assailants. Co. Litt. 56.

MACHINATION. Contriving a plot or conspiracy. The act of planning or contriving a scheme for executing some purpose, particularly an evil purpose; an artful design formed with deliberation.

MACHINE. In patent law. Any contrivance used to regulate or augment force or motion; more properly, a complex structure, consisting of a combination, or peculiar modification, of the mechanical powers.

The term "machine." In patent law, includes every mechanical device, or combination of mechanical powers and devices, to perform some function and produce a certain effect or result. But where the result or effect is produced by chemical action, by the operation or application of some element or power of nature, or of one substance to another, such modes, methods, or operations are called "processes." A new process is usually the result of discovery; a machine, of invention. Corning v. Burden. 15 How. 252, 257, 14 L. Ed. 683. And see Pittsburgh Reduction Co. v. Cowles Electric Co. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 310; Westinghouse v. Boyden Power Brake Co., 170 U. S. 537, 18 Sup. Ct. 707, 42 L. Ed. 1136; Burr v. Duryee, 1 Wall. 570, 17 L. Ed. 650; Stemw v. Russell, 55 Fed. 225, 29 C. C. A. 121; Winternute v. Redington, 30 Fed. Cas. 370.

——Perfect machine. In patent law. A perfectly constructed machine, but a machine so constructed as to embody all the essential elements of the invention, in a form that would make them practical and operative so as to accomplish the result. But it is not necessary that it should accomplish that result in the most perfect manner, and be in a condition where it was not susceptible of a higher degree of perfection in its mere mechanical construction. American Hide, etc., Co. v. American Tool, etc., Co., 4 Fish. Pat. Cas. 226, 1 Fed. Cas. 647.


MACHOLUM. In old English law. A barn or granary open at the top; a rick or stack of corn. Spelman.

MACTATOR. L. Lat. In old European law. A murderer.

MACULARE. In old European law. To wound. Spelman.
MAD POINT. A term used to designate the idea or subject to which is confined the derangement of the mental faculties of one suffering from monomania. Owing's Case, 1 Bland (Md.) 388, 17 Am. Dec. 311. See INSTA NY.

MADE KNOWN. Where a writ of *sobre facias* has been actually served upon a defendant, the proper return is that its contents have been "made known" to him.

MADMAN. An insane person, particularly one suffering from mania in any of its forms. Said to be inapplicable to idiots (Com. v. Haskell, 2 Brewst. [Pa.] 497); but it is not a technical term either of medicine or the law, and is incapable of being applied with scientific precision. See INSANITY.

MADNESS. See INSANITY.

MADRAS REGULATIONS. Certain regulations prescribed for the government of the Madras presidency. Mozley & Whitley.

MÆC-BURGH. In Saxon law. Kindred; family.

MÆGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense or satisfaction for the slaying or murder of a kinsman. Spelman.

MÆRE. Famous; great; noted; as *Ælmer*, all famous. Gibs. Camd.

MÆREMÆRUM. Timber; wood suitable for building purposes.

MAGIC. In English statutes. Witchcraft and sorcery.

MAGIS. Lat. More; more fully; more in number; rather.

*Magis de bono quam de male lex intendit.* Co. Litt. 78b. The law favors a good rather than a bad construction. Where the words used in an agreement are susceptible of two meanings, the one agreeable to, the other against, the law, the former is adopted. Thus, a bond conditioned "to assign all offices" will be construed to apply to such offices only as are assignable. Chit. Cont. 78.

*Magis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum.* The more worthy draws to itself the less worthy. Yearb. 20 Hen. VI. 2, arg.

MAGISTER. Lat. In English law. A master or ruler; a person who has attained to some eminent degree in science. Cowell.

In the civil law. A title of several offices under the Roman Empire.

—Magister ad facultates. In English ecclesiastical law. The title of an officer who grants dispensations; as to marry, to eat flesh on days prohibited, and the like. Bac. Abr. "Ecclesiastical Courts," A. 5—*Magister bonorum vendendorum.* In Roman law, a person appointed by a judicial authority to inventory, collect, and sell the property of an absent or absconding debtor for the benefit of his creditors; he was generally one of the creditors, and his functions corresponded generally to those of a receiver or an assignee for the benefit of creditors under modern practice. See Magister, Rom. Law, § 521.—*Magister cancellarie.* In old English law. Master of the chancery; master in chancery. These officers were said to be called "magistri," because they were priests. Latch, 133.—*Magister equitum.* Master of the horse. A title of office under the Roman Empire.—*Magister libellorum.* Master of requests. A title of office under the Roman Empire.—*Magister litis.* Master of the suit; the person who controls the suit or its prosecution, or has the right so to do.—*Magister navis.* In the civil law. The master of a ship or vessel. He to whom the care of the whole vessel is committed. Diz. 14. 1. 1. 2.—*Magister palatii.* Master of the palace of or of the offices. An officer under the Roman Empire bearing some resemblance to the modern lord chamberlain. Tayl. Civill Law, 37.—*Magister societatis.* In the civil law. The master or manager of a partnership; a managing partner or general agent; a manager specially chosen by a firm to administer the affairs of the partnership. Story, Partn. § 35.

Magister rerum usus. Use is the master of things. Co. Litt. 229b. Usage is a principal guide in practice.

Magister rerum usus; magistra rerum experimenta. Use is the master of things; experience is the mistress of things. Co. Litt. 69, 229; Wing. Max. 762.

MAGISTERIAL. Relating or pertaining to the character, office, powers, or duties of a magistrate or of the magistracy.


MAGISTRACY. This term may have a more or less extensive signification according to the use and connection in which it occurs. In its widest sense it includes the whole body of public functionaries, whether their offices be legislative, judicial, executive, or administrative. In a more restricted (and more usual) meaning, it denotes the class of officers who are charged with the application and execution of the laws. In a still more confined use, it designates the body of judicial officers of the lowest rank, and more especially those who have jurisdiction for the trial and punishment of petty misdemeanors or the preliminary steps of a criminal prosecution, such as police judges and justices of the peace. The term also denotes the office of a magistrate.

MAGISTRALLA BREVIA. In old English practice. Magisterial writs; writs adapted to special cases, and so called from being...
framed by the masters or principal clerks of the chancery. Bract. fol. 413b; Crabb, Com. Law, 547, 548.

MAGISTRATE. A public officer belonging to the civil organization of the state, and invested with powers and functions which may be either judicial, legislative, or executive.

But the term is commonly used in a narrower sense, designating, in England, a person intrusted with the commission of the peace, and, in America, one of the class of inferior judicial officers, such as justices of the peace and police justices. Martin v. State, 32 Ark. 124; Scanlan v. Wright, 13 Pick. (Mass.) 528, 25 Am. Dec. 344; Ex parte White, 15 Nev. 146, 37 Am. Rep. 466; Kurzt v. State, 22 Fla. 44, 1 Am. St. Rep. 173.

A magistrate is an officer having power to issue a warrant for the arrest of a person charged with a public offense. Pen. Code Cal. § 807.

The word "magistrate" does not necessarily imply an officer exercising any judicial functions, and might very well be held to embrace notaries and commissioners of deeds. Schultz v. Merchants' Ins. Co., 57 Mo. 336.

Chief magistrate. The highest or principal executive officer of a state (the governor) or of the United States (the president).—Committing magistrate. An inferior judicial officer who is invested with authority to conduct the preliminary hearing of persons charged with crime, and either to discharge them for lack of sufficient prima facie evidence or to commit them to jail to await trial (or in some jurisdictions) to accept bail and release them thereon.—Police magistrate. An inferior judicial officer having jurisdiction of minor criminal offenses, breaches of police regulations, and the like; so called to distinguish them from magistrates who have jurisdiction in civil cases also, as justices of the peace. People v. Curley, 5 Colo. 416; McDermont v. Dinnie, 6 N. D. 278, 69 N. W. 295.—Stipendiary magistrates. In Great Britain, the magistrates or police judges sitting in the cities and large towns, and appointed by the home secretary, are so called, as distinguished from the justices of the peace in the counties who have the authority of magistrates.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT. In American law. Courts in the state of South Carolina, having exclusive jurisdiction in matters of contract of and under twenty dollars.

A local court in the city of Philadelphia, possessing the criminal jurisdiction of a police court and civil jurisdiction in actions involving not more than one hundred dollars. It is not a court of record. See Const. Pa. art. 4, § 12.

MAGISTRATUS. Lat. In the civil law. A magistrate. Calvin. A judicial officer who had the power of hearing and determining causes, but whose office properly was to inquire into matters of law, as distinguished from fact. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8.

MAGNA ASSISA. In old English law. The grand assise. Glanv. lib. 2, cc. 11, 12.

MAGNA ASSISA ELIGENDA. An ancient writ to summon four lawful knights before the justices of assize, there to choose twelve others, with themselves to constitute the grand assise or great jury, to try the matter of right. The trial by grand assize was instituted by Henry II. in parliament, as an alternative to the duel in a writ of right. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. Wharton.

MAGNA AVERIA. In old pleading. Great beasts, as horses, oxen, etc. Cro. Jac. 550.

MAGNA CENTUM. The great hundred, or six score. Wharton.

MAGNA CHARTA. The great charter. The name of a charter (or constitutional enactment) granted by King John of England to the barons, at Runnymede, on June 15, 1215, and afterwards, with some alterations, confirmed in parliament by Henry III. and Edward I. This charter is justly regarded as the foundation of English constitutional liberty. Among its thirty-eight chapters are found provisions for regulating the administration of justice, defining the temporal and ecclesiastical jurisdictions, securing the personal liberty of the subject and his rights of property, and the limits of taxation, and for preserving the liberties and privileges of the church. Magna Charta is so called, partly to distinguish it from the Charta de Foresta, which was granted about the same time, and partly by reason of its own transcendent importance.

Magna Charta et Charta de Foresta sont appelées les "deux grandes charters." 2 Inst. 570. Magna Charta and the Charter of the Forest are called the "two great charters."

MAGNA COMPONERE PARVIS. To compare great things with small things.

MAGNA CULPA. Great fault; gross negligence.

MAGNA NEGLIGENTIA. In the civil law. Great or gross negligence.

Magna negligentia culpa est; magna culpa dolus est. Gross negligence is fault; gross fault is fraud. Dig. 50, 16, 226.

MAGNA PRECARIA. In old English law. A great or general reap-day. Cowell; Blount.


MAGNUM CAPE. In old practice. Great or grand cape. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 418. See GRAND CAPE.
MAGNUM CONCILIUM. In old English law. The great council; the general council of the realm; afterwards called "parliament." 1 Bl. Comm. 148; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 62; Spelman.
The king's great council of barons and prelates. Spelman; Crabb, Com. Law, 228.

MAGNUS ROTULUS STATUTORUM. The great statute roll. The first of the English statute rolls, beginning with Magna Charta, and ending with Edward III. Hale, Com. Law, 16, 17.

MAHAGEN. In Hindu law. A banker or any great shop-keeper.

MAHAL. In Hindu law. Any land or public fund producing a revenue to the government of Hindostan. "Mahalaat" is the plural.

MAHLBRIEF. In maritime law. The German name for the contract for the building of a vessel. This contract contains a specification of the kind of vessel intended, her dimensions, the time within which she is to be completed, the price and times of payment, etc. Jac. Sea Laws, 2-8.

MAIDEN. In Scotch law. An instrument formerly used in beheading criminals. It resembled the French guillotine, of which it is said to have been the prototype. Wharton.

MAIDEN ASSIZE. In English law. Originally an assize at which no person was condemned to die. Now it is a session of a criminal court at which there are no prisoners to be tried.

MAIDEN RENTS. A fine paid by the tenants of some manors to the lord for a license to marry a daughter. Cowell. Or, perhaps, for the lord's omitting the custom of marcheta, (q. v.)

MAIGNAGIUM. A brasier's shop, or, perhaps, a house. Cowell.

MAIL. As applied to the post-office, this term means the carriage of letters, whether applied to the bag into which they are put, the coach or vehicle by means of which they are transported, or any other means employed for their carriage and delivery by public authority. Wynen v. Schappert, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 560. It may also denote the letters or other matter so carried.

The term "mail," as used in Rev. St. U. S. § 5469 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3692) relative to robbing the mails, may mean either the whole body of matter transported by the postal agents, or any letter or package forming a component part of it. U. S. v. Inabnet (D. C.) 41 Fed. 130.

Mail also denotes armor, as in the phrase a "coat of mail."

In Scotch law. Rent; a rent or tribute. A tenant who pays a rent is called a "mail-payer," "mailler," or "mail-man." Skene.

—Mail matter. This term includes letters, packets, etc, received for transmission, and to be transmitted by post to the person to whom such matter is directed. U. S. v. Huggett (C. C) 40 Fed. 641; U. S. v. Rapp (C. C) 20 Fed. 820.

MAILABLE. Suitable or admissible for transmission by the mail; belonging to the classes of articles which, by the laws and postal regulations, may be sent by post.

MAILE. In old English law. A kind of ancient money, or silver half-pence; a small rent.

MAILS AND DUTIES. In Scotch law. The rents of an estate. Bell.

MAIM. To deprive a person of a member or part of the body, the loss of which renders him less capable of fighting; to commit mayhem, (q. v.) State v. Johnson, 58 Ohio St. 417, 51 N. E. 40, 65 Am. St. Rep. 769.

In this respect, "to wound" is distinguishable from "to maim:" for the latter implies a permanent injury, whereas a wound is any mutilation or laceration which breaks the continuity of the outer skin. Regina v. Bullock, 11 Cox, Crim. Cas. 125.

But both in common speech and as the word is now used in statutes and in the criminal law
MAIN

L. Fr. A hand. More commonly written "meyn."


Main. Principal, chief, most important in size, extent, or utility.

Main channel. The main channel of a river is that bed over which the principal volume of water flows. See St. Louis, etc., Pack.
net Co. v. Keokuk & H. Bridge Co. (C. C.) 31 Fed. 757; cessill v. State, 40 Ark. 594; Dun-
lieth & D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 544, 453; Main-rent. Vas-

Mainད. In old English law. A. false oath; perjury. Cowell. Probably from Sax. "manath" or "mainath" a false or de-
celitful oath.

Main-port. A small tribute, commonly of loaves of bread, which in some places the parishioners paid to the rector in lieu of small tithes. Cowell.

Mainour. In criminal law. An article stolen, when found in the hands of the thief. A thief caught with the stolen goods in his possession is said to be taken "with the mainour" that is, with the property in manu, in his hands. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

The word seems to have corresponded with the Saxon "handhabend," (q. v.) In modern law it has sometimes been written as an Eng-
lish word "manner," and the expression "taken in the manner" occurs in the books. Crabb, Eng. Law, 154.

Mainovre, or MainŒuvre. A trespass committed by hand. See 7 Rich. II. c. 4.

Mainpernable. Capable of being bailed; bailable; admissible to bail on giving surety by mainpernors.

Mainpernor. In old practice. A surety for the appearance of a person under arrest, who is delivered out of custody into the hands of his ball. "Mainpernors" differ from "ball" in that a man's ball may imprison or surrender him up before the stipulated day of appearance; mainpernors can do neither, but are barely sureties for his appearance at the day. Ball are only sureties that the party be answerable for the special matter for which they stipulate; mainpernors are bound to produce him to answer all charges whatsoever. 3 Bl. Comm. 128. Other distinctions are made in the old books. See Cowell.

MAINTAIN. To maintain an action or suit is to commence or institute it; the term imports the existence of a cause of action. Boutillier v. The Milwaukee, 8 Minn. 105, (Gill, 80, 81.)

MAINTAINED. In pleading. A technical word indispensable in an indictment for maintenance. 1 Wils. 325.

MAINTAINOR. In criminal law. One that mainains or seconds a cause depending in suit between others, either by disbursing money or making friends for either party towards his help. Blount. One who is guilty of maintenance (q. v.)

MAINTENANCE. Sustenance; support; assistance. The furnishing by one person to another, for his support, of the means of living, or food, clothing, shelter, etc., particularly where the legal relation of the parties is such that one is bound to support the other, as between father and child, or hus-
band and wife. Wall v. Williams, 93 N. C. 330, 53 Am. Rep. 458; Winthrop Co. v. Clin-

In criminal law. An unauthorized and officious interference in a suit in which the offender has no interest, to assist one of the parties to it, against the other, with money or advice to prosecute or defend the action. 1 Russ. Crimes, 254.

Maintenance, in general, signifies an unlawful taking in hand or upholding of quarrels and sides, to the hindrance of common right. Co. Litt. 308: Hawk. P. C. 393.

Maintenance is the assisting another person in a lawsuit without having any concern in the subject. Wickham v. Conklin, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 229.

Maintenance is where one officiously intermeddles in a suit which in no way belongs to him. The term does not include all kinds of aid in the prosecution or defense of another's cause. It does not extend to persons having an interest in the thing in controversy, nor to persons of kin or affinity to either party, nor to counsel or attorneys, for their acts are not officious, nor unlawful. The distinction between "champerty" and "maintenance" is that maintenance is the promoting, or undertaking to promote, a suit by one who has no lawful cause to do so, and champerty is an agreement for a division of the thing in controversy, in the event of success, as a reward for the un-
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lawful assistance. Bayard v. McLane, 3 Har. (Del.) 208.

"Maintenance," at common law, signifies an unlawful taking in hand or upholding of quarrels or sides, to the disturbance or hindrance of common right. The maintaining of one side, in consideration of some bargain to have part of the thing in dispute, is called "champery." Champery, therefore, is a species of maintenance. Richardson v. Rowland, 40 Conn. 570.

And see also, Gilman v. Jones, 87 Ala. 691, 5 South. 785, 4 L. R. A. 113; Brown v. Beaucamp, 5 T. B. Mon. (Ky.), 413, 17 Am. Dec. 81; Gowen v. Nowell, 1 Me. 292; Vaughan v. Marion, 9 Ala. 66; Tharpe v. Percival, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 415; Hovey v. Hobson, 51 Me. 62; Quigley v. Thompson, 53 Ind. 320.

MAIOR. An old form of "mayor."

MAIRE. In old Scotch law. An officer to whom process was directed. Otherwise called "mair of fie," (fee,) and classed with the "serjand." Skene.

In French law. A mayor.

MAIRIE. In French law. The government building of each commune. It contains the record office of all civil acts and the list of voters; and it is there that political and municipal elections take place. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 566.

MAISON DE DIEU. Fr. A hospital; an almshouse; a monastery. St. 39 Eliz. c. 5. Literally, "house of God."

MAISTER. An old form of "master."

MAISURA. A house, mansion, or farm. Cowell.

MAITRE. Fr. In French maritime law. Master; the master or captain of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 2, tit. 1, art. 1.

MAJESTAS. Lat. In Roman law. The majesty, sovereign authority, or supreme prerogative. Also a shorter form of the expression "crimen majestatis," or "crimen laeae majestatis," an offense against sovereignty, or against the safety or organic life of the Roman people; i.e., high treason.

MAJESTY. Royal dignity. A term used of kings and emperors as a title of honor.

MAJOR. A person of full age; one who is no longer a minor; one who has attained the management of his own concerns and the enjoyment of his civic rights.

In military law. The officer next in rank above a captain.

MAJOR ANNUS. The greater year; the bissextile year, consisting of 366 days. Bract. fol. 350b.

MAJOR GENERAL. In military law. An officer next in rank above a brigadier general, and next below a lieutenant general, and who usually commands a division or an army corps.

Major hereditas venit unicnque nostrum a jure et legibus quam a parentibus. 2 Inst. 56. A greater inheritance comes to every one of us from right and the laws than from parents.

Major numeros in se continet minorum. Bract. fol. 16. The greater number contains in itself the less.

MAJORA REGALIA. The king's dignity, power, and royal prerogative, as opposed to his revenue, which is comprised in the minora regalia. 2 Steph. Comm. 475; 1 Bl. Comm. 240.

Majoce pena auctus quam legibus statuta est, non est infamis. One affected with a greater punishment than is provided by law is not infamous. 4 Inst. 66.

MAJORES. In Roman law and genealogical tables. The male ascendants beyond the sixth degree.

In old English law. Greater persons; persons of higher condition or estate.

Majori summe minor inest. In the greater sum the less is included. 2 Kent. Comm. 618; Story, Ag. § 172.

MAJORITY. Full age; the age at which, by law, a person is entitled to the management of his own affairs and to the enjoyment of civic rights. The opposite of minority. Also the status of a person who is a major in age.

In the law of elections, majority signifies the greater number of votes. When there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined.

In military affairs, majority denotes the rank and commission of a major.

Majus dignum trahit ad se minus dignum. The more worthy draws to itself the less worthy. Co. Litt. 43, 355b; Bract. fol. 175; Noy, Max. p. 6, max. 18.

MAJUS JUS. In old practice. Greater right or more right. A plea in the old real actions. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 476. Majus jus merum, more mere right. Bract. fol. 31.

MAKE. 1. To cause to exist; to form, fashion, or produce; to do, perform, or execute.
cute; as to make an issue, to make oath, to make a presentment.

2. To do in form of law; to perform with due formalities; to execute in legal form; as to make answer, to make a return.

3. To execute as one's act or obligation; to prepare and sign; to sign, execute, and deliver; as to make a conveyance, to make a note.

4. To conclude, determine upon, agree to, or execute; as to make a contract.

5. To cause to happen by one's neglect or omission; as to make default.

6. To make acquisition of; to procure; to collect; as to make the money on an execution.

7. To have authority or influence; to support or sustain; as in the phrase, "This precedent makes for the plaintiff."

---Make an assignment.---To transfer one's property to an assignee for the benefit of one's creditors.


---Make a contract.---To agree upon, and conclude or adopt, a contract. In case of a written contract, to reduce it to writing, execute it in due form, and deliver it as binding.

---Make default.---To fail or be wanting in some legal duty; particularly, to omit the entering of an appearance when duly summoned in an action at law or other judicial proceeding, to neglect to obey the command of a subpoena, etc.

---Make one's faith.---A Scotch phrase, equivalent to the old English phrase, "to make one's law."

---Maker.---One who makes, frames, or ordains; as a "law-maker." One who makes or executes; as the maker of a promissory note. See Aud v. Magruder, 10 Cal. 290; Sawyers v. Campbell, 107 Iowa, 397, 78 N. W. 56.

---Making law.---In old practice. The formality of denying a plaintiff's charge under oath, in open court, with compurgators. One of the ancient methods of trial, frequently, though inaccurately, termed "waging law," or "wager of law." ---Make one's faith.---A Scotch phrase, equivalent to the old English phrase, "to make one's law."

---Maladministration.---This term is used, in the law-books, interchangeably with mis-administration, and both words mean "wrong administration." Minkler v. State, 14 Neb. 183, 15 N. W. 331.

---Malandrinus.---In old English law. A thief or pirate. Wals. 338.

---Malabt.---In Hindu law. Judicial; belonging to a judge or magistrate.

---Malconna.---In Hindu law. A treasury or store-house.

---Male.---Of the masculine sex; of the sex that begets young.

---Male creditus.---In old English law. Unfavorably thought of; in bad repute or credit. Bract. fols. 116, 154.

---Maleficia non debent remanere impunta; et impunitas continuum affectum tribuit delinquenti.---Evil deeds ought not to remain unpunished; and impunity affords continual incitement to the delinquent.

---Malefactor.---He who is guilty, or has been convicted, of some crime or offense.
Maleficia propositis distinguuntur. Jenk. Cent. 290. Evil deeds are distinguished from evil purposes, or by their purposes.

Maleficium. In the civil law. Waste; damage; tort; injury. Dig. 5, 18, 1.

Malaison, or Malaisson. A curse.

Malewsorn, or Mal horswn. Forsworn. Cowell.

Malefeasance. The wrongful or unjust doing of some act which the doer has no right to perform, or which he has stipulated by contract not to do. It differs from "misfeasance" and "non-feasance," (which titles see) See 1 Chit. Pr. 9; 1 Chit. Pl. 134; Dudley v. Flemingsburg, 115 Ky. 5, 72 S. W. 327, 60 L. R. A. 757, 103 Am. St. Rep. 235; Coite v. Lynes, 33 Conn. 115; Bell v. Josselyn, 3 Gray (Mass.) 311, 63 Am. Dec. 741.


Malice. In criminal law. In its legal sense, this word does not simply mean ill will against a person, but signifies a wrongful act done intentionally, without just cause or excuse. Bromage v. Prosser, 4 Barn. & C. 225.

A conscious violation of the law (or the prompting of the mind to commit it) which operates to the prejudice of another person. About as clear, comprehensive, and correct a definition as the authorities afford is that "malice is a condition of the mind which shows a heart regardless of social duty and fatally bent on mischief, the existence of which is inferred from acts committed or words spoken." Harris v. State, 8 Tex. App. 109.

"Malice," in its common acceptance, means ill will towards some person. In its legal sense, it applies to a wrongful act done intentionally, without legal justification or excuse. Dunn v. Hall, 1 Ind. 344.

A man may do an act willfully, and yet be free of malice. But he cannot do an act maliciously without at the same time doing it willfully. The malicious doing of an act includes the willful doing of it. Malice includes intent and will. State v. Robbins, 66 Me. 328.


In the law of libel and slander. An evil intent or motive arising from spite or ill will; personal hatred or ill will; culpable recklessness or a willful and wanton disregard of the rights and interests of the person defamed. McDonald v. Brown, 23 R. I. 546, 51 Atl. 213, 58 L. R. A. 768, 91 Am. St. Rep. 659; Hunne v. De Young, 132 Cal. 357, 64 Pac. 576; Cherry v. Des Moines Leader, 114 Iowa, 298, 86 N. W. 323, 54 L. R. A. 855, 89 Am. St. Rep. 805; Minter v. Bradstreet Co., 174 Mo. 444, 73 S. W. 698.

—Actual malice. Express malice, or malice in fact. Gal v. Culver, 13 Or. 364, 46 Pac. 302.—Constructive malice. Implied malice; malice inferred from acts; malice imputed by law; malice which is not shown by direct proof of an intention to do injury, or the necessary result of the act shown to have been committed. State v. Harrigan, 9 Houst. (Del.) 369, 31 Atl. 1032; Hogan v. State, 36 Wis. 238; Caldwell v. Raymond, 2 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 106.—Express or actual malice; malice in fact; a deliberate intention to commit an injury, evidenced by external circumstances. Sparv v. U. S., 156 U. S. 61, 15 Sup. Ct. 273, 39 L. Ed. 343; Farrer v. State, 42 Tex. 271; Singleton v. State, 1 Tex. App. 507; Jones v. State, 29 Ga. 594; Wynne v. Parsons, 57 Conn. 73, 17 Atl. 36; Smith v. Sheriff, 123 Ind. 149, 327, 60 L. R. A. 575, 103 Am. St. Rep. 253; White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 19, § 1.

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Holthkiss v. Porter, 30 Conn. 414.—Malice in law. Implied, inferred, or legal malice. See Smith v. Rodescap, 5 Ind. App. 78, 31 N. E. 479; Bacon v. Railroad Co., 66 Mich. 166, 33 N. W. 262.—Malicious mischief. A forethought; deliberate, predetermined malice. 2 Rolfe, 461.—Particular malice. Malice directed against a particular individual; ill will; a grudge; a desire to be revenged on a particular person. Brooks v. Jones, 33 N. C. 261; State v. Long, 117 N. C. 791, 23 S. E. 431.—Premeditated malicious mischief. An act done with forethought; done with malice aforethought. See State v. Reidell, 9 Houist. (Del.) 470, 14 Atl. 550.—Premeditated malice. An intention to kill unlawfully, deliberately formed as the result of a determination meditated upon and fixed before the act. State v. Gin Pon, 16 Wash. 425, 47 Pac. 561; Milton v. State, 6 Neb. 145; State v. Rutten, 13 Wash. 211, 43 Pac. 30.—Special malice. Particular or personal malice; that is, hatred, ill will, or a vindictive disposition against a particular individual.—Universal malice. By this term is not meant a malicious purpose to take the life of all persons, but it is the act or course of conduct which determines to take life unjustly or insensitively, without knowing or caring who may be the victim. Mitchell v. State, 60 Ala. 30.

MALICIOUS. Evincing malice; done with malice and an evil design; wilful.

—Malicious abandonment. In criminal law. The desertion of a wife or husband without just cause. —Malicious abuse of process. The malicious misuse or misapplication of process so as to procuie a result not warranted or commanded by the writ; the malicious perver
tion of a regularly issued process, whereby a result not lawfully or properly obtained on a writ is secured, not including cases where the process was procured maliciously but not abused or misused after its issuance. Bartlett v. Christlff, 69 Md. 219, 14 Atl. 521; Mayer v. Walter, 64 Pa. 283; Humphreys v. Surfcliffe, 192 Pa. 336, 43 Atl. 904, 73 Am. St. Rep. 819; Kline v. Hibbard, 80 Hun, 50, 29 N. Y. Supp. 807.—Malicious act. A wrongful act intentionally done without legal justification or excuse; an unlawful act done wilfully or purposely to injure another. Bowes v. State, 24 Tex. App. 542, 75 Am. St. Rep. 901; Payne v. Western & A. R. Co., 13 Lea (Tenn.) 526, 49 Am. Rep. 696; Brandt v. Morning Journal Ass'n, 51 App. Div. 485, 80 N. Y. Supp. 100.—Malicious assault. An assault intentionally made wilfully and without probable cause, but in the course of a regular proceeding.—Malicious injury. An injury committed against a person at the prompting of malice or hatred towards him, or done spitefully or wantonly. State v. Huegin, 110 Wis. 189, 85 N. W. 1046, 62 L. R. A. 700; Wing v. Wing, 66 Me. 62, 22 Am. Rep. 548.—Malicious mischief. A term applied to the willful destruction of personal property, from actual ill will or resentment towards a particular person. People v. Pethem, 64 Mich. 252, 31 N. W. 188; First Nat. Bank v. Burkett, 101 Ill. 394, 40 Am. Rep. 209; State v. Robinson, 20 N. C. 130, 32 Am. Dec. 67; State v. State, 30 Ala. 335.—Malicious prosecution. A judicial proceeding instituted against a person out of the prosecutor's malice and ill will, with the intention of injuring him, without probable cause to sustain it, the process and proceedings being regular and formal, but not justified by the facts. For this injury an action on the case lies, called the "action of malicious prosecution." Hicks v. Brantley, 102 Ga. 264, 29 S. E. 459; Eggatt v. Allen, 119 Wis. 626, 96 N. W. 805; Harpham v. Whitney, 77 Ill. 35; Lawson v. Charroux, 18 R. I. 467, 28 Atl. 975; Frisbie v. Morris, 75 Conn. 637, 55 Atl. 9.—Malicious trespass. The act of one who maliciously or mischievously injures or causes to be injured any property of another or any public property. State v. McKee, 109 Ind. 497, 10 N. E. 405; Hannel v. State, 4 Ind. App. 485, 30 N. E. 1115.

MALIGNARE. To malign or slander; also to main.

MALINGER. To feign sickness or any physical disablement or mental lapse or de
dangement, especially for the purpose of escaping the performance of a task, duty, or work.

MALITIA. Lat. Actual evil design; express malice.

—Malitia praecogitata. Malice aforethought,

Malitia est acida; est mali animi affectus. Malice is sour; it is the quality of a bad mind. 2 Bulst. 49.

Malitia supplet etatem. Malice supplies [the want of] age. Dyer, 104b; Broom, Max. 316.

Malitius hominum est obviandum. The wicked or malicious designs of men must be thwarted. 4 Coke, 165.

MALLUM. In old European law. A court of the higher kind in which the more important business of the county was dis
patched by the county or earl. Spelman. A public national assembly.

MALO ANIMO. Lat. With an evil mind; with a bad purpose or wrongful in
tention; with malice.

MALO GRATO. Lat. In spite; unwillingly.

MALO SENSU. Lat. In an evil sense or meaning; with an evil signification.

MALPRACTICE. As applied to physi
cians and surgeons, this term means, generally, professional misconduct towards a pa
tient which is considered reprehensible either because immoral in itself or because con
tary to law or expressly forbidden by law. In a more specific sense, it means bad, wrong, or injurious treatment of a patient, profes
sionally and in respect to the particular disease or injury, resulting in injury, un
necessary suffering, or death to the patient,

MALT. A substance produced from barley or other grain by a process of steeping in water until germination begins and then drying in a kiln, thus converting the starch into saccharine matter. See Hollender v. Magone (C. C.) 38 Fed. 915; U. S. v. Cohn, 2 Ind. T. 474, 52 S. W. 38. —Malt liquor. A general term including all alcoholic beverages prepared essentially by the fermentation of an infusion of malt (as distinguished from such liquors as are produced by the process of distillation), and particularly such beverages as are made from malt and hops, like beer, ale, and porter. See Alfred v. State, 89 Ala. 112, 8 South. 56; State v. Gill, 89 Minn. 502, 95 N. W. 449; U. S. v. Ducourau (C. C.) 54 Fed. 138; State v. Stapp, 29 Iowa, 552; Sarlis v. U. S., 152 U. S. 570, 14 Sup. Ct. 720, 38 L. Ed. 566 —Malt mala. A quern or malt-mill. —Malt-shot, or malt-scot. A certain payment for making malt. Somner. —Malt-tax. An excise duty upon malt in England. 1 Bl. Comm. 313; 2 Steph. Comm. 581.

MAL-TREATMENT. In reference to the treatment of his patient by a surgeon, this term signifies improper or unskillful treatment; it may result either from ignorance, neglect, or willfulness; but the word does not necessarily imply that the conduct of the surgeon, in his treatment of the patient, is either willfully or grossly careless. Com. v. Hackett, 2 Allen (Mass.) 142.

MALUM, n. Lat. In Roman law. A mast; the mast of a ship. Dig. 50, 17, 242. pr. Held to be part of the ship. Id.

MALUM, adj. Lat. Wrong; evil; wicked reprehensible.

—Malum in se. A wrong in itself; an act or case involving illegality from the very nature of the transaction, upon principles of natural, moral, and public law. Story, Ag. § 346. An act is said to be malum in se when it is inherently and essentially evil, that is, immoral in its nature and injurious in its consequences, without any regard to the fact of its being noticed or punished by the law of the state. Such are most, or all of the offenses cognizable at common law, (without the denouncement of a statute;) as murder, larceny, etc. —Malum prohibitum. A wrong prohibited; a thing which is prohibited because prohibited; an act which is not inherently immoral, but becomes so because its commission is expressly forbid-

MANAGE. To conduct; to carry on; to direct the concerns of a business or establishment. Generally applied to affairs that are somewhat complicated and that involve skill and judgment. Com. v. Johnson, 144 Pa. 377, 22 Atl. 703; Roberts v. State, 26 Fla. 360, 7 South. 861; Ure v. Ure, 185 Ill. 216, 56 N. E. 1087; Youngworth v. Jewell, 15 Nev. 48; Watson v. Cleveland, 21 Conn. 541; The Silvia, 171 U. S. 462, 19 Sup. Ct. 7, 43 L. Ed. 241. —Manager. A person chosen or appointed to manage, direct, or administer the affairs of another person or of a corporation or company. Com. v. Johnson, 144 Pa. 377, 22 Atl. 703; Oro Min. & Mill. Co. v. Kaiser, 4 Colo. App.
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219, 35 Pac. 677; Saunders v. United States Marble Co., 25 Wash. 475, 65 Pac. 782.—Managers of a conference. Members of the houses of parliament appointed to represent each house at a conference between the two houses. It is an ancient rule that the number of commoners named for a conference should be double those of the lords. May, Parl. Pr. c. 16.

—Managing agent. See AGENT.—Managing owner of ship. The managing owner of a ship is one of several co-owners, to whom the others, or those of whom they join in the adventure, have delegated the management of the ship. He has authority to do all things usual and necessary in the management of the ship and the delivery of the cargo, to enable her to prosecute her voyage and earn freight, with the right to appoint an agent for the purpose. 6 Q. B. Div. 93; Sweet.

MANAGIUM. A mansion-house or dwelling-place. Cowell.

MANAS MEDLE. Men of a mean condition, or of the lowest degree.

MANBOTE. In Saxon law. A compensation or recompense for homicide, particularly due to the lord for killing his man or vassal, the amount of which was regulated by that of the wight.

MANCA, MANCUS, or MANCUSA. A square piece of gold coin, commonly valued at thirty pence. Cowell.

MANCEPS. Lat. In Roman law. A purchaser; one who took the article sold in his hand; a formality observed in certain sales. Calvin. A farmer of the public taxes.

MANCHE-PRESENT. A bribe; a present from the donor's own hand.

MANCIPARE. Lat. In Roman law. To sell, alienate, or make over to another; to sell with certain formalities; to sell a person; one of the forms observed in the process of emancipation.

MANCIPATE. To enslave; to bind; to tie.

MANCIPATIO. Lat. In Roman law. A certain ceremony or formal process anciently required to be performed, to perfect the sale or conveyance of res mancipi, (land, houses, slaves, horses, or cattle.) The parties were present, (vendor and vendee,) with five witnesses and a person called "libripens," who held a balance or scales. A set form of words was repeated on either side, indicative of transfer of ownership, and certain prescribed gestures performed, and the vendee then struck the scales with a piece of copper, thereby symbolizing the payment, or weighing out, of the stipulated price.

The ceremony of mancipatio was used, in later times, in one of the forms of making a will. The testator acted as vendor, and the heir (or familia empor) as purchaser, the latter symbolically buying the whole estate, or succession, of the former. The ceremony was also used by a father in making a fictitious sale of his son, which sale, when three times repeated, effectuated the emancipation of the son.

MANCIPI RES. Lat. In Roman law. Certain classes of things which could not be aliened or transferred except by means of a certain formal ceremony of conveyance called "mancipatio," (q. v.) These included land, houses, slaves, horses, and cattle. All other things were called "res nec mancipi." The distinction was abolished by Justinian. The distinction corresponded as nearly as may be to the early distinction of English law into real and personal property; res mancipi being objects of a military or agricultural character, and res nec mancipi being all other subjects of property. Like personal estate, res nec mancipi were not originally either valuable in se or valued. Brown.

MANCIPITUM. Lat. In Roman law. The momentary condition in which a filius, etc., might be when in course of emancipation from the potestas, and before that emancipation was absolutely complete. The condition was not like the dominica potestas over slaves, but slaves are frequently called "mancipia" in the non-legal Roman authors. Brown.

MANCIPLE. A clerk of the kitchen, or caterer, especially in colleges. Cowell.

MANCOMUNAL. In Spanish law. An obligation is said to be mancomunal when one person assumes the contract or debt of another, and makes himself liable to pay or fulfill it. Schm. Civil Law, 120.

MANDAMIENTO. In Spanish law. Commission; authority or power of attorney. A contract of good faith, by which one person commits to the gratuitous charge of another his affairs, and the latter accepts the charge. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 12, c. 1.

MANDAMUS. Lat. We command. This is the name of a writ (formerly a high prerogative writ) which issues from a court of superior jurisdiction, and is directed to a private or municipal corporation, or any of its officers, or to an executive, administrative, or judicial officer, or to an inferior court, commanding the performance of a particular act therein specified, and belonging to his or their public, official, or ministerial duty, or directing the restoration of the complainant to rights or privileges of which he has been illegally deprived. See Lahiff v. St. Joseph, etc., Soc., 76 Conn. 648, 57 Atl. 692, 65 L. R. A. 92, 100 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Milster v. Spartanburg, 68 S. C. 243, 47 S. E. 141; State v. Carpenter, 51 Ohio St. 83, 37 N. E. 261, 46 Am. St. Rep. 556; Chicago & N. W. R. Co. v. Crane, 113 U. S. 424, 5 Sup. Ct. 578, 28 L. Ed. 1064; Arnold v. Kennebec County, 93 Me. 117, 44 Atl. 364; Placard v. State, 148 Ind.
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305, 47 N. E. 623; Atlanta v. Wright, 119 Ga. 207, 45 S. E. 994; State v. Lewis, 76 Mo. 370; Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 190, 8 L. Ed. 92; Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch, 158, 2 L. Ed. 60; U. S. v. Butterworth, 186 U. S. 600, 18 Sup. Ct. 441, 42 L. Ed. 873.

The action of mandamus is one, brought in a court of competent jurisdiction, to obtain an order of such court commanding an inferior tribunal, board, corporation, or person to do or not to do an act, the performance or omission of which the law enjoins as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station. Where discretion is left to the inferior tribunal or person, the mandamus can only compel it to act, but cannot control such discretion. Rev. Code Iowa, 1850, § 3375.

Classification. The writ of mandamus is either peremptory or alternative, according as it requires the defendant absolutely to obey its behest, or gives him an opportunity to show cause to the contrary. It is the usual practice to issue the alternative writ first. This commands the defendant to do the particular act, or else to appear and show cause against it at a day named. If he neglects to obey the writ, and either makes default in his appearance or fails to show good cause against the application, the peremptory mandamus issues, which commands him absolutely and without qualification to do the act.

MANDANTS. Lat. In the civil law. The employing party in a contract of mandate. One who gives a thing in charge to another; one who requires, requests, or employs another to do some act for him. Inst. 3, 27, i, et seq.

MANDANT. In French and Scotch law. The employing party in the contract of mandatum, or mandate. Story, Bailm. § 138.

Mandata licita recipiunt strictam interpretationem, sed illicita latam et extensam. Lawful commands receive a strict interpretation, but unlawful commands a broad and extended one. Bac. Max. reg. 16.

MANDATAIRE. Fr. In French law. A person employed by another to do some act for him; a mandatory.


MANDATORY. He to whom a mandate, charge, or commandment is given; also, he that obtains a benefice by mandamus. Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924, 35 L. Ed. 662.

MANDATE. In practice. A judicial command or precept proceeding from a court or judicial officer, directing the proper officer to enforce a judgment, sentence, or decree. Seaman v. Clarke, 60 App. Div. 416, 69 N. Y. Supp. 1002; Horton v. State, 63 Neb. 34, 88 N. W. 146.

In the practice of the supreme court of the United States, the mandate is a precept or order issued upon the decision of an appeal or writ of error, directing the action to be taken, or disposition to be made of the case, by the inferior court.

In some of the state jurisdictions, the name "mandate" has been substituted for "mandamus" as the formal title of that writ.

In contracts. A bailment of property in regard to which the baillee engages to do some act without reward. Story, Bailm. § 137.

A mandate is a contract by which a lawful business is committed to the management of another, and by him undertaken to be performed gratuitously. The mandatory is bound to the exercise of slight diligence, and is responsible for gross neglect. The fact that the mandator derives no benefit from the acts of the mandatory is not of itself evidence of gross negligence. Richardson v. Futrell, 42 Miss. 525; Williams v. Conger, 125 U. S. 397, 8 Sup. Ct. 933, 31 L. Ed. 773. A mandate, procuration, or letter of attorney is an act by which one person gives power to another to transact for him and in his name one or several affairs. The mandate may take place in five different manners—for the interest of the person granting it only; for the joint interest of both parties; for the interest of a third person; for the interest of a third person and that of the party granting it; and, finally, for the interest of the mandant and a third person. Civ. Code La. arts. 2985, 2986.

Mandates and deposits closely resemble each other; the distinction being that in mandates the care and service are the principal, and the custody the accessory, while in deposits the custody is the principal thing, and the care and service are merely accessory. Story, Bailm. § 140.

The word may also denote a request or direction. Thus, a check is a mandate by the drawer to his banker to pay the amount to the transferee or holder of the check. 1 Q. B. Div. 33.

In the civil law. The instructions which the emperor addressed to a public functionary, and which were rules for his conduct. These mandates resembled those of the principal edicts. Sav. Dr. Rom. c. 3, § 24 no. 4.

MANDATO. In Spanish law. The contract of mandate. Escribche.

MANDATO, PANES DE. Leaves of bread given to the poor upon Maundy Thursday.

MANDATOR. The person employing another to perform a mandate.

MANDATORY. Containing a command; precept; imperative; peremptory. A provision in a statute is mandatory when disobedience to it will make the act done under
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the statute absolutely void; if the provision is such that disregard of it will constitute an irregularity, but one not necessarily fatal, it is said to be directory. So, the mandatory part of a writ is that which commands the person to do the act specified.

—Mandatory injunction. See Injunction.

MANDATUM. Lat. In the civil law. The contract of mandate, (q. v.)

MANDAVI BALLIVO. (I have commanded or made my mandate to the bailiff.) In English practice. The return made by a sheriff, where the bailiff of a liberty has the execution of a writ, that he has commanded the bailiff to execute it. 1 Tidd, Pr. 309; 2 Tidd, Pr. 1025.


MANERA. In Spanish law. Manner or mode. Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 4, l. 2.

MANERIUM. In old English law. A manor.

Manerium dicitur a manendo, secundum excellentiam, sedes magna, fixa, et stabilis. Co. Litt 58. A manor is so called from manendo, according to its excellence, a seat great fixed, and firm.

MANGONARE. In old English law. To buy in a market.

MANGONELLUS. A warlike instrument for casting stones against the walls of a castle. Cowell.

MANNING. A day's work of a man. Cowell. A summoning to court Spelman.

MANNIRE. To cite any person to appear in court and stand in judgment there. It is different from oannire; for, though both of them are citations, this is by the adverse party, and that is by the Judge. Du Cange.

MANNOPUS. In old English law. Goods taken in the hands of an apprehended thief. The same as "mainour," (q. v.)

MANNUS. A horse. Cowell.

MANOR. A house, dwelling, seat, or residence. In English law, the manor was originally a tract of land granted out by the king to a lord or other great person, in fee. It was otherwise called a "barony" or "lordship," and appendant to it was the right to hold a court, called the "court-baron." The lands comprised in the manor were divided into terra tenementales (tenemental lands or boelands) and terra dominicales, or demesne lands. The former were given by the lord of the manor to his followers or retainers in freehold. The latter were such as he re-
served for his own use; but of these part were held by tenants in copyhold, i.e., those holding by a copy of the record in the lord's court; and part, under the name of the "lord's waste," served for public roads and commons of pasture for the lord and tenants. The tenants, considered in their relation to the court-baron and to each other, were called "pares curiæ." The word also signified the franchise of having a manor, with jurisdiction for a court-baron and the right to the rents and services of copyholders.

In American law. A manor is a tract held of a proprietor by a fee-farm rent in money or in kind, and descending to the oldest son of the proprietor, who in New York is called a "patroon." People v. Van Rensselaer, 9 N. Y. 291.

—Reputed manor. Whenever the demesne lands and the services become absolutely separated, the manor ceases to be a manor in reality, although it may (and usually does) continue to be a manor in reputation, and is then called a "reputed manor," and it is also sometimes called a "seigniory in gross." Brown.

MANQUELLER. In Saxon law. A murderer.

MANRENT. In Scotch law. A dwelling-house or place of residence, including its appurtenant outbuildings. Thompson v. People, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 214; Comm. v. Pennock, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 199; Armour v. State, 3 Humph. (Tenn.) 385; Devoe v. Comm., 3 Metc. (Mass.) 325.

The mansion includes not only the dwelling-house, but also the outhouses, such as barns, stables, cowhouses, dairy houses, and the like, if they are parcel of the messuage (that is, within the curtilage or protection of the dwelling-house) though not under the same roof nor contiguous to it. 2 East, P. C. 492; State v. Brooks, 4 Conn. 448; Bryant v. State, 60 Ga. 358; Fletcher v. State, 10 Lea (Tenn.) 339.

In old English law. Residence; dwelling.

—Mansion-house. In the law of burglary, etc., any species of dwelling-house. 3 Inst. 64.

MANSLAUGHTER. In criminal law. The unlawful killing of another without malice, either express or implied; which may be either voluntarily, upon a sudden heat, or involuntarily, but in the commission of some unlawful act. 1 Hale, P. C. 466; 4 Bl. Comm. 191.


The distinction between "manslaughter" and "murder" consists in the following: In the former, though the act which occasions the death be unlawful or likely to be attended with bodily mischief, yet the malice, either express or implied, which is the very essence of murder, is presumed to be wanting in manslaughter. 1 East, P. C. 218; Comm. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 52 Am. Dec. 711. It also differs from "murder" in this: that there can be no accessory before the fact, there having been no time for premeditation. 1 Hale, P. C. 437; 1 Russ. Crimes, 485; 1 Bish. Crim. Law, 678.

—Voluntary manslaughter. In criminal law. Manslaughter committed voluntarily upon a sudden heat of the passions; as if, upon a sudden quarrel, two persons fight, and one of them kills the other. 4 Bl. Comm. 190, 191.

MANSO, or MANSUM. In old English law. A mansion or house. Spelman.


MANSTEALING. A word sometimes used synonymously with "kidnapping," (q. v.)

MANSUETUS. Lat. Tame; as though accustomed to come to the hand. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

MANTEA. In old records. A long robe or mantle.

MANTHEOFF. In Saxon law. A horse-stealer.

MANTICULATE. To pick pockets.

MANTION. Engines to catch trespassers, now unlawful unless set in a dwelling-house for defense between sunset and sunrise. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 100, § 31.

MANU BREVI. Lat. With a short hand. A term used in the civil law, signify-
ting shortly; directly; by the shortest course; without circuitly.


MANU LONGA. Lat. With a long hand. A term used in the civil law, signifying indirectly or circuitously. Calvin.

MANU OPERA. Lat. Cattle or implements of husbandry; also stolen goods taken from a thief caught in the fact. Cowell.

MANUAL. Performed by the hand; used or employed by the hand; held in the hand. Thus, a distress cannot be made of tools in the "manual occupation" of the debtor.

—Manual delivery. Delivery of personal property sold, donated, mortgaged, etc., by passing it into the "hand" of the purchaser or transferee, that is, by an actual and corporeal change of possession.—Manual gift. The meaning of this word is "making with the effectiveness chiefly upon personal muscular exertion rather than upon skill, intelligence, or adroitness. See *Lew Jim v. U. S.,* 66 Fed. 954, 14 C. C. A. 281; *Martin v. Wakefield,* 42 Minn. 170, 43 N. W. 366, 6 L. R. A. 392; *Brennuit v. Archambault,* 64 Minn. 420, 67 N. W. 348, 58 Am. St. Rep. 545.

MANUALIA BENEFICIA. The daily distributions of meat and drink to the canons and other members of cathedral churches for their present subsistence. Cowell.

MANUALIS OBEDEIEN:IA. Sworn obedience or submission upon oath. Cowell.

MANUCAPTIO. In old English practice. A writ which lay for a man taken on suspicion of felony, and the like, who could not be admitted to bail by the sheriff, or by the exercise of physical force, with or without the aid of tools and of horses or other beasts of burden, but depending for its effectiveness chiefly upon personal muscular exertion rather than upon skill, intelligence, or adroitness. See *Fenwick v. Chapman,* 9 Pet. 472, 9 L. Ed. 193; *State v. Prall,* 1 N. J. Law, 36, 54 Am. Rep. 114; *Attorney General v. Lorman,* 59 Mich. 157, 26 N. W. 311, 90 Am. Rep. 287; *Kidd v. Pearson,* 128 U. S. 1, 9 Sup. Ct. 6, 32 L. Ed. 346.

MANUFACTURE, n. In patent law. Any useful product made directly by human labor, or by the aid of machinery directed and controlled by human power, and either from raw materials, or from materials worked up into a new form. Also the process by which such products are made or fashioned.

—Domestic manufactures. This term in a state statute is used, generally, of manufactures within its jurisdiction. *Com. v. Giltinan,* 64 Pa. 100.


MANUFACTURING CORPORATION. A corporation engaged in the production of some article, thing, or object, by skill or labor, out of raw material, or from matter which has already been subjected to artificial forces, or to which something has been added to change its natural condition. People v. *Knickerbocker Ice Co.,* 99 N. Y. 181, 1 N. E. 669. The term does not include a mining corporation. *Byers v. Franklin Coal Co.,* 106 Mass. 135.

MANUMISSION. The act of liberating a slave from bondage and giving him freedom. In a wider sense, releasing or delivering one person from the power or control of another. See *Fenwick v. Chapman,* 9 Pet. 472, 9 L. Ed. 193; *State v. Prall,* 1 N. J. Law, 4.

Manumittere idem est quod extra manum vel potestatem ponere. Co. *Litt.* 137. To manumit is the same as to place beyond hand and power.

MANUNG, or MONUNG. In old English law. The district within the jurisdiction of a reeve, apparently so called from his power to exercise therein one of his chief functions, viz., to exact (amanian) all fines.
MANUPES. In old English law. A foot of full and legal measure.

MANUPRETIIUM. Lat. In Roman law. The hire or wages of labor; compensation for labor or services performed. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 413.

MANURABLE. In old English law. Capable of being had or held in hand; capable of manual occupation; capable of being cultivated; capable of being touched; tangible; corporeal. Hale, Anal. § 24.

MANURE. In old English law. To occupy; to use or cultivate; to have in manual occupation; to bestow manual labor upon. Cowell.

MANUS. Lat. A hand.

In the civil law, this word signified power, control, authority, the right of physical coercion, and was often used as synonymous with "potestas."

In old English law, it signified an oath or the person taking an oath; a compurgator.


MANUSCRIPT. A writing; a paper written with the hand; a writing that has not been printed. Parton v. Prang, 18 Fed. Cas. 1275; Leon Loan & Abstract Co. v. Equalization Board, 86 Iowa, 127, 53 N. W. 94, 17 L. R. A. 199, 41 Am. St. Rep. 486.

MANUTENENTIA. The old writ of maintenance. Reg. Orig. 182.

MANWORTH. In old English law. The price or value of a man's life or head. Cowell.

MANY. This term denotes a multitude, not merely a number greater than that denoted by the word "few." Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Hall, 57 Ala. 708, 6 South. 277, 4 L. R. A. 710, 13 Am. St. Rep. 84. But compare Hilton Bridge Const. Co. v. Foster, 26 Misc. Rep. 338, 57 N. Y. Supp. 140, holding that three persons may be "many."

MANZIE. In old Scotch law. Mayhem; mutilation of the body of a person. Skene.

MAP. A representation of the earth's surface, or of some portion of it, showing the relative position of the parts represented, usually on a flat surface. Webster. "A map is but a transcript of the region which it portrays, narrowed in compass so as to facilitate an understanding of the original."

MARA. In old records. A mere or moor; a lake, pool, or pond; a bog or marsh that cannot be drained. Cowell; Blount; Spelman.

MARAUDER. "A marauder is defined in the law to be 'one who, while employed in the army as a soldier, commits larceny or robbery in the neighborhood of the camp, or while wandering away from the army.' But in the modern and metaphorical sense of the word, as now sometimes used in common speech, it seems to be applied to a class of persons who are not a part of any regular army, and are not answerable to any military discipline, but who are mere lawless banditti, engaged in plundering, robbery, murder, and all conceivable crimes." Curry v. Collins, 37 Mo. 328.

MARC-BANCO. The name of a piece of money formerly coined at Hamburg. Its value was thirty-five cents.

MARCA. A mark; a coin of the value of 13s. 4d. Spelman.

MACRATUS. The rent of a mark by the year and not reserved in leases, etc.

MARCH. In Scotch law. A boundary line or border. Bell. The word is also used in composition; as march-dike, march-stone.

MARCHANDISES AVARIEES. In French mercantile law. Damaged goods.

MARCHERS. In old English law. Noblemen who lived on the marshes of Wales or Scotland, and who, according to Camden, had their private laws, as if they had been petty kings; which were abolished by the statute 27 Hen. VIII. c. 26. Called also "lords marchers." Cowell.

MARCHES. An old English term for boundaries or frontiers, particularly the boundaries and limits between England and Wales, or between England and Scotland, or the borders of the dominions of the crown, or the boundaries of properties in Scotland. Mozley & Whitley. —Marches, court of. An abolished tribunal in Wales, where pleas of debt or damages, not above the value of £50, were tried and determined. Cro. Car. 394.

MARCHETA. In old Scotch law. A custom for the lord of a fee to lie the first night with the bride of his tenant. Abolished by Malcolm III. Spelman; 2 Bl. Comm. 88.

MARCHETTA. In old English law. A fine paid for leave to marry, or to bestow a daughter in marriage. Cowell.
MARCHIONESS. A dignity in a woman answerable to that of marquises in a man, conferred either by creation or by marriage with a marquess. Wharton.

MARE. Lat. The sea.

—Mare clausum. The sea closed; that is, not open or free. The title of Selden's great work, intended as an answer to the Mare Liberum of Grotius; in which he undertakes to prove the sea to be capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27. —Mare Liberum. The sea free. The title of a work written by Grotius against the Portuguese claim to an exclusive trade to the Indies, through the South Atlantic and Indian oceans; showing that the sea was not capable of private dominion. 1 Kent, Comm. 27.

MARESCALLOUS. In old English law. A marshal; also master of the stables; an officer of the exchequer; a military officer of high rank, having powers and duties similar to those of a constable. Du Cange. See MARSHAL.

MARESCHAL. L. Fr. Marshal; a high officer of the royal household. Britt. fol. 16.

MARETTUM. Marshy ground overflowed by the sea or great rivers. Co. Litt. 5.

MARGIN. 1. The edge or border; the edge of a body of water where it meets the land. As applied to a boundary line of land, the "margin" of a river, creek, or other water-course means the center of the stream. Ex parte Jennings, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 527, 16 Am. Dec. 447; Varick v. Smith, 9 Paige (N. Y.) 551. But in the case of a lake, bay, or natural pond, the "margin" means the line where land and water meet. Powler v. Vreeland, 44 N. J. Eq. 283, 14 Atl. 118; Lembeck v. Andrews, 47 Ohio St. 336, 24 N. E. 686, 8 L. R. A. 578.

2. A sum of money, or its equivalent, placed in the hands of a stockbroker by the principal or person on whose account the purchase is to be made, as a security to the former against losses to which he may be exposed by a subsequent depression in the market value of the stock. Markham v. Jaudon, 49 Barb. (N. Y.) 468; Sheehy v. Shinn, 103 Cal. 325, 37 Pac. 393; Memphis Brokerage Ass'n v. Cullen, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 77; Forrestenbury v. State, 47 Ark. 188, 1 S. W. 58.

MARGINAL NOTE. In Scotch law. A note inserted on the margin of a deed, embodying either some clause which was omitted in transcribing or some change in the agreement of the parties. Bell. An abstract of a reported case, a summary of the facts, or brief statement of the principle decided, which is prefixed to the report of the case, sometimes in the margin, is also spoken of by this name.

MARINARIUS. An ancient word which signified a mariner or sea man. In England, marinarilus capitaneus was the admiral or warden of the ports.

MARINE. Naval; relating or pertaining to the sea; transacted at sea; doing duty or service on the sea.

This is also a general name for the navy of a kingdom or state; as also the whole economy of naval affairs, or whatever respects the building, rigging, arming, equipping, provisioning, and fighting ships. It comprehends also the government of the armed forces, and the state of all the persons employed therein, whether civil or military. Also one of the marines. Wharton. See Doughten v. Vandeveer, 5 Del. Ch. 73.

—Marine belt. That portion of the main of open sea, adjacent to the shores of a given country, over which the jurisdiction of its municipal laws and local authorities extends; defined by international law as extending out three miles from the shore. See The Alexander (D. C.) 60 Fed. 518. —Marine carrier. By statutes of several states this term is applied to carriers plying upon the ocean, arms of the sea, the Great Lakes, and other navigable waters within the jurisdiction of the United States. Civ. Code Cal. 1903, § 2087; Rev. & Ann. St. Okl. 1903, § 652; Rev. Codes N. D. 1886, § 4176. —Marine contract. One relating to maritime affairs, shipping, navigation, maritime insurance, affreightment, maritime loans, or other business to be done upon the sea or in connection with navigation. —Marine corps. A body of soldiers enlisted and equipped for service on board vessels of war; also the naval forces of the nation. U. S. v. Dunn, 120 U. S. 249, 7 S. C. 50 L. Ed. 262. —Marine court in the city of New York. A local court of New York having original jurisdiction of civil causes, where the action is for personal injuries or defamation, and of other civil actions where the damages claimed do not exceed $2,000. It is a court of record. It was originally created as a tribunal for the settlement of causes between seamen. —Marine insurance. See INSURANCE. —Marine interest. Interest, allowed to be stipulated for at an extraordinary rate, for purposes and risk of money loaned on respondentia and bottomry bonds. —Marine league. A measure of distance commonly employed at sea, equal to one degree of a latitude, or three geographical or nautical miles. See Rockland, etc., v. Fessenden, 79 Me. 140, 8 Atl. 552. —Marine risk. The perils of the sea; the perils necessarily incident to navigation. —Marine Society. In English law. A charitable institution for the purpose of apprenticing boys to the naval service, etc., incorporated by 12 Geo. III. c. 67.

MARINER. A seaman or sailor; one engaged in navigating vessels upon the sea.

MARINES. A body of infantry soldiers, trained to serve on board of vessels of war when in commission and to fight in naval engagements.

Maris et feminæ conjunctio est de jure naturæ. 7 Coke, 13. The connection of male and female is by the law of nature.

MARISCHAL. An officer in Scotland, who, with the lord high constable, possessed a supreme itinerant jurisdiction in all crimes.
committed within a certain space of the court, wherever it might happen to be.

MARISCUS. A marshy or fenney ground. Co. Litt. 5a.

MARITAGIO AMISSO PER DEFAUT-AM. An absolute writ for the tenant in frank-marriage to recover lands, etc., of which he was deforced.

MARITAGIUM. The portion which is given with a daughter in marriage. Also the power which the lord or guardian in chivalry had of disposing of his infant ward in matrimony.

—Maritagium habere. To have the free disposal of an heirress in marriage.

Maritagium est ant liberum ant servitio obligatam; liberum maritagium diu situr ubi donator vult quod terra sit et libera ab omni secundari servitio. Co. Litt. 21. A marriage portion is either free or bound to service; it is called “frank-marriage” when the giver wills that land thus given be exempt from all secular service.

MARITAL. Relating to, or connected with, the status of marriage; pertaining to a husband; incident to a husband.

—Marital coercion. Coercion of the wife by the husband. —Marital portion. In Louisiana. The name given to that part of a deceased husband’s estate to which the widow is entitled. Civil Code La. art. 65; Abercrombie v. Caffray, 3 Mart. N. S. (La.) 1. —Marital rights. The rights of a husband. The expression is chiefly used to denote the right of a husband to property which his wife was entitled to during the continuance of the marriage. See Kilburn v. Kilburn, 59 Cal. 46, 26 Pac. 690; 25 St. Rep. 447; McComb v. Owens, 15 Tex. Civ. App. 346, 40 S. W. 336.

MARITIMA ANGLE. In old English law. The emolument or revenue coming to the king from the sea, which the sheriffs formerly collected, but which was afterwards granted to the admiral. Spelman.


MARITIME. Pertaining to the sea or ocean or the navigation thereof; or to commerce conducted by navigation of the sea or (in America) of the great lakes and rivers.

It is nearly equivalent to “marine” in many connections and uses; in others, the two words are used as quite distinct.

—Maritime cause. A cause of action originating on the high seas or of navigation or commerce on the sea, or in commerce, growing out of or arising out of a maritime contract.

—Maritime contract. A contract whose subject-matter has relation to the navigation of the sea or to trade or commerce to be conducted by navigation or to be done upon the sea or in ports. Over such contracts the admiralty has concurrent jurisdiction with the common-law courts. Edwards v. Elliott, 21 Wall. 539, 26 L. Ed. 487; Doten v. Knowloch (D. C.) 39 Fed. 40; Holt v. Cunningham, 102 Pa. 215, 48 Am. Rep. 196; De Lovio v. Boit, 7 Fed. Cas. 435; Freight of The Kate (D. C.) 82 Fed. 750. —Maritime court. A court exercising jurisdiction in maritime causes; one which possesses the powers and jurisdiction of a court of admiralty. —Maritime interest. An expression equivalent to the word “maritime” in most maritime causes, except when used in the meaning of “tort” or of “interests in shipping.” (g. v.) —Maritime jurisdiction. Jurisdiction in maritime causes; such jurisdiction as belongs to a court of admiralty on the instance side. —Maritime law. That system of law which particularly relates to commerce and navigation, to business transacted at sea or relating to navigation, to ships and seamen, to the transportation of persons and property by sea, and to marine affairs generally. The law relating to harbors, ships, and seamen. An important branch of the commercial law of maritime nations; divided into a variety of departments, such as those about harbors, property in ships, rights and interests of the ships and seamen, contracts of affreightment, average, salvage, etc. Wharton: The Lottawanna, 21 Wall. 572, 22 L. Ed. 654; The Unadilla (D. C.) 73 Fed. 515; Jacoby v. The Carolina (D. C.) 66 Fed. 1013.—Maritime lien. A lien arising out of damage done by a ship in the course of navigation, as by collision, which attaches to the vessel and freight, and is to be enforced by an action to rem in the admiralty courts. The Unadilla (D. C.) 73 Fed. 515; Paxson v. Cunningham, 111 C. C. A. 111; The Underwriter (D. C.) 119 Fed. 715; Stephens v. The Francis (D. C.) 21 Fed. 719. Maritime liens do not include or require possession, but only a lien is used in maritime law not in the strict legal sense in which we understand it in courts of common law, in which case there could be no lien where there was no possession, actual or constructive, but to express, as by analogy, the nature of claims which either presuppose or originate in possession. —Maritime loan. A contract or agreement by which one, who is the lender, lends to another, who is the borrower, a certain sum of money, upon condition that if the thing on which the loan has been made should be lost by any peril of the sea, or vis major, the lender shall not be repaid unless what remains shall be equal to the sum borrowed, and in case it shall not have been injured but by its own defects or the fault of the master or mariners of the vessel, the borrower shall be bound to repay the sum borrowed, together with a certain sum agreed upon as the price of the hazard incurred. Eimer, Mar. Loans, c. 1, s. 2. And see The Drake, 7 Fed. Cas. 1045.—Maritime property. A term used by French writers to signify any profit derived from a maritime loan. —Maritime service. In admiralty law. A service rendered upon the high seas or a navigable river, and which has some relation to commerce or navigation,—some connection with a vessel employed in trade, with her equipment, her preservation, or the preservation of her cargo or crew. Thackrey v. The Farmer, 23 Fed. Cas. 877; The Atlantic (D. C.) 53 Fed. 609; Cooper v. The Go-General-Dock Co. (D. C.) 925,—Maritime state, in English law, consists of the officers and mariners of the British navy, who are governed by express and permanent articles of the navy, established by act of parliament. —Maritime tort. A tort committed upon the high seas, or upon a navigable river, or upon land, or relating to navigation, falling within the jurisdiction of a court of admiralty. The term is never applied to a tort committed upon land, though relating to maritime matters. See The Plymouth, 3 Wall.
MARK. 1. A character, usually in the form of a cross, made as a substitute for his signature by a person who cannot write, in executing a conveyance or other legal document. It is commonly made as follows: A third person writes the name of the marksman, leaving a blank space between the Christian name and surname; in this space the latter traces the mark, or crossed lines, and above the mark is written "his," (or "her") and below it, "mark."

2. The sign, writing, or ticket put upon manufactured goods to distinguish them from others, appearing thus in the compound, "trade-mark."

3. A token, evidence, or proof; as in the phrase "a mark of fraud."

4. A weight used in several parts of Europe, and for several commodities, especially gold and silver. When gold and silver are sold by the form of a cross, made as a substitute for his name, as in the words, "mark banco." See MARC BANCO.

MARKET. A public time and appointed place of sale, where the goods are exposed publicly to sale; but in London every shop in which goods are exposed publicly to sale is market overt, for such things only as the owner professes to trade in.

MARKET OVER. In English law. An open and public market. The market-place or spot of ground set apart by custom for the sale of particular goods, is in the country, the only market overt; but in London every shop in which goods are exposed publicly to sale is market overt, for such things only as the owner professes to trade in. 2 Bl. Comm. 449; Godb. 131; 5 Coke, 83. See Fawcett v. Osborn, 32 Ill. 428; 8 Am. Dec. 278—Market price. The actual price at which the given commodity is currently sold, or has recently been sold, in the open market, that is, not at a forced sale, but in the usual and ordinary course of trade and competition, between sellers and buyers equally free to bargain, as established by records of late sales. See Lowery v. McLehan, 88 Mich. 15; 49 N. W. 901; 15 L. R. A. 770; Sanford v. Peck, 63 Conn. 486, 27 Atl. 1037; Douglas v. Merceces, 25 N. J. Eq. 147; Parmenter v. Wetmore, 153 N. Y. 549, 51 N. E. 1032. The term also means, when price at the place of exportation is in view, the price at which articles are sold and purchased, clear of every charge but such as is laid upon it at the time of sale. Goodwin v. United States, 2 Wash. C. C. 483, Fed. Cas. No. 5,554—Market towns. Those towns which are entitled to hold markets. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 130—Market value. The market value of an article or piece of property is the price which it might bring in a fair market; not the price which might be obtained on a sale at public auction or a sale forced by the necessities of the owner, or a price as would be fixed by negotiation and mutual agreement, after ample time to find a purchaser, as between a vendor who is willing (but not compelled) to sell and a purchaser who desires to buy but is not compelled to take the particular article or piece of property. See Winnipesaukee Lake, etc., Co. v. Gilford, 67 N. H. 514, 38 Atl. 945; Muser v. Magone, 155 U. S. 240, 15 Sup. Ct. 77, 39 L. Ed. 135; Esch v. Railroad Co., 72 Wis. 229, 39 N. W. 129; Sharpe v. U. S., 135 U. S. 563, 33 S. C. A. 697, 57 L. R. A. 322; Little Rock Junction Ry. v. Woodruff, 49 Ark. 381, 5 S. W. 792, 4 Am. St. Rep. 51; Lowe v. Omaha, 35 Neb. 557, 50 N. W. 765; San Diego Land Co. v. Neale, 78 Cal. 63, 20 Pac. 372, 3 L. R. A. 83.—Market zedd, (properly market geld). In old records. The toll of a market. Cowell.—Public market. A market which is not only open to the resort of the general public as purchasers, but also available to all who wish to offer their wares or sale, to be sold or bartered, or placed on exhibition to those who apply, to the limits of the capacity of the market, on payment of fixed rents or fees. See United Live Stock Consolidation Co. v. Chicago Live Stock Exchange, 145 Ill. 210, 32 N. E. 274, 18 L. R. A. 190, 36 Am. St. Rep. 385; State v. Fernandez, 39 La. Ann. 558, 2 South. 13; Cincinnati v. Buckingham, 10 Ohio, 257.
MARKETABLE. Such things as may be sold in the market; those for which a buyer may be found.

MARKETABLE title. A “marketable title” to land is such a title as a court of equity, when asked to decree specific performance of the contract of sale, will compel the vendee to accept as sufficient. It is said to be not merely a defensible title, but a title which is free from plausible or reasonable objections. Austin v. Barnum, 52 Minn. 136, 53 N. W. 1132; Vought v. Williams, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 642; Brokaw v. Duffy, 165 N. Y. 391, 56 N. E. 196; Todd v. Union Dime Sav. Inst., 128 N. Y. 636, 28 N. E. 504.

MARKSMAN. In practice and conveyancing. One who makes his mark; a person who cannot write, and only makes his mark in executing instruments. Arch. N. Pr. 18; 2 Chit. 92.

MARLBridge, Statute of. An English statute enacted in 1267 (52 Hen. III.) at Marlbridge, (now called “Marlborough,”) where parliament was then sitting. It related to land tenures, and to procedure, and to unlawful and excessive distresses.

MARQUE AND REPRISAL, LETTERS OF. These words, “marque” and “reprisal,” are frequently used as synonymous, but, taken in their strict etymological sense, the latter signifies a “taking in return;” the former, the passing the frontiers (marche) in order to such taking. Letters of marque and reprisal are granted by the law of nations, whenever the subjects of one state are oppressed and injured by those of another, and justice is denied by that state to which the oppressor belongs; and the party to whom these letters are granted may then seize the bodies or the goods of the subjects of the state to which the offender belongs, until satisfaction be made, wherever they happen to be found. Reprisals are to be granted only in case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a clear and open denial of justice. At the present day, in the case of a clear and open denial of justice.

MARQUIS, or MARQUESS. In English law. One of the second order of nobility; next in order to a duke.

MARQUISATE. The seignory of a marquis.

MARRIAGE. Marriage, as distinguished from the agreement to marry and from the act of becoming married, is the civil status of one man and one woman united in law for life, for the discharge to each other and the community of the duties legally incumbent on those whose association is founded on the distinction of sex. 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. § 3. And see State v. Fry, 4 Mo. 126; Mott v. Mott, 82 Cal. 415, 22 Pac. 1140; Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 145, 25 L. Ed. 244; Maynard v. Hill, 125 U. S. 190, 8 Sup. Ct. 722, 31 L. Ed. 654; Wade v. Kaibeleish, 58 N. Y. 284, 17 Am. Rep. 250; State v. Bittick, 93 N. Y. 158, 29 N. E. 108; R. A. 587; 23 Am. St. Rep. 899; Allen v. Allen, 73 Conn. 54, 46 Atl. 242, 49 L. R. A. 142, 54 Am. St. Rep. 135.

A contract, according to the form prescribed by law, by which a man and woman, capable of entering into such contract, mutually engage with each other to live their whole lives together in the state of union which ought to exist between a husband and wife. Shelf. Mar. & Div. 1.

Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract, to which the consent of parties capable of making it is necessary. Consent alone will not constitute marriage; it must be followed by a solemnization, or by a mutual assumption of marital rights, duties, or obligations, Civil Code Cal. § 55.

Marriage is the union of one man and one woman, “so long as they both shall live,” to the exclusion of all others, by an obligation which, during that time, the parties cannot of their own volution and act dissolve, but which can be dissolved only by authority of the state. Roche v. Washington, 19 Ind. 53, 81 Am. Dec. 376.

The word also signifies the act, ceremony, or formal proceeding by which persons take each other for husband and wife.

In old English law, marriage is used in the sense of “maritagium,” (q. v.) or the feudal right enjoyed by the lord or guardian in chivalry of disposing of his ward in marriage.

—Avail of marriage. See that title.—Common-law marriage. See common law.—Jactitation of marriage. See jactitation.

—Marriage articles. Articles of agreement between parties contemplating marriage, intended as preliminary to a formal marriage settlement, to be drawn after marriage. Atl. Mar. Sett. 92.—Marriage brokerage. The act by which a third person, for a consideration, negotiates a marriage between the parties. The money paid for such services is also known by this name. Hellen v. Anderson, 83 Ill. App. 500; White v. Equitable Nuptial Ben. Union, 76 Ala. 251, 52 Am. Rep. 325.

—Marriage ceremony. The form, religious or civil, for the solemnization of a marriage.—Marriage consideration. The consideration furnished by an intended marriage of two persons. It is the highest consideration known to the law.—Marriage license. A license or permission granted by the public authority to persons who intend to intermarry. By statute in some jurisdictions, it is made an essential prerequisite to the lawful solemnization of the marriage.—Marriage-license book. A book kept, in England, by the registrar, in which applications for and issue of registrar's licenses to marry are to be entered. Marriage promise. Betrothal; engagement to intermarry with another. Perry v. Orr, 35 N. J. Law, 296.—Marriage settlement. A written agreement in the nature of a conveyance, called a “settlement,” which is made in contemplation of a proposed marriage and in consideration thereof, either by the parties about
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to intermarry, or one of them, or by a parent or relation on their behalf, by which the title to the property is settled, is pend or limited to a prescribed course of succession; the object being, usually, to provide for the wife and children, thus, the usual two classes, the limited to the husband and issue, or to the wife and issue, or to husband and wife for their joint lives, remainder to the survivor for life, remainder in fee, or the issuer. Such settlements may also be made after marriage, in which case they are called “post-nuptial.”

Mixed marriage. A marriage between persons of different nationalities; or, more particularly, between persons of different racial origin; as between a white person and a negro or an Indian.—Morganatic marriage. The lawful and inseparable conjunction of a man, of noble or illustrious birth, with a woman of inferior station, upon condition that neither the wife nor her children shall partake of the titles, arms, or dignity of the husband, or succeed to his inheritance, but be contented with a certain allowed rank assigned to them by the morganatic contract. But since these restrictions relate only to the rank of the parties and succession to property, without affecting the natural rights of the parties engaged, it cannot be considered as a just marriage. The marriage ceremony was regularly performed; the union was indissoluble; the children legitimate. Where a polygamous marriage, as in hereditary, or in regular or in any degree of polygamous character, but particularly, a second or subsequent marriage of a man who already has one wife living, under the system of polygamy as practised by Mormons. See Freil v. Wood, 1 Utah, 165.—Scotch marriage. A marriage contracted without any formal solemnization or religious ceremony, by the mere mutual agreement of the parties per verba de praesenti in the presence of witnesses, recognized as valid by the Scottish law.

MARRIED WOMAN. A woman who has a husband living and not divorced; a feme covert.

MARSHAL. In old English law. The title borne by several officers of state and of the law, of whom the most important were the following: (1) The earl-marshall, who presided in the court of chivalry; (2) the marshal of the king's house, or knight-marshall, whose special authority was in the king's palace, to hear causes between members of the household, and punish faults committed within the verge; (3) the marshal of the king's bench prison, who had the custody of that jail; (4) the marshal of the exchequer, who had the custody of the king's debtors; (5) the marshal of the judge of assize, whose duty was to swear in the grand jury.

In American law. An officer pertaining to the organization of the federal judicial system, whose duties are similar to those of a sheriff. He is to execute the process of the United States courts within the district for which he is appointed, etc.

Also, in some of the states, this is the name of an officer of police, in a city or borough, having powers and duties corresponding generally to those of a constable or sheriff.

—Marshal of the queen's bench. An officer who had the custody of the queen's bench prison. The St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 22, abolished this office, and substituted an officer called "keeper of the queen's prison.”

MARSHALING. Arranging, ranking, or disposing in order; particularly, in the case of a group or series of conflicting claims or interests, arranging them in such an order of sequence, or so directing the manner of their satisfaction, as shall secure justice to all persons concerned and the largest possible measure of satisfaction to each. See sub-titles infra.

—Marshaling assets. In equity. The arranging or ranking of assets in the due order of administration. Such an arrangement of the different funds under administration as shall enable all the parties having equities therein to receive their due proportions, notwithstanding any intervening interests, liens, or other claims of persons to whose satisfaction out of a portion of these funds. The arrangement or ranking of assets in a certain order towards the payment of debts. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 223. One of the most important cases of this nature is the administration of assets or claims so as to secure the proper application of the assets to the various claims; especially when there are two classes of assets, and some creditors can enforce their claims against both, and others against only one, and the creditors of the former class are compelled to exhaust the assets, which are alone have a claim before having recourse to other assets, thus providing for the settlement of as many claims as possible. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1592—Marshaling assets. The ranking or ordering of several estates or parcels of land, for the satisfaction of a judgment or mortgage to which they are subject, though the assets alone have a claim before having recourse to other assets, thus providing for the satisfaction of the lien in the inverse order of their alienation or incumbrance, the land last sold being first chargeable. See 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 440.—Marshaling securities. An equitable practice, which consists in so ranking or arranging classes of creditors, with respect to the assets of the common debtor, as to provide for satisfaction of the greatest number of claims. The process is this: Where one class of creditors have liens or securities on two funds, while another class of creditors can resort to only one of those funds, equity will compel the doubly-secured creditors to first exhaust one fund which will leave the single security of the other creditors intact. See 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 633.

MARSHALSEA. In English law. A prison belonging to the king's bench. It has now been consolidated with others, under the name of the "King's Prison.”

—Marshalsea, court of. The court of the Marshalsea had jurisdiction in actions of debt or torts, the cause of which arose within the verge of that court. It was abolished by the St. 12 & 13 Vict. c. 101. 4 Steph. Comm. 317, note d.

MART. A place of public traffic or sale.

MARTE SUO DECURRERE. Let. To run by its own force. A term applied in the civil law to a suit when it ran its course to the end without any impediment. Calvin.

MARTIAL LAW. A system of law, obtaining only in time of actual war and grow-
ing out of the exigencies thereof, arbitrary in its character, and depending only on the will of the commander of an army, which is established and administered in a place or district of hostile territory held in belligerent possession, or, sometimes, in places occupied or pervaded by insurgents or mobs, and which suspends all existing civil laws, as well as the civil authority and the ordinary administration of justice. See In re Ezet (D. C.) 62 Fed. 972; Diekelman v. U. S., 31 Ct. Cl. 439; Com. v. Shortall, 206 Pa. 165, 55 Atl. 932, 65 L. R. A. 193, 98 Am. St. Rep. 759; Griffin v. Wilcox, 21 Ind. 377. See also, MILITARY LAW.

"Martial law, which is built upon no settled principles, but is entirely arbitrary in its decisions, is in truth and reality no law, but something indubitably rather than allowed as a law. The necessity of order and discipline in an army is the only thing which can give it countenance, and the before it is thought of to be permitted in time of peace, when the king's courts are open for all persons to receive justice according to the laws of the land." 1 Bl. Comm. 413.

Martial law is not the same thing as military law. The latter applies only to persons connected with the military forces of the country or to affairs connected with the army or with war, but is permanent in its nature. It is specific in its rules and recognized part of the law of the land. The former applies, when in existence, to all persons alike who are within the territory covered, but is transient in its nature, existing only in time of war or insurrection, is not specific or always the same, as it depends on the will and discretion of the military commander, and is no part of the law of the land.

MARTINMAS. The feast of St. Martin of Tours, on the 11th of November; sometimes corrupted into “Martilmas” or “Mar-tiemas.” It is the third of the four quarter-days of the year. Wharton.

MARTUS. In old Scotch law. A mairre; an officer or executor of summons. Otherwise called "preco regis." Skene.

MASAGIUM. L. Lat. A messuage.

MASSA. In the civil law. A mass; an unwrought substance, such as gold or silver, before it is wrought into cups or other articles. Dig. 47, 2, 52, 14; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, §§ 17, 22.

MAST. To fatten with mast, (acorns, etc.) 1 Leon. 186.

MAST-SELLING. In old English law. The practice of selling the goods of dead seamen at the mast. Held vold. 7 Mod. 141.

MASTER. One having authority; one who rules, directs, instructs, orsuperintends; a head or chief; an instructor; an employer. Applied to several judicial officers. See infra.

—Master and servant. The relation of master and servant exists where one person, for pay or other valuable consideration, enters into the service of another and devotes to him his personal labor for an agreed period. Sweet.

—Master at common law. The title of officers of the English superior courts of common law appointed to record the proceedings of the court to which they belong; to superintend the issue of writs and the formal proceedings in an action; to receive and sign, or be charged on legal proceedings, and moneys paid into court. There are five in each court. They are appointed under St. 7 Wm. IV. and 1 Vict. c. 30, see Wharton.

—Master in chancery. An officer of a court of chancery who acts as an assistant to the judge. His office is subordinate and restricted to such matters as may be referred to him by the court, examine causes, take testimony, take accounts, compute damages, etc., reporting his findings to the court in such shape that a decree may be made; also to take oaths and affidavits and acknowledgments of deeds. In modern practice, many of the functions of a master are performed by clerks, commissioners, and solicitors, and referees, and in some jurisdictions the office has been superseded. See Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 512, 9 Sup. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 764; Schuchardt v. People, 99 Ill. 601, 39 Am. Rep. 34.—Master in lunacy. In English law. The masters in lunacy are judicial officers appointed by the lord chancellor for the purpose of conducting inquiries into the state of mind of persons alleged to be lunatics. Such inquiries usually take place before a jury. 2 Steph. Comm. 511-513.—Master of a ship. In maritime law. The commander of a merchant vessel, who has the chief charge of her government and navigation and the command of the crew, as well as the general care and control of the vessel and cargo, as the representative and confidential agent of the owner. He is commonly called the “captain.” See Britnell, 3 N. Y. Sup. Ct. 290; Hubbell v. Denison, 20 Wend. (N. Y.) 181.—Master of the crown office. The king's counselor and attorney in the criminal department of the court of king's bench, who prosecutes at the relation of some private person or common informer, the crown being the nominal prosecutor. St. 6 & 7 Vict. c. 20; Wharton.—Master of the faculties. In English law. An officer under the archbishops, or in courts of consistory, etc., for conducting the business of churches and dioceses. —Master of the mint. In English law. An officer who receives bullion for coined money, and pays for it, pays any charges on it, and everything belonging to the mint. He is usually called the “warden of the mint.” It is provided by St. 10, § 14, 24 Vict. c. 9, that the controller of the exchequer for the time being shall be the master of the mint.—Master of the ordnance. In English law. A great officer, to whom the royal ordnance and armory were committed.—Master of the rolls. In English law. An assistant judge of the
material and effective dispute, or has a motion propounded, is material when it is relevant and goes to the substantial matters in the case. Evidence offered in a cause, or a question said to be material when it forms a substantial part of the case presented by the pleadings. Evidence offered in a cause, or a question said to be material when it is relevant and goes to the substantial matters in dispute, or has a legitimate and effective influence or bearing on the decision of the case.

Material allegation. A material allegation in a pleading is one essential to the claim or defense, and which could not be stricken from the pleading without leaving it insufficient. Lesko v. Perkins, 48 Ark. 247, 2 S. W. 847; Gillson v. Price, 18 Nev. 100, 1 Pac. 458. A material alteration in any written instrument is one which changes its tenor, or its legal meaning and effect; one which causes it to speak a language different in effect from that which it originally spoke. White v. Harris, 69 S. C. 67, 48 S. E. 41, 104 Am. St. Rep. 791; Foxworthy v. Lacy, 94 Neb. 216, 89 N. W. 856; 62 La. R. 293; Organ v. Allison, 9 Baxt. (Tenn.) 462. Material fact. See Fact. Material-man. A person who has furnished materials used in the construction or repair of a building, structure, or vessel. See Curlett v. Aaron, 6 Howst. (Del.) 478.

Materiality. The property or character of being material. See Material.

Materials. The substance or matter of which anything is made; matter furnished for the erection of a house, ship, or other structure; matter used or intended to be used in the construction of any mechanical product. See Moyer v. Pennsylvania Slate Co., 71 Pa. 293.

Materna Materinis. Lat. A maximum of the French law, signifying that property of a decedent acquired by him through his mother descends to the relations on the mother's side.

Maternal. That which belongs to, or comes from, the mother; as maternal authority, maternal relation, maternal estate, maternal line.

Material property. That which comes from the mother of the party, and other ascendants from maternal stock. Dom. Liv. Fre. t. 3, s. 2, no. 12.

Maternity. The character, relation, state, or condition of a mother.

Matetera. Lat. In the civil law. A maternal aunt; a mother's sister. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 659.

Matetera magna. A great aunt; a grandmother's sister. (osia soror;) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 15. Matetera major. A greater aunt; a great-grandmother's sister, (proavia soror;) a father's or mother's great-aunt, (patria et materis materterae magna.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 16.

Matetera maxima. A greatest aunt; a great-great-grandmother's sister, (avonias soror;) a father's or mother's greater aunt, (patris vel matris materterae major.) Dig. 38, 10, 10, 17.

Mathematical Evidence. See Evidence.

Matricide. The murder of a mother; or one who has slain his mother.

Matricula. In the civil and old English law. A register of the admission of officers and persons entered into any body or
society, whereof a list was made. Hence those who are admitted to a college or university are said to be "matriculated." Also a kind of almshouse, which had revenues appropriated to it, and was usually built near the church, whence the name was given to the church itself. Wharton.

**MATRICULATE.** To enter as a student in a university.

**MATRIMONIAL.** Of or pertaining to marriage, or to its rights and duties.

--- **Matrimonial causes.** In English ecclesiastical law. Causes of action or injuries respecting the right of conjugation, and for restitution of conjugal rights, divorces, and suits for alimony. 3 Bl. Comm. 92-94; 3 Steph. Comm. 712-714.

--- **Matrimonial cohabitation.** The living together of a man and woman ostensibly as husband and wife. 3 Bl. Comm. 117 Ala. 106, 23 South. 806, 41 L. R. A. 760, 67 Am. St. Rep. 166; Wilcox v. Wilcox, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 37. Also the living together of those who are legally husband and wife, the term carrying with it, in this sense, an implication of mutual rights and duties as to sharing the same habitation. Forster v. Forster, 1 Hagg. Consist. 144; U. S. v. Cannon, 4 Utah, 122, 7 Pac. 369.

**MATRIMONIUM.** Lat. In Roman law. A legal marriage, contracted in strict accordance with the forms of the older Roman law, i.e., either with the farreum, the coemptio, or by usus. This was allowed only to Roman citizens and to those neighboring peoples to whom the right of connubium had been conceded. The effect of such a marriage was to bring the wife into the manus, or marital power, of the husband, and to create the patria potestas over the children.

--- Matrimonium subsequens nulit pecosum precedens. Subsequent marriage cures preceding criminality.

**MATRIMONY.** Marriage, (q. v.), in the sense of the relation or status, not of the ceremony.

**MATRIX.** In the civil law. The protocol or first draft of a legal instrument, from which all copies must be taken. See Dowling v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 438, 16 S. W. 53.

--- **Matrix ecclesia.** Lat. A mother church. This term was anciently applied to a cathedral, in relation to the other churches in the same see, or to a parochial church, in relation to the chapels or minor churches attached to it or depending on it. Blount.

**MATRON.** A married woman; an elderly woman. The female superintendent of an establishment or institution, such as a hospital, an orphan asylum, etc., is often so called.

**MATRONS, JURY OF.** Such a jury is impaneled to try if a woman condemned to death be with child.

**MATTER.** Facts; substance as distinguished from form; the merits of a case.

--- **Matter in controversy, or in dispute.** The subject of litigation; the matter for which a suit is brought and upon which issue is joined. Lee v. Watson, 1 Wall. 357, 17 L. Ed. 557.

--- **Matter in deed.** Such matter as may be proved or established by a deed or specialty. Matter of fact, in contradistinction to matter of law. Co. Litt. 320; Stephe. Pl. 197.—**Matter in issue.** That upon which the plaintiff proceeds in his action, and which the defendant controverts by his pleadings, not including facts offered in evidence to establish the matters in issue. King v. Chase, 15 N. H. 9, 41 Am. Dec. 675. That ultimate fact or state of facts in dispute upon which the verdict or finding is predicated. Smith v. Ontario (C. C.) 4 Fed. 386. See 2 Black, Judgm. § 614, and cases cited.—**Matter in pais.** Matter of fact that is not in writing; thus distinguished from matter in deed and matter of record; matter that must be proved by parol evidence.—**Matter of course.** Anything done or taken in the course of routine procedure, which is permissible and valid without being specially applied for and allowed.—**Matter of fact.** That which is to be ascertained by the senses, or by the testimony of witnesses describing what they have perceived. Distinguished from matter of law.—**Matter of form.** See Form.—**Matter of law.** Whatever is to be ascertained or decided by the application of statutory rules or the principles and determinations of the law, as distinguished from the investigation of particular facts, is called "matter of law."—**Matter of record.** Any judicial matter or proceeding entered on the records of a court, and to be proved by the production of such record. It differs from matter in deed, which consists of facts which may be proved by specialty.—**Matter of substance.** That which goes to the merits. The opposite of matter of form.—**Matters of subsistence for men.** This phrase comprehends all articles or things, whether animal or vegetable, living or dead, which are used for food, and whether they are consumed in the form in which they are bought from the producer or are only consumed after undergoing a process of preparation, which is greater or less, according to the character of the article. Sledd v. Com., 19 Grat. (Va.) 813.

**Matter in leye no serra mise in bouteche del jurors.** Jenk. Cent. 180. Matter of law shall not be put into the mouth of the jurors.

**Maturitada sunt vota mulierum quam virorum.** 6 Coke, 71. The desires of women are more mature than those of men; i.e., women arrive at maturity earlier than men.


**MAUGRE.** L. Fr. In spite of; against the will of. Litt. § 672.
MAUNDY THURSDAY. The day preceding Good Friday, on which princes gave alms.

MAXIM. An established principle or proposition. A principle of law universally admitted, as being a correct statement of the law, or as agreeable to natural reason.

Coke defines a maxim to be "conclusion of reason," and says that it is so called "quia maxima ejus dignitas et certissima auctoris, et quod maxime omnibus prooetur." Co. Litt. 11a. He says in another place: "A maxim is a proposition to be of all men confessed and granted without proofe, argument, or discourse." Id. 67a.

The maxims of the law, in Latin, French, and English, will be found distributed through this book in their proper alphabetical order.

Maxime paci sunt contraria vis et injuria. The greatest enemies to peace are force and wrong. Co. Litt. 161b.

Maximus erroris populus magister. Bacon. The people is the greatest master of error.

"MAY," in the construction of public statutes, is to be construed "must" in all cases where the legislature mean to impose a positive and absolute duty, and not merely to give a discretionary power. Minor v. Mechanics' Bank, 1 Pet. 46, 64, 7 L. Ed. 47; New York v. Furze, 3 Hill (N. Y.) 612, 615.

MEAN, or MESNE. A middle between two extremes, whether applied to persons, things, or time.

MEANDER. To meander means to follow a winding or flexuous course; and when it is said, in a description of land, "thence with the meander of the river," it must mean a meandered line,—a line which follows the sinuosities of the river,—or, in other words, that the river is the boundary between the points indicated. Turner v. Parker, 14 Or. 341, 12 Pac. 495; Schurmeier v. St Paul & P. R. Co., 10 Minn. 100 (Gil. 75), 88 Am. Dec. 59.

This term is used in some jurisdictions with the meaning of surveying and mapping a stream according to its meanderings, or windings and turnings. See Jones v. Pettibone, 2 Wis. 317.
not the meander line as naturally run on the ground, is the boundary. St. Paul & P. R. R. Co. v. Schurmeier, 7 Wall. 256, 19 L. Ed. 74; Niles v. Cedar Point Club, 175 U. S. 300, 20 Sup. Ct. 124, 44 L. Ed. 171.

MEANS. 1. The instrument or agency through which an end or purpose is accomplished.

2. Resources; available property; money or property, as an available instrumentality for effecting a purpose, furnishing a livelihood, paying a debt, or the like.

—Means of support. This term embraces all those resources from which the necessaries and comforts of life are or may be supplied, such as lands,odialamas, wages, or sources of income. Meidel v. Anthie, 71 Ill. 241.

MEASE, or MESE. Norman-French for a house. Litt. §§ 74, 251

MEASON-DUE. (Corruption of maison de Dieu.) A house of God; a monastery; religious house or hospital. See 39 Eliz. c. 5.

MEASURE. That by which extent or dimension is ascertained, either length, breadth, thickness, capacity, or amount. Webster. The rule by which anything is adjusted or proportioned.

—Measure of damages. The rule, or rather the system of rules, governing the adjustment or apportionment of damages as a compensation for injuries in actions at law.—Measure of value. In the ordinary sense of the word, "measure" would mean something by comparison with which we may ascertain what is the value of anything. When we consider, further, that value itself is relative, and that two things are necessary to constitute it, independently of the third thing, which is to measure it, we may define a "measure of value" to be something by comparing with which any two other things we may infer their value in relation to one another. 2 Mill, Pol. Econ. 101.

MEASURER, or METER. An officer in the city of London, who measured woolen clothes, coals, etc.

MEASURING MONEY. In old English law. A duty which some persons exacted, by letters patent, for every piece of cloth made, besides alnage. Now abolished.

MECHANIC. A workman employed in shaping and uniting materials, such as wood, metal, etc., into some kind of structure, made, besides alnage. Now abolished.

MECHANICAL. Having relation to, or produced or accomplished by, the use of mechanism or machinery. Used chiefly in patent law. See compound terms infra.

—Mechanical equivalent. A device which may be substituted or adopted, instead of an other, by any person skilled in the particular art from his knowledge of the art, and which is competent to perform the same functions or produce the same result, without introducing an original idea or changing the general idea of means. Johnson v. Root, 13 Fed. Cas. 533; Smith v. Marshall, 22 Fed. Cas. 505; Alaska Packers' Ass'n v. Letson (C. C.) 119 Fed. 611; Jensen Can-Filling Mach. Co. v. Norton, 67 Fed. 239, 14 C. C. A. 393; Adams Electric H. Co. v. Lindell R. Inve., 460, 23 C. C. A. 223.—Mechanical movement. A mechanism transmitting power or motion from a driving part to a part to be driven; a combination and arrangement of mechanical parts intended for the translation or transformation of motion. Campbell Printing Press Co. v. Miehle Printing Press Co., 102 Fed. 159, 42 C. C. A. 223.—Mechanical process. See Process.—Mechanical skill. As distinguished from invention or inventive capacity, this term means such skill, intelligence, ingenuity, or constructive ability in the adaptation of means to ends as would be possessed and exhibited by an ordinarily clever mechanic in the practice of his particular art or trade. See Hollister v. Benedict & B. Mfg. Co., 113 U. S. 59, 5 Sup. Ct. 77, 28 L. Ed. 907; Johnson v. Pennsylvania Steel Co., 67 Fed. 942; Perfecton Window Cleaner Co. v. Bosley, 2 Fed. 577; Stimpson v. Woodman, 10 Wall. 117, 19 L. Ed. 896.

MEDERIA. In old records. A house or place where meathelin, or mend, was made.

MEDEEF. In old English law. A bribe or reward; a compensation given in exchange, when the thing exchanged were not of equal value. Cowell.


MELDANUS HOMO. A man of middle fortune.

MEDIATE DESCENT. See DESCENT.

MEDIATE POWERS. Those incident to primary powers given by a principal to his agent. For example, the general authority given to collect, receive, and pay debts due by or to the principal is a primary power. In order to accomplish this, it is frequently required to settle accounts, adjust disputed claims, resist those which are unjust, and answer and defend suits. These subordinate powers are sometimes called "mediate powers." Story, Ag. § 53.

MEDIATE TESTIMONY. Secondary evidence, (q. v.)

MEDIATION. Intervention; interposition; the act of a third person who interferes between two contending parties with a view to reconcile them or persuade them to adjust or settle their dispute. In international law and diplomacy, the word denotes the friendly interference of a state in the controversies of others, for the purpose, by its influence and by adjusting their difficulties, of keeping the peace in the family of nations.

MEDIATOR. One who interposes between parties at variance for the purpose of reconciling them. —Mediators of questions. In English law. Six persons authorized by statute. (27 Edw. Ill. St. 2, c. 24,) who, upon any question arising among merchants relating to unmerchantable wool, or undue packing, etc., might, before the mayor and officers of the staple upon their oath certify and settle the same; to whose determination therein the parties concerned were to submit. Cowell.

MEDICAL. Pertaining, relating, or belonging to the study and practice of medicine, or the science and art of the investigation, prevention, cure, and alleviation of disease. —Medical evidence. Evidence furnished by medical men, testifying in their professional capacity as experts, or by standard treatises on medicine or surgery. —Medical jurisprudence. See JURISPRUDENCE.

MEDICINE. "The practice of medicine is a pursuit very generally known and understood, and so also is that of surgery. The former includes the application and use of medicines and drugs for the purpose of curing, mitigating, or alleviating bodily diseases, while the functions of the latter are limited to manual operations usually performed by surgical instruments or appliances." Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 633.

—Forensic medicine. Another name for medical jurisprudence. See JURISPRUDENCE. —Schools of medicine. See OSTEOPATHY; PSYCHOTHERAPY.

MEDICINE-CHEST. A box containing an assortment of medicines, required by statute to be carried by all vessels above a certain tonnage.

MEDICO-LEGAL. Relating to the law concerning medical questions.

MEDETAS LINGUE. In old practice. Moiety of tongue; half-tongue. Applied to a jury impaneled in a cause consisting the one half of natives, and the other half of foreigners. See DE MEDIEATA LINGUE.

MEDIO ACQUETANDO. A judicial writ to distrain a lord for the acquitting of a mesne lord from a rent, which he had acknowledged in court not to belong to him. Reg. Jur. 129.

MEDITATIO FUGÆ. In Scotch law. Contemplation of flight; intention to abscond. 2 Kames, Eq. 14, 15.

MEDIUM TEMPUS. In old English law. Meantime; mesne profits. Cowell.

MEDLETUM. In old English law. A mixing together; a medley or mêlée; an affray or sudden encounter. An offense suddenly committed in an affray. The English word "medley" is preserved in the term "chance-medley." An intermeddling, without violence, in any matter of business. Spelman.

MEDLEY. An affray; a sudden or casual fighting; a hand to hand battle; a mêlée. See CHANCE-MEDLEY; CHAUD-MEDLEY.

MEDSCREAT. In old English law. A bribe; hush money.

MEDSYPP. A harvest supper or entertainment given to laborers at harvest-home. Cowell.

MEETING. A coming together of persons; an assembly. Particularly, in law, an assembling of a number of persons for the purpose of discussing and acting upon some matter or matters in which they have a common interest.

—Called meeting. In the law of corporations, a meeting not held at a time specially appointed for it by the charter or by-laws, but assembled in pursuance of a "call" or summons proceeding from some officer, committee or group of stockholders, or other persons having authority in that behalf. —Family meeting. See FAMILY. —General meeting. A meeting of all the stockholders of a corporation, all the creditors of a bankrupt, etc. In re Bonnaffe, 23 N. Y. 177; Mutual F. Ins. Co. v. Farquhar, 88 Md. 665, 39 Atl. 327. —Regular meeting. In the law of public and private corporations, a meeting (of directors, trustees, stockholders, etc.) held at the time and place appointed for it by statute, by-law, charter or other positive direction. See State v. Wilkesville Tp., 20 Ohio St. 296. —Special meeting. In the law of corporations. A meeting called for special purposes; one limited to particular business; a meeting for those purposes of which the parties have had special notice. Mu-
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tual F. Ins. Co. v. Parquhar, 86 Md. 683, 39 Atl. 557; Warren v. Mower, 11 Vt. 385.—Stated meeting. A meeting held at a stated or duly appointed time and place; a regular meeting, (q. v.)—Town meeting. See Town.

MEGBOTE. In Saxon law. A recompense for the murder of a relation.

MEIGNE, or MAISNADER. In old English law. A family.

MEINDRE AGE. L. Fr. Minority; lesser age. Kelham.

MEINY, MEINE, or MEINIE. In old English law. A household; staff or suite of attendants; a retinue; particularly, the royal household.


MELANCHOLIA. In medical jurisprudence. A kind of mental unsoundness characterized by extreme depression of spirits, ill-grounded fears, delusions, and brooding over one particular subject or train of idea. Webster. See INSANITY.

MELBEFOH. In Saxon law. The recompense due and given to him who made discovery of any breach of penal laws committed by another person, called the "promoter's [i.e., informer's] fee." Wharton.

MELIOR. Lat. Better; the better. Melior res, the better (best) thing or chattel. Bract. fol. 60.

Melior est conditio defendentis. The condition of the party in possession is the better one, i.e., where the right of the parties is equal. Broom, Max. 715, 719.

Melior est conditio possidentis, et rei quam actoris. The condition of the possessor is the better, and the condition of the defendant is better than that of the plaintiff. 4 Inst. 180; Broom, Max. 714, 719.

Melior est conditio possidentis ubi nenter jus habet. Jenk. Cent. 118. The condition of the possessor is the better where neither of the two has a right.

Melior est justitia vera preveniens quam severe puniens. That justice which absolutely prevents [a crime] is better than that which severely punishes it. 3 Inst. Epll.

MELIORATIONS. In Scotch law. Improvements of an estate, other than mere repairs; betterments. 1 Bell, Comm. 75. Occasionally used in English and American law in the sense of valuable and lasting improvements or betterments. See Green v. Biddle, 8 Wheat. 84, 5 L. Ed. 547.

MELOREM conditionem ecclesiae sum facere potest praestatus, deteriorem nequaquam. Co. Litt. 101. A bishop can make the condition of his own church better, but by no means worse.

MELOREM conditionem suam facere potest minor, deteriorem nequaquam. Co. Litt. 337. A minor can make his own condition better, but by no means worse.

Melius est in tempore occurrere, quam post causam vulneratum remedium querere. 2 Inst. 299. It is better to meet a thing in time than after an injury inflicted to seek a remedy.

Melius est jus deficiens quam jus incertum. Law that is deficient is better than law that is uncertain. Loft, 395.

Melius est omnia mala pati quam mala consentire. 3 Inst. 23. It is better to suffer every ill than to consent to ill.

Melius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos. It is better to go to the fountain head than to follow little streamlets.

Melius est recurrere quam male currere. It is better to run back than to run badly; it is better to retrace one's steps than to proceed improperly. 4 Inst. 176.

MELIUS INQUIRENDUM. To be better inquired into.

In old English law. The name of a writ commanding a further inquiry respecting a matter; as, after an imperfect inquisition in proceedings in outlawry, to have a new inquest as to the value of lands.

MEMBER. One of the persons constituting a partnership, association, corporation, guild, etc.

One of the persons constituting a court, a legislative assembly, etc.

One of the limbs or portions of the body capable of being used in fighting in self-defense.

—Member of congress. A member of the senate or house of representatives of the United States. In popular usage, particularly the latter.—Member of parliament. One having the right to sit in either house of the British parliament.

MEMBERS. In English law. Places where a custom-house has been kept of old time, with officers or deputies in attendance; and they are lawful places of exportation or importation. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 726.

MEMBRANA. Lat. In the civil law. Parchment. Dlg. 32, 52.

In old English law. A skin of parchment. The ancient rolls usually consist of several of these skins, and the word "mem-
bran" is used, in citations to them, in the same way as "page" or "folio," to distinguish the particular skin referred to.

**MEMBRUM.** A slip or small piece of land.

**MÉMOIRE.** In French law. A document in the form of a petition, by which appeals to the court of cassation are initiated.

**MEMORANDUM.** Lat. To be remembered; be it remembered. A formal word with which the body of a record in the court of king's bench anciently commenced. Townsh. Pl. 486; 2 Tidd, Pr. 719. The whole clause is now, in practice, termed, from this initial word, the "memorandum," and its use is supposed to have originated from the circumstance that proceedings "by bill" (in which alone it has been employed) were formerly considered as the by-business of the court. Gilb. Com. Pl. 47, 48.

Also an informal note or instrument embodying something that the parties desire to fix in memory by the aid of written evidence, or that is to serve as the basis of a future formal contract or deed.

This word is used in the statute of frauds as the designation of the written agreement, or note or evidence thereof, which must exist in order to bind the parties in the cases provided. The memorandum must be such as to disclose the parties, the nature and substance of the contract, the consideration and promise, and be signed by the party to be bound or his authorized agent. See 2 Kent, Comm. 510.

—Memorandum articles. In the law of marine insurance, this phrase designates the articles of merchandise which are usually mentioned in the memorandum clause, (q. v.), and for which the underwriters' liability is thereby limited. See Wall v. Thompson, 9 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 120, 11 Am. Dec. 675. —Memorandum check. See CHECK.—Memorandum clause. In a policy of marine insurance the memorandum clause is a clause inserted to prevent the underwriters from being liable for injury to goods of a peculiarly perishable nature, and for minor damages. It begins as follows: "N. B. Corn, fish, salt, fruit, flour, and seed are warranted free from average, unless general, or the ship be stranded,"—meaning that the underwriters are not to be liable for damage to these articles caused by seawater or the like. Maude & P. Shipp. 371; 14 Amer. Law Reg. (N. S.) 207.

—Memorandum in error. A document alleging error in fact, accompanied by an affidavit of such matter of fact.—Memorandum clause. In a policy of marine insurance, this phrase designates the memorandum clause, or a memorandum of an alteration in the title or specification of the patent, not being of such a nature as to extend the exclusive right granted by the patent, and thereupon the memorandum is deemed to be part of the letters patent or notes of association. A document to be subscrib-
ed by seven or more persons associated for a lawful purpose, by subscribing which, and otherwise complying with the requirements of the companies' acts in respect of registration, they may form themselves into an incorporated company, with or without limited liability. 3 Steph. Comm. 20.—Memorandum sale. See SALE.

**MEMORIAL.** A document presented to a legislative body, or to the executive, by one or more individuals, containing a petition or a representation of facts.

In English law. That which contains the particulars of a deed, etc., and is the instrument registered, as in the case of an annuity which must be registered. Wharton.

In practice. A short note, abstract, memorandum, or rough draft of the orders of the court, from which the records thereof may at any time be fully made up. State v. Shaw, 73 Vt. 149, 50 Atl. 863.

**MEMORITER.** Lat. From memory; by or from recollection. Thus, memoriter proof of a written instrument is such as is furnished by the recollection of a witness who had seen and known it.

**MEMORIZATION.** Committing anything to memory. Used to describe the act of one who listens to a public representation of a play or drama, and then, from his recollection of its scenes, incidents, or language, reproduces it, substantially or in part, in derogation of the rights of the author. See 5 Term R. 245; 14 Amer. Law Reg. (N. S.) 207.

**MEMORY.** Mental capacity; the mental power to review and recognize the successive states of consciousness in their consecutive order. This word, as used in jurisprudence to denote one of the psychological elements necessary in the making of a valid will or contract or the commission of a crime, implies the mental power to conduct a consecutive train of thought, or an orderly planning of affairs, by recalling correctly the past states of the mind and past events, and arranging them in their due order of sequence and in their logical relations with the events and mental states of the present.

The phrase "sound and disposing mind and memory" means not merely distinct recollection of the items of one's property and the persons among whom it may be given, but entire power of mind to dispose of property by will. Abbott.

Also the reputation and name, good or bad, which a man leaves at his death.

—Legal memory. An ancient usage, custom, supposed grant (as a foundation for prescription) and the like, are said to be immemorial when they are really or fictitiously of such an ancient date that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or, in other words, "beyond legal memory." And legal memory or "time out of mind," according to the rule of the common law, commenced from the reign of Richard I. A. D. 1189. But under the statute of limitation of 32 Hen. VIII. this
MEN OF STRAW

Men who used in former days to ply about courts of law, so called from their manner of making known their occupation, (i.e., by a straw in one of their shoes,) recognized by the name of "straw-shoes." An advocate or lawyer who wanted a convenient witness knew by these signs where to meet with one, and the colloquy between the parties was brief. "Don't you remember?" said the advocate; to which the ready answer was, "To be sure I do." "Then come into court and swear it." And straw-shoes went into court and swore. Athebs abounded in straw-shoes. Quart. Rev. vol. 33, p. 544.

MENACE. A threat; the declaration or show of a disposition or determination to inflict an evil or injury upon another. Cumming v. State, 39 Ga. 662, 27 S. E. 177; Morrill v. Nightingale, 33 Cal. 452, 28 Pac. 1068, 27 Am. St. Rep. 207.

MENETUM. In old Scotch law. A stockhorn; a horn made of wood, "with circles and girds of the same." Skene.

MENIAL. A servant of the lowest order; more strictly, a domestic servant living under his master's roof. Boniface v. Scott, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 501.

MENS. Lat. Mind; intention; meaning; understanding; will.

Mens legis. The mind of the law; that is, the purpose, spirit, or intention of a law or the law generally.—Mens legislatoria. The intention of the law-maker.—Mens rea. A guilty mind; a guilty or wrongful purpose; a criminal intent.

Mens testerior in testamentis speculanda est. Jenk. Cent. 277. The intention of the testator is to be regarded in wills.

MENSA. Lat. Patrimony or goods and necessary things for livelihood. Jacob. A table; the table of a money-changer. Dig. 2, 14, 47.

Mensa et thoro. From bed and board. See Divorce.

MENASIA. Personages or spiritual livings united to the tables of religious houses, and called "mensal benefices" amongst the canonists. Cowell.

MENSIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A month. Mensis velitius, the prohibited month; fence-month, (q. v.)

MENSOR. In the civil law. A measurer of land; a surveyor. Dig. 11, 6; Id. 50, 6, 6; Cod. 12, 23.
and commerce or the buying and selling of commodities. See In re San Gabriel Sana
torium (D. C.) 95 Fed. 273; In re Pacific
Coast Warehouse Co. (C. C.) 123 Fed. 750;

—Mercantile ageone. Establishments
which make a business of collecting information
relating to the credit, character, responsibility,
and reputation of merchants, for the purpose of
furnishing the information to subscribers.
Brookfield v. Kitchen, 163 Mo. 546, 63 S. W.
825; State v. Morgan, 2 S. D. 32, 48 N. W.
314; Eaton, etc., Co. v. Avery, 83 N. Y. 34,
igan Barge Co., 52 Mich. 164, 17 N. W. 790.

—Mercantile law. An expression substan-
tially equivalent to the law-merchant or com-
cercial law. It designates the system of rules,
customs, and usage generally recognized and
adopted by merchants and traders, and which,
either in its simplicity or as modified by com-
mon law or statutes, constitutes the law for
the regulation of their transactions and the
solution of their controversies.—Mercantile
law amendment acts. The statutes 19 &
20 Vict. cc. 60, 97, passed mainly for the pur-
purpose of assimilating the mercantile law of Eng-
land, Scotland, and Ireland.—Mercantile
paper. Commercial paper; such negotiable
paper (bills, notes, checks, etc.) as is made or
transferred by and between merchants or trad-
ers, and is governed by the usages of the busi-
ness world and the law-merchant.—Mercantile
partnership. One which habitually buys and
sells; one which buys for the purpose of after-
wards selling. Com. v. Natural Gas Co., 32
Pittsb. Leg. J. (O. S.) 310.

MERCAT. A market. An old form of
the latter word common in Scotch law, form-
ed from the Latin “mercata.”

MERCATIVE. Belonging to trade.

MERCATUM. Lat. A market. A con-
tract of sale. Supplies for an army, (com-
meatus.)

MERCATURE. The practice of buying
and selling.

MERCEDARY. A hirer; one that hires.

MERICANGE. The law of the Mer-
cians. One of the three principal systems of
laws which prevailed in England about the
beginning of the eleventh century. It was
observed in many of the midland counties,
and those bordering on the principality of
Wales. 1 Bl. Comm. 65.

MERICANCIUS. A hirer or servant.
Jacob.

MERCES. Lat. In the civil law. Re-
ward of labor in money or other things. As
distinguished from “pensio,” it means the
rent of farms, (preedia rustici.) Calvin.

MERCENDISE. All commodities
which merchants usually buy and sell, whether at
wholesale or retail; wares and commodities
such as are ordinarily the objects of trade
and commerce. But the term is never un-
derstood as including real estate, and is
rarely applied to provisions such as are pur-
chased daily by day, or to such other articles
as are required for immediate consumption.
See Passaic Mfg. Co. v. Hoffman, 3 Daly (N.
Y.) 612; Hein v. O’Connor (Tex. App.) 15 S.
W. 414; Blythe & Swartwout, 10 Pet. 137,
9 L. Ed. 373; Pickett v. State, 80 Ala. 75;
The Marine City (D. C.) 6 Fed. 415.

—Mercandise marks act, 1862. The statu-
tute 25 & 26 Vict. c. 88, designed to prevent the
fraudulent marking of merchandise and the
fraudulent sale of merchandise falsely marked.

MERCHANT. A man who traffics or car-
ries on trade with foreign countries, or who
exports and imports goods and sells them by
wholesale. Webster. Merchants of this de-
scription are commonly known by the name of
“shipping merchants.”

A trader; one who, as a business, buys and
sells wares and merchandise. See White v.
Com., 78 Va. 485; Rosenbaum v. Newbern,
118 N. C. 88, 24 S. E. 1, 38 L. B. A. 123; Gal-
veston County v. Gorham, 49 Tex. 296; In
re Cameron, etc., Ins. Co. (D. C.) 96 Fed. 757;
State v. Smith, 5 Humph. (Tenn.) 395; U. S.

—Commission merchant. See COMMISSION.

—Law merchant. See MERCANTILE.—Mer-
chant appraisers. See APPRAISER.—Mer-
chant seaman. A sailor employed in a pri-
vate vessel, as distinguished from one employed
in the navy or public ships. U. S. v. Sulli-
van (C. C.) 13 Fed. 604; The Ben Flint, 3
Fed. 182.—Merchant shipping acts.
Certain English statutes, beginning with the
St. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 181, whereby a general
superintendence of merchant shipping is vested
in the board of trade.—Merchant’s accounts.
Accounts between merchant and merchant,
which must be current, mutual, and unsettled,
consisting of debts and credits for merchan-
dise. Fox v. Fisk, 6 How. (Miss.) 328.—Mer-
chants, statute of. The English statute 13
Edw. I. St. 16 & 17 Vict. c. 131, repealed by 26 & 27 Vict. c. 126.

—Statute merchant. See STATUTE.

MERCHANTABLE. Fit for sale; vend-
ible in market; of a quality such as will
bring the ordinary market price. Riggs v.
Armstrong, 23 W. Va. 773; Pacific Coast
Elevator Co. v. Bravinder, 14 Wash. 315, 44
Pac. 544.

MERCHANTMAN. A ship or vessel em-
ployed in foreign or domestic commerce or in
the merchant service.

MERCET. In feudal law. A fine or
composition paid by inferior tenants to the
lord for liberty to dispose of their daughters
in marriage. Cowell. The same as mar-
cheta (q. v.)

MERCIAMENT. An amerciament, pen-
alty, or fine, (q. v.)

MERCIONIA. In old writs. Wares.
Mercionia et mercandizas, wares and mer-

MERCIONIATUS ANGLIE. In old
records. The Impost of England upon mer-
chandise. Cowell.
Mercis appellatio ad res mobiles tantum pertinet. The term “merchandise” belongs to movable things only. Dig. 50, 16, 66.

Mercis appellatione homines non contineri. Men are not included under the denomination of “merchandise.” Dig. 50, 16, 207.

MERCY. In practice. The arbitrament of the king or judge in punishing offenses not directly censured by law. Jacob. So, “to be in mercy” signifies to be merced or fined for bringing or defending an unjust suit, or to be liable to punishment in the discretion of the court.

In criminal law. The discretion of a judge, within the limits prescribed by positive law, to remit altogether the punishment to which a convicted person is liable, or to mitigate the severity of his sentence; as when a jury recommends the prisoner to the mercy of the court.


MERE. L. Fr. Mother. filia, mere, fille, grandmother, mother, daughter. Britt. c. 89. En ventre sa mere, in its mother’s womb.

MERE MOTION. The free and voluntary act of a party himself, done without the suggestion or influence of another person, is said to be done of his mere motion, ex mero motu, (g. v.) Brown.

The phrase is used of an interference of the courts of law, who will, under some circumstances, of their own motion, object to an irregularity in the proceedings, though no objection has been taken to the informality by the plaintiff or defendant in the suit. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 430.

MERE RIGHT. The mere right of property in land; the jus proprietatis, without either possession or even the right of possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 197. The abstract right of property.


MERENNIUM. In old records. Timber. Cowell.

MERETRICIOUS. Of the nature of unlawful sexual connection. The term is descriptive of the relation sustained by persons who contract a marriage that is void by reason of legal incapacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 436.

MERGER. The fusion or absorption of one thing or right into another; generally spoken of a case where one of the subjects is of less dignity or importance than the other. Here the less important ceases to have an independent existence.

In real-property law. It is a general principle of law that where a greater estate and a less coincide and meet in one and the same person, without any intermediate estate, the less is immediately annihilated, or, in the law phrase, is said to be merged, that is, sunk or drowned, in the greater. Thus, if there be tenant for years, and the reversion in fee-simple descends to or is purchased by him, the term of years is merged in the inheritance, and shall never exist any more. 2 Bl. Comm. 177; 1 Steph. Comm. 293; 4 Kent, Comm. 99. James v. Morey, 2 Cow. (N. Y.) 300, 14 Am. Dec. 475; Duncan v. Smith, 31 N. J. Law, 327.

Of rights. This term, as applied to rights, is equivalent to “confusio” in the Roman law, and indicates that where the qualities of debtor and creditor become united in the same individual, there arises a confusion of rights which extinguishes both qualities; whence, also, merger is often called “extinguishment.” Brown.

Rights of action. In the law relating to rights of action, when a person takes or acquires a remedy or security of a higher nature, in legal estimation, than the one which he already possesses for the same right, then his remedies in respect of the minor right or security merge in those attaching to the higher one. Leake, Cont. 506; 10 C. B. 581. As where a claim is merged in the judgment recovered upon it.

In criminal law. When a man commits a great crime which includes a lesser, or commits a felony which includes a tort against a private person, the latter is merged in the former. 1 East, P. C. 411.

Of corporations. A merger of corporations consist in the uniting of two or more corporations by the transfer of property of all to one of them, which continues in existence, the others being swallowed up or merged therein. In regard to the survivorship of one of the constituent corporations, it differs from a “consolidation,” wherein all the consolidating companies surrender their separate existence and become parts of a new corporation. Adams v. Yaroo & M. V. R. Co., 77 Miss. 194, 24 South. 200, 60 L. R. A. 33; Vicksburg & Y. C. Tel. Co. v. Citizens' Tel. Co., 70 Miss. 341, 50 South. 725, 59 Am. St. Rep. 656.


MERITORIOUS. Possessing or characterized by “merit” in the legal sense of the word. See MERIT.

—Meritorious cause of action. This description is sometimes applied to a person with whom the ground of action, or the consideration, originated or from whom it moved. For exam-
ple, where a cause of action accrues to a woman while sole, and is sued for, after her marriage, by her husband and herself jointly, she is called the "meritorious cause of action."—Meritorious consideration. One founded upon some moral obligation; a valuable consideration in the second degree.—Meritorious defense. See Defense.

MERITS. In practice. Matter of substance in law, as distinguished from matter of mere form; a substantial ground of defense in law. A defendant is said "to swear to merits" or "to make affidavit of merits" when he makes affidavit that he has a good and sufficient or substantial defense to the action on the merits. 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 543, 544. "Merits," in this application of it, has the technical sense of merits in law, and is not confined to a strictly moral and conscientious defense. Id. 545; 1 Burrill, Pr. 214; Rahn v. Gunnison, 12 Wis. 529; Bolton v. D.W., 69 N.H. 429, 45 Atl. 243; Oatman v. Bond, 15 Wis. 26.

As used in the New York Code of Procedure, § 349, it has been held to mean "the strict legal rights of the parties, as contradistinguished from those mere questions of practice which every court regulates for itself, and from all matters which depend upon the discretion or favor of the court." St. Johns v. West, 4 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 332.

A "defense upon the merits" is one which depends upon the inherent justice of the defendant's contention, as shown by the substantial facts of the case, as distinguished from one which rests upon technical objections or some collateral matter. Thus there may be a good defense growing out of an error in the plaintiff's pleadings, but there is not a defense upon the merits unless the real nature of the transaction in controversy shows the defendant to be in the right.

MERO MOTU. See Ex Mero Motu; Mere Motion.

MERSCUM. A lake; also a marsh or fen-land.

MERTLAGE. A church calendar or rubric. Cowell.

MERTON, STATUTE OF. An old English statute, relating to dower, legitimacy, wardships, procedure, inclosure of common, and usury. It was passed in 1235, (20 Hen. III.) and was named from Merton, in Surrey, where parliament sat that year. See Barring. St. 41, 46.

MERM. In old English law. Mere; naked or abstract. Merum jus, mere right. Bract. fol. 31.

MERX. Lat. Merchandise; movable articles that are bought and sold; articles of trade.
MESSARIUS. In old English law. A chief servant in husbandry; a bailiff.

MESSE THANE. One who said mass; a priest. Cowell.

MESSANGER. One who bears messages or errands; a ministerial officer employed by executive officers, legislative bodies, and courts of justice, whose service consists principally in carrying verbal or written communications or executing other orders. In Scotland there are officers attached to the courts, called "messengers at arms."

An officer attached to a bankruptcy court, whose duty consists, among other things, in seizing and taking possession of the bankrupt's estate during the proceedings in bankruptcy.

The messenger of the English court of chancery has the duty of attending on the great seal, either in person or by deputy, and must be ready to execute all such orders as he shall receive from the lord chancellor, lord keeper, or lords commissioners.

Messe sementem sequitur. The crop belongs to [follows] the sower. A maxim in Scotch law. Where a person is in possession of land which he has reason to believe is his own, and sows that land, he will have a right to the crops, although before it is cut down it should be discovered that another has a preferable title to the land.

MESSUAGE. This term is now synonymous with "dwelling-house," but had once a more extended signification. It is frequently used in deeds, in describing the premises. Marmet Co. v. Archibald, 37 W. Va. 778, 17 S. E. 300; Grimes v. Wilson, 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 833; Derby v. Jones, 27 Me. 850; Davis v. Lowden, 36 N. J. Eq. 126, 38 Atl. 648.

Although the word "messuage" may, there is no necessity that it must import more than the word "dwelling-house," with which word it is frequently put in apposition and used synonymously. 2 Bing. N. C. 617.

In Scotland. The principal dwelling-house within a barony. Bell.

MESTIZO. A mongrel or person of mixed blood; sometimes used as equivalent to "octoroon," that is, the child of a white person and a quadroon, sometimes as denoting a person one of whose parents was a Spaniard and the other an American Indian.

META. Lat. A goal, bound, or turning-point. In old English law, the term was used to denote a bound or boundary line of land; a landmark; a material object, as a tree or a pillar, marking the position or beginning of a boundary line.

METACHRONISM. An error in computation of time.

METALLUM. Lat. In Roman law. Metal; a mine. Labor in mines, as a punishment for crime. Dig. 40, 5, 24, 5; Calvin.

METATUS. In old European law. A dwelling; a seat; a station; quarters; the place where one lives or stays. Spelman.

METAYER SYSTEM. A system of agricultural holdings, under which the land is divided, in small farms, among single families, the landlord generally supplying the stock which the agricultural system of the country is considered to require, and receiving, in lieu of rent and profit, a fixed proportion of the produce. This proportion, which is generally paid in kind, is usually one-half. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 296, 363; and 2 Smith, Wealth Nat. 8, c. ii. The system prevails in some parts of France and Italy.

METECORN. A measure or portion of corn, given by a lord to customary tenants as a reward and encouragement for labor. Cowell.

METEGAVEL. A tribute or rent paid in victuals. Cowell.

METER. An instrument of measurement; as a coal-meter, a gas-meter, a land-meter.

METES AND BOUNDS. In conveyancing. The boundary lines of lands, with their terminating points or angles. People v. Guthrie, 46 Ill. App. 128; Rollins v. Mooers, 25 Me. 196.

METEWAND, or METETARD. A staff of a certain length wherewith measures are taken.


METHOD. In patent law. "Engine" and "method" mean the same thing, and may be the subject of a patent. Method, properly speaking, is only placing several things, or performing several operations, in the most convenient order, but it may signify a contrivance or device. Fessen. Pat. 127; Hornblower v. Boulton, 8 Term R. 106.

METHOMANIA. See INSANITY.

METRE. The unit of measure in the "metric system" of weights and measures. It is a measure of length, being the ten-millionth part of the distance from the equator.
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to the north pole, and equivalent to 39.37 inches. From this unit all the other denominations of measure, as well as of weight, are derived. The metric system was first adopted in France in 1795.

METRIC SYSTEM. A system of measures for length, surface, weight, and capacity, founded on the metre as a unit. It originated in France, has been established by law there and in some other countries, and is recommended for general use by other governments.

METROPOLIS. A mother city; one from which a colony was sent out. The capital of a province. Calvin.

METROPOLITAN. In English law. One of the titles of an archbishop. Derived from the circumstance that archbishops were consecrated at first in the metropolis of a province. 4 Inst. 94.

In England, the word is frequently used to designate a statute, institution, governmental agency, etc., relating exclusively or especially to the city of London; e. g., the metropolitan board of works, metropolitan buildings act, etc.

—Metropolitan board of works. A board constituted in 1855 by St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 120, for the better sewerage, draining, paving, cleansing, lighting, and improving the metropolis (London.) The board is elected by vestries and district boards, who in their turn are elected by the rate-payers. Wharton.—Metropolitan police district. A region composed of New York city and some adjacent territory, which was, for police purposes, organized as one district, and provided with a police force common to the whole.

METTESHEP, or METTENSCHEP. In old records. An acknowledgment paid in a certain measure of corn; or a fine or penalty imposed on tenants for default in not doing their customary service in cutting the lord's corn.

METUS. Lat. Fear; terror. In a technical sense, a reasonable and well-grounded apprehension of some great evil, such as death or mayhem, and not arising out of mere timidity, but such as might fall upon a man of courage. Fear must be of this description in order to amount to duress avoiding a contract. See Bract. lib. 2, c. 5; 1 Bl. Comm. 131; Calvin.

MEUBLES. In French law. The movables of English law. Things are meubles from either of two causes: (1) From their own nature, e. g., tables, chairs; or (2) from the determination of the law, e. g., obligations.


Meum est promittere, non dimittere. It is mine to promise, not to discharge. 2 Rolle, 59.

MICHAELMAS. The feast of the Archangel Michael, celebrated in England on the 29th of September, and one of the usual quarter days.

—Michaelmas head court. A meeting of the heritors of Scotland, at which the roll of freeholders used to be revised. See Bell.—Michaelmas term. One of the four terms of the English courts of common law, beginning on the 2d day of November and ending on the 25th. 3 Steph. Comm. 562.

MICH, or MICH. O. Eng. To practice crimes requiring concealment or secrecy; to pilfer articles secretly. Micher, one who practices secret crime. Webster.

MICHEL-GEMOT. One of the names of the general council immemorially held in England. The Witenagemote.

One of the great councils of king and noblemen in Saxon times. Jacob.

MICHEL-SYNOTH. Great council. One of the names of the general council of the kingdom in the times of the Saxons. 1 Bl. Comm. 147.

MICHERY. In old English law. Theft; cheating.

MIDDLE TERM. A phrase used in logic to denote the term which occurs in both of the premises in the syllogism, being the means of bringing together the two terms in the conclusion.

MIDDLE THREAD. The middle thread of a stream is an imaginary line drawn lengthwise through the middle of its current.

MIDDLEMAN. An agent between two parties, an intermediary who performs the office of a broker or factor between seller and buyer, producer and consumer, land-owner and tenant, etc. Southack v. Lane, 32 Misc. Rep. 141, 65 N Y. Supp. 629; Synnott v. Shaughnessy, 2 Idaho, 122, 7 Pac. 89.

A middleman, in Ireland, is a person who takes land in large tracts from the proprietors, and then rents it out to the peasantry in small portions at a greatly enhanced price. Wharton.

MIDDLESEX, BILL OF. See BILL.

MIDSHIPMAN. In ships of war, a kind of naval cadet, whose business is to second or transmit the orders of the superior officers and assist in the necessary business of the vessel, but understood to be in training for a commission. A passed midshipman is one who has passed an examination and is a candidate for promotion to the rank of lieutenant. See U. S. v. Cook, 128 U. S. 254, 9 Sup. Ct. 108, 32 L. Ed. 464.

MIDSUMMER-DAY. The summer solstice, which is on the 24th day of June, and
the feast of St. John the Baptist, a festival first mentioned by Maximus Tauriceps, A. D. 400. It is generally a quarter-day for the payment of rents, etc. Wharton.

MIDWIFE. In medical jurisprudence. A woman who practices midwifery or acoucheuse.


Migrants jura amittat so privilegia et immunitates domicili prioris. One who emigrates will lose the rights, privileges, and immunities of his former domicile. Voet, Com. ad. Pand. tom. i. 347; 1 Kent, Comm. 76.

MILE. A measure of length or distance, containing 8 furlongs, or 1,760 yards, or 5,280 feet. This is the measure of an ordinary or statute mile; but the nautical or geographical mile contains 6,080 feet.

MILEAGE. A payment or charge, at a fixed rate per mile, allowed as a compensation for traveling expenses to members of legislative bodies, witnesses, sheriffs, and bailiffs. Richardson v. State, 66 Ohio St. 108, 63 N. E. 593; Howes v. Abbott, 78 Cal. 270, 20 Pac. 572.

MILES. Lat. In the civil law. A soldier.

In old English law. A knight, because military service was part of the feudal tenure. Also a tenant by military service, not a knight. 1 Bl. Comm. 404; Seid. Tit. Hon. 394.

MILITARE. To be knighted.

MILITARY. Pertaining to war or to the army; concerned with war. Also the whole body of soldiers; an army.

—Military bounty land. See Bounty.—Military causes. In English law. Causes of action or injuries cognizable in the court military, or court of chivalry. 3 Bl. Comm. 103.

—Military commissions. Courts whose procedure and composition are modeled upon courts-martial, being the tribunals by which alleged violations of martial law are tried and determined. The membership of such commissions is commonly made up of civilians and army officers. They are probably not known outside of the United States, and were first used by General Scott during the Mexican war. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 473.—Military courts. In England the court of chivalry and courts-martial, in America courts-martial and courts of inquiry, are called by this general name.—Military feuds. See Feud.—Military government. The dominion exercised by a general over a conquered state or province. It is a mere application or extension of the force by which the conquest was effected, to the end of keeping the vanquished in subjection; and being derived from war, is incompatible with a state of peace. Contra W. Shortall, 206 Fa. 165, 55 Atl. 952, 65 L. R. A. 193, 98 Am. St. Rep. 793.—Military jurisdiction. "There are, under the constitution, three kinds of military jurisdiction,—one to be exercised both in peace and war something to be exercised in time of foreign war without the boundaries of the United States, or in time of rebellion and civil war when the law and the army occupy districts occupied by rebels, treated as belligerents; and a third to be exercised in time of invasion or insurrection within the limits of the United States, or during rebellion within the limits of states maintaining adhesion to the national government, when the public danger requires its exercise. The first of these is called 'jurisdiction under martial law,' and is found in acts of Congress prescribing rules and articles of war, or otherwise providing for the government of the national forces; the second may be distinguished as 'military government,' superseding, as far as may be deemed expedient, the local law, and exercised by the military commander under the direction of the president, with the express or implied sanction of congress; while the third may be denominated 'martial law proper,' and is called into action by congress, or temporarily, when the action of congress cannot be invited, and in the case of justifying or excusing peril, by the president, in times of insurrection or invasion. Those offenses which are cognizable under the military law are called 'military causes,' and are distinct from those of the municipal law, which are called 'civil causes.'" Wharton.

MILITIA. The body of soldiers in a state enrolled for discipline, but not engaged in actual service except in emergencies, as distinguished from regular troops or a standing army. See Ex parte McCants, 39 Ala. 112; Worth v. Craven County, 118 N. C. 112, 24 S. E. 778; Brown v. Newark, 29 N. J. Law, 228.


—Mill-holms. Low meadows and other fields in the vicinity of mills, or watery places about mill-dams. Enc. Lond.—Mill privilege. A payment or charge, at a fixed rate per mile, allowed as a compensation for traveling expenses to members of legislative bodies, witnesses, sheriffs, and bailiffs. Richardson v. State, 66 Ohio St. 108, 63 N. E. 593; Howes v. Abbott, 78 Cal. 270, 20 Pac. 572.

MILITES. Lat. Knights; and, in Scotch law, freeholders.

In general, a parcel of land on or contiguous to a water-course, suitable for the erection and operation of a mill operated by the power furnished by the stream. See Occum Co. v. Sprague Mfg. Co., 35 Conn. 512; Hasbrouck v. Vermilyea, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 681; Mandeville v. Comstock, 9 Mich. 537. Specifically, in American mining law, a parcel of land constituting a portion of the public domain, located and claimed by the owner of a mining claim under the laws of the United States (or purchased by him from the government and patented,) not exceeding five acres in extent, not including any mineral land, not contiguous to the vein or lode, and occupied and used for the purpose of a mill or for other uses directly connected with the operation of the mine; or a similar parcel of land located and actually used for the purpose of a mill or reduction plant, but not by the owner of an existing mine nor in connection with any particular mining claim. See U. S. Rev. St. § 2337 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1436.)

2. An American money of account, of the value of the tenth part of a cent.

MILLBANK PRISON. Formerly called the “Penitentiary at Millbank.” A prison at Westminster, for convicts under sentence of transportation, until the sentence or order shall be executed, or the convict be entitled to freedom, or be removed to some other place of confinement. This prison is placed under the inspectors of prisons appointed by the secretary of state, who are a body corporate, “The Inspectors of the Millbank Prison.” The inspectors make regulations for the government thereof, subject to the approbation of the secretary of state, and yearly reports to him, to be laid before parliament. The secretary also appoints a governor, chaplain, medical officer, matron, etc. Wharton.

MILLEATE, or MILL-LEAT. A trench to convey water to or from a mill. St. 7 Jac. 1. c. 19.

MILLED MONEY. This term means merely coined money; and it is not necessary that it should be marked or rolled on the edges. Leach, 708.

MILLEOIS. The name of a piece of money in the coinage of Portugal, and the Azores and Madeira islands. Its value at the custom-house, according as it is coined in the first, second, or third of the places named, is $1.12, or 83½ cents, or $1.

MINA. In old English law. A measure of corn or grain. Cowell; Spelman.

MINAGE. A toll or duty paid for selling corn by the mina. Cowell.
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now form or which once formed a part of the solid body of the earth, both external and internal, and which are now destitute of or incapable of supporting animal or vegetable life. In this sense, the word includes not only the various ores of the precious metals, but also coal, clay, marble, stone of various sorts, slate, salt, sand, natural gas, petroleum, and water. See Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Soderberg, 104 Fed. 425, 43 C. C. A. 620; Murray v. Allred, 10 Tenn. 190, 43 S. W. 355, 39 L. R. A. 249, 66 N. Y. Sup. Ct. 240; Gibson v. Tyson, 5 Watts (Pa.) 38; Henry v. Lowe, 73 Mo. 99; Westmoreland, etc., Gas Co. v. De Witt, 130 Pa. 225, 18 Atl. 724, 5 L. R. A. 761; Marvel v. Merritt, 116 U. S. 561, 6 Sup. Ct. 207, 29 L. Ed. 550; Caldwell v. Fulton, 31 Atl. 475, 72 Am. Dec. 760; Dunham v. Kirkpatrick, 101 Pa. 43, 47 Am. Rep. 696; State v. Parker, 61 Tex. 208; Ridgway Light, etc., Co. v. Elk County, 191 Pa. 460, 43 Atl. 523.

MINERAL, adj. Relating to minerals or the process and business of mining; bearing or producing valuable minerals.

-Mineral district. A term occasionally used in acts of congress, designating in a general way those regions or parts of the country where valuable minerals are mostly found, or where the business of mining is chiefly carried on, but carrying no very precise meaning and not a known term of the law. See U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 490.—Mineral lands. See LAND.

-Mineral land entry. See ENTRY.

MINERATOR. In old records. A miner.

Minima poena corporalis est major qualibet pecuniaria. The smallest corporal punishment is greater than any pecuniary one. 2 Inst. 220.

Minime mutanda sunt quae certam interpretationem. Things which have had a certain interpretation [whose interpretation has been settled, as by common opinion] are not to be altered. Co. Litt. 365; Wing. Max. p. 748, max. 202.

MINIMENT. An old form of muniment, (q. v.) Blount.

Minimum est nihil proximum. The smallest is next to nothing.

MINING. The process or business of extracting from the earth the precious or valuable metals, either in their native state or in their ores. In re Rollins Gold Min. Co. (D. C.) 102 Fed. 985. As ordinarily used, the term does not include the extraction from the earth of rock, marble, or slate, which is commonly described as "quarrying," although coal and salt are "mined;" nor does it include mining wells or shafts for petroleum or natural gas, unless expressly so declared by statute, as is the case in Indiana. See State v. Indiana, etc., Min. Co., 120 Ind. 575, 22 N. E. 778, 6 L. R. A. 579; Williams v. Citizens' Enterprise Co., 153 Ind. 406, 55 N. E. 425.

-Mining claim. A parcel of land, containing precious metal in its soil or rock, and appropriated by an individual, according to established rules, by the process of "location." St. Louis Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 875; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Sanders, 49 Fed. 135, 1 C. C. A. 192; Gleason v. Mining Co., 13 Nev. 470; Lockhard v. Asher & Co. (C. C.) 55 Fed. 549; mining companies. This designation was formerly applied in England to the associations formed in London in 1825 for working mines in Mexico and South America; but at present it comprises, both in England and America, all mining projects carried on by joint-stock associations or corporations. Mining district. A section of country usually designated by name and described or understood as being confined within certain natural boundaries, in which the precious metals (or their ores) are found in paying quantities, and which is worked therefor, under rules and regulations prescribed or agreed upon by the miners therein. U. S. v. Smith (C. C.) 11 Fed. 490.—Mining lease. A lease of a mine or mining claim or a portion thereof, to be worked by the lessee, usually under conditions as to the amount and character of work to be done, and reserving compensation to the lessor either in the form of a fixed rent or a royalty on the tonnage or sales derived, and which (as distinguished from an ordinary lease) conveys not merely the temporary right to work the ore, but a portion of the land itself, that is, the ore in place and unsevered and to be extracted by the lessee, and with the declared intention to occupy and work it for mining purposes under the implied license of the United States. The act of appropriating and claiming, according to certain established rules and local customs, a parcel of land of defined area, upon or in which one or more of the precious metals or their ores have been discovered, and which constitutes a portion of the public domain, with the declared intention to occupy and work it for mining purposes under the implied license of the United States. Also the parcel of land so occupied and appropriated. See Poire v. Wells, 6 Colo. 424; Lincoln Lumber & Smelting & Refining Co. v. Kemp, 104 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 875; Golden Fleece, etc., Min. Co. v. Cable, etc., Min. Co., 12 Nev. 268; State v. Mendenhall v. Min. Co., 13 Nev. 456; Walrath v. Champion Min. Co. (C. C.) 63 Fed. 559.—Mining partnership. An association of several owners of a mine for the purposes of mining in working it. A mining partnership is governed by many of the rules relating to ordinary partnerships, but also by some rules peculiar to itself, ordinary partnerships is that one partner may convey his interest in the mine and business without dissolving the partnership. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 102 U. S. 649, 26 L. Ed. 296; strong, 9 Colo. 38, 10 Pac. 223; Skillman v. Leachman, 23 Cal. 203, 83 Am. Dec. 96; Kimberly v. Arms, 129 U. S. 512, 9 Sup. Ct. 355, 32 L. Ed. 764.

MINISTER. In public law. One of the highest functionaries in the organization of civil government, standing next to the sovereign or executive head, acting as his immediate auxiliary, and being generally charged with the administration of one of the great bureaus or departments of the executive branch of government. Otherwise called a "cabinet minister," "secretary of state," or "secretary of a department."

In international law. An officer appointed by the government of one nation as a mediator or arbitrator between two other nations who are engaged in a controversy.
with their consent, with a view to effecting an amicable adjustment of the dispute.

A general name given to the diplomatic representatives sent by one state to another, including ambassadors, envoys, and residents.

In ecclesiastical law. A person ordained according to the usages of some church or associated body of Christians for the preaching of the gospel and filling the pastoral office.

In practice. An officer of justice, charged with the execution of the law, and hence termed a "ministerial officer;" such as a sheriff, bailiff, coroner, sheriff's officer. Brit. c. 21.

An agent; one who acts not by any inherent authority, but under another.

—Foreign minister. An ambassador, minister, or envoy from a foreign government.

—Public minister. In international law. A general term comprehending all the higher classes of diplomatic representatives,—as ambassadors, envoys, residents,—but not including the commercial representatives, such as consuls.

MINISTERIAL. That which is done under the authority of a superior; opposed to judiciaL; that which involves obedience to instructions, but demands no special discretion, judgment, or skill.

—Ministerial act. A ministerial act may be defined to be one which a person performs in a given state of facts, in a prescribed manner, in obedience to the mandate of legal authority, without regard to or the exercise of his own judgment, upon the propriety of the act being done. Acts done out of court in bringing parties into court are, as a general proposition, ministerial acts. Pennington v. Streight, 54 Ind. 378; Bair v. Struck, 29 Mont. 45, 74 Pac. 69, 63 L. R. A. 481; State v. Nash, 66 Ohio St. 612, 64 N. E. 538; Grider v. Tally, 77 Ala. 424, 437; People v. Jerome, 36 Misc. Rep. 256, 73 N. Y. Supp. 390; Duvall v. Swann, 94 Md. 814, 91 N. W. 874, 59 L. R. A. 915; Reid v. Hood, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 169, 10 Am. Dec. 502.—Ministerial power. An agent; one who acts not by any inherent authority, but under another.

—Foreign minister. An ambassador, minister, or envoy from a foreign government. Charges the king or other regent, to execute the laws, to represent the king in all courts within his jurisdiction, and to act with discretion and fidelity in all his duties.

—Public minister. In international law. A general term comprehending all the higher classes of diplomatic representatives,—as ambassadors, envoys, residents,—but not including the commercial representatives, such as consuls.

MINISTER. The party cross-examining a witness was so called, under the old system of the ecclesiastical courts.

MINISTERIAL. That which is done under the authority of a superior; opposed to judiciaL; that which involves obedience to instructions, but demands no special discretion, judgment, or skill.

—Ministerial act. A ministerial act may be defined to be one which a person performs in a given state of facts, in a prescribed manner, in obedience to the mandate of legal authority, without regard to or the exercise of his own judgment, upon the propriety of the act being done. Acts done out of court in bringing parties into court are, as a general proposition, ministerial acts. Pennington v. Streight, 54 Ind. 378; Bair v. Struck, 29 Mont. 45, 74 Pac. 69, 63 L. R. A. 481; State v. Nash, 66 Ohio St. 612, 64 N. E. 538; Grider v. Tally, 77 Ala. 424, 437; People v. Jerome, 36 Misc. Rep. 256, 73 N. Y. Supp. 390; Duvall v. Swann, 94 Md. 814, 91 N. W. 874, 59 L. R. A. 915; Reid v. Hood, 2 Nott & McC. (S. C.) 169, 10 Am. Dec. 502.—Ministerial power. An agent; one who acts not by any inherent authority, but under another.

MINOR. An infant or person who is under the age of legal competence. A term derived from the civil law, which described a person under a certain age as less than so many years. Minor viginti quinque annis, one less than twenty-five years of age. Inst. 1, 14, 2.

Also, less; of less consideration; lower; a person of inferior condition. Fleta, 2, 47, 13, 15; Calvin.


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MINISTRI REGIS. Let. In old English law. Ministers of the king, applied to the judges of the realm, and to all those who hold ministerial offices in the government. 2 Inst. 208.

MINISTRY. Office; service. Those members of the government who are in the cabinet.

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MINORA REGALIA. In English law. The lesser prerogatives of the crown, including the rights of the revenue. 1 Bl. Comm. 241.

MINORITY. The state or condition of a minor; infancy. The smaller number of votes of a deliberative assembly; opposed to majority, (which see.)

MINT. The place designated by law where bullion is coined into money under authority of the government.

Also a place of privilege in Southwark, near the king’s prison, where persons formerly sheltered themselves from justice under the pretense that it was an ancient palace of the crown. The privilege is now abolished.

Wharton.

—Mint-mark. The masters and workers of the English mint, in the indentures made with them, agree “to make a privy mark in the money they make, of gold and silver, so that they may know which moneys were of their own making.” After every trial of the pix, having proved their moneys to be lawful, they are entitled to their quietus under the great seal, and to be discharged from all suits or actions. Wharton.

—Mint-master. One who manages the coinage.

MINTAGE. The charge or commission taken by the mint as a consideration for coinning into money the bullion which is brought to it for that purpose; the same as “seigniorage.”

MINUS. Lat. In the civil law. Less; less than. The word had also, in some connections, the sense of “not at all.” For example, a debt remaining wholly unpaid was described as “minus solutum.”

Minus solvit, qui tardius solvit. He does not pay who pays too late. Dig. 50, 16, 12, 1.

MINUTE. In measures of time or circumference, a minute is the sixtieth part of an hour or degree.


—Minute-book. A book kept by the clerk or prothonotary of a court for entering memoranda of its proceedings.

MINUTES. In Scotch practice. A pleading put into writing before the lord ordinary, as the ground of his judgment. Bell.

In business law. Memoranda or notes of a transaction or proceeding. Thus, the record of the proceedings at a meeting of directors or shareholders of a company is called the “minutes.”

MINUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A lessening; diminution or reduction. Dig. 4, 5, 1.

MIRROR. The Mirror of Justice, or of the Justices, commonly spoken of as the “Mirror,” is an ancient treatise on the laws of England, written during the reign of Edward II., and attributed to one Andrew Horne.

MIS. An inseparable particle used in composition, to mark an ill sense or depravation of the meaning; as “miscomputation” or “misaccompting,” 4, c., false reckoning. Several of the words following are illustrations of the force of this monosyllable.

MISA. In old English law. The mise or issue in a writ of right. Spelman.

In old records. A compact or agreement; a form of compromise. Cowell.

MISADVENTURE. A mischance or accident; a casualty caused by the act of one person and inflicting injury upon another. Homicide “by misadventure” is where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 182; Williamson v. State, 2 Ohio Cir. Ct. R. 292; Johnson v. State, 94 Ala. 35, 10 South. 667.

MISALLEGEE. To cite falsely as a proof or argument.


MISAPPROPRIATION. This is not a technical term of law, but it is sometimes applied to the misdemeanor which is committed by a banker, factor, agent, trustee, etc., who fraudulently deals with money, goods, securities, etc., intrusted to him, or by a director or public officer of a corporation or company who fraudulently misapplies any of its property. Steph. Crim. Dig. 257, et seq.; Sweet. And see Winchester v. Howard, 136 Cal. 432, 64 Pac. 692, 89 Am. St. Rep. 133; Frey v. Torrey, 70 App. Div. 166, 75 N. Y. Supp. 40.

MISBEHAVIOR. Ill conduct; improper or unlawful behavior. Verdicts are sometimes set aside on the ground of misbehavior of jurors. Smith v. Cutler, 10 Wend. (N. Y.) 590, 25 Am. Dec. 580; Turnbull v. Martin, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 430; State v. Arnold, 100 Tenn. 307, 47 S. W. 221.

MISCARRIAGE. In medical jurisprudence. The expulsion of the ovum or embryo from the uterus within the first six
weeks after conception. Between that time, and before the expiration of the sixth month, when the child may possibly live, it is termed "abortion." When the delivery takes place soon after the sixth month, it is denominated "premature labor." But the criminal act of destroying the foetus at any time before birth is termed, in law, "procuring miscarriage." Chit. Med. Jur. 410. See Smith v. State, 33 Me. 59, 54 Am. Dec. 607; State v. Howard, 32 Vt. 402; Mills v. Com., 13 Pa. 632; State v. Crook, 16 Utah, 212, 51 Pac. 1091.

In practice. As used in the statute of frauds, ("debt, default, or miscarriage of another," ) this term means any species of unlawful conduct or wrongful act for which the doi could be held liable in a civil action. Ganss v. Orr, 173 Mo. 532, 73 S. W. 477.

MISCEGENATION. Mixture of races; marriage between persons of different races; as between a white person and a negro.

MISCHARGE. An erroneous charge; a charge, given by a court to a jury, which involves errors for which the judgment may be reversed.

MISCHIEF. In legislative parlance, the word is often used to signify the evil or danger which a statute is intended to cure or avoid.

In the phrase "malicious mischief," (which see,) it imports a wanton or reckless injury to persons or property.

MISCOGNISANT. Ignorant; uninformed. The word is obsolete.

MISCONDUCT. Any unlawful conduct on the part of a person concerned in the administration of justice which is prejudicial to the rights of parties or to the right determination of the cause; as "misconduct of jurors," "misconduct of an arbitrator." The term is also used to express a dereliction from duty, injurious to another, on the part of one employed in a professional capacity, as an attorney at law, (Stage v. Stevens, 1 Denlo [N. Y.] 267,) or a public officer, (State v. Leach, 60 Me. 58, 11 Am. Rep. 172.)

MISCONTINUANCE. In practice. An improper continuance; want of proper form in a continuance; the same with "discontinuance." Cowell.

MISCREANT. In old English law. An apostate; an unbeliever; one who totally renounced Christianity. 4 Bl. Comm. 44.

MISDATE. A false or erroneous date affixed to a paper or document.

MISDELEYERY. The delivery of property by a carrier or warehouseman to a person not authorized by the owner or person to whom the carrier or warehouseman is bound by his contract to deliver it. Cleveland, etc., R. Co. v. Potts, 33 Ind. App. 564, 71 N. E. 659; Forbes v. Boston & L. R. Co., 133 Mass. 156.

MISDEMEANANT. A person guilty of a misdemeanor; one sentenced to punishment upon conviction of a misdemeanor. See FIRST-CLASS MISDEMEANANT.

MISDEMEANOR. In criminal law. A general name for criminal offenses of every sort, punishable by indictment or special proceedings, which do not in law amount to the grade of felony.

A misdemeanor is an act committed or omitted in violation of a public law either forbidding or commanding it. This general definition, however, comprehends both "crimes" and "misdemeanors," which, properly speaking, are mere synonymous terms; though, in common usage, the word "crime" is made to denote such offenses as are of a deeper and more atrocious dye; while smaller faults and omissions of less consequence are comprised under the milder term of "misdemeanors" only. In the English law, "misdemeanor" is generally used in contradiction to "felony" and misdemeanors comprehend all indictable offenses which do not amount to felony, as libels, conspiracies, attempts, and solicitations to commit felonies, etc. Brown. And see People v. Upson, 79 Hun. 87, 29 N. Y. Supp. 615; In re Berzin, 31 Wla. 356; Kelly v. People, 132 Ill. 363, 24 N. E. 56; State v. Hunter, 67 Ala. 83; Walsh v. People, 65 Ill. 65, 18 Am. Rep. 569.

MISDESCRIPTION. An error or falsity in the description of the subject-matter of a contract which deceives one of the parties to his injury, or is misleading in a material or substantial point.

MISDIRECTION. In practice. An error made by a judge in instructing the jury upon the trial of a cause.

MISE. The issue in a writ of right. When the tenant in a writ of right pleads that his title is better than the demandant's, he is said to join the mise on the mere right. Also expenses; costs; disbursements in an action.

—Mise-money. Money paid by way of contract or composition to purchase any liberty, etc. Blount.

Misera est servitus, ubi jus est vagum aut incertum. It is a wretched state of slavery which subsists where the law is vague or uncertain. 4 Inst. 245; Broom, Max. 150.

MISERABLE DEPOSITUM. Lat. In the civil law. The name of an involuntary deposit, made under pressing necessity; as, for instance, shipwreck, fire, or other inevitable calamity. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 5, c. 1, § 1; Code La. 2933.

MISERERE. The name and first word of one of the penitential psalms, being that
which was commonly used to be given by the ordinary to such condemned malefactors as were allowed the benefit of clergy; whence it is also called the "psalm of mercy." Wharton.

MISERICORDIA. Lat. Mercy; a fine or amerciament; an arbitrary or discretionary amercement.

—Misericordia communis. In old English law. A fine set on a whole county or hundred.


Misfeasance, strictly, is not doing a lawful act in a proper manner, omitting to do it as it should be done; while malfeasance is the doing an act wholly wrongful; and non-feasance is an omission to perform a duty, or a total neglect of duty. But "misfeasance" is often carelessly used in the sense of "malfeasance." Coite v. Lynes, 33 Conn. 109.

MISFEAZANCE. See MISFEASANCE.

MISFORTUNE. An adverse event, calamity, or evil fortune, arising by accident, (or without the will or concurrence of him who suffers from it,) and not to be foreseen or guarded against by care or prudence. See 20 Q. B. Div. 816. In its application to the law of homicide, this term always involves the further idea that the person causing the death is not at the time engaged in any unlawful act. 4 Bl. Comm. 119-126.

—Misprision of felony. The offense of concealing a felony committed by another, but without such previous concert with or subsequent assistance to the felon as would make the party concealing an accessory before or after the fact. 4 Steph. Comm. 290; 4 Bl. Comm. 121; Carpenter v. State, 62 Ark. 286, 36 S. W. 900.—Misprision of treason. The bare knowledge and concealment of an act of treason or treasonable plot, that is, without any assent or participation therein, for if the latter elements be present the party becomes a principal. 4 Bl. Comm. 120; Pen. Code Cal. § 38.—Negative misprision. The concealment of something which ought to be revealed; that is, misprison in the third of the specific meanings given above. —Positive misprision. The commission of something which ought not to be done; that is, misprison in the first and second of the specific meanings given above.

In practice. A clerical error or mistake made by a clerk or other judicial or ministerial officer in writing or keeping records. See Merrill v. Miller, 28 Mont. 134, 72 Pac. 427.

MISREPRESENTATION. An intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, either in an agreement, deed, or pleading.

MISREADING. Reading a deed or other instrument to an illiterate or blind man (who is a party to it) in a false or deceitful manner, so that he conceives a wrong idea of its tenor or contents. See 5 Coke, 19; 6 East, 309; Hallenbeck v. Dewitt, 2 Johns. (N. Y.) 404.

MISRECITAL. The erroneous or incorrect recital of a matter of fact, either in an agreement, deed, or pleading.

MISREPRESENTATION. An intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, made by one of the parties to a contract, which is material to the contract and
Influential in producing it. Wise v. Fuller, 29 N. J. Eq. 262.

False or fraudulent misrepresentation is a representation contrary to the fact, made by a person with a knowledge of its falsehood, and being the cause of the other party's entering into the contract. 6 Clark & F. 232.

Negligent misrepresentation is a false representation made by a person who has no reasonable grounds for believing it to be true, though he does not know that it is untrue, or even believes it to be true. L. R. 4 H. L. 79.

Innocent misrepresentation is where the person making the representation had reasonable grounds for believing it to be true. L. R. 2 Q. B. 530.

MISSA. Lat. The mass.

MISSÆ PRESBYTER. A priest in orders. Blount.

MISSAL. The mass-book.

MISSILIA. In Roman law. Gifts or liberalties, which the praetors and consuls were in the habit of throwing among the people. Inst. 2, 1, 45.

MISSING SHIP. In maritime law. A vessel is so called when, computed from her known day of sailing, the time that has elapsed exceeds the average duration of similar voyages at the same season of the year. 2 Duer, Ins. 469.

MISSIO. Lat. In the civil law. A sending or putting. Missio in bona, a putting the creditor in possession of the debtor's property. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 521. Missio judicium in consilium, a sending out of the judices (or jury) to make up their sentence. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 13, no. 31.

MISSIVES. In Scotch law. Writings passed between parties as evidence of a transaction. Bell.

MISTACUS. In old records. A messenger.

MISTAKE. Some unintentional act, omission, or error arising from ignorance, surprise, imposition, or misplaced confidence. Code Ga. § 3117; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 110.

That result of ignorance of law or fact which has misled a person to commit that which, if he had not been in error, he would not have done. Jeremy, Eq. Jur. 358.

A mistake exists when a person, under some unconscious conviction of law or fact, does, or omits to do, some act which, but for the erroneous conviction, he would not have done or omitted. It may arise either from unconsciousness, ignorance, forgetfulness, imposition, or misplaced confidence. Bisph. Eq. § 185. And see Allen v. Elder, 78 Ga. 677, 2 Am. St. Rep. 63; Russell v. Colyar, 4 Heisk. (Tenn.) 154; Peasley v. McFadden, 63 Cal. 611, 10 Pac. 179; Cummins v. Bulgin, 37 N. J. Eq. 476; Chicago, etc., R. Co. v. Hay, 119 Ill. 483, 30 N. E. 29; McLoney v. Edgar, 7 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 29.

Mistake of fact is a mistake not caused by the neglect of a legal duty on the part of the person making the mistake, and consisting in (1) an unconscious ignorance or forgetfulness of a fact, past or present, material to the contract; or (2) belief in the present existence of a thing material to the contract which does not exist, or in the past existence of such a thing which has not existed. Civ. Code Cal. § 1577.

A mistake of law happens when a party, having full knowledge of the facts, comes to an erroneous conclusion as to their legal effect. It is a mistake of opinion or inference, arising from an imperfect or incorrect exercise of the judgment, upon facts as they really are; and, like a correct opinion, which is law, necessarily presupposes that the person forming it is in full possession of them. The facts precede the law, and the true and false opinion alike imply an acquaintance with them. Neither can exist without it. The one is the result of a correct application of the general principles of law, and the other, the result of a faulty application, and is called "law," the other, the result of a faulty application, and is called a "mistake of law." Hurd v. Hall, 12 Wis. 124.

Mutual mistake is where the parties have a common intention, but it is induced by a common or mutual mistake.

MISTERY. A trade or calling. Cowell.

MISTRESS. The proper style of the wife of an esquire or a gentleman in England.

MISTRIAL. An erroneous, invalid, or nugatory trial; a trial of an action which cannot stand in law because of want of jurisdiction, or a wrong drawing of jurors, or disregard of some other fundamental requisite.

MISUSER. Abuse of an office or franchise. 2 Bl. Comm. 153.

MITIGATION. Alliation; abatement or diminution of a penalty or punishment imposed by law. "Mitigating circumstances" are such as do not constitute a justification or excuse of the offense in question, but which, in fairness and mercy, may be considered as extenuating or reducing the degree of moral culpability. See Heaton v. Wright, 10 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 82; Wandell v. Edwards, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 500; Hess v. New York Press Co., 26 App. Div. 73, 49 N. Y. Supp. 894.

Mitigation of damages. A reduction of the amount of damages, not by proof of facts which are a bar to the recovery of the plaintiff's cause of action, or a justification, nor yet of facts which constitute a cause of action in favor of the defendant, but rather facts which show that the plaintiff's conceded cause of action does not entitle him to so large an amount as the showing on his side would otherwise justify the jury in allowing him. 1 Suth. Dam. 226.

MITIOR SENSUS. Lat. The more favorable acceptance.
Mitius imperanti melius paretur. The more mildly one commands, the better is he obeyed. 3 Inst. 24.

MITIUS IMPERANTI. Lat. In old English law. Mixed authority; a kind of civil power. A term applied by Lord Hale to the “power” of certain subordinate civil magistrates as distinct from “jurisdiction.” Hale, Anal. § 11.

MIXTION. The mixture or confusion of goods or chattels belonging severally to different owners, in such a way that they can no longer be separated or distinguished; as where two measures of wine belonging to different persons are poured together into the same cask.

MITTOENDO MANUSCRIPTUM PEDIS FINIS. An abolished judicial writ addressed to the treasurer and chamberlain of the exchequer to search for and transmit the foot of a fine acknowledged before justices in eyre into the common pleas. Reg. Orig. 14.

MITTER. L. Fr. To put, to send, or to pass; as, mitter l’estate, to pass the estate; mitter le droit, to pass a right. These words are used to distinguish different kinds of releases.

MITTER AVANT. L. Fr. In old practice. To put before; to present before a court; to produce in court.

MITTENTIO. Lat. In criminal practice. The name of a precept in writing, issuing from a court or magistrates, directed to the sheriff or other officer, commanding him to convey to the prison the person named therein, and to the jailer, commanding him to receive and safely keep such person until he shall be delivered by due course of law. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1293. Connolly v. Anderson, 112 Mass. 62; A name sometimes given to those which concern both persons and property. — Mixed laws.


The word, in legal use, is practically synonymous with “riot,” but the latter is the more correct term.

MOBSTING AND RIOTING. In Scotch law. A general term including all those convocations of the lieges for violent and unlawful purposes, which are attended with injury to the persons or property of the lieges, or terror and alarm to the neighborhood in which it takes place. The two phrases are usually placed together; but, nevertheless, they have distinct meanings, and are sometimes used separately in legal language, the word “mobbing” being peculiarly applicable to the unlawful assemblage and violence of a number of persons, and that of “rioting” to the outrageous behavior of a single individual. Alla. Crim. Law, c. 23, p. 509.

MOBILIA. Lat. Movables; movable things; otherwise called “res mobiles.”

Mockadoes. A kind of cloth made in England, mentioned in St. 23 Eliz. c. 9.

MODEL. A pattern or representation of something to be made. A fac simile of some-
thing invented, made on a reduced scale, in compliance with the patent laws. See State v. Fox, 25 N. J. Law, 566; Montana Ore Purchasing Co. v. Boston, etc., Min Co., 27 Mont. 288, 70 Pac. 1126.

MODERAMEN INCULPATE. Lat. In Roman law. The regulation of justifiable defense. A term used to express that degree of force in defense of the person or property which a person might safely use, although it should occasion the death of the aggressor. Calvin; Bell.

MODERATA MISERICORDIA. A writ founded on Magna Charta, which lies for him who is amerced in a court, not of record, for any transgression beyond the quality or quantity of the offense. It is addressed to the lord of the court, or his bailiff, commanding him to take a moderate amerciament of the parties. New Nat. Brev. 167; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 76.

MODERATE CASTIGAVIT. Lat. In pleading. He moderately chastised. The name of a plea in trespass which justifies an alleged battery on the ground that it consisted in a moderate chastisement of the plaintiff by the defendant, which, from their relations, the latter had a legal right to inflict.

MODERATE SPEED. In admiralty law. As applied to a steam-vessel, "such speed only is moderate as will permit the steamer reasonably and effectually to avoid a collision by slackening speed, or by stopping and reversing, within the distance at which an approaching vessel can be seen." The City of New York (C. C.) 35 Fed. 609; The Alliance (D. C.) 39 Fed. 480; The State of Alabama (D. C.) 17 Fed. 952.


MODIATIO. In old English law. A certain duty paid for every tierce of wine.

Modica circumstantia facti jus mutat. A small circumstance attending an act may change the law.

MODIFICATION. A change; an alteration which introduces new elements into the details, or cancels some of them, but leaves the general purpose and effect of the subject-matter intact. Willey v. Corporation of Bluffton, 111 Ind. 152, 12 N. E. 165; State v. Tucker, 36 Or. 291, 61 Pac. 694, 51 L. R. A. 246; Astor v. L'Amoreux, 4 Sandif. (N. X.) 538.

"Modification" is not exactly synonymous with "amendment," for the former term denotes some minor change in the substance of the thing, without reference to its improvement or deterioration thereby, while the latter word imports aamelioration of the thing (as by changing the phraseology of an instrument, so as to make it more distinct or specific) without involving the idea of any change in substance or essence.

In Scotch law. The term usually applied to the decree of the teind court, awarding a suitable stipend to the minister of a parish. Bell.

MODIFY. To alter; to change in incidental or subordinate features. See MODIFICATION.

MODIUS. Lat. A measure. Specifically, a Roman dry measure having a capacity of about 550 cubic inches; but in medieval English law used as an approximate translation of the word "bushel."

Modius terre vel agris. In old English law. A quantity of ground containing in length and breadth 100 feet.

MODO ET FORMA. Lat. In manner and form. Words used in the old Latin forms of pleadings by way of traverse, and literally translated in the modern precedents, importing that the party traversing denies the allegation of the other party, not only in its general effect, but in the exact manner and form in which it is made. Steph. Pl. 189, 190.

MODUS. Lat. In the civil law. Manner; means; way.

In old conveyancing. Mode; manner; the arrangement or expression of the terms of a contract or conveyance.

Also a consideration; the consideration of a conveyance, technically expressed by the word "ut."

A qualification, involving the idea of variance or departure from some general rule or form, either by way of restriction or enlargement, according to the circumstances of a particular case, the will of a donor, the particular agreement of parties, and the like. Burrill.

In criminal pleading. The modus of an indictment is that part of it which contains the narrative of the commission of the crime; the statement of the mode or manner in which the offense was committed. Tray. Lat. Max.

In ecclesiastical law. A peculiar manner of tithing, growing out of custom.

Modus de non decimando. In ecclesiastical law. A custom or prescription of entire exemption from the payment of tithes; this is not valid, unless in the case of abbey-lands.—Modus de non decimando. In ecclesiastical law. A manner of tithing; a partial exemption from tithes, or a pecuniary composition prescribed by immemorial usage, and of reasonable amount: for it will be invalid as a rank modus if greater than the value of the tithes in the
time of Richard I. Stim. Law Gloss.—Modus habilis. A valid manner.—Modus levandi fines. The manner of laying fines. The title of a short statute in French passed in the eighteenth year of Edward I. 2 Inst. 510; 2 Bl. Comm. 349.—Modus tenendi. The manner of holding; i.e., the different species of tenures by which estates are held.—Modus transferendi. The manner of transferring.—Modus vacandi. The manner of vacating. How and why an estate has been relinquished or surrendered by a vassal to his lord might well be referred to by this phrase. See Tray. Lat. Max. s. v.—Rank modus. One that is too large. Rankness is a mere rule of evidence, drawn from the improbability of the fact, rather than a rule of law. 2 Steph. Comm. 725.


Modus et conventio vincunt legem. Custom and agreement override law. This maxim forms one of the first principles relative to the law of contracts. The exceptions to the rule here laid down are in cases against public policy, morality, etc. 2 Coke, 73; Broom, Max. 689, 691-695.

Modus legem dat donationi. Custom gives law to the gift. Co. Litt. 19; Broom, Max. 459.


MOERDA. The secret killing of another; murder. 4 Bl. Comm. 194.

MOFUSSIL. In Hindu law. Separated; particularized; the subordinate divisions of a district in contradistinction to Sudder or Sudder, which implies the chief seat of government. Wharton.

MOHATRA. The state of monks. 

MONASTERIUM. A monastery; a church. Spelman.

MONASTICON. A book giving an account of monasteries, convents, and religious houses.

MONETA. Lat. Money, (g. τ.)

MOLENDINUM. In old records. A mill.

MOLENDUM. A gist; a certain quantity of corn sent to a mill to be ground.

MOLESTATION. In Scotch law. A possessory action calculated for continuing proprietors of landed estates in the lawful possession of them till the point of right be determined against all who shall attempt to disturb their possession. It is chiefly used in questions of communy or of controverted marches. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 43.

MOLITURA. The toll or mulfare paid for grinding corn at a mill. Jacob.

—Molitura libera. Free grinding; a liberty to have a mill without paying tolls to the lord. Jacob.

MOLLITER MANUS IMPOSIT. Lat. He gently laid hands upon. Formal words in the old Latin pleas in actions of trespass and assault where a defendant justified laying hands upon the plaintiff, as where it was done to keep the peace, etc. The phrase is literally translated in the modern precedents, and the original is retained as the name of the plea in such cases. 3 Bl. Comm. 21; 1 Chit. Pl. 501, 502; 1d. 1071.

MOLMUTIAN LAWS. The laws of Dunvallo Molmutius, a legendary or mythical king of the Britons, who is supposed to have begun his reign about 400 B.C. These laws were famous in the land till the Conquest. Tomlins; Mozley & Whitley.

MOMENTUM. In the civil law. An instant; an indivisible portion of time. Calvin. A portion of time that might be measured; a division or subdivision of an hour; answering in some degree to the modern minute, but of longer duration. Calvin.

MONACHISM. The state of monks.

MONARCHY. A government in which the supreme power is vested in a single person. Where a monarch is invested with absolute power, the monarchy is termed “ despotic;” where the supreme power is virtually in the laws, though the majesty of government and the administration are vested in a single person, it is a “limited” or “constitutional” monarchy. It is hereditary where the regal power descends immediately from the possessor to the next heir by blood, as in England; or elective, as was formerly the case in Poland. Wharton.

MOLENDORF.
Money est justum medium et mensura rerum commutabili, nam per medium monefæ fit omnium rerum convenienti et justa estimatio. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18. Money is the just medium and measure of commutable things, for by the medium of money a convenient and just estimation of all things is made.

MONETAGIUM. Mintage, or the right of coining money. Cowell. Hence, anciently, a tribute payable to a lord who had the prerogative of coining money, by his tenants, in consideration of his refraining from changing the coinage.

Monetandi jus comprehenditur in galibus quae nunquam a rei regnum abdicantur. The right of coining money is comprehended among those royal prerogatives which are never relinquished by the royal scepter. Dav. Ir. K. B. 18.

MONEY. A general, indefinite term for the measure and representative of value; currency; the circulating medium; cash.

"Money" is a generic term, and embraces every description of coin or bank-notes recognized by common consent as a representative of value in effecting exchanges of property or payment of debts. Hopson v. Fountains, 5 Humph. (Tenn.) 140.

Money is used in a specific and also in a general sense. In its specific sense, it means what is coined or stamped by public authority, and has its determinate value fixed by governments. In its more comprehensive and general sense, it means wealth,—the representative of commodities of all kinds, of lands, and of everything that can be transferred in commerce. Paul v. Ball, 31 Tex. 10.

In its strict technical sense, "money" means coined metal, usually gold or silver, upon which the government stamp has been impressed to indicate its value. In its more popular sense, "money" means any currency, tokens, bank-notes, or other circulating medium in general use as the representative of value. Kennedy v. Briece, 45 Tex. 305.

The term "moneys" is not of more extensive signification than "money," and means only cash, and not things in action. Mann v. Mann, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 1, 7 Am. Dec. 416.

—Money-bill. In parliamentary language, an act by which revenue is directed to be raised, for any purpose or in any shape whatsoever, either for governmental purposes, and collected from the whole people generally, or for the benefit of a particular district, and collected in that district, or for making appropriations. Opinion of Justices, 126 Mass. 547; Northern Counties Inv. Trust v. Sears, 20 Or. 388, 41 Pac. 931, 35 L. R. A. 188.—Money claims. In English practice. Under the judicature act of 1873, claims for the price of goods sold, for money lent, for arrears of rent, etc., and other claims were made directly payable on a contract express or implied, as opposed to those cases where money is claimed by way of damages for some independent wrong, whether by breach of contract or otherwise. These "money claims" correspond very nearly to the "money counts" hitherto in use. Mosley & Whitley.—Money demand. A claim for a fixed and liquidated amount of money, or for a sum to be ascertained by mere calculation; in this sense, distinguished from a claim which must be pass-
ed upon and liquidated by a jury, called "damages." Roberts v. Nodwit, 8 Ind. 341; Mills v. Long, 58 Ala. 400.—Money had and received. The return made by a sheriff to a writ of execution, signifying that he has executed the sum of money required by the writ.—Money of adieu. In French law. Earnest money; so called because given at parting in completion of the bargain. Arches is the usual French word for earnest money; "money of adieu" is a provincialism found in the province of Orleans. Poth. Cont. 507.

Money order. Under the postal regulations of the United States, a money order is a species of draft drawn by one post-office upon another for an amount of money deposited at the first office by the person purchasing the money order, and payable at the second office to a payee named in the order. See U. S. v. Long (C. C.) 30 Fed. 679.—Money-order office. One of the post-offices authorized to draw or pay money orders.—Money paid. In pleading. The technical name of a declaration in assumpsit, in which the plaintiff declares for money paid for the use of the defendant.—Public money. This term, as used in the laws of the United States, includes all the funds of the general government derived from the public revenues, or intrusted to the fiscal officers. See Branch v. United States, 12 Ct. Cl. 281.—Moneyed capital. This term has a more limited meaning than the term "personal property," and applies to such capital as is readily solvable in money. Mercantile Nat. Bank v. New York, 121 U. S. 138, 7 Sup. Ct. 926, 30 L. Ed. 895.—Moneyed corporation. See Corporation.

As to money "Broker," "Count," "Judgment," and "Scrivener," see those titles.

MONGER. A dealer or seller. It is seldom or never used alone, or otherwise than after the name of any commodity, to express a seller of such commodity.

MONIERS, or MONEYEERS. Ministers of the mint; also bankers. Cowell.

MONIMENT. A memorial, superscription, or record.

MONITION. In practice. A monition is a formal order of the court commanding something to be done by the person to whom it is directed, and who is called "person monished." Thus, when money is decreed to be paid, a monition may be obtained commanding its payment. In ecclesiastical procedure, a monition is an order monishing or warning the party complained against to do or not to do a certain act "under pain of the law and contempt thereof." A monition may also be appended to a sentence inflicting a punishment for a past offense; in that case the monition forbids the repetition of the offense. Sweet.

In admiralty practice. The summons to appear and answer, issued on filing the libel;
which is either a simple monition in per-
sonam or an attachment and monition in
rem. Ben. Adm. 228, 238. It is sometimes
termed “monition vis et modis,” and has been
supposed to be derived from the old
Roman practice of summoning a defendant.
Manro v. Almeida, 10 Wheat. 490, 6 L. Ed.
309.

The monition, in American admiralty practice,
is, in effect, a summons, citation, or notice,
though in form a command to the marshal to
cite and admonish the defendant to appear
and answer, and not a summons addressed to
the party. 2 Conk. Adm. (2d Ed.) 147.

—General monition. In civil law and ad-
miralty practice. A monition or summons to
all parties in interest to appear and show cause
against the decree prayed for.

MONITION LETTERS. Communications of
warning and admonition sent from
an ecclesiastical judge, upon information of
scandal and abuses within the cognizance of
his court.

MONOCRACY. A government by one
person.

MONOCRAT. A monarch who governs
alone; an absolute governor.

MONOGAMY. The marriage of one wife
only, or the state of such as are restrained
or poisoned to a single wife. Webster.

A marriage contracted between one man
and one woman, in exclusion of all the rest
of mankind. The term is used in opposition
to “bigamy” and “polygamy.” Wolff, Dr.
de la Nat § 857.

MONOGRAM. A character or cipher
composed of one or more letters interwoven,
being an abbreviation of a name.

MONOGRAPH. A special treatise upon
a particular subject of limited range; a trea-
tise or commentary upon a particular branch
or division of a general subject.

MONOMACHY. A duel; a single com-
bat.

It was anciently allowed by law for the
trial or proof of crimes. It was even per-
mitted in pecuniary causes, but it is now for-
bidden both by the civil law and canon laws.

MONOMANIA. In medical jurispru-
dence. Derangement of a single faculty of
the mind, or with regard to a particular sub-
ject, the other faculties being in regular ex-
ercise. See INSANITY.

Monopolia dictur, cum unus solus ali-
quod genus mercature universum emit,
pretium ad summ libitum statuens. 11 Coke.
86. It is said to be a monopoly when
one person alone buys up the whole of one
kind of commodity, fixing a price at his own
pleasure.

MONOPOLIA. The sole power, right,
or privilege of sale; monopoly; a monopoly.
Calvin.

MONOPOLY. In commercial law. A
privilege or peculiar advantage vested in one
or more persons or companies, consisting in
the exclusive right (or power) to carry on a
particular business or trade, manufacture a
particular article, or control the sale of
the whole supply of a particular commodity.

Defined in English law to be “a license or
privilege allowed by the king for the sole
buying and selling, making, working, or us-
ing, of anything whatsoever; whereby the
subject in general is restrained from that lib-
erty of manufacturing or trading which he
had before.” 4 Bl. Comm. 159; 4 Steph.
Comm. 291. And see State v. Duluth Board
of Trade, 107 Minn. 506, 121 N. W. 395, 23
L. R. A. (N. S.) 1290.

A monopoly consists in the ownership or
control of so large a part of the market-sup-
ply or output of a given commodity as to
stifle competition, restrict the freedom of
commerce, and give the monopolist control
over prices. See State v. Eastern Coal Co.,
29 R. I. 254, 70 Atl. 1, 132 Am. St. Rep. 817;
452, 77 N. E. 302, 117 Am. St. Rep. 337;
State v. Haworth, 122 Ind. 462, 23 N. E. 948,
7 L. R. A. 240; Davenport v. Kleinschmidt,
6 Mont. 502, 13 Pac. 249; Ex parte Levy, 43
Ark. 42, 51 Am. Rep. 550; Case of Monopo-
lies, 11 Coke; 84; Laredo v. International
Bridge, etc., Co., 66 Fed. 246, 14 C. C. A. 1;
International Tooth Crown Co. v. Hanks
Dental Ass’n (C. C.) 111 Fed. 916; Queen
Ins. Co. v. State, 86 Tex. 250, 24 S. W. 397,
25 L. R. A. 483; Herriman v. Menzies, 115
Cal. 16, 46 Pac. 730, 35 L. R. A. 318, 56 Am.
St. Rep. 81.

MONSTER. A prodigious birth; a hu-
man birth or offspring not having the shape
of mankind, which cannot be heir to any
land, albeit it be brought forth in marriage.
Bract. fol. 5; Co. Litt. 7, 8; 2 Bl. Comm.
246.

MONSTRANS DE DROIT. L. Fr. In
English law. A showing or manifestation of
right; one of the common law methods of
obtaining possession or restitution from the
crown, of either real or personal property.
It is the proper proceeding when the right
of the party, as well as the right of the
crown, appears upon record, and consists in
putting in a claim of right grounded on facts
already acknowledged and established, and
praying the judgment of the court whether
upon these facts the king or the subject has
the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 256; 4 Coke, 544.

MONSTRANS DE FAITS. L. Fr. In
old English practice. A showing of deeds;
a species of profert. Cowell.
MONSTRAVERUNT, WRIT OF. In English law. A writ which lies for the tenants of ancient demesne who hold by free charter, and not for those tenants who hold by copy of court roll, or by the rod, according to the custom of the manor. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 14.

MONSTRUM. A box in which relics are kept; also a muster of soldiers. Cowell.

MONSTRES. In Spanish law. Forests or woods. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 1.

MONSTRES PIETATIS. Public pawnbroking establishments; institutions established by government, in some European countries, for lending small sums of money on pledges of personal property. In France they are called "monts de piété."

MONTH. One of the divisions of a year. The space of time denoted by this term varies according as one or another of the following varieties of months is intended:

Astronomical, containing one-twelfth of the time occupied by the sun in passing through the entire zodiac.

Calendar, civil, or solar, which is one of the months in the Gregorian calendar,—January, February, March, etc.,—which are of unequal length.

Lunar, being the period of one revolution of the moon, or twenty-eight days.

MONUMENT. 1. Anything by which the memory of a person or an event is preserved or perpetuated. A tomb where a dead body has been deposited. Mead v. Case, 33 Barb. (N. Y.) 202; In re Ogden, 25 R. I. 373, 55 Atl. 933.

2. In real-property law and surveying, monuments are visible marks or indications left on natural or other objects indicating the lines and boundaries of a survey. In this sense the term includes not only posts, pil­lars, stone markers, cairns, and the like, but also fixed natural objects, blazing trees, and even a watercourse. See Grier v. Pennsylvania Coal Co., 128 Pa. 79, 18 Atl. 480; Cox v. Freedley, 33 Pa. 124, 75 Am. Dec. 584.

Monumenta quae aor recorda Tocamm •nut veritatis et vetustatis vestigia. Co. Litt 118. Monuments, which we call "records," are the vestiges of truth and antiquity.

MONYA. In Norman law. Moneyage. A tax or tribute of one shilling on every hearth, payable to the duke every three years, in consideration that he should not alter the coin. Hale, Com. Law, 148, and note.

MOKKTAR. In Hindu law. An agent or attorney.

MOKKTARNAMA. In Hindu law. A written authority constituting an agent; a power of attorney.

MOOR. An officer in the Isle of Man, who summons the courts for the several shewings. The office is similar to the English bailiff of a hundred.

MOORAGE. A sum due by law or usage for mooring or fastening of ships to trees or posts at the shore, or to a wharf. Wharf Case, 3 Bland (Md.) 373.

MOORING. In maritime law. Anchoring or making fast to the shore or dock; the securing or confining a vessel in a particular station, as by cables and anchors or by a line or chain run to the wharf. A vessel is "moored in safety," within the meaning of a policy of marine insurance, when she is thus moored to a wharf or dock, free from any immediate danger from any of the perils insured against. See 1 Phil. Ins. 968; Walsh v. New York Floating Dry Dock Co., 8 Daly (N. Y.) 387; Flundreau v. Elsworth, 9 Misc. Rep. 340, 29 N. Y. Supp. 694; Bramhall v. Sun Mut. Ins. Co., 104 Mass. 516, 6 Am. Rep. 261.

MOOT, n. In English law. Moots are exercises in pleading, and in arguing doubtful cases and questions, by the students of an inn of court before the benchers of the inn. Sweet.

In Saxon law. A meeting or assemblage of people, particularly for governmental or judicial purposes. The more usual forms of the word were "mote" and "gemot." See those titles.—Moot hill. Hill of meeting, (gemot,) on which the Britons used to hold their courts, the judge sitting on the eminence; the parties, etc., on an elevated platform below. Enc. Lond.

MOOT, adj. A subject for argument; unsettled; undecided. A moot point is one not settled by judicial decisions. A moot case is one which seeks to determine an abstract question which does not arise upon existing facts or rights. Adams v. Union R. Co., 21 R. I. 134, 42 Atl. 515, 44 L. R. A. 273.—Moot court. A court held for the arguing of moot cases or questions.—Moot hall. The place where moot cases were argued. Also a council-chamber, hall of judgment, or town-hall.—Moot man. One of those who used to argue the reader's cases in the inns of court.


MOOTING. The exercise of arguing questions of law or equity, raised for the purpose. See Moor.

MORA. Lat. In the civil law. Delay; default; neglect; culpable delay or default. Calvin.
Mora. Sax. A moor; barren or unprofitable ground; marsh; a heath; a watery bog or moor. Co. Litt. 5; Fleta, l. 2, c. 71.

Mora musca. A watery or boggy moor; a morass.


Moral. 1. Pertaining or relating to the conscience or moral sense or to the general principles of right conduct.

2. Cognizable or enforceable only by the conscience or by the principles of right conduct, as distinguished from positive law.

3. Depending upon or resulting from probability; raising a belief or conviction in the mind independent of strict or logical proof.

4. Involving or affecting the moral sense; as in the phrase "moral insanity."

Moral actions. Those only in which men have knowledge to guide them, and a will to choose for themselves. Russ. Inst. lib. 1, c. 1.

Moral certainty. In the law of criminal evidence. That degree of assurance which induces a man of sound mind to act, without doubt, upon the conclusions to which it leads. Willis, Circ. Ev. 7. A certainty that convinces and directs the understanding and satisfies the reason and judgment of those who are bound to act conscientiously upon it. State v. Orr, 64 Mo. 339; Bradley v. State, 31 Ind. 492; Ross v. Montana Union Ry. Co. (C. C.) 45 Fed. 425; Pharr v. State, 10 Tex. App. 485; Territory v. McAndrews, 3 Mont. 158. A high degree of impression of the truth of a fact, falling short of absolute certainty, but sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty, even in a capital case. See Burrrill, Circ. Ev. 198-200. The phrase "moral certainty" has been introduced into our jurisprudence from the publicists and metaphysicians, and signifies only a very high degree of probability. It was observed by Puffendorf that, "when we declare such a thing to be morally certain, because it has been confirmed by credible witnesses, this moral certitude is nothing else but a strong presumption grounded on probable reasons, and which very seldom fails and deceives us." "Probable evidence," says Bishop Butler, in the opening sentence of his Analogy, "is essentially distinguished from demonstrative by this: that it admits of degrees, and of all variety of them, from the highest moral certainty to the very lowest presumption." Com. v. Costley, 115 Mass. 29—Moral evidence. See Evidence. — Moral fraud. This phrase is one of the less usual designations of "actual" or "positive" fraud or "fraud in fact," as distinguished from "constructive" fraud or "fraud in law." It means fraud which involves actual guilt, a wrongful purpose, or mental fault. See Hazzard—Moral insanity. See Insanity. — Moral law. The law of conscience; the aggregate of those rules and principles of ethics which relate to right and wrong conduct and prescribe the standards to which the actions of men should conform in their dealings with each other. See Moore v. Strickling, 46 W. Va. 515, 33 S. E. 274, 50 L. R. A. 273—Moral obligation. See Obligation.

Morande solutionis causa. Lat. For the purpose of delaying or postponing payment or performance.

Moratur in lege. Lat. He delays in law. The phrase describes the action of one who demurs, because the party does not proceed in pleading, but rests or abides upon the judgment of the court on a certain point, as to the legal sufficiency of his opponent's pleading. The court deliberate and determine thereupon.

Moravians. Otherwise called "Hernhutters" or "United Brethren." A sect of Christians whose social polity is particular and conspicuous. It sprung up in Moravia and Bohemia, on the opening of that reformation which stripped the chair of St. Peter of so many votaries, and gave birth to so many denominations of Christians. They give evidence on their solemn affirmation. 2 Steph. Comm. 338a.

Morbus Sonticus. Lat. In the civil law. A sickness which rendered a man incapable of attending to business.


More or Less. This phrase, inserted in a conveyance of land immediately after the statement of the quantity of land conveyed, means that such statement is not to be taken as a warranty of the quantity, but only an approximate estimate, and that the tract or parcel described is to pass, without regard to an excess or deficiency in the quantity it actually contains. See Brawley v. U. S., 90 U. S. 168, 24 L. Ed. 622; Crislip v. Cain, 19 W. Va. 438; Tyler v. Anderson, 106 Ind. 185, 6 N. E. 600; Jenkins v. Bolignano, 52 Md. 420; Solinger v. Jewett, 25 Ind. 479, 87 Am. Dec. 372; Young v. Craig, 2 Bibb (Ky.) 270.

Morganatic Marriage. See Marriage.

Morganina, or Morganiva. A gift on the morning after the wedding; dowry; the husband's gift to his wife on the day after the wedding. Du Cange; Cowell.


Morgue. A place where the bodies of persons found dead are kept for a limited time and exposed to view, to the end that their friends may identify them.

Mormonism. A social and religious system prevailing in the territory of Utah, a distinctive feature of which is the practice of polygamy. These plural marriages are not recognized by law, but are indictable offenses under the statutes of the United States and of Utah.

Mors. Lat. Death.

Mors dicitur ultimum supplicium. Death is called the "last punishment," the "extremity of punishmem." 3 Inst. 212.
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MORSELLUM, or MORSELLUS, TERRÆ. In old English law. A small parcel or bit of land.

MORT CIVILE. In French law. Civil death, as upon conviction for felony. It was nominally abolished by a law of the 31st of May, 1854, but something very similar to it, in effect at least, still remains. Thus, the property of the condemned, possessed by him at the date of his conviction, goes and belongs to his successors, (héritiers,) as in case of an intestacy; and his future acquired property goes to the state by right of its predecessor, or bit of land.

MORT D'ANCESTOR. An ancient and now almost obsolete remedy in the English law. An assize of mort d'ancestor was a writ which lay for a person whose ancestor died seised of lands in fee-simple, and after his death a stranger abated; and this writ directed the sheriff to summon a jury or assize, who should view the land in question and recognize whether such ancestor were seised thereof on the day of his death, and whether the demandant were the next heir.

MORTALITY. This word, in its ordinary sense, never means violent death, but death arising from natural causes. Lawrence v. Aberdeen, 5 Barn. & Ald. 110.

MORTGAGE. An estate created by a conveyance absolute in its form, but intended to secure the performance of some act, such as the payment of money, and the like, by the grantor or some other person, and to become void if the act is performed agreeably to the terms prescribed at the time of making such conveyance. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *475. A conditional conveyance of land, designed as a security for the payment of money, the fulfillment of some contract, or the performance of some act, and to be void upon such payment, fulfillment, or performance. Mitchell v. Burnham, 44 Me. 299. A debt by specialty, secured by a pledge of lands, of which the legal ownership is vested in the creditor, but of which, in equity, the debtor and those claiming under him remain the actual owners, until barred by judicial sentence or their own laches. Coote, Mortg. 1. The foregoing definitions are applicable to the common-law conception of a mortgage. But in many states in modern times, it is regarded as a mere lien, and not as creating a title or estate. It is a pledge or security of particular property for the payment of a debt or the performance of some other obligation, whatever form the transaction may take, but is not now regarded as a conveyance in effect, though it may be cast in the form of a conveyance. See Muth v. Goddard, 28 Mont. 237, 72 Pac. 621, 98 Am. St. Rep. 553; Johnson v. Robinson, 68 Tex. 399, 4 S. W. 625; In re McConnell's Estate, 74 Cal. 217, 15 Pac. 748; Killebrew v. Hines, 104 N. C. 182, 10 S. E. 169, 17 Am. St. Rep. 672. To the same purport are also the following statutory provisions.

Mortgage is a right granted to the creditor over the property of the debtor for the security of his debt, and gives him the power of having the property seized and sold in default of payment. Civ. Code La. art. 3278.

Mortgage is a contract by which specific property is hypothecated for the performance of an act, without the necessity of a change of possession. Civ. Code Cal. § 2920.

—Chattel mortgage. A mortgage of goods, chattels, or personal property. See CHATTAL MORTGAGE—Conventional mortgage. The conventional mortgage is a contract by which a person binds the whole of his property, or a portion of it only, in favor of another, to secure the execution of some engagement, but without divesting himself of possession. Civ. Code La. art. 3359; Succession of Benjamin, 39 La. Ann. 612, 2 South. 187. It is distinguished from the "legal" mortgage, which is a privilege which the law alone in certain cases gives to a creditor over the property of his debtor, without stipulation of the parties. This last is very much like a general lien at common law, created by the law rather than by the act of the parties, such as a judgment lien.—Equitable mortgage. A specific lien upon real property to secure the payment of money or the performance of some other obligation, which a court of equity will recognize and enforce, in accordance with the clearly ascertained intent of the parties to that effect, but which lacks the essential features of a legal mortgage, either because it grows out of the transactions of the parties without any deed or express contract to give a lien, or because the instrument used for that purpose is in some way lacking in some of the characteristics of a common-law mortgage, or, being absolute in form, is accompanied by a collateral reservation of a right to redeem, or because an express agreement to give a mortgage has not been carried into effect. See 4 Kent, Comm. 150; 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 1015; Ketchum v. St. Louis, 101 U. S. 360, 25 L. Ed. 999; Payne v. Wilson, 74 N. Y. 348; Gessner v. Palmateer, 80 Cal. 89, 26 Pac. 788, 13 L. R. A. 187; Cunningham v. Jackson, 55 N. J. Eq. 905, 38 Atl. 702; Hall v. Railroad Co., 55 Ala. 23; Bradley v. Merrill, 88 Me. 319, 34 Atl. 160; Carter v. Holman, 60 Mo. 504. In English law, the following mortgages are equitable: (1) Where the subject of a mortgage is trust property, which security is effected either by a formal deed or a written notice being given to the trustees in order to preserve the priority. (2) Where it is an equity of redemption, which is merely a right to bring an action in the chancery division to redeem the estate. (3) Where there is a written agreement only to make a mortgage, which creates an equitable lien on the land. (4) Where a debtor deposits the title-deeds to his property with his creditor, or some person on his behalf, without even a verbal communication. The deposit itself is deemed evidence of an irrevocable agreement to secure his property by a mortgage for such estate. Wharton.—First mortgage. The first (in time or right) of a series of two or more mortgages covering the same property and successively attaching as a lien upon it; also, in a more particular sense,
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a mortgage which is a lien on the property, and only as against other mortgages, but not against any other charges or incumbrances. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347. —First mortgage bonds. Bonds the payment of which is secured by a mortgage on real property. Bank of Atchison County v. Byers, 139 Mo. 627, 41 S. W. 325; Minnesota & P. R. Co. v. Sibley, 2 Minn. 52; Com. v. Williamsburg, 156 Mass. 70, 30 N. E. 472. —Second mortgage. One which takes rank immediately after a first mortgage on the same property, without any intervening lien, and is next entitled to satisfaction out of the proceeds of the property. Green's Appeal, 97 Pa. 347. Properly speaking, however, the term designates the second of several mortgages, not necessarily the second lien. For instance, the lien of a judgment might intervene between the first and second mortgages; in which case, the second mortgage would be the third lien. —General mortgage. Mortgages are sometimes classified as general and special, a mortgage of the former class being one which binds all property, present and future, of the debtor (sometimes called a "blanket" mortgage); while a special mortgage is limited to certain particular and specified property. Barnard v. Erwin, 2 Rob. (L.) 415. —Judicial mortgage. In the law of Louisiana. The lien resulting from judgments, whether rendered on contested cases or by default, whether final or provisional, in favor of the person obtaining them. Civ. Code La. art. 3321. —Legal mortgage. A term used in Louisiana. The law alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a mortgage on the property of his debtor, without it being requisite that the parties should stipulate it. "This is called a legal mortgage." Civ. Code La. art. 3311. —Mortgage of goods. A conveyance of goods in gage or mortgage by which the whole legal title passes conditionally to the mortgagee; and, if the goods are not redeemed at the time stipulated, the title becomes absolute in law, although equity will interfere to compel a redemption. It is distinguished from a "pledge" by the circumstance that possession by the mortgagor is not or may not be essential to create or to support the title. Story, Balm. § 257. See CHATTEL MORTGAGE. —Purchase-money mortgage. A mortgage given, concurrently with a conveyance of land, by the vendee to the vendor for the purchase money; and, if the mortgage is unpaid, the vendor may recover the land, and if the goods are not redeemed at the time stipulated, the title becomes absolute in law. Terrill v. Public Adm'r, 4 How. 495, 16 L. Ed. 701. —Mortmain. A term applied to denote the alienation of lands or tenements to any corporation, sole or aggregate, ecclesiastical or temporal. These purchases have been chiefly made by religious houses; in consequence of which lands became perpetually in one dead hand, this has occasioned the general appellation of "mortmain" to be applied to such alienations. 2 Bl. Comm. 283; Co. Litt. 29; Perin v. Carey, 24 How. 495, 16 L. Ed. 701. —Mortmain acts. These acts had for their object to prevent lands getting into the possession or control of religious corporations, or, as the name indicates, "in mortua mensa." After numerous prior acts dating from the reign of Edward I., it was enacted by the statute 9 Geo. II. c. 36 (called the "Mortmain Act" per excellence), that no lands should be given to charities unless certain requisites should be observed. Brown. Yates v. Yates, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 324. —Mortuary. In ecclesiastical law. A burial-place. A kind of ecclesiastical heriot, being a customary gift of the second best living animal belonging to the deceased, claimed by and due to the minister in many parishes, on the death of his parishioners, whether buried in the church-yard or not. 2 Bl. Comm. 425. Ayrton v. Abbott, 14 Q. B. 19. It has been sometimes used in a civil as well as in an ecclesiastical sense, and applied to a payment to the lord of the fee. Parch. Antiq. 470. —Mortuary Tables. Tables for estimating the probable duration of the life of a party at a given age. Gallagher v. Market St. Ry. Co., 67 Cal. 16, 6 Pac. 871, 51 Am. Rep. 680. —Mortuum Vadium. A dead pledge; a mortgage, (q. v.) a pledge where the profits

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or rents of the thing pledged are not applied to the payment of the debt.

MORTUUS. Lat. Dead. So in sheriff's return, mortus est, he is dead.

-Mortus sine prole. Dead without issue. In genealogical tables often abbreviated to “m. s. p.”

Mortus exitus non est exitus. A dead issue is no issue. Co. Litt. 29. A child born dead is not considered as issue.

Mos retinendus est adissimine vetustatis. 4 Coke, 78. A custom of the truest antiquity is to be retained.


MOTE. Sax. A meeting; an assembly. Used in composition, as burgmote, folkemote, etc.

-Mote-bell. The bell which was used by the Saxons to summon people to the court. Cowell.

MOTEER. A customary service or payment at the mote or court of the lord, from which some were exempted by charter or privilege. Cowell.

MOTHER. A woman who has borne a child; a female parent; correlative to “son” or “daughter.” The term may also include a woman who is pregnant. See Howard v. People, 155 Ill. 552, 57 N. E. 441; Latshaw v. State, 150 Ind. 194, 59 N. E. 471.

-Mother-in-law. The mother of one’s wife or of one’s husband.

MOTION. In practice. An occasional application to a court by the parties or their counsel, in order to obtain some rule or order, which becomes necessary either in the progress of a case, or summarily and wholly unconnected with plenary proceedings. Citizens’ St. R. Co. v. Reed, 28 Ind. App. 629, 63 N. E. 770; Low v. Cheney, 3 How. Prac. (N.Y.) 287; People v. Ah Sam, 41 Cal. 645; In re Jetter, 78 N. Y. 601.

A motion is a written application for an order addressed to the court or to a judge in vacation by any party to a suit or proceeding, or by any one interested therein. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 2911; Code N. Y. § 401.

In parliamentary law. The formal mode in which a member submits a proposed measure or resolve for the consideration and action of the meeting.

-Motion for decree. Under the chancery practice, the most usual mode of bringing on a suit for hearing when the defendant has answered is by motion for decree. To do this the plaintiff serves on the defendant a notice of his intention to move for a decree. Hunter, Suit Eq. 59; Daniell, Ch. Pr. 722.


MOTION in error. A motion in error stands on the same footing as a writ of error; the only difference is that, on a motion in error, no service is required to be made on the opposite party, because, being before the court when the motion is filed, he is bound to take notice of it at his peril. Treadway v. Coe, 21 Conn. 283.

-Motion to set aside judgment. This is a step taken by a party in an action who is dissatisfied with the judgment directed to be entered at the trial of the action served on the plaintiff, in order addressed to the discretion of the court, and which must be heard and determined; as distinguished from one which may be granted of course. Merchants’ Bank v. Crysler, 67 Fed. 390, 14 C. C. A. 444.

MOTIVE. The inducement, cause, or reason why a thing is done. An act legal in itself, and which violates no right, is not actionable on account of the motive which actuated it. Chatfield v. Wilson, 5 Am. Law Reg. (O. S.) 528.

“Motive” and “intent” are not identical, and an intent may exist where a motive is wanting. Motive is the moving power which impels to action for a definite result; intent is the purpose to use a particular means to effect such result. In the popular mind intent and motive are often regarded as the same thing; but in law there is a clear distinction between them. When a crime is clearly proved to have been committed by a person charged therewith, the question of motive may be of little or no importance, but criminal intent is always essential to the commission of a crime. People v. Molinineux, 168 N. Y. 264, 61 N. E. 286, 62 L. R. A. 192; Warren v. Tenth Nat. Bank, 29 Fed. Cas. 287. But motive is often an important subject of inquiry in criminal prosecutions, particularly where the case depends mainly or entirely on circumstantial evidence, the combination of motive and opportunity (for the commission of the particular crime by the person accused) being generally considered essential links in a chain of such evidence, while the absence of all motive on the part of the prisoner is an admissible and important item of evidence in his favor.

MOTU PROPRIO. Lat. Of his own motion. The commencing words of a certain kind of papal rescript.

MOURNING. The dress or apparel worn by mourners at a funeral and for a time afterwards. Also the expenses paid for such apparel.

MOUTH. By statute in some states, the mouth of a river or creek, which empties into another river or creek, is defined as the point where the middle of the channel of each intersects the other. Pol. Code Cal. 1903, § 3008; Rev. St. Ariz. 1901, par. 931.

MOVABLE. That which can be changed in place, as movable property; or in time, as movable feasts or terms of court. See Wood v. George, 6 Dana (Ky.) 545; Strong v. White, 19 Conn. 245; Goddard v. Winchell, 80 Iowa, 71, 62 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 788, 41 Am. St. Rep. 481.

-Movable estate. A term equivalent to “personal estate” or “personal property.” Den
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v. Sayre, 3 N. J. Law, 187.—MOVABLE freehold. A term applied by Lord Coke to real property which is capable of being increased or diminished by natural causes; as where the owner of seashore acquires or loses land as the waters recede or approach. See Holman v. Hodges, 112 Iowa, 714, 84 N. W. 950, 58 L. R. A. 673, 84 Am. St. Rep. 367.

MOVABLES. Things movable; movable or personal chattels, which may be annexed to or attendant on the person of the owner, and carried about with him from one part of the world to another. 2 Bl. Comm. 387. Movable consist—First, of inanimate things, as goods, plate, money, jewels, implements of war, garments, and the like, or vegetable productions, as the fruit or other parts of a plant when severed from the body of it, or the whole plant itself when severed from the ground; secondly, of animals, which have in themselves a principle and power of motion. 2 Steph. Comm. 67.

In the civil law. Movables (mobilia) properly denoted inanimate things; animals being distinguished as moveunta, things moving. Calvin.

In Scotch law. "Movables" are opposed to "heritage." So that every species of property, and every right a man can hold, is by that law either heritable or movable. Bell.

MOVE. 1. To make an application to a court for a rule or order. 2. To propose a resolution, or recommend action in a deliberative body. 3. To pass over; to be transferred; as when the consideration of a contract is said to "move" from one party to the other. 4. To occasion; to contribute to; to tend or lead to. The forewheel of a wagon was said "to move to the death of a man." Sayre, 249.

MOVENT. One who moves; one who makes a motion before a court; the applicant for a rule or order.

MOVING FOR AN ARGUMENT. Making a motion on a day which is not motion day, in virtue of having argued a special case; used in the exchequer after it became obsolete in the queen's bench. Wharton.

MUCIANA CAUTIO. See CAUTIO.

MUEBLES. In Spanish law. Movable; all sorts of personal property. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 3, c. 1, § 2.

MUERBURN. In Scotch law. The offense of setting fire to a muir or moor. 1 Brown, Ch. 78, 116.

MULATTO. A mulatto is defined to be "a person that is the offspring of a negro by a white man, or of a white woman by a negro." Thurman v. State, 18 Ala. 276.

MULCT. A penalty or punishment imposed on a person guilty of some offense, tort, or misdemeanor, usually a pecuniary fine or condemnation in damages. See Cook v. Marshall County, 119 Iowa, 394, 93 N. W. 372, 104 Am. St. Rep. 233.

Multa damnum famae non irrogat. Cod. 1, 54. A fine does not involve loss of character.

MULER. Lat. (1) A woman; (2) a virgin; (3) a wife; (4) a legitimate child. 1 Inst. 243.

MULER PUISNE. L. Fr. When a man has a bastard son, and afterwards marries the mother, and by her has also a legitimate son, the elder son is bastard eigné, and the younger son is muler puisné.

MULLERATUS. A legitimate son. Glanvil.

MULLERY. In old English law. The state or condition of a muler, or lawful issue. Co. Litt. 352b. The opposite of bastardy. Blount.

Multa conceduntur per obliquum quae non conceduntur de directo. Many things are allowed indirectly which are not allowed directly. 6 Coke, 47.

MULTA, or MULTURA EPISCOPI. A fine or final satisfaction, anciently given to the king by the bishops, that they might have power to make their wills, and that they might have the probate of other men's wills, and the granting of administration. 2 Inst. 291.


Multa ignoramus quae nobis non latet, si veterum lectio nobis familiaris. We are ignorant of many things which would not be hidden from us if the reading of old authors was familiar to us.

Multa in jure common contra rationem disputandi, pro communi utilitate introducta sunt. Many things have been introduced into the common law, with a view to the public good, which are inconsistent with sound reason. Co. Litt. 70b; Broom, Max. 158.

Multa multa exercitatione facilium quam rogulae perceptae. You will perceive many things much more easily by practice than by rules.

Multa non vetat lex, quae tamen tacite damnavit. The law forbids not many things which yet it has silently condemned.
Multa transeunt cum universitate quae non per se transeunt. Many things pass with the whole which do not pass separately. Co. Litt. 12a.

Multa multa, nemo omnia novit. 4 Inst. 348. Many men have known many things; no one has known everything.

MULTIPARIOUSNESS. In equity pleading. The fault of improperly joining in one bill distinct and independent matters, and thereby confounding them; as, for example, the uniting in one bill of several matters perfectly distinct and unconnected against one defendant, or the demand of several matters of a distinct and independent nature against several defendants, in the same bill. Story, Eq. Pl. § 271. And see Harrison v. Perea, 168 U. S. 311, 18 Sup. Ct. 129, 42 L. Ed. 478; Wales v. Newbould, 9 Mich. 56; Bovaird v. Seyfang, 200 Pa. 261, 49 Atl. 568; Boiles v. Boiles, 44 N. J. Eq. 355, 14 Atl. 568; Perkins v. Baer, 95 Mo. App. 70, 68 S. W. 939; Thomas v. Mason, 8 Gill (Md.) 1; Barcus v. Brown, 89 Fed. 783, 32 C. C. A. 397; McCloud v. Hensley, 44 Mo. 390.

MULTIPARTITE. Divided into many or several parts.

MULTIPLE POINDING. In Scotch law. Double distress; a name given to an action, corresponding to proceedings by way of interpleader, which may be brought by a person in possession of goods claimed by different persons pretending a right thereto, calling the claimants and all others to settle their claims, so that the party who sues may be liable only "in once and single payment." Bell.

Multiplex et indistinctum parit confusionem; et questiones, quo simpliores, eo lucidiores. Hob. 355. Multiplicity and indistinctness produce confusion; and questions, the more simple they are, the more lucid.

Multiplicata transgressione crescat poena infictio. As transgression is multiplied, the infliction of punishment should increase. 2 Inst. 479.

MULTIPLECTIVITY. A state of being many. That quality of a pleading which involves a variety of matters or particulars; undue variety. 2 Saund. 410. A multiplying or increasing. Story, Eq. Pl. § 287.

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MULTITUDE. An assemblage of many people. According to Coke it is not a word of very precise meaning; for some authorities hold that there must be at least ten persons to make a multitude, while others maintain that no definite number is fixed by law. Co. Litt. 257.


Multitudinum non parit errori patrocinium. The multitude of those who err furnishes no countenance or excuse for error. 11 Coke, 75a. It is no excuse for error that it is entertained by numbers.

Multitudinum imperitorum perdit curiam. The great number of unskilful practitioners ruins a court. 2 Inst. 219.

MULTYO. In old records. A wether sheep.

Multa utiliss est panes idonea effundere quam multiss inutilibus homines gravari. 4 Coke, 20. It is more useful to pour forth a few useful things than to oppress men with many useless things.

MULTIPLET. In Scotch law. The quantity of grain or meal payable to the proprietor of a mill, or to the multurer, his tacksmen, for manufacturing the corns. Ersk. Inst. 2, 8, 19.

MUMIFICATION. In medical jurisprudence. A term applied to the complete drying up of the body. It is the result of burial in a dry, hot soil, or the exposure of the body to a continuously cold and dry atmosphere. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 261.

MUMMING. Antic diversions in the Christmas holidays, suppressed in Queen Anne's time.

MUND. In old English law. Peace; whence mundbryc, a breach of the peace.

MUNDBYRD, MUNDEBURDE. A receiving into favor and protection. Cowell.

MUNDIUM. In old French law. A tribute paid by a church or monastery to their seignorial avoués and vidames, as the price of protecting them. Steph. Lect. 236.

MUNERA. In the early ages of the feudál law, this was the name given to the grants of land made by a king or chieftain to his followers, which were held by no certain tenure, but merely at the will of the lord. Afterwards they became life-estates, and then hereditary, and were called first "benefices," and then "feuda." See Wright, Ten. 19.
MUNICIPES. Lat. In Roman law. A provincial person; a countryman. This was the designation of one born in the provinces or in a city politically connected with Rome, and who, having become a Roman citizen, was entitled to hold any offices at Rome except some of the highest. In the provinces, the term seems to have been applied to the freemen of any city who were eligible to the municipal offices. Calvin.

MUNICIPAL. "Municipal" signifies that which belongs to a corporation or a city. The term includes the rules or laws by which a particular district, community, or nation is governed. It may also mean local, particular, independent. Horton v. Mobile School Com'rs, 43 Ala. 596.

"Municipal," in one of its meanings, is used in opposition to "international," and denotes that which pertains or belongs properly to an individual state or separate community, as distinguished from one political or national state, or of which a member is possessed. It is thus distinguished from political law, commercial law, and the law which pertains solely to the citizens and inhabitants of nations. Wharton. And see Winspear v. Holman Dist'c Ty., 37 Iowa, 544; Root v. Erdemeyer, Wils. (Ind.) 90; Cook v. Portland, 20 Or. 550, 27 Pac. 283, 13 L. R. A. 533.—Municipal aid. A contribution or assistance granted by a municipal corporation towards the execution or progress of some enterprise; undertaken by private parties, but likely to be of benefit to the municipality; e.g., a railroad.—Municipal bonds. Negotiable bonds issued by a municipal corporation, to secure its indebtedness. Austin v. Nalle, 85 Tex. 520, 22 S. W. 668; Howard v. Kiowa County (C. C. A.) 73 Fed. 406.—Municipal claims. In Pennsylvania law. Claims filed by a city against property owners therein, for taxes, rates, levies, or assessments for local improvements, such as the cost of grading, paving, or curbing the streets, or removing nuisances.—Municipal corporation. See that title infra.—Municipal courts. In the judicial organization of several states, courts are established under this name which possess territorial and civil jurisdiction confined to the city or community in which they are erected. Such courts usually have a criminal jurisdiction corresponding to that of a police court, and in some cases, possess civil jurisdiction in small causes.—Municipal law, in contradistinction to international law, is the law of an individual state or nation. It is the rule of law by which a particular district, community, or nation is governed. 1 Bl. Com. 44. That which pertains solely to the citizens and inhabitants of a state, and is thus distinguished from political law, commercial law, and the law of nations. Wharton. And see Winspear v. Holman Dist'c Ty., 37 Iowa, 544; Root v. Erdemeyer, Wils. (Ind.) 90; Cook v. Portland, 20 Or. 550, 27 Pac. 283, 13 L. R. A. 533.—Municipal lien. A lien or claim existing in favor of a municipal corporation against a property owner for his proportionate share of a public improvement, made by the municipality, whereby his property is specially and individually benefited.—Municipal ordinances. A law, rule, or ordinance enacted or adopted by a municipal corporation. Rutherford v. Swink, 96 Tenn. 564, 35 S. W. 554.—Municipal securities. The evidences of indebtedness issued by cities, towns, counties, townships, school-districts, and other such territorial divisions of a state. They are of two general classes: (1) Municipal warrants, orders, or certificates; (2) Municipal notes. See that title infra.—Municipal warrants. A warrant or order is an instrument, generally in the form of a bill of exchange, drawn by an officer of a municipality upon its treasurer, directing him to pay an amount of money specified therein to the person named or his order, or to bearer. 15 Amer. & Eng. Enc. Law, 1206.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. A public corporation, created by government for political purposes, and having subordinate and local powers of legislation; e.g., a county, town, city, etc. 2 Kent, Comm. 275.

An incorporation of persons, inhabitants of a particular place, or connected with a particular district, enabling them to conduct its local civil government. Glov. Mun. Corp. 1.

In English law. A body of persons in a town having the powers of acting as one person, of holding and transmitting property, and of regulating the government of the town. Such corporations existed in the chief towns of England, (as London, etc.) from very early times, deriving their authority from "incorporating" charters granted by the crown. Wharton.

—Municipal corporations act. In English law. A general statute, (5 & 6 Wm. IV. c. 76,) passed in 1835, prescribing general regulations for the incorporation and government of boroughs.—Quasi municipal corporations. Public corporations organized for governmental purposes and having for most purposes the status and powers of municipal corporations (such as counties, townships, and school districts), but not municipal corporations proper, such as cities and incorporated towns. See Snider v. St. Paul, 91 Minn. 468, 56 N. W. 703, 18 L. R. A. 151.

MUNICIPALITY. A municipal corporation; a city, town, borough, or incorporated village. Also the body of officers, taken collectively, belonging to a city.

MUNICIPIUM. In Roman law. A foreign town to which the freedom of the city of Rome was granted, and whose inhabitants had the privilege of enjoying offices and honors there; a free town. Adams, Rom. Ant. 47, 77.

MUNIMENTS. The instruments of writing and written evidences which the owner of lands, possessions, or inheritances has, by which he is enabled to defend the title of his estate. Termes de la Ley; 3 Inst. 170.

MUNIMENT-ROOM, or MUNIMENT-ROOM. A house or room of strength, in cathedrals, collegiate churches, castles, colleges, public buildings, etc., purposely made for keeping deeds, charters, writings, etc. 3 Inst. 170.

MUNITIONS OF WAR. In international law and United States statutes, this term includes not only ordinance, ammunition, and other material directly useful in the conduct of a war, but also whatever may contribute to its successful maintenance,
such as military stores of all kinds and articles of food. See U. S. v. Sheldon, 2 Wheat. 119, 4 L. Ed. 199.

MUNUS. Let. A gift; an office; a benefice or feu; a gladiatorial show or spectacle. Calvin.; Du Cange.

MURAGE. A toll formerly levied in England for repairing or building public walls.

MURDER. The crime committed where a person of sound mind and discretion (that is, of sufficient age to form and execute a criminal design and not legally "insane") kills any human creature in being (excluding quick but unborn children) and in the peace of the state or nation (including all persons except the military forces of the public enemy in time of war or battle) without any warrant, justification, or excuse in law, with malice aforethought, express or implied, that is, with a deliberate purpose or a design or determination distinctly formed in the mind before the commission of the act, provided that death results from the injury inflicted within one year and a day after its infliction. See Kilpatrick v. Com., 31 Pa. 198; Hotema v. U. S., 186 U. S. 413, 22 Sup. Ct. 895, 46 L. Ed. 1225; Guitteau's Case (D. C.) 10 Fed. 161; Clarke v. State, 117 Ala. 1, 23 South. 671, 67 Am. St. Rep. 157; People v. Enoch, 13 Wend. (N. Y.) 167, 27 Am. Dec. 197; Kent v. People, 8 Colo. 563, 9 Pac. 852; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 295, 52 Am. Dec. 711; Armstrong v. State, 30 Fla. 170, 11 South. 615, 17 L. R. A. 454; U. S. v. Lewis (C. C.) 111 Fed. 692; Nye v. People, 35 Mich. 16. For the distinction between murder and manslaughter and other forms of homicide, see HOMICIDE; MANSLAUGHTER.

Common-law definitions. The willful killing of any subject whatever, with malice aforethought, whether the person slain shall be an Englishman or a foreigner. Hawk. P. C. b. 1, c. 13, § 3. The killing of any person under the king's peace, with malice prepense or aforethought, either express or implied, by law. 1 Russ. Crimes, 421; Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 304, 52 Am. Dec. 711. When a person of sound mind and discretion unlawfully and maliciously killeth any reasonable creature in being, and under the king's peace, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. 3 Inst. 47.

Statutory definitions. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being with malice aforethought, either express or implied, is guilty of murder. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 3848. Murder is the unlawful killing of a human being, in the peace of the state, by a person of sound memory and discretion, with malice aforethought, either express or implied. Code Ga. 1882, § 4520. The killing of a human being, without the authority of law, by any means, or in any manner, shall be murder in the following cases: When done with deliberate design to effect the death of any particular individual; when done without any design to effect death, by any person engaged in the commission of the crime of rape, burglary, arson, or robbery, or in any attempt to commit such crimes. Rev. Code Miss. 1880, § 2875. Every homicide, perpetrated by poison, lying in wait, or any other kind of willful, deliberate, malicious, and premeditated killing; or committed in the perpetration of, or the attempt to perpetrate, any arson, rape, robbery, or burglary; or perpetrated from a premeditated design under false pretenses and for the purpose of effecting the death of any human being other than him who is killed; or perpetrated by any act greatly dangerous to the lives of others, and evidencing a depraved mind, regardless of human life, although without any preconceived purpose to deprive any particular person of life, is murder in the first degree; and every other homicide committed under such circumstances as would have constituted murder at common law is murder in the second degree. Code Ala. 1886, § 3725.

Degrees of murder. These were unknown at common law, but have been introduced in many states by statutes, the terms of which are too variant to be here discussed in detail. In many states bad will or ill feeling, as in murder in the first degree, and "malice aforethought" (such as military stores of all kinds and articles of food. See U. S. v. Sheldon, 2 Wheat. 119, 4 L. Ed. 199.

MURDRUM. In old English law. The killing of a man in a secret manner.

MURORUM OPERATIO. Let. The service of work and labor done by inhabitants and adjoining tenants in building or repairing the walls of a city or castle; their personal service was commuted into murage, (q. v.) Cowell.

MURTHRM. In old Scotch law. Murder or murder. Skene.

MUSEUM. A building or institution for the cultivation of science or the exhibition of curiosities or works of art.

The term "museum" embraces not only collections of curiosities for the entertainment of the eight, but also such as would interest, amuse, and instruct the mind. Bostick v. Purdy, 5 Stew. & P. (Ala.) 109.
MUSSA. In old English law. A moss or marsh ground, or a place where sedges grow; a place overrun with moss. Cowell.

MUSTER. To assemble together troops and their arms, whether for inspection, drill, or service in the field. To take recruits into the service in the army and Inscribe their names on the muster-roll or official record. See Tyler v. Pomeroy, 8 Allen (Mass.) 498.

—Muster-master. One who superintended the muster to prevent frauds. St. 35 Eliz. c. 4.
—Master-book. A book in which the forces are registered. Terms de la Ley.—Muster-roll. In maritime law. A list-or account of a ship's company, required to be kept by the master or other person having care of the ship, containing the name, age, national character, and quality of every person employed in the ship. Abb. Shipp. 191, 192; Jac. Sea Laws, 161.

MUSTIZO. A name given to the issue of an Indian and a negro. Miller v. Dawson, Dud. (S. C.) 174.

MUTA-CANUM. A kennel of hounds; one of the mortuaries to which the crown was entitled at a bishop's or abbot's decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 426.

MUTATIO NOMINIS. Lat. In the civil law. Change of name. Cod. 9, 25.

MUTATION. In French law. This term is synonymous with "change," and is especially applied to designate the change which takes place in the property of a thing in its transmission from one person to another. Mutation, therefore, happens when the owner of the thing sells, exchanges, or gives it. Merl. Répert.

MUTATION OF LIBEL. In practice. An amendment allowed to a libel, by which there is an alteration of the substance of the libel, as by propounding a new cause of action, or asking one thing instead of another. Dunl. Adm. Pr. 213.

MUTATIS MUTANDIS. Lat. With the necessary changes in points of detail.

MUTER. Speechless; dumb; that cannot or will not speak. In English criminal law, a prisoner is said to stand mute when, being arraigned for treason or felony, he either makes no answer at all, or answers foreign to the purpose or with such matter as is not allowable, and will not answer otherwise, or, upon having pleaded not guilty, refuses to put himself upon the country. 4 Bl. Comm. 324.

MUTUALITY. Reciprocation; interchange. An acting by each of two parties; an acting in return.

MUTUANT. The person who lends chattels in the contract of mutuum, (q. v.)

MUTUARI. To borrow; mutatus, a borrowing. 2 Arch. Pr. 25.

MUTUARY. A person who borrows personal chattels to be consumed by him and returned to the lender in kind and quantity; the borrower in a contract of mutuum.

MUTUS ET SURDUS. Lat. In civil and old English law. Dumb and deaf.

In criminal law. The depriving a man of the use of any of those limbs which may be useful to him in fight, the loss of which amounts to mayhem. 1 Bl. Comm. 150.

MUTINIOUS. Insubordinate; disposed to mutiny; tending to incite or encourage mutiny.

MUTINY. In criminal law. An insurrection of soldiers or seamen against the authority of their commanders; a sedition or revolt in the army or navy. See The Stacey Clarke (D. C.) 54 Fed. 533; McCargo v. New Orleans Ins. Co., 10 Rob. (La.) 313, 43 Am. Dec. 180.


MUTUAL. Interchangeable; reciprocal; each acting in return or correspondence to the other; given and received; spoken of an engagement or relation in which like duties and obligations are exchanged.

"Mutual" is not synonymous with "common." The latter word, in one of its meanings, denotes that which is shared, in the same or different degrees, by two or more persons; but the former implies reciprocal action or interdependent connection.


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In every agreement the parties must, as regards the principal or essential part of the transaction, intend the same thing; i.e., each must know what the other is to do. This is called "mutuality of assent." Chit. Cont. 13.

In a simple contract arising from agreement, it is sometimes the essence of the transaction that each party should be bound to do something under it. This requirement is called "mutuality." Sweet.

Mutuality of a contract means an obligation on each to do, or permit to be done, something in consideration of the act or promise of the other. Spear v. Orendorf, 26 Md. 37.

MUTILATION. As applied to written documents, such as wills, court records, and the like, this term means rendering the document imperfect by the subtraction from it of some essential part, as, by cutting, tearing, burning, or erasure, but without totally destroying it. See Woodfill v. Patton, 75 Ind. 583, 40 Am. Rep. 269.

In criminal law. The depriving a man of the use of any of those limbs which may be useful to him in fight, the loss of which amounts to mayhem. 1 Bl. Comm. 150.
MUTUUM. Lat. In the law of bailments. A loan for consumption; a loan of chattels, upon an agreement that the borrower may consume them, returning to the lender an equivalent in kind and quantity. Story, Bailm. § 223; Payne v. Gardiner, 29 N. Y. 167; Downes v. Phenix Bank, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 299; Rahilly v. Wilson, 20 Fed. Cas. 181.

MYSTER-HAM. Monastic habitation; perhaps the part of a monastery set apart for purposes of hospitality, or as a sanctuary for criminals. Anc. Inst. Eng. BL LAW DICTIONARY (2D ED.)—51

MYSTERY. A trade, art, or occupation. 2 Inst. 668. Masters frequently bind themselves in the indentures with their apprentices to teach them their art, trade, and mystery. State v. Bishop, 15 Me. 122; Barger v. Caldwell, 2 Dana (Ky.) 131.

MYSTIC TESTAMENT. In the law of Louisiana, a closed or sealed will, required by statute to be executed in a particular manner and to be signed (on the outside of the paper or of the envelope containing it) by a notary and seven witnesses as well as the testator. See Civ. Code La. art. 1584.

In English, a common and familiar abbreviation for the word "north," as used in maps, charts, conveyances, etc. See Burr v. Broadway Ins. Co., 16 N. Y. 271.

N. A. An abbreviation for "non allocatur," it is not allowed.

N. B. An abbreviation for "nota bene," mark well, observe; also "nulla bona," no goods.

N. D. An abbreviation for "Northern District."

N. E. I. An abbreviation for "non est inventus," he is not found.

N. L. An abbreviation of "non liquet," (which see.)

N. P. An abbreviation for "notary public," (Rowley v. Berrian, 12 Ill. 200;) also for "nisi prius," (q. v.)

N. R. An abbreviation for "New Reports," also for "not reported," and for "nonresident."

N. S. An abbreviation for "New Series;" also for "New Style."

NAAM. Sax. The attaching or taking of movable goods and chattels, called "vif" or "mort" according as the chattels were living or dead. Termes de la Ley.

NABB. Originally the governor of a province under the Mogul government of Hindostan, whence it became a mere title of any man of high rank, upon whom it was conferred without any office being attached to it. Wils. Indian Gloss.

NAIF. L. Fr. A villein; a born slave; a bondwoman.

NAIL. A lineal measure of two inches and a quarter.

NAKED. As a term of jurisprudence, this word is equivalent to bare, wanting in necessary conditions, incomplete, as a naked contract, (nudum pactum,) i. e., a contract devoid of consideration, and therefore invalid; or simple, unilateral, comprising but a single element, as a naked authority, i. e., one which is not coupled with any interest in the agent, but subsists for the benefit of the principal alone.


NAM. In old English law. A distress or seizure of chattels.

As a Latin conjunction, for; because. Often used by the old writers in introducing the quotation of a Latin maxim.

NAMARE. L. Lat. In old records. To take, seize, or distrain.

NAMATIO. L. Lat. In old English and Scotch law. A distraining or taking of a distress; an impounding. Spelman.

NAME. The designation of an individual person, or of a firm or corporation. In law a man cannot have more than one Christian name. Rex v. Newman, 1 Ld. Raym. 502.

As to the history of Christian names and surnames and their use and relative importance in law, see In re Snook, 2 Hilt. (N. Y.) 566.

—Name and arms clause. The popular name in English law for the clause, sometimes inserted in a will or settlement by which property is given to a person, for the purpose of imposing on him the condition that he shall assume the surname and arms of the testator or settlor, with a direction that, if he neglects to assume or discontinues the use of them, the estate shall devolve on the next person in remainder, and a provision for preserving contingent remainders. 3 Day. Freq. Conv. 277; Sweet.


—Namium vetitum. An unjust taking of the cattle of another and driving them to an unlawful place, pretending damage done by them. 3 Bl. Comm. 149.

NANTES, EDICT OF. A celebrated law for the security of Protestants, made by Henry IV. of France, and revoked by Louis XIV., October 2, 1685.

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NARR. A common abbreviation of "narratio," (q. v.) A declaration in an action. Jacob.

NARRATIO. Lat. One of the common law names for a plaintiff's count or declaration, as being a narrative of the facts on which he relies.

NARRATIVE. In Scotch conveyancing. That part of a deed which describes the grantor, and person in whose favor the deed is granted, and states the cause (consideration) of granting. Bell.
NARRATOR. A counter; a pleader who draws nars. Serviens narrat or, a sergeant at law. Fleta, l. 2, c. 37.

NARROW SEAS. Those seas which run between two coasts not far apart. The term is sometimes applied to the English channel. Wharton.

NASCITURUS. Lat. That shall hereafter be born. A term used in marriage settlements to designate the future issue of the marriage, as distinguished from "natus," a child already born.

NATALE. The state and condition of a man acquired by birth.

NATI ET NASCITURI. Born and to be born. All heirs, near and remote.

NATIO. In old records. A native place. Cowell.

NATION. A people, or aggregation of men, existing in the form of an organized jural society, inhabiting a distinct portion of the earth, speaking the same language, using the same customs, possessing historic continuity, and distinguished from other like groups by their racial origin and characteristics, and generally, but not necessarily, living under the same government and sovereignty. See Montoya v. U. S., 180 U. S. 261, 21 Sup. Ct. 625, 45 L. Ed. 521; Worcester v. Georgia, 9 Pet. 559, 9 L. Ed. 483; Republic of Honduras v. Soto, 112 N. Y. 310, 19 N. E. 845, 2 L. R. A. 642, 8 Am. St. Rep. 744.

Besides the element of autonomy or self-government, that is, the independence of the community as a whole from the interference of any foreign power in its affairs or any subject to such power, it is further necessary that the constitution of a nation that it should be an organized jural society, that is, both governing its own members by regular laws, and defining and protecting their rights, and respecting the rights and duties which attach to it as a constituent member of the family of nations. Such a society, says Vattel, has its affairs and her interests; she deliberates and takes resolutions in common; thus becoming a moral person, who possesses an understanding and will peculiar to herself, and is susceptible of obligations and rights. Vattel, §§ 1, 2.

The words "nation" and "people" are frequently used as synonyms, but there is a great difference between them. A nation is an aggregation of men speaking the same language, having the same customs, and endowed with certain moral qualities which distinguish it from other groups of a like nature. It would follow from this definition that a nation is destined to form only one state, and that it constitutes an indivisible whole. Nevertheless, the history of every age presents us with nations divided into several states. Thus, Italy was for centuries divided into several different governments. The people is the collection of all citizens without distinction of rank or order. All men living under the same government compose the people of the state. In relation to the state, the citizens constitute the people; in relation to the human race, they constitute the nation. A free state is one not subject to a foreign government, whatever be the constitution of the state; a people is free when all the citizens can participate in a certain measure in the direction and in the examination of public affairs. The people is the political body brought into existence by the constitution of laws, and the people may perish with these laws. The nation is the moral body, independent of political revolutions, because it is constituted by the sentiments which render it indissoluble. The state is the people organized into a political body. Lalor, Pol. Enc. s. v.

In American constitutional law the word "state" is applied to the several members of the American Union, while the word "nation" is applied to the whole body of the people embraced within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1. See Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 720, 19 L. Ed. 227.

NATIONAL. Pertaining or relating to a nation as a whole; commonly applied in American law to institutions, laws, or affairs of the United States or its government, as opposed to those of the several states.

-National bank. A bank incorporated and doing business under the laws of the United States, as distinguished from a state bank, which derives its powers from the authority of a particular state.-National currency. Notes issued by national banks, and by the United States government.—National debt. Monies owing by government to some of the public, the interest of which is paid out of the taxes raised by the whole of the public.—National domain. See Domain. National domicile. See Domicile.—National government. The government of a whole nation, as distinguished from that of a local or territorial division of the nation, and also as distinguished from that of a league or confederation. "A national government is a government of the people of a single state or nation, united as a community by what is termed the 'social compact,' and possessing complete and perfect supremacy over persons and things, so far as can be made the lawful objects of government. A federal government is distinguished from a national government, by its being the government of a community in the state or nation, united by compact." Piqua Branch Bank v. Knoup, 6 Ohio St. 393.

NATIONALITY. That quality or character which arises from the fact of a person's belonging to a nation or state. Nationality determines the political status of the individual, especially with reference to allegiance; while domicile determines his civil status. Nationality arises either by birth or by naturalization. According to Savigny, "nationality" is also used as opposed to "territoriality," for the purpose of distinguishing the case of a nation having no national territory; e. g., the Jews. 8 Sav. Syst. § 346; Westl. Priv. Int. Law, 5.

NATIONALIZACION. In Spanish and Mexican law. Nationalization. "The nationalization of property is a debt," which does not note that it has become that of the nation by some process of law, whereby private individuals or corporations have been for specified reasons deprived thereof." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.
NATIVE. A natural-born subject or citizen; a denizen by birth; one who owes his domicile or citizenship to the fact of his birth within the country referred to. The term may also include one born abroad, if his parents were then citizens of the country, and not permanently residing in foreign parts. See U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 466, 42 L. Ed. 890; New Hartford v. Canaan, 54 Conn. 39, 5 Atl. 360.

NATIVUS. Lat. In old English law, a native; specifically, one born into a condition of servitude; a born serf or villein.

—Nativa. A niece or female villein. So called because for the most part born by nativity. Co. Litt 122b.—Nativi conventuali. Villains or bondmen by contract or agreement.—Nativi de stipite. Villains or bondmen by birth or stock. Cowell.—Nativitas. Villenage; that state in which men were born slaves. 2 Mon. Angl. 642.—Nativo habendo. A writ which lay for a lord when his villein had run away from him. It was directed to the sheriff, and commanded him to apprehend the villein, and to restore him together with his goods to the lord. Brown.

Natura appetit perfectum; ita et lex. Nature covets perfection; so does law also. Hob. 144.

NATURA BREVIUM. The name of an ancient collection of original writs, accompanied with brief comments and explanations, compiled in the time of Edward III. This is commonly called "Old Natura Brevium," (or "O. N. B.,") to distinguish it from Fitzherbert's Natura Brevium, a later work, cited as "F. N. B.," or "Fitzh. Nat. Brev."
laws" because a knowledge of them may be attained merely by the light of reason, from the fact of their essential agreeableness with the constitution of human nature; while, on the contrary, positive or revealed laws are not founded upon the general constitution of human nature, but only upon the will of God; though in other respects such law is established upon very good reason, and procures the advantage of those to whom it is sent. The ceremonial or political laws of the Jews are of this latter class. Borden v. State, 11 Ark. 527, 44 Am. Dec. 217.

Naturale est quidlibet dissolvi co modo quo ligatur. It is natural for a thing to be unbound in the same way in which it was bound. Jenk. Cent. 66; Broom, Max. 877.

NATURALIZATION. The act of adopting an alien into a nation, and clothing him with all the rights possessed by a natural-born citizen. Boyd v. Nebraska, 143 U. S. 135, 12 Sup. Ct. 375, 38 L. Ed. 103.

Collective naturalization takes place where a government, by treaty or cession, acquires the whole or part of the territory of a foreign nation and takes to itself the inhabitants thereof, clothing them with the rights of citizenship either by the terms of the treaty or by subsequent legislation. State v. Boyd, 31 Neb. 682, 48 N. W. 739; People v. Board of Inspectors, 52 Misc. Rep. 584, 67 N. Y. Supp. 296; Opinion of Justices, 68 Me. 589.

NATURALIZE. To confer citizenship upon an alien; to make a foreigner the same, in respect to rights and privileges, as if he were a native citizen or subject.

NATURALIZED CITIZEN. One who, being an alien by birth, has received citizenship under the laws of the state or nation.

NATURALLY. Damages which "naturally" arise from a breach of contract are such as arise in the usual course of things, from the breach itself, or such as may reasonably be supposed to have been contemplated by the parties when making the contract as the probable result of the breach. Mitchell v. Clarke, 71 Cal. 194, 11 Pac. 882, 60 Am. Rep. 529.

NATUS. Lat. Born, as distinguished from nasciturus, about to be born. Ante natus, one born before a particular person or event, e. g., before the death of his father, before a political revolution, etc. Post natus, one born after a particular person or event.

NAUCLERUS. Lat. In the civil and maritime law. The master or owner of a merchant vessel. Calvin.

NAUFRAGE. In French maritime law. Shipwreck. "The violent agitation of the waves, the impetuous force of the winds, storm, or lightning, may swallow up the ves-
supercede the master of the ship with reference to which the inquiry is held, to discharge any of the seamen, to decide questions as to wages, send home offenders for trial, or try certain offenses. Naval courts-martial. Tribunals for the trial of offenses arising in the management of public war vessels. The master or commander of a ship; the captain of a man-of-war.

NAVARCHUS. In the civil law. The master or commander of a ship; the captain of a man-of-war.

NAVICULARIUS. In the civil law. The master or captain of a ship. Calvin.

NAVIGABLE. Capable of being navigated; that may be navigated or passed over in ships or vessels. But the term is generally understood in a more restricted sense, viz., subject to the ebb and flow of the tide. The doctrine of the common law as to the navigability of waters has no application in this country. Here the ebb and flow of the tide do not constitute the usual test, as in England, or any test at all, of the navigability of waters. There no waters are navigable in fact, or at least to any considerable extent, which are not subject to the tide, and from this circumstance tide-water and navigable water there signify substantially the same thing. But in this country the case is widely different. Some of our rivers are navigable for a few miles, others for miles above as they are below the limits of tide-water, and some of them are navigable for great distances by large vessels, which are not even affected by the tide at any point during their entire length. A different test must therefore be applied to determine the navigability of our rivers, and that is found in their navigable channel. In use in England, a river is navigable public navigable rivers, in law, which are navigable in fact. And they are navigable in fact when they are passable, or capable of being used, in their ordinary condition, as highways for commerce, over which trade and travel are or may be conducted in the customary modes of travel. But if they constitute navigable waters of the United States, within the meaning of the acts of congress, in contradistinction from the navigable waters of the states, when they form, in their ordinary condition, by themselves, or by uniting with other waters, a continued highway over which commerce is or may be carried on with other states or foreign countries in the customary modes in which such commerce is conducted by water. The Daniel Ball, 10 Wall. 128, 9 L. Ed. 990. And see Packer v. Bird, 137 U. S. 661, 11 Sup. Ct. 210, 34 L. Ed. 819; The Genesee Chief, 13 How. 455, 13 L. Ed. 1069; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. State, 146 U. S. 297, 13 Sup. Ct. 110, 36 L. Ed. 1018.

It is true that the flow and ebb of the tide is not regarded in this country as the usual, or any real, test of navigability; and it only operates to impress, prima facie, the character of being public and navigable, and to place the onus of disproving the contrary, on the owner of the property. But the navigability of tide-waters does not materially depend upon past or present actual public use. Such use may establish navigation, but is not essential to give the character of a navigable stream. The character of being a navigable stream depends on the occurrence of the necessity of public use. Capability of being used for useful purposes of navigation, without regard to the usual and ordinary modes, and not the extent and manner of the use, is the test of navigability. Sullivan v. Spotwood, 82 Ala. 106, 2 South. 716.

—Navigable river or stream. At common law, a river or stream in which the tide ebbs and flows is the tide ebbs and flows, 3 Kent. Comm. 412, 414, 417, 418; 2 Hil. Real Prop. 90, 91. But as to the definition in American law, see supra—Navigable waters. Those waters which afford a channel for useful commerce. The Montello, 20 Wall. 430, 22 L. Ed. 391.

NAVIGATE. To conduct vessels through navigable waters; to use the waters as a means of communication. Ryan v. Hook, 34 Hun (N. Y.) 185.

NAVIGATION. The act or the science or the business of traversing the sea or other waters in ships or vessels. Pollock v. Cleveland Ship Building Co., 56 Ohio St. 655, 47 N. E. 582; The Silvia, 171 U. S. 462, 19 Sup. Ct. 7, 43 L. Ed. 241; Laurie v. Douglass, 15 Mees. & W. 746.

—Navigation acts. In English law, were various enactments passed for the protection of British shipping and commerce as against foreign countries. For a sketch of their history and operation, see 3 Steph. Comm. They are now repealed. See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 107, and 17 & 18 Vict. c. 5, 120. Wharton—Navigation, rules of. Rules and regulations adopted by commercial nations to govern the steering and management of vessels approaching each other at sea so as to avoid the danger of collision or fouling—Regular navigation. In this phrase, the word "regular" may be used in contradistinction to "occasional," rather than to "unlawful," and refer to vessels that, alone or with others, constitute lines, and not merely to such a vessel in the sense of being properly documented under the laws of the country to which they belong. The Steamer Smidt, 18 Op. Atys. Gen. 276.


NAVIS. Lat. A ship; a vessel.

—Navis bona. A good ship; one that was staunch and strong, well caulked, and stiffened to bear the sea, obedient to her helm, swift, and not unduly affected by the wind. Calvin.

NAVY. A fleet of ships; the aggregate of vessels of war belonging to an independent nation; but naval forces, or naval vessels, and the officers and men enrolled in them, are equivalent to "naval forces," the entire corps of officers and men enlisted in the naval service and who man the public ships of war, including in this sense, in the United States, the officers and men of the Marine Corps. See Wilkes v. Dinsman, 7 How. 124, 12 L. Ed. 618; U. S. v. Dunn, 120 U. S. 249, 7 Sup. Ct. 507, 30 L. Ed. 667.

—Navy bills. Bills drawn by officers of the English navy for their pay, etc.—Navy department. One of the executive departments of the United States, presided over by the secre-
tary of the navy, and having in charge the defense of the country by sea, by means of ships of war and other naval appliances.—Navy pension. A pecuniary allowance made in consideration of past services of some one in the navy.

NAZERANNA. A sum paid to government as an acknowledgment for a grant of lands, or any public office. Enc. Lond.

NAZIM. In Hindu law. Composer, arranger, adjuster. The first officer of a province, and minister of the department of criminal justice.

NE ADMITTAS. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a prohibitory writ, directed to the bishop, at the request of the plaintiff or defendant, where a quare impedit is pending, when either party fears that the bishop will admit the other's clerk pending the suit between them. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 37.

NE BAILA PAS. L. Fr. He did not deliver. A plea in detinue, denying the delivery to the defendant of the thing sued for.

NE DISTURBA PAS. L. Fr. (Does or did not disturb.) In English practice. The general issue or general plea in quare impedit. 3 Steph. Comm. 663.

NE DONA PAS, or NON DEDIT. The general issue in a formedon, now abolished. It denied the gift in tail to have been made in manner and form as alleged; and was therefore the proper plea, if the tenant meant to dispute the fact of the gift, but did not apply to any other case. 5 East, 289.

NE EXEAT REGNO. Lat. In English practice. A writ which issues to restrain a person from leaving the kingdom. It was formerly used for political purposes, but is now only resorted to in equity when the defendant is about to leave the kingdom; it is only in cases where the intention of the party to leave can be shown that the writ is granted.

NE EXEAT REPUBLICA. Lat. In American practice. A writ similar to that of ne exeat regno, (q. v.) available to the plaintiff in a civil suit, under some circumstances, when the defendant is about to leave the state. See Dean v. Smith, 20 Wis. 489; 90 Am. Dec. 188; Adams v. Whitcomb, 46 Vt. 712; Cable v. Alvord, 27 Ohio St. 694.

NE GIST PAS EN BOUCHE. L. Fr. It does not lie in the mouth. A common phrase in the old books. Yearb. M. 3 Edw. II. 50.

NE INJUSTE VEXES. Lat. In old English practice. A prohibitory writ, commanding a lord not to demand from the tenant more services than were justly due by the tenure under which his ancestors held.

NE LUMINIBUS OFFICIATUR. Lat. In the civil law. The name of a servitude which restrains the owner of a house from making such erections as obstruct the light of the adjoining house. Dig. 8, 4, 15, 17.

NE QUID IN LOCO PUBLICO VEL ITINERE FIAT. Lat. That nothing shall be done (put or erected) in a public place or way. The title of an interdict in the Roman law. Dig. 43, 8.

NE RECEPIATUR. Lat. That it be not received. A caveat or warning given to a law officer, by a party in a cause, not to receive the next proceedings of his opponent. 1 Sel. Fr. 8.

NE RECTOR PROSSERT NARBORES. L. Lat. The statute 35 Edw. I. § 2, prohibiting rectors, i. e., parsons, from cutting down the trees in church-yards. In Rutland v. Green, 1 Kebl. 537, it was extended to prohibit them from opening new mines and working the minerals therein. Brown.

NE RELESSA PAS. L. Fr. Did not release. Where the defendant had pleaded a release, this was the proper replication by way of traverse.

NE UNQUES ACCOUPLE. L. Fr. Never married. More fully, ne unques accouple en loiall matrimonie, never joined in lawful marriage. The name of a plea in the action of dower unde nihil habet, by which the tenant denied that the dowress was ever lawfully married to the decedent.

NE UNQUES EXECUTOR. L. Fr. Never executor. The name of a plea by which the defendant denies that he is an executor, as he is alleged to be; or that the plaintiff is an executor, as he claims to be.

NE UNQUES SEISE QUE DOWER. L. Fr. (Never seised of a dowable estate.) In pleading. The general issue in the action of dower unde nihil habet, by which the tenant denies that the demandant's husband was ever seised of an estate of which dower might be had. Rosc. Real Act. 219, 220.

NE UNQUES SON RECEIVER. L. Fr. In pleading. The name of a plea in an action of account-render, by which the defendant denies that he ever was receiver of the plaintiff. 12 Vin.Abr. 183.

NE VARIETUR. Lat. It must not be altered. A phrase sometimes written by a notary upon a bill or note, for the purpose of establishing its identity, which, however,

NEAP TIDES. Those tides which happen between the full and change of the moon, twice in every twenty-four hours. Teaches-macher v. Thompson, 18 Cal. 21, 79 Am. Dec. 161.

NEAR. This word, as applied to space, can have no positive or precise meaning. It is a relative term, depending for its signification on the subject-matter in relation to which it is used and the circumstances under which it becomes necessary to apply it to surrounding objects. Barrett v. Schuyler County Court, 44 Mo. 197; People v. Collins, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 60; Boston & P. R. Corp. v. Midland R. Co., 1 Gray (Mass.) 387; Indianapolis & V. R. Co. v. Newsom, 54 Ind. 125; Holcomb v. Danby, 51 Vt. 428.

NEAT, NET. The clear weight or quantity of an article, without the bag, box, keg, or other thing in which it may be enveloped.

NEAT CATTLE. Oxen or heifers. "Bees" may include neat stock, but all neat stock are not bees. Castello v. State, 86 Tex. 324; Hubotter v. State, 32 Tex. 479.

NEAT-LAND. Land let out to the yeomanry. Cowell.

NEATNESS. In pleading. The statement in apt and appropriate words of all the necessary facts, and no more. Lawes, PI. 62.

Nec curia deficeret in justitia exhibenda. Nor should the court be deficient in showing justice. 4 Inst. 63.

Nec tempus nec locus occurrit regi. Jenk. Cent. 190. Neither time nor place affects the king.

Nec veniam effuso sanguine casus habeat. Where blood is spilled, the case is unpardonable. 3 Inst. 57.

Nec veniam, leseo numine, casus habeat. Where the Divinity is insulted the case is unpardonable. Jenk. Cent. 187.

NECATION. The act of killing.

NECESSARIES. Things indispensable, or things proper and useful, for the sustenance of human life. This is a relative term, and its meaning will contract or expand according to the situation and social condition of the person referred to. Megraw v. Woods, 93 Mo. App. 647, 67 S. W. 709; Warner v. Helden, 28 Wis. 517, 9 Am. Rep. 515; Artz v. Robertson, 50 Ill. App. 27; Conant v. Burnham, 133 Mass. 505, 43 Am. Rep. 532.

In reference to the contracts of infants, this term is not used in its strictest sense, nor limited to that which is required to sustain life. Those things which are proper and suitable to each individual, according to his circumstances and condition in life, are necessaries, if not supplied from some other source. See Hamilton v. Lane, 335 Mass. 369; Jordan v. Coffeld, 70 N. C. 213; Middlebury College v. Chandler, 16 Vt. 656, 42 Am. Dec. 357; Breed v. Judd, 1 Gray (Mass.) 458.

In the case of ships the term "necessaries" means such things as are fit and proper for the service in which the ship is engaged, and such as the owner, being a prudent man, would have ordered if present; e.g., anchors, rigging, repairs, victuals. Maude & P. Shipp, 71, 113. The master may hypothecate the ship for necessaries supplied abroad so as to bind the owner. See The Plymouth Rock, 19 Fed. Cas. 598; Hubbard v. Roach (C. C.) 2 Fed. 394; The Gustavia, 11 Fed. Cas. 123.

Necessarium est quod non potest aliter se habere. That is necessary which cannot be otherwise.

NECESSARIUS. Lat. Necessary; unavoidable; indispensable; not admitting of choice or the action of the will; needful.

NECESSARY. As used in jurisprudence, the word "necessary" does not always import an absolute physical necessity, so strong that one thing, to which another may be termed "necessary," cannot exist without that other. It frequently imports no more than that one thing is convenient or useful or essential to another. To employ the means necessary to an end is generally understood as employing any means calculated to produce the end, and not as being confined to those single means without which the end would be entirely unattainable. McCulloch v. Maryland, 4 Wheat. 316, 413, 4 L. Ed. 579.


NECESSITAS. Lat. Necessity; a force, power, or influence which compels one to act against his will. Calvin.

—Necessitas culpabils. Culpable necessity; unfortunate necessity; necessity which, while it excites the act done under its compulsion, does not leave the doer entirely free from blame. The necessity which compels a man to kill another in self-defense is thus distinguished from that which requires the killing of a felon. See 4 Bl. Comm. 157—Trinidad necessitas, 1 Saxon Law. The threefold necessity or burden; a term used to denote the three things from contributing to the performance of which no lands were exempted, viz., the repair of bridges, the building of castles, and military service against an enemy. 1 Bl. Comm. 263, 357.

Necessitas est lex temporis et loci. Necessity is the law of time and of place. 1 Hale, P. C. 54.
Necessitas excusat aut extenuat delictum in capitalibus, quod non operatur idem in civilibus. Necessity excuses or extenuates a delinquency in capital cases, which has not the same operation in civil cases. Bac. Max.

Necessitas facit lietum quod alias non est lietum. 10 Coke, 61. Necessity makes that lawful which otherwise is not lawful.

Necessitas inducit privilegium quod juras privata. Bac. Max. 25. Necessity gives a privilege with reference to private rights. The necessity involved in this maxim is of three kinds, viz.: (1) Necessity of self-preservation; (2) of obedience; and (3) necessity resulting from the act of God, or of a stranger. Noy, Max. 32.

Necessitas non habet legem. Necessity has no law. Plowd. 18a. "Necessity shall be a good excuse in our law, and in every other law." Id.

Necessitas publica major est quam privata. Public necessity is greater than private. "Death," it has been observed, "is the last and furthest point of particular necessity, and the law imposes it upon every subject that he prefer the urgent service of his king and country before the safety of his life." Noy, Max. 34; Broom, Max. 18.


Necessitas sub lege non continetur, quia quod alias non est lietum necessitas facit lietum. 2 Inst. 226. Necessity is not restrained by law; since what otherwise is not lawful necessity makes lawful.


Necessitas vincit legem; legum vincent irritat. Hob. 144. Necessity overcomes law; it derides the fetters of laws.

NECESSITUDO. Lat. In the civil law. An obligation; a close connection; relationship by blood. Calvin.

NECESSITY. Controlling force; irresistible compulsion; a power or impulse so great that it admits no choice of conduct. When it is said that an act is done "under necessity," it may be, in law, either of three kinds of necessity: (1) The necessity of preserving one's own life, which will excuse a homicide; (2) the necessity of obedience, as to the laws, or the obedience of one not sujus juris to his superior; (3) the necessity caused by the act of God or a stranger. See Jacob; Mozley & Whiteley.

A 'constraint upon the will whereby a person is urged to do that which his judgment disapproves, and which, it is to be presumed, his will (if left to itself) would reject. A man, therefore, is excused for those actions which are done through unavoidable force and compulsion. Wharton.

—Necessity, homicide by. A species of justifiable homicide, because it arises from some unavoidable necessity, without any will, intention, or desire, and without any inadvertence or negligence in the party killing, and therefore without any shadow of blame. As, for instance, by virtue of such an office as obliges one, in the execution of public justice, to put a malefactor to death who has forfeited his life to the laws of his country. But the law must require it, otherwise it is not justifiable. 4 Bl. Comm. 178.

NECK-VERSE. The Latin sentence, "Miserere mei, Deus," was so called, because the reading of it was made a test for those who claimed benefit of clergy.

NECROPSY. An autopsy, or post-mortem examination of a human body.

NEEDED. In a statute against "needless" killing or mutilation of any animal, this term denotes an act done without any useful motive, in a spirit of wanton cruelty, or for the mere pleasure of destruction. Grise v. State, 37 Ark. 460.

NEFAS. Lat. That which is against right or the divine law. A wicked or impious thing or act. Calvin.

NEFASTUS. Lat. Inauspicious. Applied, in the Roman law, to a day on which it was unlawful to open the courts or administer justice.

Negatio conclusionis est error in lege. Wing. 268. The denial of a conclusion is error in law

Negatio destruct negationem, et amicabiliter affirmacionem. A negative destroys a negative, and both make an affirmative. Co. Litt. 1460. Lord Coke cites this as a rule of grammatical construction, not always applying in law.

Negatio duplex est affirmation. A double negative is an affirmative.

NEGATIVE. A denial; a proposition by which something is denied; a statement in the form of denial. Two negatives do not make a good issue. Steph. Pl. 386, 387.

—Negative averment. As opposed to the traverse or simple denial of an affirmative allegation, a negative averment is an allegation of some substantive fact, e.g., that premises are not in repair, which, although negative in form, is really affirmative in substance, and the party alleging the fact of non-repair must prove...
NEGATIVE NEGLECT

It is conceded by all the authorities that the standard by which to determine whether a person has been guilty of negligence is the conduct of the prudent or careful or diligent man. Bigelow, Torts, 261.

The failure to observe, for the protection of the interests of another person, that degree of care, precaution, and vigilance which the circumstances require, whereby another person suffers injury. Cooley, Torts, 630.

The failure to do what a reasonable and prudent person would ordinarily have done under the circumstances of the situation, or the doing what such a person under the existing circumstances would not have done. Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Jones, 93 U. S. 441, 24 L. Ed. 506.

The opposite of care and prudence; the omission to use the means reasonably necessary to avoid injury to others. Great Western R. Co. v. Havorth, 39 Ill. 353.

Negligence or carelessness signifies want of care. Attention, diligence, care, caution, and has wronged nobody but himself, culpable negligence.

Negligence of such a person under the existing circumstances justly demand, whereby such other person would ordinarily have done under the circumstances of the situation, or the doing what such a person under the existing circumstances would not have done. Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Jones, 93 U. S. 441, 24 L. Ed. 506.

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Negligence is any culpable omission of a positive duty, which differs from heedlessness, in that heedlessness is the doing of an act in violation of a negative duty, without advertence to its consequences. In both cases, negligence is inadvertence, and there is breach of duty. Aust. Jur. 630.

—Actionable negligence. See ACTIONABLE.

—Collateral negligence. In the law relating to the responsibility of an employer or principal for the negligent acts or omissions of his employee, the term “collateral” negligence is sometimes used to describe negligence attributable to a contractor employed by the principal and for which the latter is not responsible, though he would be responsible for the same negligence done by his own employees. Plant Inv. Co v. Cook, 20 App. Div. 292, 47 N. Y. Supp. 11—Comparative negligence. See COMPARE.

Contributory negligence, when set up as a defense to an action for injuries alleged to have been caused by the defendant's negligence, means a failure on the part of the plaintiff to use such care, precaution, and vigilance as the circumstances of the situation, or the doing what such a person under the existing circumstances would not have done. Baltimore & P. R. Co. v. Jones, 93 U. S. 441, 24 L. Ed. 506.

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NEGLIGENCE. The omission to do something which a reasonable man, guided by those considerations which ordinarily regulate the conduct of human affairs, would do, or doing something which a prudent and reasonable man would not do. It must be determined in all cases by reference to the situation and knowledge of the parties and all the attendant circumstances. Nitro-Glycerin Case, 15 Wall. 536, 21 L. Ed. 206; Blythe v. Birmingham Waterworks Co., 11 Exch. 784.

Negligence, in its civil relation, is such an inadvertent misconduct, which ordinarily regulates the conduct of human affairs, whereby a responsible human agent, in the discharge of a legal duty, as immediately produces, in an ordinary and natural sequence, a damage to another, Whart. Neg. § 3.
dinary prudence in the same situation and with equal experience would not have omitted. Carter v. Lumber Co., 129 N. C. 203, 39 S. E. 882; 47 L. Ed. 359; 7 S. W. 857; 28 Am. L. R. 423; Woodman v. Nottingham, 40 N. H. 387, 6 Am. Rep. 526; Kimball v. Palmer, 80 Fed. 240, 25 C. C. A. 181; Ross v. Ray, 106 Ala. 354, 24 Pac. 497; Railroad Co. v. Plaskett, 47 Kan. 107, 26 Pac. 401.—Gross negligence. To the law of bailment. The want of slight diligence is a violation of that care of every man of common sense, how inattentive soever, takes of his own property. The omission of that care which even inattentive and thoughtless men of ordinary prudence and discretion in like circumstances would not have omitted. Litchfield v. White, 7 N. Y. 442, 39 Am. Dec. 534; Lycoming Ins. Co. v. Barringer, 73 Ill. 205; Seybold v. National Currency Bank, 54 N. Y. 269, 13 Am. Rep. 583; Bannon v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 24 Md. 124; Briggs v. Spaulding, 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924, 30 L. Ed. 562; Preston v. Prather, 137 U. S. 604, 11 Sup. Ct. 162, 34 L. Ed. 788. In the law of torts (and especially with reference to personal injury cases), the term means such negligence as evidences a reckless disregard of human life, or of the safety of persons exposed to its dangerous effects, or that entire want of that care which even inattentive and thoughtless men of ordinary prudence and discretion in like circumstances would not have omitted. (Tex. Civ. App.) 21 S. W. 775; Railroad Co. v. Robinson, 4 Bush (Ky.) 500; Railroad Co. v. Bodemer, 153 Ill. 696, 29 N. E. 692, 32 Am. St. Rep. 218; Denman v. Johnston, 38 Mich. 387, 48 N. W. 565; Railroad Co. v. Orr, 121 Ala. 489, 26 South. 35; Coit v. Western Union Tel. Co., 130 Cal. 657, 63 Pac. 835; 53 L. R. A. 678, 80 Am. St. Rep. 158.—Haz­ardous negligence. Such careless or reckless conduct as exposes one to very great danger. In Innsbruck v. Standard Oil Co. (C. C.) 130 Fed. 204.—Legal negligence. Negligence per se; the omission of such care as ordinarily prudent persons exercise and deem adequate to the circumstances of the case. In cases where the common experience of mankind and the common judgment of prudent persons have recognized that to do or omit certain acts is prolific of danger, the doing or omission of them is "legal negligence." Competitu v. Rio de la Plata R. Co., 88 U. S. 589, 14 S. E. 12; Drake v. Wild, 70 N. J. 52, 39 Atl. 248; Johnson v. Railway Co., 49 Wis. 529, 6 N. W. 880.—Negligence per se. Conduct, whether of action or omission, which, under the circumstances of the case, to do or omit certain acts is prolific of danger, the doing or omission of them is "legal negligence." Competitu v. Rio de la Plata R. Co., 88 U. S. 589, 14 S. E. 12; Drake v. Wild, 70 N. J. 52, 39 Atl. 248; Johnson v. Railway Co., 49 Wis. 529, 6 N. W. 880.—Negligence per se. Conduct, whether of action or omission, which may be declared and treated as negligence without any argument or proof as to the particular circumstances, either because it is in statute of a statute or valid municipal ordinance, or because it is so palpably opposed to the dictates of common prudence that it can be said without hesitation or doubt that no careful person would have been guilty of it. See Missouri Pac. Ry. Co. v. Lee, 70 Tex. 496, 7 S. W. 857; Railroad Co. v. Smith, 78 Ga. 654, 3 S. E. 397; Murray v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 101 Mo. 238, 13 S. W. 817, 20 Am. St. Rep. 601; Moser v. Union Traction Co., 205 Pa. 481, 55 Atl. 15.—Ordinary neg­ligence. The omission of that care which a man of common prudence usually takes of his own property. The want of slight diligence is a violation of that care of every man of common sense, how inattentive soever, takes of his own property. The omission of that care which even inattentive and thoughtless men of ordinary prudence and discretion in like circumstances would not have omitted. 119 N. Y. 263, 23 S. E. 875; Scott v. Depeyster, 1 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 543; Tyler v. Nelson, 109 Mich. 37, 66 N. W. 671; Ton­cray v. Dodge County, 33 Neb. 802, 51 N. W. 78 Ga. 694, 3 S E. 397; Murray v. Missouri Pac. Ry. Co., 141 U. S. 132, 11 Sup. Ct. 924, 30 L. Ed. 562; Preston v. Prather, 137 U. S. 604, 11 Sup. Ct. 162, 34 L. Ed. 788. In the law of torts (and especially with reference to personal injury cases), the term means such negligence as evidences a reckless disregard of the safety or the rights of others, as manifested by the conscious and intentional omission of the care proper under the circumstances. See Victor Coal Co. v. Muir, 20 Colo. 320, 38 Pac. 378, 26 L. R. A. 455, 46 Am. St. Rep. 399; Holwerson v. Rail­way Co., 101 Mo. 238, 57 S. W. 770, 50 L. R. A. 850; Lockwood v. Railway Co., 92 Wis. 97, 65 N. W. 896; Kentucky Cent. R. Co. v. Carr (Ky.) 43 S. W. 193, 19 Ky. Law Rep. 1172; Florida Southern Ry. v. Hirst, 30 Fla. 1, 11 South. 506, 16 L. R. A. 631, 32 Am. St. Rep. 17; Lexington v. Lewis, 10 Bush (Ky.) 680; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Leiser, 242 Ill. 624, 67 N. E. 338, 95 Am. St. Rep. 266.

NEGLECTFUL ESCAPE. An escape from confinement effected by the prisoner without the knowledge or connivance of the keeper of the prison, but which was made possible or practiced with the knowledge or connivance of the latter, or by his omission of such care and vigilance as he was legally bound to exercise in the safe-keeping of the prisoner.

NEGLECTIVA. Lat. In the civil law. Carelessness; inattention; the omission of proper care or forethought. The term is not exactly equivalent to our "negligence," inasmuch as it was not any negligentia, but only a high or gross degree of it, that amounted to culpa, (actionable or punishable fault).


NEGOCE. Fr. Business; trade; management of affairs.

NEGOTIABILITY. In mercantile law Transferable quality. That quality of bills of exchange and promissory notes which renders them transferable from one person to another, and by possessing which they are emphatically termed "negotiable paper." 8 Kent. Comm. 74, 77, 80, et seq. See Story, Bills, § 60.

NEGOTIABLE. An instrument embodying an obligation for the payment of money is called "negotiable" when the legal title to the instrument itself and to the whole
amount of money expressed upon its face, with the right to sue therefor in his own name, may be transferred from one person to another without a formal assignment, but by mere indorsement and delivery by the holder or by delivery only. See 1 Daniel, Nego. Inst. § 1; Walker v. Ocean Bank, 19 Ind. 247; Robinson v. Wilkinson, 98 Mich. 295; Odell v. Gray, 15 Mo. 337, 55 Am. Dec. 147.

-Negotiable instruments. A general name for bills, notes, checks, transferable bonds or coupons, letters of credit, and other negotiable written securities. Any written securities which may be transferred by indorsement and delivery or by delivery merely, so as to vest in the indorsee the legal title, and thus enable him to sue thereon in his own name. Or, more technically, those instruments which not only carry the legal title with them by indorsement or delivery, but carry as well, when transferred before maturity, the right of the transferee to demand the full amounts which their faces call for. Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 1a. A negotiable instrument is a written promise or request for the payment of a certain sum of money to order or bearer. Civ. Code Cal. § 3087.

-Negotiable words. Words and phrases which impart the character of negotiability to bills, notes, checks, etc., in which they are inserted; for instance, a direction to pay to A. "or order" or "bearer."

NEGOTIATE. To discuss or arrange a sale or bargain; to arrange the preliminaries of a business transaction. Also to sell or discount negotiable paper, or assign or transfer it by indorsement and delivery. Palmer v. Ferry, 6 Gray (Mass.) 420; Newport Nat. Bank v. Board of Education, 114 Ky. 87, 70 S. W. 186; Odell v. Clyde, 23 Misc. Rep. 734, 53 N. Y. Supp. 61; Blakiston v. Dudley, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 377.

NEGOTIATION. The deliberation, discussion, or conference upon the terms of a proposed agreement; the act of settling or arranging the terms and conditions of a bargain, sale, or other business transaction. Also the transfer of, or act of putting into circulation, a negotiable instrument.

NEGOTORIUM GESTIO. Lat. In the civil law. Literally, a doing of business or businesses. A species of spontaneous agency, or an interference by one in the affairs of another, in his absence, from benevolence or friendship, and without authority. 2 Kent, Comm. 616, note; Inst. 3, 28, 1.

NEGOTORIUM GESTOR. Lat. In the civil law. A transactor or manager of business; a person voluntarily constituting himself agent for another; one who, without any mandate or authority, assumes to take charge of an affair or concern for another person, in the latter's absence, but for his interest. One who spontaneously, and without the knowledge or consent of the owner, intermeddles with his property, as to do work on it, or to carry it to another place, etc. Story, Bailm. § 189.

NEGRO. The word "negro" means a black man, one descended from the African race, and does not commonly include a mulatto. Felix v. State, 18 Ala. 720. But the laws of the different states are not uniform in this respect, some including in the description "negro" one who has one-eight or more of African blood.

NEIF. In old English law. A woman who was born a villein, or a bondwoman.

NEIGHBORHOOD. A place near; an adjoining or surrounding district; a more immediate vicinity; vicinage. See Langley v. Barnstead, 63 N. H. 246; Madison v. Morristown Gaslight Co., 65 N. J. Eq. 356, 54 Atl. 439; Rice v. Sims, 3 Hill (S. C.) 5; Lindsay Irr. Co. v. Mahrten's, 97 Cal. 676, 32 Pac. 802; State v. Henderson, 29 W. Va. 147, 1 S. E. 235; Peters v. Bournet, 22 Ill. App. 177.

NEITHER PARTY. An abbreviated form of docket entry, meaning that, by agreement, neither of the parties will further appear in court in that suit. Gendron v. Hovey, 98 Me. 135, 56 Atl. 583.

NEMBDA. In Swedish and Gothic law. A jury. 3 Bl. Comm. 349, 359.

NEMINE CONTRADICENTE. Lat. No one dissenting; no one voting in the negative. A phrase used to indicate the unanimous consent of a court or legislative body to a judgment, resolution, vote, or motion. Commonly abbreviated "nem. con."

Neminem oportet esse sapientiorum legisbus. Co. Litt. 976. No man ought to be wiser than the laws.

NEMO. Lat. No one; no man. The initial word of many Latin phrases and maxims, among which are the following:

Nemo admittendus est inhabilitare seipsum. Jenk. Cent. 40. No man is to be admitted to incapacitate himself.


Nemo alieno nomine lege agere potest. No one can sue in the name of another. Dig. 50, 17, 123.

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Nemo allegans sumptudinem est audiendus. No one alleging his own baseness is to be heard. The courts of law have
properly rejected this as a rule of evidence. 7 Term R. 661.

Nemo bis punitur pro codem delicto. No man is punished twice for the same offense. 4 Bl. Comm. 315; 2 Hawk. P. C. 377.

Nemo cogitationis poenam patitur. No one suffers punishment on account of his thoughts. Tray. Lat. Max. 262.

Nemo cogitare rem suam vendere, etiam justo pretio. No man is compelled to sell his own property, even for a just price. 4 Inst. 275.

Nemo contra factum suam venire potest. No man can contravene or contradict his own deed. 2 Inst. 65. The principle of estoppel by deed. Best, Ev. p. 408, § 370.

Nemo dare potest quod non nabet. No man can give that which he has not. 2 Fleta, lib. 3, c. 15. § 3.

Nemo dat qui non habet. He who hath not cannot give. Jenk. Cent. 250; Broom, Max. 499; 6 C. B. (N. S.) 478.

Nemo de domo sua extrahi potest. No one can be dragged out of his own house. In other words, every man's house is his castle. Dig. 50, 17. 105.

Nemo debet bis puniti pro uno delicto. No man ought to be punished twice for one offense. 4 Coke, 43a; 11 Coke, 59b. No man shall be placed in peril of legal penalties more than once upon the same accusation. Broom, Max. 348.

Nemo debet bis vexari [si constet curis quod sit] pro una et eadem causa. No man ought to be twice troubled or harassed [if it appear to the court that it is] for one and the same cause. 5 Coke, 614. No man can be sued a second time for the same cause of action, if once judgment has been rendered. See Broom, Max. 327, 348. No man can be held to bail a second time at the suit of the same plaintiff for the same cause of action. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. 476.


Nemo debet locupletari alleina jactura. No one ought to be enriched by another's loss. Dig. 6, 1, 48, 65; 2 Kent, Comm. 336; 1 Kames, Eq. 331.

Nemo debet locupletari ex alterius incommode. No one ought to be made rich out of another's loss. Jenk. Cent. 4; Taylor v. Baldwin, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 626, 633.

Nemo debet rem suam sine facto aut defectu suo amittere. No man ought to lose his property without his own act or default. Co. Litt. 263a.

Nemo duobus utatur officiis. No one should hold two offices, i.e., at the same time.

Nemo ejusdem tenementi simul potest esse heres et dominus. No one can at the same time be the heir and the owner of the same tenement. See 1 Reeve, Engl. Law, 106.

Nemo enim aliquam partem recte intelligere possit antequam totum iterum atque iterum perlegerit. No one is able rightly to understand one part before he has again and again read through the whole. Broom, Max. 563.

Nemo est heres viventis. No one is the heir of a living person. Co. Litt. 8a, 22b. No one can be heir during the life of his ancestor. Broom, Max. 522, 523. No person can be the actual complete heir of another till the ancestor is previously dead. 2 Bl. Comm. 208.

Nemo est supra leges. No one is above the law. Loftt. 142.

Nemo ex alterius facto praevarari debet. No man ought to be burdened in consequence of another's act. 2 Kent, Comm. 646.

Nemo est consulio obligatur. No man is bound in consequence of his advice. Mere advice will not create the obligation of a mandate. Story, Bailm. § 155.

Nemo ex dolore suo proprio relevetur, aut auxilium capiat. Let no one be relieved or gain an advantage by his own fraud. A civil law maxim.

Nemo debet immiscere se rei ad se nihil pertinenti. No one should intermeddle with a thing that in no respect concerns him. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 32.


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Nemo in propria causa testis esse debet. No one ought to be a witness in his own cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 371.

Nemo inauditus condemnari debet si non sit contumax. No man ought to be condemned without being heard unless he be contumacious. Jenk. Cent. p. 18, case 12, in marg.

Nemo jus sibi dicere potest. No one can declare the law for himself. No one is entitled to take the law into his own hands. Tray. Lat. Max. 366.

Nemo nascitur artifex. Co. Litt. 97. No one is born an artificer.

Nemo patriam in qua natus est exuere, nec ligeantis debitum ejusre possit. No man can renounce the country in which he was born, nor abjure the obligation of his allegiance. Co. Litt. 129a; Broom, Max. 78; Post. Cr. Law, 184.

Nemo potest facere per alium quod non potest facere per directum. No man can do that indirectly which he cannot do directly. 1 Eden, 512.

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Nemo punitur sine injuria, factio, seu defalsa. No one is punished unless for some wrong, act, or default. 2 Inst. 237.

Nemo qui condemnare potest, absolvere non potest. No one who may condemn is unable to acquit. Dig. 50, 17, 37.

Nemo sibi esse judex velit sus jus dicere debet. No one ought to be his own judge, or the tribunal in his own affairs. Broom, Max. 116, 121. See L. R. 1 C. F. 722, 747.

Nemo sine actione experitur, et hoc non sine breve sive libro conventionali. No one goes to law without an action, and no one can bring an action without a writ or bill. Bract. fol. 112.

Nemo tenetur ad impossibile. No one is bound to an impossibility. Jenk. Cent. 7; Broom, Max. 244.

Nemo tenetur armare adversarium contra se. Wing. Max. 605. No one is bound to arm his adversary against himself.

Nemo tenetur dividare. No man is bound to divide, or to have foreknowledge of, a future event. 10 Coke, 55a.

Nemo tenetur informare qui nescit, sed quisquis scire quod informat. Branch. Princ. No one is bound to give information about things he is ignorant of, but every one is bound to know that which he gives information about.

Nemo tenetur jurare in suam turpitudinem. No one is bound to swear to the fact of his own criminality; no one can be forced to give his own oath in evidence of his guilt. Bell; Halk. 190.

Nemo tenetur prodere seipsum. No one is bound to betray himself. In other words, no one can be compelled to criminate himself. Broom, Max. 968.

Nemo tenetur seipsum accusare. Wing. Max. 486. No one is bound to accuse himself.

Nemo tenetur seipsum infortunis et periculis exponere. No one is bound to expose himself to misfortunes and dangers. Co. Litt. 259a.

Nemo unquam judicet in se. No one can ever be a judge in his own cause.

Nemo unquam vir magnum fuit, sine aliquo divino afflato. No one was ever a great man without some divine inspiration. Cicero.

NET. Clear of anything extraneous; with all deductions, such as charges, expenses, discounts, commissions, taxes, etc.; free from expenses. St. John v. Erie R. Co., 22 Wall. 148, 22 L. Ed. 743; Scott v. Hartley, 126 Ind. 255, 25 N. E. 526; Gibbs v. People’s Nat. Bank, 64 N. B. 170.

—Net balance. The proceeds of sale, after deducting expenses. Evans v. Wm. 71 Pa. 60.—Net earnings. See Earnings.—Net income. The income accruing from a business, fund, estate, etc., after deducting all necessary charges and expenses of every kind. Jones v. Nimick Mfg. Co. v. Com., 69 Pa. 137; In re Young, 15 App. Div. 255, 44 N. Y. Supp. 555; Pickett v. Cohn (Com. Pl.) 1 N. Y. Supp 436.—Net premium. In the business of life insurance, this term is used to designate that portion of the premium which is intended to meet the cost of the insurance, both current and future; its amount is calculated upon the basis of the mortality tables and upon the assumption that the company will receive a certain rate of interest upon all its assets: it does not include the entire premium paid by the assured, but does include a certain sum for expenses. Fuller v. Metropolitan L. Ins. Co., 70 Conn. 547, 41 Atl. 4.—Net price. The lowest price, after deducting all discounts. —Net profits. This term does not mean what is made over the losses, expenses, and interest on the amount invested. It includes the gain that accrues on the investment, after deducting simply the losses and expenses of the business. Tutt v. Land, 60 Ga. 350.—Net tonnage. The net tonnage of a vessel is the difference between the entire cubic contents of the interior of the vessel numbered in tons and the space occupied by the crew and by propelling machinery. The Thomas Melville, 62 Fed. 749, 10 C. C. A. 619.

—Net weight. The weight of an article or collection of articles, after deducting from the gross weight the weight of the boxes, covering, cases, etc., containing the same. The weight of an animal dressed for sale, after rejecting hide, offal, etc.

NEITHER HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT. A name given to the English house of commons in the time of Henry VIII.
NEURASTHENIA. In medical jurisprudence. A condition of weakness or exhaustion of the general nervous system, giving rise to various forms of mental and bodily insufficiency.

NEUTRAL. In international law. Indifferent; impartial; not engaged on either side; not taking an active part with either of the contending states. In an international war, the principal hostile powers are called "belligerents;" those actively co-operating with and assisting them, their "allies;" and those taking no part whatever, "neutrals."

Neutral property. Property which belongs to citizens of neutral powers, and is used, treated, and accompanied by proper insignia as such.

NEUTRALITY. The state of a nation which takes no part between two or more other nations at war. U. S. v. The Three Friends, 168 U. S. 1, 17 Sup. Ct. 495, 41 L. Ed. 897.

Neutral laws. Acts of congress which forbid the fitting out and equipping of armed vessels, or the enlisting of troops, for the aid of either of two belligerent powers with which the United States is at peace. Neutral proclamation. A proclamation by the president of the United States, issued on the outbreak of a war between two powers with both of which the United States is at peace, announcing the neutrality of the United States, and warning all citizens to refrain from any breach of the neutrality laws.

NEVER INDEBTED, PLEA OF. A species of traverse which occurs in actions of debt on simple contract, and is resorted to when the defendant means to deny in point of fact the existence of any express contract to the effect alleged in the declaration, or to deny the matters of fact from which such contract would by law be implied. Steph. Pl. 153, 156; Wharton.

NEW. As an element in numerous compound terms and phrases of the law, this word may denote novelty, or the condition of being previously unknown or of recent or fresh origin, but ordinarily it is a purely relative term and is employed in contrasting the date, origin, or character of one thing with the corresponding attributes of another thing of the same kind or class.

New and useful. The phrase used in the patent laws to describe the two qualities of an invention or discovery which are essential to make it patentable, viz., novelty, or the condition of having been previously unknown, and practical utility. See In re Gould, 1 MacArthur (D. C.) 410; Adams v. Turner, 73 Conn. 28; 46 Atl. 247; Lowell v. Lewis, 1 Mason, 182, Fed. Cas. No. 8,568—New assets. In the law governing the administration of estates, this term denotes assets coming into the hands of an executor or administrator after the expiration of the time when, by statute, claims against the estate are barred so far as regards recovery of the assets with which he was originally charged. See Littlefield v. Eaton, 74 Me. 521; Chenery v. Webster, 8 Allen (Mass.) 77; Robinson v. Hodge, 117 Mass.


—Official newspaper. One designated by a state or municipal legislative body, or agent
empowered by them, in which the public acts, resolves, advertisements, and notices are required to be published. Albany County v. Chaplin, 5 Wyo. 74, 57 Pac. 570.

NEXI. Lat: In Roman law. Bound; bound persons. A term applied to such insolvent debtors as were delivered up to their creditors, by whom they might be held in bondage until their debts were discharged. Calvin; Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.


—Next devisee. By the term “first devisee” is understood the person to whom the estate is first given by the will, while the term “next devisee” refers to the person to whom the remainder is given. Young v. Robinson, 5 N. J. Law. 688.—Next friend. The legal designation of a friend, by whom an infant or other person disabled from suing in his own name brings and prosecutes an action either at law or in equity; usually a relative. Strictly speaking, a “friend” is not appointed for “next friend” if the court is not appointed by the court to bring or maintain the suit, but is simply one who volunteers for that purpose, and is merely admitted or permitted to sue in behalf of the infant; but the practice of suing by a next friend has now been almost entirely superseded by the practice of appointing a guardian ad litem. See McKinney v. Jones, 50 Wis. 39, 11 N. W. 606; Guild v. Cranston, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 506; Tucker v. Dubbs, 12 Helek. (Tenn.) 15; Leopold v. Meyer, 10 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 40.—Next of kin. In the law of descent and distribution. This term properly denotes the persons nearest of kindred to the decedent, that is, those who are most nearly related to him by blood; but it is sometimes construed to mean only those who are entitled to take under the statute of distributions, and sometimes to include other persons. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 10655. The words “next of kin,” used simpliciter in a deed or will, mean, not next of kindred, but those who are immediately related in the estate according to the statute of distributions, including those claiming per stirpes or by representation. Slosson v. Lynch, 45 Barb. (N. Y.) 107; next presentation. In the law of advowsons. The right of next presentation is the right to present to the first vacancy of a benefice.

NEXUM. Lat: In Roman law. In ancient times the nexum seems to have been a species of formal contract, involving a loan of money, and attended with peculiar consequences, solemnized with the “copper and balance.” Later, it appears to have been used as a general term for any contract struck by the contracting parties. See Maine, Anc. Law, 305, et seq.; Hadl. Rom. Law, 247.

In Roman law, this word expressed the tie or obligation involved in the old conveyance by mancipatio; and came latterly to be used interchangeably with (but less frequently than) the word “obligatio” itself. Brown.

NICHELS. In English practice. Debts due to the exchequer which the sheriff could not levy, and as to which he returned nil. These sums were transcribed once a year by the clerk of the nichills, and sent to the treasurer’s remembrancer’s office, whence process was issued to recover the “nichill” debts. Both of these offices were abolished in 1833. Mozley & Whittle.

NICKNAME. A short name; one nicked or cut off for the sake of brevity, without conveying an idea of opprobrium, and frequently evincing the strongest affection or the most perfect familiarity. North Carolina Inst. v. Norwood, 45 N. C. 74.

NIDERLING, NIDERING, or NITHING. A vile, base person, or sluggard; chicken-hearted. Spelman.

NIEFE. The daughter of one’s brother or sister. Ambl. 514. See NEPHEW.

NIEFE. In old English law. A woman born in vassalage; a bondwoman.

NIENT. L. Fr. Nothing; not.

—Nient comprise. Not comprised; not included. An exception taken to a petition because the thing desired is not contained in that deed or proceeding wherein the petition is founded. Tomlins.—Nient culpable. Not guilty. The name in law French of the general issue in tort or in a criminal action.—Nient dedire. To say nothing; to deny nothing; to suffer judgment by default.—Nient le fait. In pleading. Not the deed; not his deed. The same as the plea of nom est factum.—Nient sei. In old pleading. Not seised. The general plea in the writ of annuity. Crabbe, Eng. Law, 424.

NIGER LIBER. The black book or register in the exchequer; chartularies of abbeys, cathedrals, etc.

NIGHT. As to what, by the common law, is reckoned night and what day, it seems to be the general opinion that, if there be daylight, or crepusculum, enough begun or left to discern a man’s face, that is considered day; and night is when it is so dark that the countenance of a man cannot be discerned. 1 Hale, P. C. 350. However, the limit of 5 a. m. to 6 a. m. has been fixed by statute, in England, as the period of night, in prosecutions for burglary and larceny. St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 96, § 1; Brown. In American law, the common-law definition is still adhered to in some states, but in others “night” has been defined by statute as the period between sunset and sunrise.

—Night magistrate. A constable of the night; the head of a watch-house.—Night walkers. Described in the statute 5 Edw. III. c. 14, as persons who sleep by day and walk by night. Persons who prowl about at night, and are of a suspicious appearance and behavior. Persons whose habit is to be abroad at night for the purpose of committing some crime or nuisance or mischief or disturbing the peace; not now generally subject to the criminal laws except in respect to misdemeanors actually committed, or in the character of vagrants or suspicious persons. See Thomas v. State, 55.
The black should never go beyond non est inventus. There is nothing. A form of return made by a sheriff when he has been unable to serve the writ. "Although Nihil est."

Practice. That he take nothing by his writ. The form of judgment against the plaintiff in an action, either in bar or in abatement. When the plaintiff has commenced his proceedings by bill, the judgment is —Nihil capiat per breve. In a narrower sense, a night walker is a prostitute who walks the streets at night for the purpose of soliciting men for lewd purposes. Stokes v. State, 92 Ala. 73, 9 South. 400, 25 Am. St. Rep. 22; Thomas v. State, 55 Ala. 260.

Nihil est magis ratione consentaneum quam codem modo quodque dissolvere quo constat. Nothing is more consonant to reason than that a thing should be dissolved or discharged in the same way in which it was created. Shep. Touch. 323.

Nihil facit error nominis eum de corpore constat. 11 Coke. 21. An error as to a name is nothing when there is certainty as to the person.

Nihil habet forum ex secla. The court has nothing to do with what is not before it. Bac. Max.

Nihil in lege intolerabilius est [quam] eandem rem diverso jure consenti. Nothing is more intolerable in law than that the same matter, thing, or case should be subject to different views of law. 1 Coke, 93a. Applied to the difference of opinion entertained by different courts, as to the law of a particular case. Id.

Nihil infra regnum subditos magis conservat in tranquilitate et cordis quam debita legum administratio. Nothing preserves in tranquillity and concord those who are subjected to the same govern­ment better than a due administration of the laws. 2 Inst. 168.

Nihil iniquus quam equitatem nimirum intendere. Nothing is more unjust than to extend equity too far. Halk. 103.

Nihil magis justum est quam quod necessarium est. Nothing is more just than that which is necessary. Dav. Ir. K. B. 12; Branch, Princ.

Nihil nequam est presumendum. Nothing wicked is to be presumed. 2 P. Wms. 583.

Nihil perfectum est dum aliquid restat agendum. Nothing is perfect while anything remains to be done. 9 Coke, 98.

Nihil peti potest ante id tempus quo per rem naturam persolvit possit. Nothing can be demanded before the time when, by the nature of things, it can be paid. Dig. 50, 17, 186.

Nihil possimus contra veritatem. We can do nothing against truth. Doct. & Stud. dial. 2, c. 6.

Nihil praescibitur nisi quod possideatur. There is no prescription for that which is not possessed. 5 Barn. & Ald. 277.

Nihil quod est contra rationem est licitum. Nothing that is against reason is lawful. Co. Litt. 97b.

Nihil quod est inconveniens est licitum. Nothing that is inconvenient is law-

Nihil est enim liberale quod non idem justum. For there is nothing generous which is not at the same time just. 2 Kent, Comm. 441, note a.
A maxim very frequently quoted by Lord Coke, but to be taken in modern law with some qualification. Broom, Max. 158, 366.

Nihil simul inventum est et perfectum. Co. Litt. 280. Nothing is invented and perfected at the same moment.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali aequiti quam unumquodque dissolvi eo ligamine quo ligatum est. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as that a thing should be dissolved by the same means by which it was bound. 2 Inst. 359; Broom, Max. 877.

Nihil tam conveniens est naturali aequiti quam voluntatem domini rem suam in alium transferrre ratam habere. 1 Coke, 100. Nothing is so consonant to natural equity as to regard the intention of the owner in transferring his own property to another.

Nihil tam naturale est, quam eo generis quidquid dissolvere, quo colligatum est; ideo verborum obligatio verbis tollitur; nudi consensus obligatio contrario consensus dissolvitur. Nothing is so natural as to dissolve anything in the way in which it was bound together; therefore the obligation of words is taken away by words; the obligation of mere consent is dissolved by the contrary consent. Dig. 50, 17, 35; Broom, Max. 887.

Nihil tam proprium imperio quam legibus vivere. Nothing is so becoming to authority as to live in accordance with the laws. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 17, § 11.

Nihilist. A member of a secret association, (especially in Russia,) which is devoted to the destruction of the present political, religious, and social institutions. Webster.

Nill. Lat. Nothing. A contracted form of "nihil," which see.

—Nill debet. He owes nothing. The form of the general issue in all actions of debt on simple contract.—Nill habuit in tenementis. He had nothing [no interest] in the tenements. A plea in debt on a lease indented, by which the defendant sets up that the person claiming to be landlord had no title or interest.—Nill ligatum. Nothing bound; that is, no obligation has been incurred. Tray. Lat. Max.

Nill agit exemplum item quod lite resolvit. An example does no good which settles one question by another. Hatch v. Mann, 15 Wend. (N. Y.) 44, 49.

Nill consensus tam contrarium est quam vis atque metus. Nothing is so opposed to consent as force and fear. Dig. 50, 17, 110.

Nil facit error nominis cum de corpore vel persona constat. A mistake in the name does not matter when the body or person is manifest. 11 Coke, 24; Broom, Max. 634.

Nil sine prudenti facit ratione vetustas. Antiquity did nothing without a good reason. Co. Litt. 65.

Nil temere novandum. Nothing should be rashly changed. Jenk. Cent. 163.

Nimia certitudo certitudinem ipsam destruit. Too great certainty destroys certainty itself. Lofft, 244.


Nimium alterando veritas animitatur. Hob. 844. By too much alteration truth is lost.

Nimmer. A thief; a pilferer.

Nisi. Lat. Unless. The word is often affixed, as a kind of elliptical expression, to the words "rule," "order," "decree," "judgment," or "confirmation," to indicate that the adjudication spoken of is one which is to stand as valid and operative unless the party affected by it shall appear and show cause against it, or take some other appropriate step to avoid it or procure its revocation. Thus a "decree nisi" is one which will definitely conclude the defendant's rights unless, within the prescribed time, he shows cause to set it aside or successfully appeals. The word, in this sense, is opposed to "absolute." When a rule nisi is finally confirmed, for the defendant's failure to show cause against it, it is said to be "made absolute."

—Nisi feceris. The name of a clause commonly occurring in the old manorial writs, commanding that, if the lords failed to do justice, the king's court or officer should do it. By virtue of this clause, the king's court usurped the jurisdiction of the private, manorial, or local courts. Stim. Law Gloss.—Nisi prius. The nisi prius courts are such as are held for the trial of issues of fact before a jury and one presiding judge. In America the phrase is familiarly used to denote the forum (whatever may be its statutory name) in which the cause was tried to a jury, as distinguished from the appellate court. See 3 Bl. Comm. 58.—Nisi prius clause. A clause entered on the record in an action at law, authorizing the trial of the cause at nisi prius courts. A clause entered for use in the nisi prius court.—Nisi prius writ. The old name of the writ of venire, which originally, in pursuance of the statute of Westminster 2, contained the nisi prius clause. Reg. Jul. 28, 76; Cowell.

Nivicollini Britones. In old English law. Welshmen, because they live

Nivicolluni Britones.
near high mountains covered with snow.
Du Cange.

**NO AWARD.** The name of a plea in an action on an award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that an award was made.

**NO BILL.** This phrase, when indorsed by a grand jury on an indictment, is equivalent to "not found," "not a true bill," or "ignoramus."

**NO FUNDS.** See FUND.

**NO GOODS.** This is the English equivalent of the Latin term "nulla bona," being the form of the return made by a sheriff or constable, charged with an execution, when he has found no property of the debtor on which to levy.

No man can hold the same land immediately of two several landlords. Co. Litt. 152.

No man is presumed to do anything against nature. 22 Vin. Abr. 154.

No man shall set up his infamy as a defense. 2 W. Bl. 364.


**NOBILE OFFICIUM.** In Scotch law. An equitable power of the court of session, to give relief when none is possible at law. Ersk. Inst. 1, 3, 22; Bell.

Nobiles magis plectuntur pecunia; plebes vero in corpore. 3 Inst. 220. The higher classes are more punished in money; but the lower in person.

Nobiles sunt, qui arma gentilitia antecessorum suorum proferre possunt. 2 Inst. 505. The gentry are those who are able to produce armorial bearings derived by descent from their own ancestors.

Nobiliores et benigniores presumptiones in dubiis sunt preferenda. In cases of doubt, the more generous and more benign presumptions are to be preferred. A civil-law maxim.

Nobilitas est duplex, superior et inferior. 2 Inst. 583. There are two sorts of nobility, the higher and the lower.

**NOBILITY.** In English law. A division of the people, comprehending dukes, marquises, earls, viscounts, and barons. These had anciently duties annexed to their respective honors. They are created either by writ, i. e., by royal summons to attend the house of peers, or by letters patent, i. e., by royal grant of any dignity and degree of peerage; and they enjoy many privileges, exclusive of their senatorial capacity. 1 Bl. Comm. 584.


**NOCTANTER.** By night. An abolished writ which issued out of chancery, and returned to the queen's bench, for the proscription of inclosures, etc.

**NOCTES and NOCTEM DE FIRMA.** Entertainment of meat and drink for so many nights. Domesday.

**NOGUMENTUM.** Lat. In old English law. A nuisance. Nocuementum damnosum, a nuisance occasioning loss or damage. Nocuementum injuriosum, an injurious nuisance. For the latter only a remedy was given. Bract. fol. 221.

**NOLENS VOLENS.** Lat. Whether willing or unwilling; consenting or not.


**NOLLE PROSEQUI.** Lat. In practice. A formal entry upon the record, by the plaintiff in a civil suit or the prosecuting officer in a criminal action, by which he declares that he "will no further prosecute" the case, either as to some of the counts, or some of the defendants, or altogether. State v. Primm, 61 Mo. 171; Com. v. Casey, 12 Allen (Mass.) 214; Davenport v. Newton, 71 Vt. 11, 42 Atl. 1087.

A nolle prosequi is in the nature of an acknowledgment or undertaking by the plaintiff in an action to forbear to proceed any further either in the action altogether, or as to some part of it, or as to some of the defendants; and is different from a non pros, by which the plaintiff is put out of court with respect to all the defendants. Brown.

**NOLO CONTENDERE.** Lat. I will not contest it. The name of a plea in a criminal action, having the same legal effect as a plea of guilty, so far as regards all proceedings on the indictment, and on which the defendant may be sentenced. U. S. v. Hartwell, 3 Cliff. 221, Fed. Cas. No. 15,318. Like a demurrer this plea admits, for the purposes of the case, all the facts which are well pleaded, but is not to be used as an

NOMEN. Lat. In the civil law. A name; the name, style, or designation of a person. Properly, the name showing to what genus or tribe he belonged, as distinguished from his own individual name, (the pronomens,) from his surname or family name, (cognomen,) and from any name added by way of a descriptive title, (agnomen.)

The name or style of a class or genus of persons or objects.

A debt or a debtor. Ainsworth; Calvin.

—Nomen collectivum. A collective name or term; a term expressive of a class; a term including several of the same kind; a term expressive of the plural, as well as singular, number.—Nomen generale. A general name; the name of a genus. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 19, § 1.—Nomen generalissimum. A name of the most general kind; a name or term of the most general meaning. By the name of "land," which is nomen generalissimum, everything terrestrial will pass. 2 Bl. Comm. 19; 3 Bl. Comm. 172.

—Nomen juris. A name of the law; a technical legal term.—Nomen transcriptitum. See NOMINA TRANSCRIPTITIA.

Nomen est quasi rei notamen. A name is, as it were, the note of a thing. 11 Coke, 20.

Nomen non sufficit, si res non sit de jure aut de facto. A name is not sufficient if there be not a thing [or subject for it] de jure or de facto. 4 Coke, 107b.

Nomina mutabilia sunt, res autem immobiles. Names are mutable, but things are immovable, (immutable.) A name may be true or false, or may change, but the thing itself always maintains its identity. 6 Coke, 96.

Nomina nisi nec sis perit cognitio rerum; et nomina si perdas, certae distinctio rerum perditur. Co. Litt. 86. If you know not the names of things, the knowledge of things themselves perishes; and, if you lose the names, the distinction of the things is certainly lost.

Nomina sunt notae rerum. 11 Coke, 20. Names are the notes of things.

Nomina sunt symbols rerum. Godh. Names are the symbols of things.

NOMINA TRANSCRIPTITIA. In Roman law. Obligations contracted by litera (i.e., literis obligations) were so called because they arose from a peculiar transfer (transscriptio) from the creditor's day-book (adversariarum) into his ledger, (codez.)

NOMINA VILLARUM. In English law. An account of the names of all the villages and the possessors thereof, in each county, drawn up by several sheriffs, (9 Edw. II.) and returned by them into the exchequer, where it is still preserved. Wharton.

NOMINAL. Titular; existing in name only; not real or substantial; connected with the transaction or proceeding in name only, not in interest.

—Nominal consideration. See CONSIDERATION.—Nominal damages. See DAMAGES.—Nominal defendant. A person who is joined as defendant in an action, not because he is immediately liable in damages or because any specific relief is demanded as against him, but because his connection with the subject-matter is such that the plaintiff's action would be defective, under the technical rules of practice, if he were not joined.—Nominal partner. A person who appears to be a partner in a firm, or is so represented to persons dealing with the firm, or who allows his name to appear in the style of the firm or to be used in its business, in the character of a partner, but who has no actual interest in the firm or business. Story, Partn. § 80.—Nominal plaintiff. One who has no interest in the subject-matter of the action, having assigned the name to another, (the real plaintiff in interest, or "use plaintiff") but who must be joined as plaintiff, because, under technical rules of practice, the suit cannot be brought directly in the name of the assignee.

NOMINATE. To propose for an appointment; to designate for an office, a privilege, a living, etc.

NOMINATE CONTRACTS. In the civil law. Contracts having a proper or peculiar name and form, and which were divided into four kinds, expressive of the ways in which they were formed, viz.: (1) Real, which arose ex re, from something done; (2) verbal, ex verbis, from something said; (3) literal, ex litteris, from something written; and (4) consensual, ex consensu, from something agreed to. Calvin.

NOMINATIM. Lat. By name; expressed one by one.

NOMINATING AND REDUCING. A mode of obtaining a panel of special jurors in England, from which to select the jury to try a particular action. The proceeding takes place before the under-sheriff or secretary, and in the presence of the parties' solicitors. Numbers denoting the persons on the sheriff's list are put into a box and drawn until forty-eight unchallenged persons have been nominated. Each party strikes off twelve, and the remaining twenty-four are returned as the "panel," (q. v.) This practice is now only employed by order of the court or judge. (Sm. Ac. 130; Juries Act 1870, § 17.) Sweet.
NOMINATION. An appointment or designation of a person to fill an office or discharge a duty. The act of suggesting or proposing a person by name as a candidate for an office.

—Nomination to a living. In English ecclesiastical law. The rights of nominating and of presenting to a living are distinct, and may reside in different persons. Presentation is the offering a clerk to the bishop. Nomination is the offering a clerk to the person who has the right of presentation. Brown.

NOMINATIVUS PENDENS. Lat. A nominative case grammatically unconnected with the rest of the sentence in which it stands. The opening words in the ordinary form of a deed inter partes, "This inden­ture," etc., down to "whereas," though an intelligible and convenient part of the deed, are of this kind. Wharton.

NOMINE. Lat. By name; by the name of; under the name or designation of.

NOMINE PÆNE. In the name of a penalty. In the civil law, a legacy was said to be left nomine pæne where it was left for the purpose of coercing the heir to do or not to do something. Inst. 2, 20, 36.

The term has also been applied, in English law, to some kinds of covenants, such as a covenant inserted in a lease that the lessee shall forfeit a certain sum on non-payment of rent, or on doing certain things, as plowing up ancient meadow, and the like. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 171, § 155.

NOMINEE. One who has been nominated or proposed for an office.

NOMOCANON. (1) A collection of canons and imperial laws relative or conformable thereto. The first nomocanon was made by Johannes Scholasticus in 554. Photius, patriarch of Constantinople, in 883, compiled another nomocanon, or collation of the civil laws with the canons; this is the most celebrated. Balsamon wrote a commentary upon it in 1180. (2) A collection of the ancient canons of the apostles, councils, and fathers, without any regard to imperial constitutions. Such is the nomocanon by M. Coteller. Enc. Lond.

NOMOGRAPHER. One who writes on the subject of laws.

NOMOGRAPHY. A treatise or description of laws.

NOMOTHETA. A lawgiver; such as Solon and Lycurgus among the Greeks, and Cesar, Pompey, and Syla among the Romans. Calvin.

NON-ACCEPTANCE. The refusal to accept anything.

NON ACCEPTAVIT. In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of assumpsit brought against the drawee of a bill of exchange by which he denies that he accepted the same.

NON-ACCESS. In legal parlance, this term denotes the absence of opportunities for sexual intercourse between husband and wife; or the absence of such intercourse.

Non accipi debent verba in demonstrationem falsam, quæ competunt in limitationem veram. Words ought not to be taken to import a false demonstration which may have effect by way of true limitation, Bac. Max. p. 59, reg. 13; Broom, Max. 642.

NON ACCREVIT INFRA SEX ANNOS. It did not accrue within six years. The name of a plea by which the defendant sets up the statute of limitations against a cause of action which is barred after six years.

NON-ACT. A forbearance from action; the contrary to act.

NON-ADMISSION. The refusal of admission.

NON-AGE. Lack of requisite legal age. The condition of a person who is under twenty-one years of age, in some cases, and under fourteen or twelve in others; minority.

Non alio modo puniatur aliquis quam secundum quod se nabet condemnatio. 3 Inst. 217. A person may not be punished differently than according to what the sentence enjoins.

Non alter a significatione verborum recedii oportet quam cum manifestum est, alid sensisse testatorem. We must never depart from the signification of words, unless it is evident that they are not conformable to the will of the testator. Dig. 32, 69, pr.; Broom, Max. 508.

NON-APPEARANCE. A failure of appearance; the omission of the defendant to appear within the time limited.

NON-ASSESSABLE. This word, placed upon a certificate of stock, does not cancel or impair the obligation to pay the amount due upon the shares created by the acceptance
and holding of such certificate. At most its legal effect is a stipulation against liability from further assessment or taxation after the entire subscription of one hundred percent shall have been paid. Upton v. Tribilcock, 91 U. S. 45, 23 L. Ed. 203.

NON ASSUMPSIT. The general issue in the action of assumptsi; being a plea by which the defendant averes that "he did not undertake" or promise as alleged.

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Non auditur perire volens. He who is desirous to perish is not heard. Best, Ev. 423, § 385. He who confesses himself guilty of a crime, with the view of meeting death, will not be heard. A maxim of the foreign law of evidence. Id.

NON-BAILABLE. Not admitting of bail; not requiring bail.

NON BIS IN IDEM. Not twice for the same; that is, a man shall not be twice tried for the same crime. This maxim of the civil law (Code, 9, 2, 9, 11) expresses the same principle as the familiar rule of our law that a man shall not be twice "put in jeopardy" for the same offense.

NON CEPIT. He did not take. The general issue in replevin, where the action is for the wrongful taking of the property; putting in issue not only the taking, but the place in which the taking is stated to have been made. Steph. Pl. 157, 167.

NON-CLAIM. The omission or neglect of him who ought to claim his right within the time limited by law; as within a year and a day where a continuai claim was required, or within five years after a fine had been levied. Termes de la Ley.

--Covenant of non-claim. See COVENANT.

NON-COMBATANT. A person connect­ed with an army or navy, but for purposes other than fighting; such as the surgeons and chaplains. Also a neutral.

NON-COMMISSIONED. A non-commissioned officer of the army or militia is a subordinate officer who holds his rank, not by commission from the executive authority of the state or nation, but by appointment by a superior officer.

NON COMPOS MENTIS. Lat. Not sound of mind; insane. This is a very general term, embracing all varieties of mental derangement. See INSANITY.

Coke has enumerated four different classes of persons who are deemed in law to be non com­poses mentis: First, an idiot, or fool natural; second, he who was of good and sound mind and memory, but by the act of God has lost it; third, a lunatic, lunaticus-qui gaudet lucidis intervallis, who sometimes is of good sound mind and memory, and sometimes non compos mentis; fourth, one who is non compositio by his own act, as a drunkard. Co. Litt. 247a; 4 Coke, 124.

Non concedantur citationes priusquam exprimatur super qua re debet cita­tio. 12 Coke, 47. Summonses should not be granted before it is expressed on what matter the summons ought to be made.

NON CONCESSIT. Lat. He did not grant. The name of a plea denying a grant, which could be made only by a stranger.

NON-CONFORMIST. In English law. One who refuses to comply with others; one who refuses to join in the established forms of worship.

Non-conformists are of two sorts: (1) Such as absent themselves from divine worship in the Established Church through total irre­ligion, and attend the service of no other persuasion; (2) such as attend the religious service of another persuasion. Wharton.

Non consentit qui errat. Bract. fol. 44. He who mistakes does not consent.

NON CONSTAT. Lat. It does not appear; it is not clear or evident. A phrase used in general to state some conclusion as not necessarily following although it may ap­pear on its face to follow.

NON-CONTINUOUS EASEMENT. A non-apparent or discontinuous easement. Fetters v. Humphreys, 18 N. J. Eq. 262. See EASEMENT.

NON CULPABILIS. Lat. In pleading. Not guilty. It is usually abbreviated "non cui."

NON DAMNIFICATUS. Lat. Not inj­ured. This is a plea in an action of debt on an indemnity bond, or bond conditioned "to keep the plaintiff harmless and indemni­fied," etc. It is in the nature of a plea of performance, being used where the defend­ant means to allege that the plaintiff has been kept harmless and indemnified, accord­ing to the tenor of the condition. Steph. Pl. (7th Ed.) 300, 301. State Bank v. Chet­wood, 8 N. J. Law, 25.

Non dat qui non habet. He who has not does not give. Lofft, 238; Broom, Max. 467.

Non debeo melioris conditionis esse, quam anctor mens a quo jus in me trans­it. I ought not to be in better condition than he to whose rights I succeed. Dig. 50, 17 175, 1.

NON DEBO MELIORIS
Non debet actori licere quod reo non
permittitur. A plaintiff ought not to be
allowed what is not permitted to a defend­
ant. A rule of the civil law. Dig. 50, 17, 41.

Non debet adduci exceptio ejus rei cui-

jus petitur dissolutio. A plea of the same
matter the dissolution of which is sought
(by the action) ought not to be brought for­
ward. Broom, Max. 166.

Non debet alii nocere, quod inter alios
actum est. A person ought not to be preju­
diced by what has been done between oth­
ers. Dig. 12, 2, 10.

Non debet alteri per alterum iniqua
conditio inferri. A burdensome condition
ought not to be brought upon one man by
the act of another. Dig. 50, 17, 74.

Non debet cui plus licet, quod minus
est non licere. He to whom the greater is
lawful ought not to be debarred from the less
as unlawful. Dig. 50, 17, 21; Broom, Max.
176.

Non debet dicit tendere in prsejudicium
ecclesiastics, liberatatis quod pro rege et
republica necessarium videtur. That which seems necessary for the
king and the state ought not to be said to	
tend to the prejudice of spiritual liberty.

Non decet homines dedere causa non
cognita. It is unbecoming to surrender men
when no cause is shown. In re Washburn, 4
(N. Y.) 473, 482.

Non DECIMANDO. See De NON DE-
CIMANDO.

Non decipitur qui scit se decipi. 5
Coke, 60. He is not deceived who knows
himself to be deceived.

NON DEDIT. Lat. In pleading. He
did not grant. The general issue in forned-
don.

NON-DELIVERY. Neglect, failure, or
refusal to deliver goods, on the part of a
carrier, vendor, balle, etc.

NON DETINET. Lat. He does not de-
tain. The name of the general issue in the
action of detinue. 1 Tidd, Pr. 646; Berlin
Mach. Works v. Alabama City Furniture Co.,
112 Ala. 488, 20 South. 418.

The general issue in the action of replevin,
where the action is for the wrongful deten­tion
only. 2 Burrill, Pr. 14.

Non differunt quae concordant re, 
tamen non in verbis idem. Those
tings do not differ which agree in substance,
though not in the same words. Jenk. Cent.
p. 70, case 82.

NON DIMISIT. L. Lat. He did not de-
mise. A plea resorted to where a plaintiff declared upon a demise without stating the
indenture in an action of debt for rent. Also,
a plea in bar, in reprieve, to an avowry for
arrears of rent, that the avowant did not
demise.

NON-DIRECTION. Omission on the
part of a judge to properly instruct the jury
upon a necessary conclusion of law.

NON DISTRINGENDO. A writ not to
distrain.

Non dubitatur, etsi specialiter vendi-
tor evictiorum non promiserit, re evict-
ta, ex empto competere actionem. It is
certain that, although the vendor has not
given a special guaranty, an action ex empto lies against him, if the purchaser is evicted.

Non efficit affectus nisi sequatur ef-
fectus. The intention amounts to nothing
unless the effect follow. 1 Rolle, 226.

Non est aspirialis lex Rome, alia Athenias;
alia nunc, alia posthaec; sed omni gentes, et omni tempore, una lex, et
sempiterna, et immortalis continebit. There will not be one law at Rome, another at
Athens; one law now, another hereafter;
but one eternal and immortal law shall bind
together all nations throughout all time. Cic.
Frag. de Repub. lib. 3; 3 Kent, Comm. 1.

Non est certandum de regulis juris. There is no disputing about rules of law.

Non est consonum rationi, quod cog-
nitio accessorii in curia christianitatis
impediatur, ubi cognitio causa principalis
ad forum ecclesiasticum noscitur pertinere. Co. Litt. 343. We cannot dis­
pute against a man who denies first prin-
ciples.

NON EST FACIUM. Lat. A plea by
way of traverse, which occurs in debt on
bond or other specialty, and also in covenant.
It denies that the deed mentioned in the
declaration is the defendant's deed. Under
this, the defendant may contend at the trial
that the deed was never executed in point of
fact; but he cannot deny its validity in

Non est disputandum contra principia
negament. Co. Litt. 343. We cannot dis­
pute against a man who denies first prin-
ciples.

The plea of non est factum is a denial of the execution of the instrument sued upon, and applies to notes or other instruments, as well as deeds, and applies only when the execution of the instrument is alleged to be the act of the party filing the plea, or adopted by him. Code Ga. 1882, § 3472.

—Special non est factum. A form of the plea of non est factum, in debt on a specialty, by which the defendant alleges that, although he executed the deed, yet it is in law "not his deed," because of certain special circumstances which he proceeds to set out; as, where he delivered the deed as an escrow, and it was turned over to the plaintiff prematurely or without performance of the condition.

NON EST INVENTUS. Lat. He is not found. The sheriff's return to process requiring him to arrest the body of the defendant, when the latter is not found within his jurisdiction. It is often abbreviated "n. e. i.," or written, in English, "not found." The Bremena v. Card (D. C.) 38 Fed. 144.

Non est justum aliquem antenatum post mortem facere bastardum qui tota tempore vitae suo pro legitimo habebatur. It is not just to make an elder-born a bastard after his death, who during his lifetime was accounted legitimate. 12 Coke, 44.

Non est novum ut priores leges ad posteriores trahantur. It is no new thing that prior statutes should give place to later ones. Dig. 1, 3, 36; Broom, Max. 28.

Non est regula quin fallet. There is no rule but what may fall. Off. Exec. 212.

Non est singularia concedendum, quod per magistratum publice possit fieri, ne occasio sit majoris tumultus faciendi. That is not to be conceded to private persons which can be publicly done by the magistrate, lest it be the occasion of greater tumults. Dig. 50, 17, 176.

Non ex opinionibus singularum, sed ex communi us, nomina exandri debent. The names of things ought to be understood, not according to the opinions of individuals, but according to common usage. Dig. 33, 10, 7, 2.

Non facias malum, ut inde fiat bonum. You are not to do evil, that good may be or result therefrom. 11 Coke, 74a; 5 Coke, 30b.

NON FECIT. Lat. He did not make it. A plea in an action of assumpsit on a promissory note. 3 Man. & G. 446.

NON FECIT VASTUM CONTRA PROHIBITIONEM. He did not commit waste against the prohibition. A plea to an action founded on a writ of estrepement for waste. 3 Bl. Comm. 226, 227.

NON HEC IN FEDERA VENI. I did not agree to these terms.

Non impedit clausula derogatoria quominus ad eadem potestate res dissolvantur a qua constituuntur. A derogatory clause does not impede things from being dissolved by the same power by which they are created. Broom, Max. 27.

NON IMPEDIVIT. Lat. He did not impede. The plea of the general issue in quare impedit. The Latin form of the law French "ne disturba pae."

NON IMPLACITANDO ALIQUEM DE LIBERO TENEMENTO SINE BREVI. A writ to prohibit bailiffs, etc., from distraining or impleading any man touching his freehold without the king's writ. Reg. Orig. 171.

Non in legendo sed in intelligendo legis consistunt. The laws consist not in being read, but in being understood. 8 Coke, 167a.

NON INFREGIT CONVENTIONEM. Lat. He did not break the contract. The name of a plea sometimes pleaded in the action of covenant, and intended as a general issue, but held to be a bad plea; there being, properly speaking, no general issue in that action. 1 Tidd, Pr. 356.

NON-INTERCOURSE. 1. The refusal of one state or nation to have commercial dealings with another; similar to an embargo. (q. v.)

2. The absence of access, communication, or sexual relations between husband and wife.

NON INTERFUI. I was not present. A reporter's note. T. Jones, 10.

NON-INTERVENTION WILL. A term sometimes applied to a will which authorizes the executor to settle and distribute the estate without the intervention of the court and without giving bond. In re Macdonald's Estate, 29 Wash. 422, 69 Pac. 1111.

NON. Lat. Not. The common particle of negation.

NON-ABILITY. Want of ability to do an act in law, as to sue. A plea founded upon such cause. Cowell.

NON INTROMITTANT CLAUSE. In English law. A clause of a charter of a municipal borough, whereby the borough is
exempted from the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace for the county.

NON INTROMITTENDO, QUANDO BREVE PRECIPÆ IN CAPITE SUBDOLE IMPETRATUR. A writ addressed to the justices of the bench, or in eyre, commanding them not to give one who, under color of entitling the king to land, etc., as holding of him in capite, had deceitfully obtained the writ called “precipe in capite,” any benefit thereof, but to put him to his writ of right. Reg. Orig. 4.

NON ISSUABLE PLEAS. Those upon which a decision would not determine the action upon the merits, as a plea in abatement. 1 Chit. Archb. Pr. (12th Ed.) 249.

NON-JOINDER. See JOINDER.

NON JURIDICUS. Not judicial; not legal. Dies non juridicus is a day on which legal proceedings cannot be had.

NON-JURORS. In English law. Persons who refuse to take the oaths, required by law, to support the government.

Non jus ex regula, sed regula ex jure. The law does not arise from the rule (or maxim,) but from the rule from the law. Tray. Lat. Max. 384.

Non jus, sed seisin, facit stipitem. Not right, but seisin, makes a stock. Fleta lib. 6, c. 2, § 2. It is not a mere right to enter on lands, but actual seisin, which makes a person the root or stock from which all future inheritance by right of blood must be derived. 2 Bl. Comm. 209, 312. See Broom, Max. 525, 527.

NON-LEVIA BLE. Not subject to be levied upon. Non-leviable assets are assets upon which an execution cannot be levied. Farmers' F. Ins. Co. v. Conrad, 102 Wis. 387, 78 N. W. 582.

Non hec quod dispended licet. That which may be [done only] at a loss is not allowed [to be done.] The law does not permit or require the doing of an act which will result only in loss. The law forbids such recoveries whose ends are vain, chargeable, and unprofitable. Co. Litt 127b.

NON LIQUET. Lat. It is not clear. In the Roman courts, when any of the judges, after the hearing of a cause, were not satisfied that the case was made clear enough for them to pronounce a verdict, they were privileged to signify this opinion by casting a ballot inscribed with the letters “N. L.,” the abbreviated form of the phrase “non liquet.”

NON-MAILABLE. A term applied to all letters and parcels which are by law excluded from transportation in the United States mailis, whether on account of the size of the package, the nature of its contents, its obscene character, or for other reasons. See U. S. v. Nathan (D. C.) 61 Fed. 936.

NON MERCHANDIZANDA VICTUALIA. An ancient writ addressed to justices of assize, to inquire whether the magistrates of a town sold victuals in gross or by retail during the time of their being in office, which was contrary to an obsolete statute; and to punish them if they did. Reg. Orig. 184.

NON MOLESTANDO. A writ that lay for a person who was molested contrary to the king's protection granted to him. Reg. Orig. 184.

Non nasci, et natum mort, paria sunt. Not to be born, and to be dead-born, are the same.

NON NEGOTIABLE. Not negotiable; not capable of passing title or property by indorsement and delivery.

Non obligat lex nisi promulgata. A law is not obligatory unless it be promulgated.

Non observata forma, infertur adnul latio actus. Where form is not observed, an annulling of the act is inferred or follows. 12 Coke, 7.

NON OBSTANTE. Lat. Notwithstanding. Words anciently used in public and private instruments, intended to preclude, in advance, any interpretation contrary to certain declared objects or purposes. Burill.

A clause frequent in old English statutes and letters patent, (so termed from its initial words,) importing a license from the crown to do a thing which otherwise a person would be restrained by act of parliament from doing. Crabb, Com. Law, 570; Plowd. 501; Cowell.

A power in the crown to dispense with the laws in any particular case. This was abolished by the bill of rights at the Revolution. 1 Bl. Comm. 342.

—Non obstante veredicto. Notwithstanding the verdict. A judgment entered by order of court for the plaintiff, although there has been a verdict for the defendant, is so called. German Ins Co. v. Frederick, 58 Fed. 144, 7 C. C. A. 122; Wentworth v. Wentworth, 2 Minn. 222 (Gill, 228), 72 Am. Dec. 97; Hill v. Ragland, 114 Ky. 209, 70 S. W. 634.

Non officit conatus nisi sequatur effectus. An attempt does not harm unless a consequence follow. 11 Coke, 98.

NON OMITTAS. A clause usually inserted in writs of execution, in England, directing the sheriff “not to omit” to execute...
the writ by reason of any liberty, because there are many liberties or districts in which the sheriff has no power to execute process unless he has special authority. 2 Steph. Comm. 630.

Non omne damnum inducit injuriam. It is not every loss that produces an injury. Bract. fol. 45b.

Non omne quod licet honestum est. It is not everything which is permitted that is honorable. Dig. 50, 17, 144; Howell v. Baker, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 121.

Non omnium quae a majoribus nostris constituta sunt ratio reddi potest. There cannot be given a reason for all the things which have been established by our ancestors. Branch, Princ.; 4 Coke, 78; Broom, Max. 157.

NONPAYMENT. The neglect, failure, or refusal of payment of a debt or evidence of debt when due.

NON-PERFORMANCE. Neglect, failure, or refusal to do or perform an act stipulated to be done. Failure to keep the terms of a contract or covenant, in respect to acts or doings agreed upon.

Non pertinet ad judicem secularem cognoscere de lis quae sunt mere spirituallia annesa. It belongs not to the secular judge to take cognizance of things which are merely spiritual.

NON PROSEQUITUR. Lat. If, in the proceedings in an action at law, the plaintiff neglects to take any of those steps which he ought to take within the time prescribed by the practice of the court for that purpose, the defendant may enter judgment of non pros against him, whereby it is adjudged that the plaintiff does not follow up (non prossequitur) his suit as he ought to do, and therefore the defendant ought to have judgment against him. Smith, Act. 96; Com. v. Casey, 12 Allen (Mass.) 218; Davenport v. Newton, 71 Vt. 11, 42 Atl. 1087; Buena Vista Freestone Co. v. Parrish, 34 W. Va. 652, 12 S. E. 517.

NON QUIETA MOVERE. Lat. Not to disturb what is settled. A rule expressing the same principle as that of stare decisis. (q. v.)

Non potest rex gratiam facere sum injuria et damno eorum. The king cannot confer a favor on one subject which occasions injury and loss to others. 3 Inst. 236; Broom, Max. 63.

Non potest rex subditum reoritatem onerare impositionibus. The king cannot load a subject with imposition against his consent. 2 Inst. 61.

Non potest videri desisse habere qui manquam habuit. He cannot be considered as having ceased to have a thing who never had it. Dig. 50, 17, 203.

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NON QUIETA MOVERE. Lat. Not to disturb what is settled. A rule expressing the same principle as that of stare decisis. (q. v.)

Non quod dictum est, sed quod factum est inspicitur. Not what is said, but what is done, is regarded. Co. Litt. 362.

Non refert an quis assensum suum praefert verbis, ant rebus ipsis et factis. 10 Coke, 52. It matters not whether a man gives his assent by his words or by his acts and deeds.

Non refert quid ex equivalentibus fiat. 5 Coke, 122. It matters not which of [two] equivalents happen.

Non refert quid notum sit judici, si notum non sit in forma judicii. It matters not what is known to a judge, if it be not known in judicial form. 3 Bulst. 115. A leading maxim of modern law and practice. Best, Ev. Intro. 31, § 38.

Non refert verbis an factis fit revocatio. Cro. Car. 49. It matters not whether a revocation is made by words or deeds.

NON-RESIDENCE. Residence beyond the limits of the particular jurisdiction.

In ecclesiastical law. The absence of spiritual persons from their benefices.
NON-RESIDENT. One who is not a dweller within some jurisdiction in question; not an inhabitant of the state of the forum. Gardner v. Moekre, 109 Ill. 40, 43 N. E. 307; Nagel v. Loomis, 33 Neb. 490, 50 N. W. 441; Morgan v. Nunez, 54 Miss. 310. For the distinction between "residence" and "domicile," see DOMICILE.

NON-RESIDENTIO PRO CLERICO REGIS. A writ, addressed to a bishop, charging him not to molest a clerk employed in the royal service, by reason of his non-residence; in which case he is to be discharged. Reg. Orig. 56.

Non respondebit minor nisi in causa dotis, et hoc pro favore doti. 4 Coke, 71. A minor shall not answer unless in a case of dower, and this in favor of dower.

NON SANE MENTIS. Lat. Of unsound mind. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 40, § 1. NON-SANE. As "sane," when applied to the mind, means whole, sound, in a healthful state, "non-sane" must mean not whole, not sound, not in a healthful state; that is, broken, impaired, shattered, infirm, weak, diseased, unable, either from nature or accident, to perform the rational functions common to man upon the objects presented to it. Den v. Vancleve, 5 N. J. 555, 661.


NON SEQUITUR. Lat. It does not follow.

Non solent que abundant vitiare scripturas. Superfluities [things which abound] do not usually vitiate writings. Dig. 50, 17, 94.

Non solum quid licet, sed quid est conveniens, est considerandum; quia nihil quod est inconvenientis est licitum. Not only what is lawful, but what is proper or convenient, is to be considered; because nothing that is inconvenient is lawful. Co. Litt. 666.

NON SOLVENDO PECUNIAM AD QUAM CLERICUS MULTATUR PRO NON-RESIDENTIA. A writ prohibiting an ordinary to take a pecuniary mulct imposed on a clerk of the sovereign for non-residence. Reg. Writ. 59.

NON SUBMISSIT. Lat. He did not submit. A plea to an action of debt, on a bond to perform an award, to the effect that the defendant did not submit to the arbitration.

NON SUJURIS. Lat. Not his own master. The opposite of sui juris, (q. v.)

NON SUM INFORMATUS. Lat. I am not informed; I have not been instructed. The name of a species of judgment by default, which is entered when the defendant's attorney announces that he is not informed of any answer to be given by him; usually in pursuance of a previous arrangement between the parties.

NON-SUMMONS, WAGER OF LAW OF. The mode in which a tenant or defendant in a real action pleaded, when the summons which followed the original was not served within the proper time.

Non temere credere est nervus sapientiae. 5 Coke, 114. Not to believe rashly is the nerve of wisdom.

NON TENET INSIMUL. Lat. In pleading. A plea to an action in partition, by which the defendant denies that he and the plaintiff are joint tenants of the estate in question.

NON TENUIT. Lat. He did not hold. This is the name of a plea in bar in replevin, by which the plaintiff alleges that he did not hold in manner and form as averred, being given in answer to an avowry for rent in arrear. See Rosc. Real Act 638.

NON-TENURE. A plea in a real action, by which the defendant asserts, either as to the whole or as to some part of the land mentioned in the plaintiff's declaration, that he does not hold it. Pub. St. Mass. 1892, p. 1293.

NON-TERM. The vacation between two terms of a court.

NON-TERMINUS. The vacation between term and term, formerly called the time or days of the king's peace.

NON-USER. Neglect to use. Neglect to use a franchise; neglect to exercise an office. 2 Bl. Comm. 153. Neglect or omission to use an easement or other right. 3 Kent, Comm. 448. A right acquired by use may be lost by non-user.

NON USURPAVIT. Lat. He has not usurped. A form of traverse, in an action or proceeding against one alleged to have usurped an office or franchise, denying the usurpation charged. See Com. v. Cross Cut R. Co., 53 Pa. 62.

Non valebit felonis generatio, nee ad hereditatem paternam vel maternam; si autem ante feloniant generationem fecerit, talis generatio sineedit in hereditate patris vel matris a quo fuit felonia perpetrata. 3 Coke, 41. The offspring of a felon cannot succeed either to
a maternal or paternal inheritance; but, if he had offspring before the felony, such offspring may succeed as to the inheritance of the father or mother by whom the felony was not committed.

**NON VALENTIA AGERE.** Inability to sue. 5 Bell, App. Cas. 172.

Non valet confirmauto, nisi ille, qui confirmaet, sit in possessione rei vel juris unde acri debet confirmatio; et eo dem modo, nisi ille cui confirmatio sit in possessione. Co. Litt. 295. Confirmation is not valid unless he who confirms is either in possession of the thing itself or of the right of which confirmation is to be made, and, in like manner, unless he to whom confirmation is made is in possession.

Non valet exceptio ejusdem rei enjus petitur dissoluot. A plea of the same matter the dissolution of which is sought, is not valid. Called a "maxim of law and common sense." 2 Eden, 134.

Non valet impedimentum quod de jure non sortitur effectum. 4 Coke, 31a. An impediment which does not derive its effect from law is of no force.

**NON EX FEO VT ET DECIMI.** Payments made to the church, by those who were tenants of church-farms. The first was a rent or duty for things belonging to husbandry; the second was claimed in right of the church. Wharton.

**NONAGITUM, or NONAGE.** A ninth part of moveables which was paid to the clergy on the death of persons in their parish, and claimed on pretense of being distributed to pious uses. Blount.

**NON ES.** In the Roman calendar. The fifth and, in March, May, July, and October, the seventh day of the month. So called because, counting inclusively, they were nine days from the Ides. Adams, Rom. Ant. 355, 357.

**NONFEASANCE.** The neglect or failure of a person to do some act which he ought to do. The term is not generally used to denote a breach of contract, but rather the failure to perform a duty towards the public whereby some individual sustains special damage, as where a sheriff fails to execute a writ. Sweet. See Coite v. Lines, 33 Conn. 115; Gregor v. Cady, 82 Me. 131, 19 Atl. 108, 17 Am. St. Rep. 466; Carr v. Kansas City (C. C.) 67 Fed. 1; Minkler v. State, 14 Neb. 181, 15 N. W. 330; Illinois Cent. R. Co. v. Foulks, 191 Ill. 57, 60 N. E. 890.

**NONNA.** In old ecclesiastical law. A nun. Nonnus, a monk. Spelman.

**NONSENSE.** Unintelligible matter in a written agreement or will.

**NONSUIT.** Not following up the cause; failure on the part of a plaintiff to continue the prosecution of his suit. An abandonment or renunciation of his suit, by a plaintiff, either by omitting to take the next necessary steps, or voluntarily relinquishing the action, or pursuant to an order of the court. An order or judgment, granted upon the trial of a cause, that the plaintiff has abandoned, or shall abandon, the further prosecution of his suit. A voluntary nonsuit is one incurred by the plaintiff's own act or omission, and is a judgment entered against him as a consequence of his abandoning or not following up his cause, or being absent when his presence is required. Sandoval v. Ross, 86 Tex. 882, 26 S. W. 933; Deely v. Heinitz, 169 N. Y. 129, 62 N. E. 158; Boyce v. Snow, 88 Ill. App. 406. An involuntary nonsuit is one which takes place when the plaintiff fails to appear when his case is before the court for trial or at the time when the jury are to deliver their verdict, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury may find a verdict, or when
his case is put out of court by some adverse ruling which precludes a recovery. Boyce v. Snow, 187 Ill. 181, 58 N. E. 403; Deely v. Heintz, 169 N. Y. 129, 62 N. E. 158; Stults v. Forst, 135 Ind. 297, 34 N. E. 1125; Williams v. Finks, 156 Mo. 597, 57 S. W. 752.

A peremptory nonsuit is a compulsory or involuntary nonsuit, ordered by the court upon a total failure of the plaintiff to substantiate his claim by evidence. Jacques v. Fourthman, 137 Pa. 428, 20 Atl. 802.

NOOK OF LAND. In English law. Twelve acres and a half.

NORMAL. Opposed to exceptional; that state wherein any body most exactly comport in all its parts with the abstract idea thereof, and is most exactly fitted to perform its proper functions, is entitled "normal."

—Normal law. A term employed by modern writers on jurisprudence to denote the law as it affects persons who are in a normal condition; i. e. , sui juris and sound in mind.—Normal school. See School.

NORMAN FRENCH. The tongue in which several formal proceedings of state in England are still carried on. The language, having remained the same since the date of the Conquest, at which it was introduced into England, is very different from the French of this day, retaining all the peculiarities which at that time distinguished every province from the rest. A peculiar mode of pronunciation (considered authentic) is handed down and preserved by the officials who have, on particular occasions, to speak the tongue. Norman French was the language of English legal procedure till the 36 Edw. III. (A. D. 1382). Wharton.

NORROY. In English law. The title of the third of the three kings-at-arms, or provincial heralds.

NORTHAMPTON TABLES. Longevity and annuity tables compiled from bills of mortality kept in All Saints parish, England, in 1735-1780.

Noscitur a sociis. It is known from its associates. 1 Vent. 225. The meaning of a word is or may be known from the accompanying words. 3 Term R. 87; Broom, Max. 588.

Noscitur ex socio, qui non cognoscit ex se. Moore, 817. He who cannot be known from himself may be known from his associate.

NOSOCOMI. In the civil law. Persons who have the management and care of hospitals for paupers.

NOT FOUND. These words, indorsed on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, have the same effect as the indorsement "Not a true bill" or "Ignoramus."

NOT GUILTY. A plea of the general issue in the actions of trespass and case and in criminal prosecutions.

The form of the verdict in criminal cases, where the jury acquit the prisoner. 4 Bl. Comm. 361.

NOT GUILTY BY STATUTE. In English practice. A plea of the general issue by a defendant in a civil action, when he intends to give special matter in evidence by virtue of some act or acts of parliament, in which case he must add the reference to such act or acts, and state whether such acts are public or otherwise. But, if a defendant so plead, he will not be allowed to plead any other defense, without the leave of the court or a judge. Mozley & Whitley.

NOT POSSESSED. A special traverse used in an action of trover, alleging that defendant was not possessed, at the time of action brought, of the chattels alleged to have been converted by him.

NOT PROVEN. A verdict in a Scotch criminal trial, to the effect that the guilt of the accused is not made out, though his innocence is not clear.

NOT SATISFIED. A return sometimes made by sheriffs or constables to a writ of execution; but it is not a technical formula, and is condemned by the courts as ambiguous and insufficient. See Martin v. Martin, 50 N. C. 346; Langford v. Few, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 69 Am. St. Rep. 606; Merrick v. Carter, 205 111. 73, 68 N. E. 750.

NOT TRANSFERABLE. These words, when written across the face of a negotiable instrument, operate to destroy its negotiability. Durr v. State, 59 Ala. 33.

NOTA. Lat. In the civil law. A mark or brand put upon a person by the law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 135.

NOTE. In civil and old European law. Short-hand characters or marks of contraction, in which the emperors' secretaries took down what they dictated. Spelman; Calvin.

NOTARIAL. Taken by a notary; performed by a notary in his official capacity; belonging to a notary and evidencing his official character, as, a notarial seal.

NOTARIUS. Lat. In Roman law. A draughtsman; an amanuensis; a short-hand writer; one who took notes of the proceedings in the senate or a court, or of what was
dictated to him by another; one who prepared draughts of wills, conveyances, etc.

In old English law. A scribe or scrivener who made short draughts of writings and other instruments; a notary. Cowell.

NOTARY PUBLIC. A public officer whose function is to attest and certify, by his hand and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity in foreign jurisdictions; to take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances, and certify the same; and to perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the noting of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of loss or damage. See Kirksey v. Bates, 7 Port. (Ala.) 531, 31 Am. Dec. 722; First Nat. Bank v. German Bank, 107 Iowa, 543, 78 N. W. 195, 44 L. R. A. 135, 70 Am. St. Rep. 216; In re Huron, 58 Kan. 152, 48 Pac. 574, 36 L. R. A. 822, 62 Am. St. Rep. 614; Bettman v. Warwick, 106 Fed. 46, 47 C. C. A. 185.

NOTATION. In English probate practice, notation is the act of making a memorandum of some special circumstance on a probate or letters of administration. Thus, where a grant is made for the whole personal estate of the deceased within the United Kingdom, which can only be done in the case of a person dying domiciled in England, the fact of his having been so domiciled is noted on the grant. Coote, Prob. Pr. 36; Sweet.

NOTE, n. To make a brief written statement; to enter a memorandum; as to note an exception.

—Note a bill. When a foreign bill has been dishonored, it is usual for a notary public to present it again on the same day, and, if it be not then paid, to make a minute, consisting of its initials, the day, month, and year, and reasons of non-payment. The making of this minute is called "noting the bill." Wharton.

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NOTE, a. An abstract, a memorandum; an informal statement in writing. Also a negotiable promissory note. See Boughty Note; Norms; Judgement Note; Promissory Note; Sold Note.

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—Note of protest. A memorandum of the fact of protest, indorsed by the notary upon the bill, at the time to be afterwards written out at length.—Note or memorandum. The statute of frauds requires a "note or memorandum" of the particular transaction to be made in writing and signed, etc. By this is generally understood an informal minute or memorandum made by a notary. See Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 492.

NOTES. In practice. Memoranda made by a judge on a trial, as to the evidence adduced, and the points reserved, etc. A copy of the judge's notes may be obtained from his clerk.

NOTHUS. Lat. In Roman law. A natural child or a person of spurious birth.

NOTICE. Knowledge; information; the result of observation, whether by the senses or the mind; knowledge of the existence of a fact or state of affairs; the means of knowledge. Used in this sense in such phrases as "A. had notice of the conversion," "a purchaser without notice of fraud," etc.

Notice is either (1) statutory, i. e., made so by legislative enactment; (2) actual, which brings to the notice of a fact to the party; or (3) constructive or implied, which is no more than evidence of facts which raise such a presumption of knowledge that the party will not allow the presumption to be rebutted. Constructive notice may be subdivided into: (a) Where there exists actual notice of matter, to which party it has been added constructive notice of the facts, which inquiry after such matter would have elicited; and (b) where there has been a designed abstinence from inquiry for the very purpose of escaping notice. Wharton.

In another sense, "notice" means information of an act to be done or required to be done; as of a motion to be made, a trial to be had, a plea or answer to be put in, costs to be taxed, etc. In this sense, "notice" means an advice, or written warning, in more or less formal shape, intended to apprise a person of some proceeding in which his interests are involved, or informing him of some fact of which he has the right to know and the duty of the notifying party to communicate.

Classification. Notice is actual or constructive. Actual notice is notice expressly and actually given, and brought home to the party directly, in distinction from notice inferred or imputed by the law on account of the existence of means of knowledge. Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; Johnson v. Dooley, 72 Ga. 297; Morrey v. Milliken, 86 Me. 464, 30 Atl. 105; McGraw v. Clar, 82 Pa. 457; Drinkman v. Jones, 44 Wis. 498; White v. Fisher, 77 Ind. 65, 40 Am. Rep. 287; Clark v. Lambert, 55 W. Va. 512, 47 S. E. 12. Constructive notice is information or knowledge of a fact imputed by law to a person, (although he may not actually have it,) because he could have discovered the fact by proper diligence, and his situation was such as to cast upon him the duty of inquiring into it. Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984; Wells v. Sheerer, 78 Ala. 142; Jordan v. Pollock, 14 Ga. 145; Jackson v. Waldstein (Tex. Civ. App.) 27 S. W. 26; Acer v. Westcott, 46 N. Y. 584, 1 Am. Rep. 355. Further as to the distinction between actual and constructive notice, see Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 231, 27 Atl. 984; Thomas v. Flink, 122 Mich. 10, 91 N. W. 492; Huffman v. West, 56 L. R. A. 493; Vaughn v. Tracy, 22 Mo. 420.

Notice is also further classified as express or implied. Express notice embraces not only knowledge, but also that which is communicated
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direct Information, either written or oral, from those who are cognizant of the fact communicated. Baltimore v. Whittington, 73 Mo. 231, 27 Atl. 984. Implied notice is one of the various forms of notice. As to this, notice is distinguished from "express" actual notice. It is notice inferred or imputed to a party by reason of his knowledge of facts or circumstances not shown by the main face, main substance character as to put him upon inquiry, and which, if the inquiry were followed up due diligence, would have led him to knowledge of the main fact. Rhodes v. Outcault, 48 Mo. 370; Baltimore v. Whittington, 78 Md. 251, 27 Atl. 984; Wells v. Sheerer, 78 Ala. 147. Or this notice is not an inquiry or an investigation into the subject, but rather is given to exist where the fact in question lies open to the knowledge of the party, so that an exercise of reasonable observation and watchfulness would not fail to apprise him of it, although no one has told him of it in so many words. See Philadelphia v. Smith (Pa.) 16 Atl. 493.

Other compound and descriptive terms.

Judicial notice. The act by which a court, in conducting a trial, or framing its decision, will, of its own motion, and without the party, investigate the existence of certain matters of law, fact, or circumstance, recognized as being the truth of certain facts, having a bearing on the controversy at bar, and which, from their nature, are not subject to discussion, or which are universally regarded as established by common notoriety, e. g., the laws of the state, international law, historical events, the geographical features, etc. North Hempstead v. Gregory, 53 App. Div. 350, 65 N. Y. Supp. 807; Rea v. Mulligan, 175 Ind. 135, 91 N. E. 623, 61 Am. St. Rep. 30.—Legal notice. Such notice as is adequate in point of law; such notice as the law requires to be given for the purpose of purpose or object or case. See Sanborn v. Piper, 64 N. H. 335, 10 Atl. 689; People's Bank v. Etting, 17 Phila. (Pa.) 236.—Notice, averment of. In pleading. The allegation in a pleading that notice has been given.—Notice in lieu of service. In lieu of personally serving a writ of summons (or other legal process) in English practice, the court occasionally allows the plaintiff (or other party) to give notice in lieu of service, such notice being such as will in all probability reach the person to whom it is addressed. Notice in due form is proper notice in the case of a foreigner out of the jurisdiction, whom it is desired to serve with a writ of summons. See Notice of service. If service is then made to the person addressed, it is intended to sue certain particular individuals, as in the case of actions against justices of the peace, it is necessary in some jurisdictions to give notice of the action before service thereon. See Notice of appearance. See Appearance.—Notice of dishonor. See Dishonor.—Notice of lis pendens. See Lis Pendens.—Notice of protest. See Protest.—Notice of trial. It is required by statute in several of the states that the party for whom the verdict in an action has been given shall serve upon the other party or his attorney a written notice of the time when judgment is entered. The time allowed for taking an appeal runs from such notice. A notice in writing, entitled in a cause, stating that, on a certain day designated, a motion will be made to the court for the purpose or object stated. Field v. Park. 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 140.—Notice of receipt. A notice given by one of the parties in an action to the other, after an issue is joined, stating that he has read or brought to the notice of the other party the document or other matter to which the party desires to introduce, may be admissible in evidence, whenever the notice was given in the ordinary course of business. See Notice of deposition, etc. A notice of deposit, given in the ordinary course of business, may be admitted in evidence, and is then of the nature of a written offer, and the party receiving the notice must bear the costs of proving it unless the judge certifies that the refusal to admit was reasonable. No costs of proving a document will in general be allowed, unless such a notice is given, Rules of Court, xxii. 2; Sweet.—Notice to pledge. A notice given to the court, in the practice of some states, is prerequisite to the taking judgment by default. It proceeds from the plaintiff, and warns the defendant that he must plead to the declaration or complaint within in a prescribed time.—Notice to produce. In practice, A notice in writing, given in an action or proceeding, requiring the opposite party to produce a certain described paper or document at the trial. Chit. Archb. Pr. 230; 3 Chit. Gen. Pr. 834.—Notice to quit. A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in under a lease, or immediately, if the tenancy is at will or by sufferance. The term is also sometimes applied to a written notice given by the tenant to the landlord, to the effect that he intends to quit the demised premises and deliver possession of the same on a day named. See Benjamin v. Howard, 58 Ind. 27, 16; Oakes v. Munroe, 8 Cush. (Mass.) 287.—Personal notice. Communication of notice orally or in writing (according to the circumstances) to the party for whom it is intended to be charged, as distinguished from constructive or implied notice, and also from notice imputed to him because given to his agent or representative. See Loeb v. Huddleston, 105 Ala. 257, 16 South. 714; Pearson v. Lovejoy, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 497.—Presumptive notice. Implied actual notice. The difference between "presumptive" and "constructive" notice is that the former is an inference of fact which is capable of being explained or contradicted, while the latter is a conclusion of law which cannot be contradicted. Brown v. Baldwin, 121 Mo. 106, 25 S. W. 858; Drey v. Doyle, 69 Mo. 459, 13 S. W. 287; Brush v. Ware, 15 Pet. 98, 10 L. Ed. 672.—Public notice. Notice given to the public generally, or to the entire community, or to all whom it may concern. See Pennsylvania Training School v. Independent Mut. Ins. Co., 127 Pa. 559, 18 Atl. 392.—Reasonable notice. Such notice or information of a fact as may fairly and properly be expected or required in the particular circumstances. Sterling Mfr. Co. v. Hough, 49 Neb. 618, 88 N. W. 1019; Mallory v. Leiby, 1 Kan. 102.

NOTIFY. In legal proceedings, and in respect to public matters, this word is generally, if not universally, used as importing a notice given by some person, whose duty it was to give it, in some manner prescribed, and to some person entitled to receive it, or be notified. Appeal of Potwine, 31 Conn. 384.

NOTING. As soon as a notary has made presentment and demand of a bill of exchange, or at some seasonable hour of the same day, he makes a minute on the bill, or on a ticket attached thereto, or in his book of registry, consisting of his initials, the month, day, and year, the refusal of acceptance or payment, the reason, if any, assigned for such refusal, and his charges of protest. This is the preliminary step towards the protest, and is called "noting." 2 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 839.

NOTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The power of hearing and trying a matter of
fact; the power or authority of a *judex*; the power of hearing causes and of pronouncing sentence, without any degree of jurisdiction. Calvin.

**NOTITIA.** Lat. Knowledge; information; intelligence; notice.

*Notitia dictur a noscendo; et notitia non debet claudicare.* Notice is named from a knowledge being had; and notice ought not to halt, [i. e., be imperfect.] 6 Coke, 29.

**NOTORIAL.** The Scotch form of "notarial," (q. v.) Bell.

**NOTORIETY.** The state of being notorious or universally well known.

—**Proof by notoriety.** In Scotch law, dispensing with positive testimony as to matters of common knowledge or general notoriety, the same as the "judicial notice" of English and American law. See Notice.

**NOTORIOUS.** In the law of evidence, matters deemed notorious do not require to be proved. There does not seem to be any recognized rule as to what matters are deemed notorious. Cases have occurred in which the state of society or public feeling has been treated as notorious; e. g., during times of sedition. Best, Ev. 354; Sweet.

—**Notorious insolvency.** A condition of insolvency which is generally known throughout the community or known to the general class of persons with whom the insolvent has business relations.—Notorious possession. In the rule that a prescriptive title must be founded on open and "notorious" adverse possession, this term means that the possession or character of the holding must in its nature possess such elements of notoriety that the owner may be presumed to have notice of it and of its extent. Watrous v. Morrison, 33 Fla. 261, 14 South. 805, 39 Am. St. Rep. 139.

**NOTOUR.** In Scotch law. Open; notorious. A notour bankrupt is a debtor who, being under diligence by horning and caption of his creditor, retires to sanctuary or absconds or defends by force, and is afterwards found insolvent by the court of session. Bell.

*Nova constitutio futuris formam imponere debet non praeerit.* A new state of the law ought to affect the future, not the past. 2 Inst. 292; Broom, Max. 94, 37.

**NOVA CUSTUMA.** The name of an imposition or duty. See *Antiqua Custuma.*

**NOVA STATUTA.** New statutes. An appellation sometimes given to the statutes which have been passed since the beginning of the reign of Edward III. 1 Steph. Comm. 38.

**NOVE NARRATIONES.** New counts. The collection called "*Nova Narrationes*" contains pleadings in actions during the reign of Edward III. It consists principally of declarations, as the title imports; but there are sometimes pleas and subsequent pleadings. The *Articuli ad Novas Narrationes* is usually subjoined to this little book, and is a small treatise on the method of pleading. It first treats of actions and courts, and then goes through each particular writ, and the declaration upon it, accompanied with directions, and illustrated by precedents. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 152; Wharton.

**NOVALIS.** in the civil law. Land that rested a year after the first plowing. Dig. 50, 16, 30, 2.

—**Novatio non presumitur.** Novation is not presumed. Halk. Lat. Max. 109.


Novation is a contract, consisting of two stipulations,—one to extinguish an existing obligation; the other to substitute a new one in its place. Civ. Code La. art. 2185.

The term was originally a technical term of the civil law, but is now in very general use in English and American jurisprudence.

In the civil law, there are three kinds of novation: (1) Where the debtor and creditor remain the same, but a new debt takes the place of the old one; (2) where the debt remains the same, but a new debtor is substituted; (3) where the debt and debtor remain, but a new creditor is substituted. Adams v. Power, 48 Miss. 451.

**NOVEL ASSIGNMENT.** See *New Assignment.*

**NOVEL DISSEISIN.** See *Assise of Novel Disseisin.*

**NOVELLE, (or NOVELLE CONSTITU TIONES.)** New constitutions; generally translated in English, "Novels." The Latin name of those constitutions which were issued by Justinian after the publication of his Code; most of them being originally written in Greek. After his death, a collection of 168 Novels was made, 154 of which had been issued by Justinian, and the rest by his successors. These were afterwards included in the *Corpus Juris Civilis,* (q. v..) and now constitute one of its four principal divisions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 80; 1 Kent, Comm. 541.

**NOVELLE LEONIS.** The ordinances of the Emperor Leo, which were made from
the year 887 till the year 893, are so called. These Novels changed many rules of the Justinian law. This collection contains 113 Novels, written originally in Greek, and afterwards, in 1560, translated into Latin by Agilseus. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 84.

NOVELS. The title given in English to the New Constitutions (Novella Constitutiones) of Justinian and his successors, now forming a part of the Corpus Juris Civilis. See NOVELLA.

NOVELTY. An objection to a patent or claim for a patent on the ground that the invention is not new or original is called an objection "for want of novelty."

NOVERCA. Lat. In the civil law. A step-mother.

NOVERINT UNIVERSI PER PRESENTES. Know all men by these presents. Formal words used at the commencement of deeds of release in the Latin forms.

NOVI OPERIS NUNCIATIO. Lat. Denunciation of, or protest against, a new work. This was a species of remedy in the civil law, available to a person who thought his rights or his property were threatened with injury by the act of his neighbor in erecting or demolishing any structure, (which was called a "new work." In such case, he might go upon the ground, while the work was in progress, and publicly protest against or forbid its completion, in the presence of the workmen or of the owner or his representative.

NOVIGILD. In Saxon law. A pecuniary satisfaction for an injury, amounting to nine times the value of the thing for which it was paid. Spelman.

NOVISSIMA RECOLPACION. (Latest Compilation.) The title of a collection of Spanish law compiled by order of Don Carlos IV, in 1805. 1 White, Recop. 355.

NOVITAS. Lat. Novelty; newness; a new thing.


NOVITER PERVERTA, or NOVITER AD NOTITIAM PERVERTA. In ecclesiastical procedure. Facts "newly come" to the knowledge of a party to a cause. Leave to plead facts noviter pervertea is generally given, in a proper case, even after the pleadings are closed. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1257; Rog. Ecc. Law, 723.

NOVODAMUS. In old Scotch law. (We give anew.) The name given to a charter, or clause in a charter, granting a renewal of a right. Bell.

Novum judicium non dat novum jus, sed declarat antiquum; quia judicium est juris dictum et per judicium jus est noviter revelatum quod die fuit velatus. A new adjudication does not make a new law, but declares the old; because adjudication is the utterance of the law, and by adjudication the law is newly revealed which was for a long time hidden. 10 Coke, 42.

NOVUM OPUS. Lat. In the civil law. A new work. See NOVI OPERIS NUNCIATIO.

NOVUS HOMO. Lat. A new man. This term is applied to a man who has been pardoned of a crime, and so made, as it were, a "new man."

NOXA. Lat. In the civil law. This term denoted any damage or injury done to persons or property by an unlawful act committed by a man's slave or animal. An action for damages lay against the master or owner, who, however, might escape further responsibility by delivering up the offending agent to the party injured. "Noxa" was also used as the designation of the offense committed, and of its punishment, and sometimes of the slave or animal doing the damage.

Noxa sequitur caput. The injury [i.e., liability to make good an injury caused by a slave] follows the head or person, [i.e., attaches to his master.] Helnecc. Elem. 1, 4, t. 5, § 1231.

NOXAL ACTION. An action for damage done by slaves or irrational animals. Sandars, Just. Inst. (5th Ed.) 457.

NOXALIS ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action which lay against the master of a slave, for some offense (as theft or robbery) committed or damage or injury done by the slave, which was called "noxa." Usually translated "noxal action."

NOXIA. Lat. In the civil law. An offense committed or damage done by a slave. Inst. 4, 8, 1.

NOXIOUS. Hurtful; offensive; offensive to the smell. Rex v. White, 1 Burrows, 337. The word "noxious" includes the complex idea both of insalubrity and offensiveness. Id.

NUBILIS. Lat. In the civil law. Marriagable; one who is of a proper age to be married.

NUCES COLLIGERE. Lat. To collect nuts. This was formerly one of the works
NUDA PACTIO OBLIGATIONEM

NUISANCE

or services imposed by lords upon their inferior tenants. Paroch. Antiq. 495.

Nuda pactio obligationem non parit. A naked agreement (i. e., without consideration) does not beget an obligation. Dig. 2, 14, 7, 4; Broom, Max. 746.

NUDA PATIENTIA. Lat. Mere suffering.

NUDA POSSESSIO. Lat. Bare or mere possession.

Nuda ratio et nuda pactio non ligant aliquid debitorem. Naked reason and given a right of action. Plowd. 89.

Nudum pactum est nbi nulla subest actio; nulla residet ratio; nulla est causa actionis, sive ex negotio, sive ex homine. Cod. 2, 14, 7, 4; Broom, Max. 746.

NUDE. Naked. This word is applied metaphorically to a variety of subjects to indicate that they are lacking in some essential legal requisite.

—Nude contract. One made without any consideration; upon which no action will lie, in conformity with the maxim "ex nuda pacto non oritur actio." 2 Bl. Comm. 445.—Nude contract was originally defined as a bare agreement; a promise or unenforceable agreement; a contract; a promise; a negotium nullum; a pactum nullum; an agreement made without any consideration; upon which no action will lie, and for which no redress can be had in a court of law. Broom, Max. 745, 750.

Nudum pactum est nullum causa praetere conventionem; sed ubi subest causa, fit obligatio, et parit actionem. A naked contract is where there is no consideration except the agreement; but, where there is a consideration, it becomes an obligation and gives a right of action. Plowd. 309; Broom, Max. 745, 750.

Nudum pactum ex quo non oritur actio. Nudum pactum is that upon which no action arises. Cod. 2, 3, 10; Id. 5, 14, 1; Id., 1. 2, c. 60, § 25.

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NUGATORY. Fute: ineffectual; invalid; destitute of constraining force or vitality. A legislative act may be "nugatory" because unconstitutional.

NUISANCE. Anything that unlawfully worketh hurt, inconvenience, or damage. 3 Bl. Comm. 216.

That class of wrongs that arise from the unreasonable, unwarrantable, or unlawful use by a person of his own property, either real or personal, or from his own improper, indecent, or unlawful personal conduct, working an obstruction of or injury to the right of another or of the public, and producing such material annoyance, inconvenience, discomfort, or hurt that the law will presume a consequent damage. Wood, Nuis. £ 1.

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use of the customary manner of any person in the use of the river, bay, or strait, or stream, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway, is a nuisance. Civil. Code Cal. § 3479. And see Vazquez v. Dwinel, 50 Me. 475; People v. Twelfth St. & Id., 22 N. Y. (N. Y.) 304; Bohan v. Port Jervis Gaslight Co., 122 N. Y. 18, 25 N. E. 246, 9 L. R. A. 711; Baltimore P. R. Co. v. Fifth Baptist Church. 137 U. S. 568, 11 Sup. Ct. 185, 34 L. Ed. 784; Id. 108 U. S. 317, 2 Sup. Ct. 71, 27 L. Ed. 739; Cardington v. Frederick, 46 Ohio St. 94, 508; N. E. v. Smith v. Hulett, 62 Vt. 342, 49 Atl. 240: Ex parte Foote, 70 Ark. 12, 65 S. W. 706, 91 Am. St. Rep. 63; Munzull, 203 Ill. 474, 67 N. E. 831; Northern Pac. R. Co. v. Whisen, 149 U. S. 157, 13 Sup. Ct. 822, 37 L. Ed. 690; Phinney v. City Council of Augusta, 47 Ga., 262, 38 S. E. 245; v. Union Oil Co., 59 S. C. 671, 38 S. Ed. 247.

Classification. Nuisances are commonly classed as public and private, to which is sometimes added a third class called mixed. A public nuisance is one which affects an indefinite number of persons, or all the residents of a particular locality, or all people coming within the extent of its range or operation, although the extent of the annoyance or damage inflicted upon individuals may be unequal; and hence, though only a few persons may be actually injured or annoyed at any given time, it may be none the less a public nuisance if of such a character that it must or will injure or annoy all three persons of the general public which may be compelled to come into contact with it, or within the range of its influence. See Burnham v. Hotchkiss, 14 Conn. 317; Chesbrough v. Lamut, 12 Conn. 578; Hunt v. Zang, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 30, 21 Am. Dec. 89; Nolan v. New Britain, 69 Conn. 608, 38 Atl. 703; Kelley v. v. New York, 6 Misc. Rep. 516, 27 N. Y. Supp. 164; v. Lewis, 156 Ind. 233, 59 N. E. 478; Burlington v. Stockwell, 5 Kan. App. 569, 47 Pac. 388; Jones v. Chautau, 63 Kan. 298, 32 Pac. 615; Civ. Code Cal. § 3480. A private nuisance was originally defined as anything done to the hurt or annoyance of the lands, tenements, or hereditaments of another. 1 Bl. Comm. 216. But the modern definition includes any wrongful act which destroys or deteriorates the property of another or interferes with its lawful use or enjoyment thereof, or any act which unlawfully hinders him in the enjoyment of a common or public right and causes him a special injury. Therefore, although the ground of distinction between public and private nuisances is still the injury to the community at large or, on the other hand, to a single individual, it is evident that the same thing as a public nuisance may constitute a private nuisance and at the same time a private nuisance, being the latter as to any person who sustains a special injury different from that of the general public. See Heeg v. Licht, 80 N. Y. 582, 36 Am. Rep. 654; Baitseger v. Carolina Midland R. Co., 54 S. E. 562; 71 Am. St. 242, 32 S. E. 177, 471 Am. St. Rep. 789; Kavanagh v. Barber, 131 N. Y. 211, 30 N. E. 286, 15 L. R. A. 688; Haggart v. Stelling, 185 N. E. 62, 157 Ind. 465; v. Masters, 185 N. E. 577; Dorman v. Ames, 12 Minn. 481 (Gill, 347); Ackerman v. True, 175 N. Y. 353, 67 N. E.
null ne doit s'enrichir aux dépens des autres. No one ought to enrich himself at the expense of others.

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null sans damage avera error ou atta­tain. Jenk. Cent. 323. No one shall have error or attain unless he has sustained damage.


nulla bona. Lat. No goods. The name of the return made by the sheriff to a writ of execution, when he has not found any goods of the defendant within his jurisdiction on which he could levy. Woodward v. Harbin, 1 Ala. 108; Reed v. Lowe, 163 Mo. 519, 68 S. W. 687, 85 Am. St. Rep. 578; Langford v. Frew, 146 Mo. 142, 47 S. W. 927, 69 Am. St. Rep. 606.

nulla curia quæ recordum non habet poñest imponere ánem neque aliquem mandare aedem; quia iusta spectant tantummodo ad curias de recordo. 8 Coke, 60. No court which has not a record can impose a fine or commit any person to prison; because those powers belong only to courts of record.

nulla emptio sine pretio esse potest. There can be no sale without a price. Brown v. Bellows, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 189.

nulla impossibilia ant in honesta sunt presumenda; vera autem et honesta et possibilia. No things that are impossible or dishonorable are to be presumed; but things that are true and honorable and possible. Co. Litt. 789.

nulla pactio eflci potest ut dolus prestatetur. By no agreement can it be effected that a fraud shall be practiced. Fraud will not be upheld, though it may seem to be authorized by express agreement. 5 Manu & S. 469; Broom, Max. 696.

nulla virtus, nulla scientia, locum sumum et dignitatem conservare potest sine modestia. Co. Litt. 394. Without modesty, no virtue, no knowledge, can preserve its place and dignity.


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nulli agard. No award. The name of a plea in an action of waste on a judgment. No single, merely some particular person; a public nuisance. One which constitutes a nuisance at all times and under all circumstances, irrespective of locality or surroundings, as, things prejudicial to public morals or dangerous to life or injurious to public rights; distinguished from things declared to be nuisances by statute, and also from things which constitute nuisances at law, which are merely such as are considered with reference to their particular location or other individual circumstances. Hundley v. Harrison, 123 Ala. 292, 26 South. 294; Whitmore v. Paper Co., 91 Me. 297, 39 Atl. 1032, 40 L.R.A. 381, 62 Am. St. Rep. 532.

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NULLITY

Nullity. Nothing; no proceeding; an act or proceeding in a cause which the opposite party may treat as though it had not taken place, or which has absolutely no legal force or effect. Salter v. Hilgen, 40 Wis. 363; Jenness v. Lapeer County Circuit Judge, 42 Mich. 469, 4 N. W. 220; Johnson v. Hines, 61 Md. 122.

—Absolute nullity. In Spanish law, nullity is either absolute or relative. The former is that which arises from the law, whether civil or criminal, the principal motive for which is the public interest, while the latter is that which affects one certain individual. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 281. No such distinction, however, is recognized in American law, and the term "absolute nullity" is used more for emphasis than as indicating a degree of invalidity. As to the ratification or subsequent validation of "absolute nullities," see Means v. Robinson, 7 Tex. 502, 516.—Nullity of marriage. The entire invalidity of a supposed, pretended, or attempted marriage, by reason of relationship or incapacity of the parties or other diminutive impediments. An action seeking a decree declaring such an assumed marriage to be null and void is called a suit of "nullity of marriage." It differs from an action for divorce, because the latter supposes the existence of a valid and lawful marriage. See 2 Bish. Mar. & Div. §§ 289-294.

NULLIUS FILIUS. Lat. The son of nobody; a bastard.

NULLIUS hotminis auctoritas apud nos valere debet, ut meliora non sequerurur si quis attulerit. The authority of no man ought to prevail with us, so far as to prevent our following better [opinions] if any one should present them. Co. Litt. 383o.

NUIXIUS IN BONIS. Lat. Among the property of no person.


NULIUM ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. No award. The name of a plea in an action on an arbitration bond, for not fulfilling the award, by which the defendant traverses the allegation that there was an award made.


Nullum exemplum est idem omnibus. No example is the same for all purposes. Co. Litt. 212a. No one precedent is adapted to all cases. A maxim in conveyancing.

NULLIUS FECERUNT ARBITRIUM. L. Lat. In pleading. The name of a plea to an action of debt upon an obligation for the performance of an award, by which the defendant denies that he submitted to arbitration, etc. Bac. Abr. "Arbitr." etc., G.

NULLUS TEMPUS ACT. In English law. A name given to the statute 3 Geo. III. c. 16, because that act, in contravention of the maxim "Nullum tempus occurs regi," (no lapse of time bars the king,) limited the crown's right to sue, etc., to the period of sixty years.

Nullum tempus aut locus occurs regi. No time or place affects the king. 2 Inst. 273; Jenk. Cent. 83; Broom, Max. 65.

Nullum tempus occurs republis. No time runs [time does not run] against the commonwealth or state. Levasser v. Washburn, 11 Grat. (Va.) 572.

Nullus alius quant rex possit episcopo demandare inquisitionem faciendam. Co. Litt. 134. No other than the king can command the bishop to make an Inquisition.

Nullus commodum capere potest de injuria sua propria. No one can obtain an advantage by his own wrong. Co. Litt. 148; Broom, Max. 279.

Nullus debet agere de dolo, ubi alia actio subest. Where another form of action is given, no one ought to sue in the action de dolo. 7 Coke, 92.

Nullus dicitur accessorius post feloniam, sed ille qui novit principalem feloniam fecisse, et illum receptavit et confortavit. 3 Inst 138. No one is called an "accessary" after the fact but he who knew the principal to have committed a felony, and received and comforted him.

Nullus dicitur felo principalis nisi actor, aut qui praesens est, abettans aut auxilians ad feloniam faciendam. No one is called a "principal felon" except the party actually committing the felony, or the
party present aiding and abetting in its commission.

Nullus idoneus testis in re sua intel-
ligitur. No person is understood to be a
competent witness in his own cause. Dig. 22, 5, 10.

Nullus jus alienum forisfacere potest. No man can forfeit another's right. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 28, § 11.

Nullus rececat o curia cancellaria sine remedio. No person should depart from the court of chancery without a rem-
edy. 4 Hen. VII. 4; Branch, Princ.

Nullus simile est idem, nisi quatuor pedibus currit. No like is exactly identi-
tical unless it runs on all fours.

Nullus videtur dolo facere qui suo jure utitur. No one is considered to act with guile who uses his own right. Dig. 50, 17, 55; Broom, Max. 130.

NUMERATA PECUNIA. Lat. In the civil law. Money told or counted; money paid by tale. Inst 3, 24, 2; Bract fol. 35.

NUMMATA. The price of anything in money, as denarius is the price of a thing by computation of pence, and libra of pounds.

NUMMATA TERRE. An acre of land. Spelman.

NUNC PRO TUNC. Lat. Now for then. A phrase applied to acts allowed to be done after the time when they should be done, with a retroactive effect, i.e., with the same effect as if regularly done. Perkins v. Hayward, 132 Ind. 95, 31 N. E. 670; Secou v. Leroux, 1 N. M. 388.

NUNCIATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A solemn declaration, usually in prohibition of a thing; a protest.

NUNCIO. The permanent official repre-
sentative of the pope at a foreign court or seat of government. Webster. They are called "ordinary" or "extraordinary," according as they are sent for general purposes or on a special mission.

NUNCIUS. In international law. A messenger; a minister; the pope's legate, commonly called a "nuncio."

NUNCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To name; to pronounce orally or in words without writing.

NUNCUPATE. To declare publicly and solemnly.

NUNCUPATIVE WILL. A will which depends merely upon oral evidence, having been declared or dictated by the testator in his last sickness before a sufficient number of witnesses, and afterwards reduced to writing. Ex parte Thompson, 4 Bradf. Sur. (N. Y.) 154; Sykes v. Sykes, 2 Stew. (Ala.) 387, 20 Am. Dec. 40; Tally v. Butterworth, 10 Yerg. (Tenn.) 502; Ellington v. Dillard, 42 Ga. 379; Succession of Morales, 16 La. Ann. 288.


NUNDINATION. Traffic at fairs and markets; any buying and selling.

Nunquam crescit ex postfacto pre-
teritii delicti estimatio. The character of a past offense is never aggravated by a subsequent act or matter. Dig 50, 17, 139, 1; Bac. Max. p. 38, reg. 8; Broom, Max. 42.

Nunquam decurritur ad extraordinarium sed ubi deficit ordinarium. We are never to resort to what is extraordinary, but [until] what is ordinary fails. 4 Inst. 84.

Nunquam fictio sine lege. There is no fiction without law.

NUNQUAM INDEBITATUS. Lat. Never indebted. The name of a plea in an action of indebitatus assumpsit, by which the defendant alleges that he is not indebted to the plaintiff.

Nunquam nimis dicitur quod nunquam satis dicitur. What is never sufficiently said is never said too much. Co. Litt. 375.

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Nunquam prescriptur in falso. There is never a prescription in case of falsehood or forgery. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

Nunquam res humanae prosperae succedunt ubi negligatur divine. Co. Litt. 15. Human things never prosper where divine things are neglected.

NUNTUS. In old English practice. A messenger. One who was sent to make an excuse for a party summoned, or one who explained as for a friend the reason of a party's absence. Bract. fol. 345. An officer of a court: a summons, apparitor, or beadle. Cowell.

NUPER OBIIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a writ (now abolished) which, in the English law, lay for a sister co-heiress dispossessed by her coparcener of lands and tenements whereof her father, brother, or any common ancestor died seised of an estate in fee-simple. Fitzh. Nat. Rev. 197.
NUPTIAE SECUNDÆ. Lat. A second marriage. In the canon law, this term included any marriage subsequent to the first.

NUPTIAL. Pertaining to marriage; constituting marriage; used or done in marriage.

Nuptias non concubitus sed consensus facit. Co. Litt. 33. Not cohabitation but consent makes the marriage.

NUTURE. The act of taking care of children, bringing them up, and educating them. Regina v. Clarke, 7 El. & Bl. 193.

NURUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son's wife; a daughter-in-law. Calvin.

NYCHTHEMERO. The whole natural day, or day and night, consisting of twenty-four hours. Enc. Lond.
O. C. An abbreviation, in the civil law, for "ope consilio," (q. v.) In American law, these letters are used as an abbreviation for 'Orphans' Court.'


O. N. B. An abbreviation for "Old Natura Brevium." See NATURA BREVIVM.

O. N. It was the course of the English exchequer, as soon as the sheriff entered into and made up his account for issues, amendements, etc., to mark on each head "O. N.," which denoted oneratur, nisi habeat sufficiëntem expositionem, and presently he became the king's debtor, and a debet was set upon his head; whereupon the parties para vale became debtors to the sheriff, and were discharged against the king, etc. 4 Inst. 116; Wharton.

O. S. An abbreviation for "Old Style," or "Old Series."

OATH. An external pledge or asseveration, made in verification of statements made or to be made, coupled with an appeal to a sacred or venerated object, in evidence of the serious and reverent state of mind of the party, or with an invocation to a supreme being to witness the words of the party and to visit him with punishment if they be false. See O'Reilly v. People, 86 N. Y. 154, 40 Am. Rep. 525; Atwood v. Welton, 7 Conn. 70; Clinton v. State, 33 Ohio St. 32; Brock v. Milligan, 10 Ohio, 123; Blocker v. Burness, 2 Ala. 354.

A religious asseveration, by which a person renounces the mercy and imprecates the vengeance of heaven, if he do not speak the truth. 1 Leach, 450.

—Assertory oath. One relating to a past or present fact or state of facts, as distinguished from a "promisory" oath which relates to future conduct; particularly, any oath required by law other than in judicial proceedings and upon examination to the court, such, for example, as an oath to be made at the custom-house relative to goods imported.—Corporal oath. See COROPAL.—Decisory oath. In the civil law. An oath which one of the parties defers or refers back to the other for the decision of the cause.—Extrajudicial oath. One not taken in a judicial proceeding, or without any authority or requirement of law, though taken formally before a proper person.—Judicial oath. One taken in some judicial proceeding or in relation to some matter connected with judicial proceedings.—Oath against bribery. One which could have been administered to a voter at an election for members of parliament. Abolished in 1854. Wharton.—Oath ex officio. The oath by which a clergyman charged with a criminal offense was formerly allowed to swear himself to be innocent; also the oath by which the compurators swore that they believed in his innocence. 3 Bl. Comm. 101, 447; Mozley & Whitley.—Oath in litem. In the civil law. An oath permitted to be taken by the plaintiff, for the purpose of proving the value of the subject-matter in controversy, when there was no other evidence on that point, or when the defendant fraudulently suppressed evidence which might have been available.—Oath of allegiance. An oath by which a person promises and binds himself to bear true allegiance to a particular sovereign or government, e. g., the United States; administered generally to high public officers and to soldiers and sailors, also to aliens applying for naturalization, and, occasionally, to citizens. 3 Bl. Comm. 132; Brock v. Milligan, 10 Ohio, 123; Blocker v. Burness, 2 Ala. 354.

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OB. Lat. On account of; for. Several Latin phrases and maxims, commencing with this word, are more commonly introduced by "in" (q. v.)

OB CAUSAM ALIQUAM A RE MARITIMA ORTAM. For some cause arising out of a maritime matter. 1 Pet. Adm. 82. Said to be Selden's translation of the French definition of admiralty jurisdiction, "pour le fait de la mer." Id.

OB CONTINENTIAM DELICTI. On account of contiguity to the offense, i.e., being contaminated by conjunction with something illegal. For example, the cargo of a vessel, though not contraband or unlawful, may be condemned in admiralty, along with the vessel, when the vessel has been engaged in some service which renders her liable to seizure and confiscation. The cargo is then said to be condemned ob continentiam delicti, because found in company with an unlawful service. See 1 Kent, Comm. 152.

OB CONTINGENTIAM. On account of connection; by reason of similarity. In Scotch law, this phrase expresses a ground for the consolidation of actions.

OB FAVOREM MERCATORUM. In favor of merchants. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 63, § 12.

Ob infamiam non solet juxta legem terrae aliquis per legem apparentem se purgare, nisi prius convictus fuerit vel confessus in curia. Glan. lib. 14, c. ii. On account of evil report, it is not usual, according to the law of the land, for any person to purge himself, unless he have been previously convicted, or confessed in court.

OB TURPEM CAUSAM. For an immoral consideration. Dug. 12, 5.

OBJEKTUS. Lat. In Roman law. A debtor who was obliged to serve his creditor or till his debt was discharged. Adams, Rom. Ant. 49.

OBEEDIENCE. Compliance with a command, prohibition, or known law and rule of duty prescribed; the performance of what is required or enjoined by authority, or the abstaining from what is prohibited, in compliance with the command or prohibition. Webster.

OBEIDENTIA. An office, or the administration of it; a kind of rent; submission; obedience.

Obedientia est legis essentia. 11 Coke, 100. Obedience is the essence of law.

OBEIDENTIARIUS. A monastic officer. Du Cange.


OBIT. In old English law. A funeral solemnity, or office for the dead. Cowell. The anniversary of a person's death; the anniversary office. Cro. Jac. 51.

OBITER. Lat. By the way; in passing; incidentally; collaterally.

—Obiter dictum. A remark made, or opinion expressed, by a judge, in his decision upon a cause, "by the way," that is, incidentally or collaterally, and not directly upon the question before him, or upon a point not necessarily involved in the determination of the cause, or introduced by way of illustration, or analogy or argument.

OBJECT, v. In legal proceedings, to object (e.g., to the admission of evidence) is to interpose a declaration to the effect that the particular matter or thing under consideration is not done or admitted with the consent of the party objecting, but is by him considered improper or illegal, and referring the question of its propriety or legality to the court.

OBJECT, n. This term "includes whatever is presented to the mind, as well as what may be presented to the senses; whatever, also, is acted upon, or operated upon, affirmatively, or intentionally influenced by anything done, moved, or applied thereto." Woodruft., J., Wells v. Shook, 8 Blatchf. 237, Fed. Cas. No. 17,496.

—Object of an action. The thing sought to be obtained by the action; the remedy demanded or the relief or recovery sought or prayed for; not the same thing as the cause of action or the subject of the action. Scarborouzv. Smith, 18 Kan. 406; Lasiter v. Norfolk & C. R. Co., 126 N. C. 80, 48 S. E. 643.—Object of a statute. The "object" of a statute is the aim or purpose of the enactment, the end or design which it is meant to accomplish, while the "subject" is the matter to which it relates and with which it deals. Medical Examiners v. Fowler, 50 La. Ann. 1293, 54 South. 509; McNeely v. South Penn Oil Co., 52 W. Va. 616, 44 S. E. 508, 62 L. R. A. 562; Day Land & Cattle Co. v. State, 68 Tex. 542, 4 S. W. 893.—Object of a power. Where property is settled subject to a power given to any person or persons to appoint the same among a limited class, the members of the class are called the "objects" of the power. Thus, if a parent has a power to appoint a fund among his children, the children are called the "objects" of the power. Mosley & Whitley.

OBJECTION. The act of a party who objects to some matter or proceeding in the course of a trial, (see OBJECT, v.) or an argument or reason urged by him in support of his contention that the matter or proceeding objected to is improper or illegal.

OBJURGATRICES. In old English law. Scolds or unquiet women, punished with the cuckling-stool.

OBLATA. Gifts or offerings made to the king by any of his subjects; old debts,
brought, as it were, together from preceding years, and put on the present sheriff's charge. Wharton.

OBLATA TERRÆ. Half an acre, or, as some say, half a perch, of land. Spelman.

OBLATI. In old European law. Voluntary slaves of churches or monasteries.

OBLATI ACTIO. In the civil law. An action given to a party against another who had offered to him a stolen thing, which was found in his possession. Inst. 3, 1, 4.

OBLATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A tender of money in payment of a made debt by debtor to creditor. Whatever is offered to the church by the plous. Calvin.

Oblationes dicitur quaequecumque a pia fideli basque Christianis offeruntur Deo et ecclesiœ, sive res solidse sive mobiles. 2 Inst. 389. Those things are called "oblations" which are offered to God and to the church by pious and faithful Christians, whether they are movable or immovable.

OBLATIONS, or obventions, are offerings or customary payments made, in England, to the minister of a church, including fees on marriages, burials, mortuaries, etc., (q. e.) and Easter offerings. 2 Steph. Comm. 740; Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1596. They may be commuted by agreement.

OBLIGATE. To bind or constrain; to bind to the observance or performance of a duty; to place under an obligation. To bind one's self by an obligation or promise; to assume a duty; to execute a written promise or covenant; to make a writing obligatory. Wachter v. Famachon, 62 Wis. 117, 22 N. W. 160; Maxwell v. Jacksonville Loan & Imp. Co., 45 Fla. 425, 34 South. 255.

OBLIGATION. An obligation is a legal relation between two certain persons whereby one (the creditor) is authorized to demand of the other (the debtor) a certain performance which has a money value. In this sense obligatio signifies not only the duty of the debtor, but also the right of the creditor. The fact establishing such claim and debt, as also the instrument evidencing it, is termed "obligation." Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 360.

That legal relation subsisting between two persons by which one is bound to the other for a certain performance. The passive relation sustained by the debtor to the creditor is likewise called an "obligation." Sometimes, also, the term "obligatio" is used for the causa obligationis, and the contract itself is designated an "obligation." There are passages in which even the document which affords the proof of a contract is called an "obligation." Such applications, however, are but a loose extension of the term, which, according to its true idea, is only properly employed when it is used to denote the debt relationship, in its totality, active and passive, subsisting between the creditor and the debtor. Tomk. & J. Mod. Rom. Law, 301.

Obligations, in the civil law, are of the several descriptions enumerated below.

Obligatio civilis is an obligation enforceable by action as either it derives its origin from jus civilis, as the obligation engendered by formal contracts or the obligation enforceable by bilaterally an offer. Ord from such portion of the jus gentium as had been completely naturalized in the civil law and protected by all its remedies, such as the obligation engendered by formless contracts.

Obligatio naturalis is an obligation not immediately enforceable by action, or an obligation imposed by that portion of the jus gentium which is only imperfectly recognized by civil law.

Obligatio ex contractu, an obligation arising from the consent of parties and from a contract personal rights. In this there are two stages,—first, a primary or sanctioned personal right antecedent to wrongful, and, afterwards, a secondary or sanctioned personal right consequent on a wrong. Poste's Gaius' Inst. 359.

Obligatio ex delicto, an obligation founded on wrongful or tort, or arising from the invasion of a jus in rem. In this there is the second stage, a secondary or sanctioning personal right consequent on a wrongful act. Whether a prima delictum is not exactly synonymous with "tort," for, while it includes most of the wrongs known to the common law as torts, it is also wide enough to cover some offenses (such as theft and robbery) primarily injurious to the individual, but now only punished as crimes. Such acts gave rise to an obligation, which consisted in the liability of the wrongdoer for damages.

Obligationes quasi ex contractu. Often persons who have not contracted with each other, under a certain state of facts, are regarded by the Florida law as if they had actually concluded a contract between themselves. The legal relation which then takes place between these persons, which has always a similarity to a contract obligation, is therefore termed "obligatio quasi ex contractu." Such a relation arises from the conducting of affairs without authority, (negotiorum gestio:) from the management of property that is in common when the community arose from customary, (communis incidens;) from the payment of what was not due, (solutio in debiti:) from tutorship and curatorship; and from taking possession of an inheritance. MacKeld. Rom. Law, § 491.

Obligationes quasi ex delicto. This class embraces all torts not coming under the denomination of "deleita," and not having a special form of action provided for them by law. They differ from ordinary wrongs in character, and at common law would in some cases give rise to an action on the case; in others to an action on an implied contract. Ort. Inst. §§ 1781-1792.

OBLIGATION. An obligation is a legal duty, by which a person is bound to do or not to do a certain thing. Civ. Code Cal. § 1427; Civ. Code Dak. § 708.

The binding power of a vow, promise, oath, or contract, or of law, civil, political, or mor-
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Obligation is the correlative of “right.” The former is a legal tie, as distinguished from the de facto-ethical sense, as a power of free action lodged in a person, “obligation” is the corresponding duty, constraint, or binding force which should prevent all which would obstruct such right, or interfering with its exercise. And the same is its meaning as the correlative of “right” as meaning a “jus in personam,” (a power, demand, claim, or privilege inherent in one person, and incident upon another,) the “obligation” is the coercive force or control imposed upon the person of incidence by the moral law and the positive law, (or the moral law as recognized and sanctioned by the positive law,) compelling him to accede to the demand, render up the thing claimed, pay the money due, or otherwise perform what is expected of him with respect to the subject-matter of the right.

In a limited and arbitrary sense, it means a penal bond or “writing obligatory,” that is, a bond containing a penalty, with a condition annexed, for the payment of money or performance of covenants. Co. Litt. 172.

Obligation is (1) legal or moral duty, as opposed to physical compulsion; (2) a duty incumbent upon an individual, or a specific and limited number of individuals, as opposed to a duty imposed upon the world at large; (3) the right to enforce such a duty, (jus in personam,) as opposed to such a right as that of property, (jus in rem,) which avails against the world at large; (4) a duty containing a penalty, with a condition annexed, for the payment of money, performance of covenants, or the like. Mozley & Whately.

In English expositions of the Roman law, and works upon general jurisprudence, “obligation” is used to translate the Latin “obligatio.” In this sense its meaning is much wider than as a technical term of English law. See Obligatio.

Classification. The various sorts of obligations may be classified and defined as follows:

They are either perfect or imperfect. A perfect obligation is one recognized and sanctioned by positive law; it is enforceable by the aid of the law. Aycock v. Martin, 37 Ga. 124, 92 Am. Dec. 56. But if the duty created by the obligation operates only on the moral sense, without being enforced by any legal power, it is called an “imperfect obligation,” and creates no right of action, nor has it any legal operation. The duty of exercising gratitude, charity, and the other merely moral duties, is an example of this kind of obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Edwards v. Kearsy, 50 La. Ann. 707.

They are either natural or civil. A natural obligation is one which cannot be enforced by action, but which is binding on the party who owes it, whether on the ground of duty, promise, or justice. Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt. (Ky.) 41.

A civil obligation is a legal tie, which gives the party to whom it is contracted the right of enforcing its performance by law Civ. Code La. art. 1757; Poth. Obl. 173, 191.

They are either express or implied: the former being those by which the obligor binds himself in express terms to perform his obligation; while the latter are such as are raised by the implications and inference of the law from the nature of the transaction.

They are determinate or indeterminate; the former being the case where the thing contracteed to be delivered is specified as an individual; the latter is one in which it may be any one of a particular class or species.

They are divisible or indivisible, according as the obligation may or may not be lawfully broken into and satisfied obligations without the consent of the obligor.

They are joint or several; the former, where there are two or more obligors binding themselves jointly to perform the obligation; the latter, where the obligors promise, each for himself, to fulfill the engagement.

They are personal or real; the former being the case when the obligor himself is personally liable for the performance of the engagement, but does not directly bind his property; the latter, where real estate, not the person of the obligor, is primarily liable for performance.

They are obligatory or personal. The former is the case when the heirs and assigns of one party may enforce the performance against the heirs of the other; the latter, when the obligor binds himself only, not his heirs or representatives.

They are either principal or accessory. A principal obligation is one which is the most important object of the engagement of the contracting parties; while an accessory obligation depends merely in a secondary, or collateral manner, upon the principal.

They may be either conjunctive or alternative. The former is one in which the several objects in it are bound together by a single condition, or other manner which shows that all of them are severally comprised in the contract. This contract creates as many different obligations as there are different objects; and the creditor, when he wishes to discharge himself, may force the creditor to receive them separately. But where the things which form the object of the contract are separated by a disjunctive, then the obligation is alternative. A promise to deliver a certain thing or to pay a specified sum of money is an example of this kind of obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2063.

They are either simple or conditional. Simple obligations are such as are not dependent for their execution on any event provided for by the parties, and which are not agreed to become void on the happening of any such event. Conditional obligations are such as are made to depend on an uncertain event. If the obligation is not to take effect until the event happens, it is a suspensive condition; if the obligation takes effect on the event, but is defeated when the event happens, it is then a resolutive condition. Civ. Code La. arts. 2020, 2021; Moss v. Smoker, 2 La. Ann. 999.

They are either personal or real. The former is the case when a penal clause is attached to the undertaking, to be enforced in case the obligor fails to perform; the former, when no such penalty is added.

Other compound and descriptive terms. — Moral obligation. A duty which is valid and binding in the form of the conscience but is not recognized by the law as adequate to set in motion the machinery of justice; that is, one which rests upon ethical considerations alone, and is not imposed or enforced by positive law. Taylor v. Hotchkiss, 51 Atl. Div. 470, 80 N. Y. Supp. 1042; Goulding v. Davidson, 25 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 483; Bailey v. Philadelphia, 27 Pa. Prac. 320, 21 Am. St. Rep. 691. — Obligation of a contract. As used in Const. U. S. art. 1, § 10, the term means the binding and coercive force which accompanies the performance of the promises he has made; a force grounded in the ethical principle of fidelity to one’s promises, but deriving its legal efficacy from its enforcement by positive law, and sanctioned by the law’s providing a remedy for the infractions of the duty or for the enforcement of the correlative right. See Story v. Hoke, 74; Black, Const. Prohib., § 139. See Ogden v. Saunders, 12 Wheat. 213, 5 L. Ed. 606; Blair v. Williams, 4 Litt.
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(Ky.) 36 Sturges v. Crowninshield, 4 Wheat. 197, 4 L. Ed. 552; Wachter v. Famachon, 62 Wis. 117, 22 N. W. 160. — Obligation solidaire. This in French law, corresponds to joint and several liability in English law, but is applied also to the joint and several rights of the creditors parties to the obligation. — Primary obligation. An obligation which is the principal object of the contract. For example, the primary obligation of the seller is to deliver the thing sold, and to transfer the title to it. It is distinguished from the accessory or secondary obligation to pay damages for not doing so. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 702. The words "primary" and "direct," contrasted with "secondary," when spoken with reference to an obligation, refer to the remedy provided by law for enforcing the obligation, rather than to the character and limits of the obligation itself. Kilton v. Providence Tool Co., 22 R. I. 606, 48 Atl. 1069. — Principal obligation. That obligation which arises from the principal object of the engagement which has been contract ed between the parties. Poth. Obl. no. 182. One to which is appended an accessory or subsidiary obligation. — Pure obligation. One which is not suspended by any condition, or, when thus contracted, the condition has been accomplished. Poth. Obl. no. 176. — Real obligation. In the civil law and in Louisiana. An obligation attached to immovable property, that is, real estate. Civ. Code La. art. 1955. — Simple obligation. In the civil law. An obligation which does not depend upon the happening of any such event. Civ. Code La. art. 2015. — Solidary obligation. In the law of Louisiana, one which binds each of the obligors for the whole debt, as distinguished from a "joint" obligation, which binds the parties each for his separate proportion of the debt. Groves v. Sentell, 135 U. S. 463, 14 Sup. Ct. 868, 35 L. Ed. 755.

OBLIGATORY. The term "writing obligatory" is a technical term of the law, and means a written contract under seal. Watson v. Hoge, 7 Yerg. (Tenn.) 350.

OBLIGEE. The person in favor of whom some obligation is contracted, whether such obligation be to pay money or to do or not to do something. Code La. art. 3522, no. 11. The party to whom a bond is given.

OBLIGOR. The person who has engaged to perform some obligation. Code La. art. 3522, no. 12. One who makes a bond.

OBLIGUOUS. Lat. In the old law of descent. Oblique; cross; transverse; collateral. The opposite of rectus, right, or upright.

In the law of evidence. Indirect; circumstantial.

OBLITERATION. Erasure or blotting out of written words. Obliteration is not limited to effacing the letters of a will or scratching them out or blotting them so completely that they cannot be read. A line drawn through the writing is obliteration, though it may leave it as legible as it was before. See Glass v. Scott, 14 Colo. App. 377, 60 Pac. 188; Evans' Appeal, 58 Pa. 244; Townshend v. Howard, 86 Me. 285, 29 Atl. 1077; State v. Knippa, 29 Tex. 298.

OBOQUY. To expose one to "obloquy" is to expose him to censure and reproach, as the latter terms are synonymous with "obloquy." Bettvner v. Holt, 70 Cal. 275, 11 Pac. 716.

OBRA. In Spanish law. Work. Obras, works or trades; those which men carry on in houses or covered places. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 6.

OBREPTIO. Lat. The obtaining a thing by fraud or surprise. Calvin. Called, in Scotch law, "obreption."

OBREPTION. Obtaining anything by fraud or surprise. Acquisition of escheats, etc., from the sovereign, by making false representations. Bell.

OBROGARE. Lat. In the civil law. To pass a law contrary to a former law, or to some clause of it; to change a former law in some part of it. Calvin.

OBROGATION. In the civil law. The alteration of a law by the passage of one inconsistent with it. Calvin.


OBSCENITY. The character or quality of being obscene; conduct tending to corrupt the public morals by its indecency or lewdness. State v. Pfenninger, 76 Mo. App. 313; U. S. v. Loftis (D. C.) 12 Fed. 671.

OBSENE. In the civil law. To perform which has been prescribed by some law or usage. Dig. 1, 3, 32. See Marshall County v. Knoll, 102 Iowa, 573, 69 N. W. 1146.

OBSESES. Lat. In the law of war. A hostage. Obsides, hostages.

OBSIGNARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seal up; as money that had been tendered and refused.

OBSIGNATORY. Ratifying and confirming.

OBSOLSCENT. Becoming obsolete; going out of use; not entirely disused, but gradually becoming so.

OBSOLETE. Disused; neglected; not observed. The term is applied to statutes
which have become inoperative by lapse of time, either because the reason for their enactment has passed away, or their subject-matter no longer exists, or they are not applicable to changed circumstances, or are tacitly disregarded by all men, yet without being expressly abrogated or repealed.

**OBSTRA PRINCIPIS.** Lat. Withstand; opposing; resist. See NON OBSTANTE.

**OBSTRUCTION.** Obligation; bond.

**OBSTRACT.** 1. To block up; to interpose obstacles; to render impassable; to fill with barriers or impediments; as to obstruct a road or way. U. S. v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 653; Chase v. Oshkosh, 81 Wis. 318; 51 N. W. 560, 15 L. R. A. 533, 29 Am. St. Rep. 508; Overhouser v. American Co¬real Co., 118 Iowa, 417, 92 N. W. 74; Gor¬ham v. Wilhey, 52 Mich. 50, 17 N. W. 272. 2. To impede or hinder; to interpose obstacles or impediments, to the hindrance or frustration of some act or service, as to obstruct an officer in the execution of his duty. Davis v. State, 76 Ga. 722. 3. As applied to navigable waters, to “ob¬struct” them is to interpose such impediments in the way of free and open navigation that vessels are thereby prevented from going where ordinarily they have a right to go or where they may find it necessary to go in their maneuvers. See In re City of Rich¬mond (D. C.) 43 Fed. 88; Terre Haute Draw¬bridge Co. v. Halliday, 4 Ind. 36; The Van¬couver, 23 Fed. Cas. 960. 4. As applied to the operation of rail¬roads, an “obstruction” may be either that which obstructs or hinders the free and safe passage of a train, or that which may receive an injury or damage, such as it would be unlawful to inflict, if run over or against the train, as in the case ofattle or a man approaching on the track. Nashville & C. R. Co. v. Carroll, 6 Halsk. (Tenn.) 368; Louisville N. & G. R. Co. v. Reidmond, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 205; South & North Alabama R. Co. v. Williams, 65 Ala. 77.

**OBSTRUCTING PROCESS.** In crim¬inal law. The act by which one or more persons attempt to prevent or do prevent the execution of lawful process.

**OBSTRUCTION.** This is the word properly descriptive of an injury to any one's incorporeal hereditament, e. g., his right to an easement, or profit à prendre; an alternative word being “disturbance.” On the other hand, “infringement” is the word properly descriptive of an injury to any one's patent-rights or to his copyright. But “ob¬struction” is also a very general word in law, being applicable to every hindrance of a man in the discharge of his duty, (whether official, public, or private.) Brown.

**OBTAIN.** To acquire; to get hold of by effort; to get and retain possession of; as, in the offense of “obtaining” money or property by false pretenses. See Com. v. Schmunk, 207 Pa. 544, 56 Atl. 1088, 99 Am. St. Rep. 801; People v. General Sessions, 13 Hun (N. Y.) 400; State v. Will, 49 La. Ann. 1337, 22 South. 378; Sundmacher v. Block, 39 Ill. App. 553.

Obtemperandum est connotudini rationabilis tanquam legi. 4 Coke, 38. A reasonable custom is to be obeyed as a law.

**OBTEMPERARE.** Lat. To obey. Hence the Scotch “obtemper,” to obey or comply with a judgment of a court.

**OBTEST.** To protest.

**OBSTORCO COLLO.** In Roman law. Taking by the neck or collar; as a plaintiff was allowed to drag a reluctant defendant to court. Adams, Rom. Ant. 242.

**OBTULIT SE.** (Offered himself.) In old practice. The emphatic words of entry on the record where one party offered himself in court against the other, and the latter did not appear. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 417.

**OBVENTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. Rent; profits; income; the return from an investment or thing owned; as the earnings of a vessel.

In old English law. The revenue of a spiritual living, so called. Also, in the plural, “offerings.”

**OCCASION.** In Spanish law. Accident. Las Partidas, pt. 3, tit. 32, l. 21; White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 9, c. 2.

**OCCASIO.** In feudal law. A tribute which the lord imposed on his vassals or tenants for his necessity. Hindrance; trouble; vexation by suit.

**OCCASIONAL.** To be charged or load¬ed with payments or occasional penalties.

**OCCASIONES.** In old English law. As¬sarts. Spelman.

Oculatatio thesauri inventi fraudu¬lentus. 3 Inst. 133. The concealment of dis¬covered treasure is fraudulent.
OCCUPANCY. Occupancy is a mode of acquiring property by which a thing which belongs to nobody becomes the property of the person who took possession of it, with the intention of acquiring a right of ownership in it. Clv. Code La. art. 3412; Goddard v. Winchell, 86 Iowa, 71, 52 N. W. 1124, 17 L. R. A. 788, 41 Am. St. Rep. 481.

The taking possession of things which before belonged to nobody, with an intention of appropriating them to one's own use.

"Possession" and "occupation," when applied to land, are nearly synonymous terms, and may exist through a tenancy. Thus, occupancy of a homestead, such as will satisfy the statute, may be by means other than that of actual residence on the premises by the widow or child. Walters v. People, 21 Ill. 178.

There is a use of the word in public-land laws, homestead laws, "occupying-claimant" laws, cases of landlord and tenant, and like connections, which seem to require the broader sense of possession, although there is, in most of these uses, a shade of meaning discarding any prior title as a foundation of right. Perhaps both "occupant" and "occupancy" might be used for assuming property which has no owner, and "occupation" and "occupier" for the more general idea of possession. Judge Bouvier's definitions seem partly founded on such a distinction, and there are indications of it in English usage. It does not appear generally drawn in American books. Abbott.

In international law. The taking possession of a newly discovered or conquered country with the intention of holding and ruling it.

OCCUPANT. In a general sense. One who takes possession of a thing, of which there is no owner; one who has the actual possession or control of a thing.

In a special sense. One who takes possession of lands held pur autre vie, after the death of the tenant, and during the life of the cestui que vie.

—General occupant. At common law where a man was tenant pur autre vie, or had an estate granted to himself only (without mentioning his heirs) for the life of another man, and died without alienation during the life of cestui que vie, or him by whose life it was held, he that could first enter on the land might lawfully retain the possession, so long as cestui que vie lived, by right of possession, and hence termed a "general" or common "occupant." 1 Steph. Comm. 415.—Special occupant. A person having a special right to enter upon and occupy lands granted pur autre vie, on the death of the tenant, and during the life of cestui que vie. Where the grant is to a man and his heirs during the life of cestui que vie, the heir is a special occupant, having a special exclusive right by the terms of the original grant. 2 Bl. Comm. 259; 1 Steph. Comm. 416.

OCCUPARE. Lat. In the civil law. To seize or take possession of; to enter upon a vacant possession; to take possession before another. Calvin.

OCCUPATILE. That which has been left by the right owner, and is now possessed by another.

OCCUPATION. 1. Possession; control; tenure; use.

In its usual sense "occupation" is where a person exercises physical control over land. Thus, the lessee of a house is in occupation of it so long as he has the power of entering into and staying there at pleasure, and of excluding all other persons (or all except one or more specified persons) from the use of it. Occupation is therefore the same thing as actual possession. Swett.

The word "occupation," applied to real property, is, ordinarily, equivalent to "possession." In connection with other expressions, it may mean that the party should be living upon the premises; but, standing alone, it is satisfied by actual possession. Lawrence v. Fulton, 19 Cal. 658.

2. A trade; employment; profession; business; means of livelihood.

—Actual occupation. An open, visible occupancy as distinguished from the constructive one which follows the legal title. Cutting v. Patterson, 82 Minn. 375, 85 N. W. 172; People v. Ambrecht, 11 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 97; Bennett v. Burton, 44 Iowa, 506.—Occupation tax. A tax imposed upon an occupation or the prosecution of a business, trade, or profession; not a tax on property, or even the capital employed in the business, but an excise tax on the business itself; to be distinguished from a "license tax," which is a fee or exaction for the privilege of engaging in the business, not for its prosecution. See Adler v. Whitbeck, 44 Ohio St. 539, 9 N. E. 672; Appeal of Banger, 109 Pa. 58; Pullman Palace Car Co. v. State, 84 Tex. 724, 83 Am. Rep. 788.

OCCUPATIVE. Possessed; used; employed.

OCCUPAVIT. Lat. In old English law. A writ that lay for one who was ejected out of his land or tenement in time of war. Cowell.

OCCUPIER. An occupant; one who is in the enjoyment of a thing.


OCCUPYING CLAIMANT ACTS. Statutes providing for the reimbursement of a bona fide occupant and claimant of land, on its recovery by the true owner, to the extent to which lasting improvements made by him have increased the value of the land, and generally giving him a lien therefor. Jones v. Great Southern Hotel Co., 86 Fed. 270, 30 C. C. A. 102.
OCEAN. The main or open sea; the high sea; that portion of the sea which does not lie within the body of any country and is not subject to the territorial jurisdiction or control of any country, but is open, free, and common to the use of all nations. See U. S. v. Rodgers, 150 U. S. 249, 14 Sup. Ct. 109; U. S. v. New Bedford Bridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 120; De Lovio v. Boit, 7 Fed. Cas. 428; U. S. v. Morel, 26 Fed. Cas. 1312.

OCHIERN. In old Scotch law. A name of dignity; a freeholder. Skene de Verb. Sign.

OCHLOCRACY. Government by the multitude. A form of government wherein the populace has the whole power and administration in its own hands.

OCTAVE. In old English law. The eighth day inclusive after a feast; one of the return days of writs. 3 Bl. Comm. 278.

OCTO TALES. Eight such; eight such men; eight such jurors. The name of a writ, at common law, which issues when upon a trial at bar, eight more jurors are necessary to fill the panel, commanding the sheriff to summon the requisite number. 3 Bl. Comm. 364. See DECEM TALES.

OCTROI. Fr. In French law. Originally, a duty, which, by the permission of the seigneur, any city was accustomed to collect on liquors and some other goods, brought within its precincts, for the consumption of the inhabitants. Afterwards appropriated to the use of the king. Steph. Lect. p. 361.

Oderunt pecare boni, virtutis amore; oderunt pecare mal, formidine poene. Good men hate sin through love of virtue; bad men, through fear of punishment.

ODHAL. Complete property, as opposed to feudal tenure. The transposition of the syllables of "odhal" makes it "allodh" and hence, according to Blackstone, arises the word "alloh" or "alloidal," (q. v.) "Allokh" is thus put in contradistinction to "feedh." Mozley & Whitley.

ODIO ET ATIA. A writ ancently called "breve de bono et male," addressed to the sheriff to inquire whether a man committed to prison upon suspicion of murder were committed on just cause of suspicion, or only upon malice and ill will; and if, upon the inquisition, it were found that he was not guilty, then there issued another writ to the sheriff to bail him. Reg. Orig. 193.

Odiosa non presumuntur. Odious things are not presumed. Burrows, Sett. Cas. 190.

OECONOMICUS. L. Lat. In old English law. The executor of a last will and testament. Cowell.

OECONOMUS. Lat. In the civil law. A manager or administrator. Calvin.

OF COUNSEL. A phrase commonly applied in practice to the counsel employed by a party in a cause, and particularly to one employed to assist in the preparation or management of a cause, or its presentation on appeal, but who is not the principal attorney of record for the party.

OF COURSE. Any action or step taken in the course of judicial proceedings which will be allowed by the court upon mere application, without any inquiry or contest, or which may be effectually taken without even applying to the court for leave, is said to be "of course." Stoddard v. Treadwell, 29 Cal. 281; Merchants' Bank v. Crysal, 67 Fed. 390, 14 C. C. A. 444.

OF FORCE. In force; extant; not obsolete; existing as a binding or obligatory power.

OF GRACE. A term applied to any permission or license granted to a party in the course of a judicial proceeding which is not claimable as a matter of course or of right, but is allowed by the favor or indulgence of the court. See Walters v. McElroy, 151 Pa. 549, 25 Atl. 125.

OF NEW. A Scotch expression, closely translated from the Latin "de novo," (q. v.)

OF RECORD. Recorded; entered on the records; existing and remaining in or upon the appropriate records.

OFFA EXECRATA. In old English law. The morsel of execration; the cursed, (q. v.) 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 21.

OFFENSE. A crime or misdemeanor; a breach of the criminal laws. Moore v. Illinois, 14 How. 13, 14 L. Ed. 306; Illies v. Knight, 3 Tex. 312; People v. French, 102 N. Y. 583, 7 N. E. 913; State v. West, 42 Minn. 147, 43 N. W. 845.

It is used as a genus, comprehending every crime and misdemeanor, or as a species, signifying a crime not indictable, but punishable summarily or by the forfeiture of a penalty. In re Terry (C. C.) 37 Fed. 649.

—Continuing offense. A transaction or a series of acts set on foot by a single impulse,
and operated by an unintermittent force, no matter how long a time it may occupy. People v. Sullivan, 9 Utah, 346, 23 Pac. 701.—Quasi offense. One which is imputed to the person who is responsible for its injurious consequences, not because he himself committed it, but because the perpetrator of it is presumed to have acted under his commands.

OFFENSIVE. In the law relating to nuisances and similar matters, this term means noxious, causing annoyance, discomfort, or painful or disagreeable sensations. See Rowland v. Miller (Super. N. Y.) 15 N. Y. Supp. 701; Moller v. Presbyterian Hospital, 65 App. Div. 134, 72 N. Y. Supp. 483; Barrow v. Richard, 8 Paige (N. Y.) 390, 35 Am. Dec. 713. As occasionally used in criminal law and statutes, an "offensive weapon" is primarily one meant and adapted for attack and the infliction of injury, but practically the term includes anything that would come within the description of a "deadly" or "dangerous" weapon. See State v. Dineen, 10 Minn. 411 (Gill. 325); Rex v. Grice, 7 Car. & P. 803; Rex v. Noakes, 5 Car. & P. 326. In international law, an "offensive and defensive league" is one binding the contracting powers not only to aid each other in case of aggression, but also to support and aid each other in active and aggressive measures against a power with which either of them may engage in war.

OFFER. 1. To bring to or before; to present for acceptance or rejection; to hold out or proffer; to make a proposal to; to exhibit something that may be taken or rejected; to hold out or proffer; to make a proposal to; to exhibit something that may be taken or not. Morrison v. Springer, 15 Iowa, 346; Vincent v. Woodland Oil Co., 165 Pa. 492, 30 Atl. 901; People v. Ah Pook, 62 Cal. 494.

2. To attempt or endeavor; to make an effort to effect some object; in this sense used principally in criminal law. Com. v. Harris, 1 Leg. Gaz. R. (Pa.) 457.

3. In trial practice, to "offer" evidence is to state its nature and purport, or to refer to the evidence previously introduced and to demand its admission. Unless under exceptional circumstances, the term is not to be taken as equivalent to "introduce." See Ansley v. Meikle, 81 Ind. 260; Lyon v. Davis, 111 Ind. 384, 12 N. E. 714; Harris v. Tomlinson, 130 Ind. 426, 30 N. E. 214.

OFFERINGS. In English ecclesiastical law. Personal tithes, payable by custom to the parson or vicar of a parish, either occasionally, as at sacraments, marriages, churching of women, burials, etc., or at constant times, as at Easter, Christmas, etc.

OFFERTORIUM. In English ecclesiastical law. The offerings of the faithful, or the place where they are made or kept; the service at the time of the Communion.

OFFICE. "Office" is defined to be a right to exercise a public or private employment, and to take the fees and emoluments thereunto belonging, whether public, as those of magistrates, or private, as of bailiffs, receivers, or the like. 2 Bl. Comm. 36. Rowland v. New York, 83 N. Y. 372; Dailey v. State, 8 Buff. (Ind.) 390; Blair v. Marve, 80 Va. 385; Kominsky v. Bermost, 13 Ind. 5; 2 People v. Duane, 121 N. Y. 367, 24 N. E. 845; U. S. v. Hartwell, 6 Wall. 393, 18 L. Ed. 830.

That function by virtue whereof a person has some employment in the affairs of another, whether Judicial, ministerial, legislative, municipal, ecclesiastical, etc. Cowell.

An employment on behalf of the government in any station or public trust, not merely transient, occasional, or incidental. In re Attorneys' Oaths, 20 Johns. (N. Y.) 493.

The most frequent occasions to use the word arise with reference to a duty and power conferred on an individual by the government; and, when this is the connection, "public office" is a usual and more discriminating expression. But a person may have power and duty may exist, from an immediate grant from government, and may be properly called an "office:" as the office of executor, the office of steward. Here the individual acts towards legatees or towards tenants in performance of a duty, and in exercise of a power not derived from their consent, but devolved on him by an authority which word hoc is superior. Abbott.

Offices may be classed as civil and military; and civil offices may be classed as political, judicial, and ministerial. Political offices are such as are not connected immediately with the administration of justice, or the execution of the mandates of a superior officer. Judicial are those which relate to the administration of justice. Ministerial are those which give the officer no power to judge of the matter to be done, and require him to obey the mandates of a superior. It is a general rule that a judicial office cannot be exercised by deputy, while a ministerial one may. Waldo v. Wallace, 12 Ind. 569.

"Office" is frequently used in the old books as an abbreviation for "inquest of office," (q. v.) —Lucrative office. See Lucrative. Office-book. Any book for the record of official or other transactions, kept under authority of the state, in public offices not connected with the courts.—Office-copy. A copy or transcript of a deed or record or any filed document made by the officer having it in custody or under his sanction, and by him sealed or certified.—Office found; the finding of certain facts by a jury on an Inquest or inquisition of office. 3 Bl. Comm. 258, 259. This phrase has been adopted in American law. 2 Kent, Comm. 61; Phillips v. Moore, 100 U. S. 212, 25 L. Ed. 603; Baker v. Shy, 9 Heisk. (Tenn.) 80.—Office grant. A delegation of a conveyance made by some authority of the law to one imposits, where the owner is either unwilling or unable to execute the requisite deeds to pass the title; for example, as the power to sell Washb. Real Prop. 857.—Office hours. That portion of the day during which public offices are usually open for the transaction of business. 2 Bl. Comm. 36. See Hon. —Office of judge. A criminal suit in an ecclesiastical court, not being directed to the reparation of a
private injury, is regarded as a proceeding emanating from the office of the judge, and may be instituted by the mere motion of the judge. But, in practice, these suits are instituted by parties not himself, with the permission of the judge or his surrogate; and the private prosecutor in any such case is, accordingly, said to "act in forma pauperis," in the name of the corporation. —Whiteley.—Political office. Civil offices are usually divided into three classes,—political, judicial, and ministerial. Political offices are such as are not exclusively connected with the administration of justice, or with the execution of the mandates of a superior, such as the president or the head of a department. 

An officer of a public corporation; that is, one holding office under the laws of the United States who holds his appointment under the mandates of a superior, such as the president of the United States, and whose functions are to protect the suitors' fund, and who, in any such case, is said to "act in forma pauperis." 

OFFICER. The incumbent of an office; one who is lawfully invested with an office. One who is charged by a superior power (and particularly by government) with the power and duty of exercising certain functions.

-Civil officer. Any officer of the United States who holds his appointment under the national government, whether his duties are executive or judicial, in the highest or the lowest departments of the government, except the officers or managers as a test. 

See Jossey v. Georgia & A. Ry., 20 Ga 706, 28 S. E. 275; Milwaukee Steamship Co. v. Milwaukee, 88 Wis. 553, 55 N. W. 359, 18 L. R. A. 313; Standard Oil Co. v. Com., 110 Ga 706, 28 S. E. 273; Milwaukee Steamship Co. v. Milwaukee, 83 Wis. 590, 53 N. W. 897; Middletown Ferry Co. v. Middletown, 40 Conn. 69.

As to various particular offices, see Land Office, Petty Bag Office, Post Office, etc.

OFFICIAL, adj. Pertaining to an office; invested with the character of an officer; proceeding from, sanctioned by, or done by, an officer.

-Demi-official. Partly official or authorized. Having color of official right.—Official act. One done by an officer in his official capacity under color and by virtue of his office. Turner v. Sisson, 137 Mass. 192; Lammon v. Feusire, 111 U. S. 17; 4 Sup. Ct. 258, 28 L. Ed. 337. —Official assignee. In English practice. An assignee in bankruptcy appointed by the lord chancellor to co-operate with the other assignees in administering a bankrupt's estate.—Official management. A proceeding appointed, under English statutes now repealed, to superintend the winding up of insolvent companies under the control of the court of chancery. Wharton. For the purposes of this kind of official assignee, the "principals," "non-commissioned," "peace," and "military," officers of the army and navy, 1 Story, Const. § 792; State v. Clarke, 21 Nev. 353; 12 Am. L. R. A. 357; Standard Oil Co. v. Com., 110 Ga 706, 28 S. E. 273; Milwaukee Steamship Co. v. Milwaukee, 83 Wis. 590, 53 N. W. 897; Middletown Ferry Co. v. Middletown, 40 Conn. 69.

OFFICIAL, n. An officer invested with the authority of an office.

In the civil law. The minister or apparitor of a magistrate or judge.

In canon law. A person to whom a bishop commits the charge of his spiritual jurisdiction.

In common and statute law. The person whom the archdeacon substitutes in the execution of his jurisdiction. Cowell.

OFFICIAL

Sweet.—Official trustee of charity lands. The secretary of the English charity commissioners. He is a corporation sole for the purpose of taking and holding real property and leaseholds upon trust for an endowed charity in cases where it appears to the court desirable to vest them in him. He is a bare trustee, the possession and management of the land remaining in the persons acting in the administration of the charity. Sweet.


OFFICIALTY. The court or jurisdiction of which an official is head.

OFFICIARIUS NON FACIENDIS VEL AMOVENDIS. A writ addressed to the magistrates of a corporation, requiring them not to make such a man an officer, or to put one out of the office he has, until inquiry is made of his manners, etc. Reg. Orig. 126.

OFFICINAM JUSTITIAE. The workshop or office of justice. The chancery was formerly so called. See 3 Bl. Comm. 273; Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 363.

OFFICIO, EX, OATH. An oath whereby a person may be obliged to make any presentment of any crime or offense, or to confess or accuse himself of any criminal matter or thing whereby he may be liable to any censure, penalty, or punishment. 3 Bl. Comm. 447.

OFFICIOUS WILL. A testament by which a testator leaves his property to his family. Sandars, Just. Inst. 207. See INOFFICIOUS TESTAMENT.

OFFICUS conatus si efficitus sequatur. The attempt becomes of consequence, if the effect follows. Jenk. Cent. 55.

OFFICIALE. An instrument (e.g., a will) wholly written by the person from whom it emanates.

OFFICINUM nemini debet esse damnosum. Office ought not to be an occasion of loss to any one. A maxim in Scotch law. Bell.

OFFSET. A deduction; a counterclaim; a contrary claim or demand by which a given claim may be lessened or canceled. See Leonard v. Charter Oak L. Ins. Co., 65 Conn. 328, 33 Atl. 511; Cable Flax Mills v. Early, 72 App. Div. 213, 76 N. Y. Supp. 191. The more usual form of the word is "set-off," (q. v.)

OFFSPRING. This term is synonymous with "issue." See Barber v. Railroad Co., 166 U. S. 83, 17 Sup. Ct. 488, 41 L. Ed. 925; Allen v. Markle, 36 Pa. 117; Powell v. Brandon, 2 Cushm. (Miss.) 343.

OIR. In Spanish law. To hear; to take cognizance. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 1, c. 7.

OKER. In Scotch law. Usury; the taking of interest for money, contrary to law. Bell.

OLD NATURA BREVIUM. The title of a treatise written in the reign of Edward III. containing the writs which were then most in use, annexing to each a short comment concerning their nature and the application of them, with their various properties and effects. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 152.

It is so called by way of distinction from the New Natura Brevium of Fitzherbert, and is generally cited as "O. N. B." or as "Vet. Na. B." using the abbreviated form of the Latin title.

OLD STYLE. The ancient calendar or method of reckoning time, whereby the year commenced on March 25th. It was superseded by the new style (that now in use) in most countries of Europe in 1582 and in England in 1752.

OLD TENURES. A treatise, so called to distinguish it from Littleton's book on the same subject, which gives an account of the various tenures by which land was held, the nature of estates, and some other incidents to landed property in the reign of Edward III. It is a very scanty tract, but has the merit of having led the way to Littleton's famous work. 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 151.


OLERON, LAWS OF. A code of maritime laws published at the island of Oleron in the twelfth century by Eleanor of Guienne. They were adopted in England successively under Richard I., Henry III., and Edward III., and are often cited before the admiralty courts. De Lovio v. Bolt, 2 Gall, 398, Fed. Cas. No. 3,776.

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OLIGARCHY. A form of government wherein the administration of affairs is lodged in the hands of a few persons.

OLOGRAPH. An instrument (e. g., a will) wholly written by the person from whom it emanates.

OLOGRAPHIC TESTAMENT. The olographic testament is that which is written...
by the testator himself. In order to be valid it must be entirely written, dated, and signed by the hand of the testator. It is subject to no other form, and may be made anywhere, even out of the state. Civil Code La. art. 1588; Civil Code Cal. § 1277.

OLYMPIAD. A Grecian epoch; the space of four years.

OME BUENO. In Spanish law. A good man; a substantial person. Las Partidas, pt. 5, tit. 13, l. 38.

Omissio eorum que tacite insunt nihil operatur. The omission of those things which are tacitly implied is of no consequence. 2 Bulst. 131.

OMISSIS OMNIBUS ALIUS NEGATIVUS. Lat. Laying aside all other businesses. 9 East, 247.

OMITTANCE. Forbearance; omission.

Omne actum ab intentione agentis est judicandum. Every act is to be judged by the intention of the doer. Branch, Princ.

Omne crimen ebrietas et incendit et detegit. Drunkenness both inflames (or aggravates) and reveals every crime. Co. Litt. 247a; 4 Bl. Comm. 26; Broom, Max. 17.

Omne jus aut consensus fecit, aut necessitas constituit aut firmavit consuetudo. Every right is either made by consent, or is constituted by necessity, or is established by custom. Dig. 1, 3, 40.

Omne magis dignum trahit ad se minus dignum, quamvis minus dignum sit antiquius. Every worthier thing draws to itself the less worthy, though the less worthy be the more ancient. Co. Litt. 355b.

Omne magnum exemplum habet aliquod ex iniquo, quod publica utilitate compensatur. Hob. 279. Every great example has some portion of evil, which is compensated by the public utility.

Omne majus continet in se minus. Every greater contains in itself the less. 5 Coke, 115a. The greater always contains the less. Broom, Max. 174.

Omne majus dignum continet in se minus dignum. Co. Litt. 43. The more worthy contains in itself the less worthy.

Omne majus minus in se completitur. Every greater embraces in itself the less. Jenk. Cent. 208.


Omne quod solo inedito solo edit. Everything which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. Dig. 47, 3, 1; Broom, Max. 401.

Omne sacramentum debet esse de certa scientia. Every oath ought to be of certain knowledge. 4 Inst. 279.

Omne testamentum morte consummatum est. 3 Coke, 29. Every will is completed by death.

Omnes actiones in mundo infra certa temporab habent limitationem. All actions in the world are limited within certain periods. Bract. fol. 52.

Omnes homines aut liberi sunt aut servi. All men are freemen or slaves. Inst. 1, 3, pr.; Fleta, l. 1, c. 1, § 2.

Omnes licentiam habere his quae pro se indulta sunt, renunciare. [It is a rule of the ancient law that] all persons shall have liberty to renounce those privileges which have been conferred for their benefit Cod. 1, 3, 51; Id. 2, 3, 29; Broom, Max. 699.

Omnes prudentes illa admittere solent quae probantur it qui in arte sua bene versati sunt. All prudent men are accustomed to admit those things which are approved by those who are well versed in the art. 7 Coke, 19.

Omnes sorores sunt quasi unus heres de una hereditate. Co. Litt. 67. All sisters are, as it were, one heir to one inheritance.

OMNI EXCEPTIONE MAJUS. 4 Inst. 262. Above all exception.

Omnia delicta in aperto leviora sunt. All crimes that are committed openly are lighter, [or have a less odious appearance than those committed secretly.] 8 Coke, 127a.

OMNIA PERFORMAVIT. He has done all. In pleading. A good plea in bar where all the covenants are in the affirmative. Bailey v. Rogers, 1 Me. 189.

Omnia presumuntur contra spoliatores. All things are presumed against a despoiler or wrong-doer. A leading maxim in the law of evidence. Best, Ev. p. 340, § 303; Broom, Max. 938.

Omnia presumuntur legitime facta donec probetur in contrarium. All things are presumed to be lawfully done, until proof
be made to the contrary. Co. Litt. 232a; Best, Ev. p. 337, § 300.

Omnia presumuntur rite et solemniter esse acta donec probetur in contrario. All things are presumed to have been rightly and duly performed until it is proved to the contrary. Co. Litt. 232; Broom, Max. 944.

Omnia presumuntur solemniter esse acta. Co. Litt. 6. All things are presumed to have been done rightly.

Omnia que jure contrahuntur contrario jure perennant. Dig. 50, 17, 100. All things which are contracted by law perish by a contrary law.

Omnia que sunt uxoris sunt ipsius viri. All things which are the wife's are the husband's. Bract. fol. 32; Co. Litt 112a. See 2 Kent, Comm. 130-143.

Omnia rite acta presumuntur. All things are presumed to have been rightly done. Broom, Max. 944.

OMNIBUS AD QUOS PRÆSENTES LITERÆ PER VENERINT, SALUTEM.
To all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. A form of address with which letters and deeds were anciently commenced.

OMNIBUS BILL. 1. In legislative practice, a bill including in one act various separate and distinct matters, and particularly one joining a number of different subjects in one measure in such a way as to compel the executive authority to accept provisions which he does not approve or else defeat the whole enactment. See Com. v. Barnett, 199 Pa. 161, 48 Atl. 977, 53 L. R. A. 882; Yeager v. Weaver, 64 Pa. 425. 2. In equity pleading, a bill embracing the whole of a complex subject-matter by uniting all parties in interest having adverse or conflicting claims, thereby avoiding circuity or multiplicity of action.

Omnis actio est loquela. Every action is a plaint or complaint. Co. Litt. 222a.

Omnis conclusio boni et veri judicii sequitur ex bonis et veris premisis et dictis juratorum. Every conclusion of a good and true judgment follows from good and true premises, and the verdicts of jurors. Co. Litt. 226b.

Omnis consensus tollit errorem. Every consent removes error. Consent always removes the effect of error. 2 Inst. 123.

Omnis definitio in jure civilis periculosae est, parum est enim ut non subverti possit. Dig. 50, 17, 202. All definition in the civil law is hazardous, for there is little that cannot be subverted.

Omnis definitio in lege periculosae. All definition in law is hazardous. 2 Wood. Lec. 196.

Omnis exceptio est ipsa quoque regula. Every exception is itself also a rule.

Omnis indemnitas pro iniuris legibus habetur. Every uncondemned person is held by the law as innocent. Loft, 121.

Omnis innovatio plus novitate perturbat quam utilitate prodest. Every innovation occasions more harm by its novelty than benefit by its utility. 2 Bulst. 338; Broom, Max. 147.

Omnis interpretatio si fieri potest itaenda est in instrumentis, ut omnes contrariestates amoveantur. Jenk. Cent. 96. Every interpretation, if it can be done, is to be so made in instruments that all contradictions may be removed.

Omnis interpretatio vel declarat, vel extendit, vel restringit. Every interpretation either declares, extends, or restrains.

Omnis nova constitutio futuris formam imponere debet, non præteritis. Every new statute ought to prescribe a form to future, not to past, acts. Bract. fol. 228; 2 Inst. 95.

Omnis persona est homo, sed non vicissim. Every person is a man, but not every man a person. Calvin.


Omnis querela et omnis actio injuriarum limita est infra certa tempora. Co. Litt. 114b. Every plaint and every action for injuries is limited within certain times.

Omnis ratificatione retrogradationem tande deponente situ equalis est. Every ratification relates back and is equivalent to a prior authority. Broom, Max. 737, 871; Chit. Cont. 196.

Omnis regula suas patitur exceptiones. Every rule is liable to its own exceptions.

OMNIUM. In mercantile law. A term used to express the aggregate value of the different stock in which a loan is usually funded. Tomlins.

Omniunm contributione sacriatur quod pro omnibus datum est. 4 Bing. 121. That which is given for all is recompened by
the contribution of all. A principle of the law of general average.

Omnium rerum quorum usus est, postest esse abusus, virtute solo excepta. There may be an abuse of everything of which there is a use, virtue only excepted. Dav. Ir. K. B. 79.

ON ACCOUNT. In part payment; in partial satisfaction of an account. The phrase is usually contrasted with "in full."

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. When a policy of insurance expresses that the insurance is made "on account of whom it may concern," it will cover all persons having an insurable interest in the subject-matter at the date of the policy and who were then contemplated by the party procuring the insurance. 2 Parsons Mar. Law, 30.

ON CALL. There is no legal difference between an obligation payable "when demanded" or "on demand" and one payable "on call" or "at any time called for." In each case the debt is payable immediately. Bowman v. McChesney, 22 Grat. (Va.) 609.

ON CONDITION. These words may be construed to mean "on the terms." In order to effectuate the intentions of parties. Meanos v. McKowan, 4 Watts & S. (Pa.) 302.

ON DEFAULT. In case of default; upon failure of stipulated action or performance; upon the occurrence of a failure, omission, or neglect of duty.

ON DEMAND. A promissory note payable "on demand" is a present debt, and is payable without any demand. Young v. Weston, 59 Me. 492; Appeal of Andress, 99 Pa. 421.

ON FILE. Filed; entered or placed upon the files; existing and remaining upon or among the proper files. Slosson v. Hall, 17 Minn. 95 (Gill. 71); Snider v. Methvin, 60 Tex. 487.

ON OR ABOUT. A phrase used in reciting the date of an occurrence or conveyance, to escape the necessity of being bound by the statement of an exact date.

ON OR BEFORE. These words, inserted in a stipulation to do an act or pay money, entitle the party stipulating to perform at any time before the day; and upon performance, or tender and refusal, he is immediately vested with all the rights which would have attached if performance were made on the day. Wall v. Simpson, 6 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 156, 22 Am. Dec. 72.

Once a fraud, always a fraud. 18 Vin. Abr. 539.

ONCE A MORTGAGE, ALWAYS A MORTGAGE. This rule signifies that an instrument originally intended as a mortgage, and not a deed, cannot be converted into anything else than a mortgage by any subsequent clause or agreement.

Once a recompense, always a recompense. 19 Vin. Abr. 277.

ONCE IN JEOPARDY. A phrase used to express the condition of a person charged with crime, who has once already, by legal proceedings, been put in danger of conviction and punishment for the same offense. See Com. v. Fitzpatrick, 121 Pa. 109, 15 Atl. 466, 1 L. R. A. 451, 6 Am. St. Rep. 757.

Once quit and cleared, ever quit and cleared. (Scotch, ans quit and clenched, ay quit and clenched.) Skene, de Verb. Signa. voc. "iter,-" ad fin.

ONCUNNE. L. Fr. Accused. Du Cange.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS CLAUSE. A precautionary stipulation inserted in a deed making a good tenant to the prcipe in a common recovery. See 1 Prest. Conv. 110.

ONE-THIRD NEW FOR OLD. See New for Old.

ONERANDO PRO RATA PORTIONIS. A writ that lay for a joint tenant or tenant in common who was distrained for more rent than his proportion of the land comes to. Reg. Orig. 182.

ONERARI NON. In pleading. The name of a plea, in an action of debt, by which the defendant says that he ought not to be charged.

ONERATIO. Lat. A lading; a cargo.

ONERATUR NISI. See O. Nis.

ONERIS FERENDI. Lat. In the civil law. The servitude of support; a servitude by which the wall of a house is required to sustain the wall or beams of the adjoining house.

ONEROUS. A contract, lease, share, or other right is said to be "onerous" when the obligations attaching to it counter-balance or exceed the advantage to be derived from it, either absolutely or with reference to the particular possessor. Sweet.

As used in the civil law and in the systems derived from it, (French, Scotch, Spanish, Mexican,) the term also means based upon, supported by, or relating to a good and val-
uable consideration, i.e., one which imposes a burden or charge in return for the benefit conferred.

—onerous cause. In Scotch law. A good and legal consideration. —onerous contract. See Contract. —onerous deed. In Scotch law. A deed given for a valuable consideration. Bell.—onor. Gift made subject to certain charges imposed by the donor on the donee. —onerous title. A title acquired by the giving of a valuable consideration, as the payment of money or rendition of services or the performance of conditions or assumption or discharge of liens or charges. Scott v. Ward, 13 Cal. 455; Kidder v. Murray (C. C.) 54 Fed. 617; Noye v. Card, 14 Cal. 376; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 3556.

ONOMASTIC. A term applied to the signature of an instrument, the body of which is in a different handwriting from that of the signature. Best, Dv. 315.

ONROERENDE AND VAST STAAT. Dutch. Immovable and fast estate, that is, land or real estate. The phrase is used in Dutch wills, deeds, and antenuptial contracts of the early colonial period in New York. See Spreker v. Van Alsteyne, 18 Wend. (N. Y.) 208.

ONUS. Lat. A burden or load; a weight. The lading, burden, or cargo of a vessel. A charge; an incumbrance. Cum onere, (q. v.) with the incumbrance.

—onus episcopale. Ancient customary payment from the clergy to their diocesan bishop, of synodals, pentecostals, etc.—onus importandii. The charge of importing merchandise, mentioned in St. 12 Car. II. c. 28.—onus probandi. Burden of proving; the burden of proof. The strict meaning of the term "onus probandi" is that, if no evidence is adduced by the party on whom the burden is cast, the issue must be found against him. Davis v. Rogers, 1 Houst. (Del.) 44.

OPE CONSILIO. Lat. By aid and counsel. A civil law term applied to accessaries, similar in import to the "aiding and abetting" of the common law. Often written "ope et consilio." Burrell.

OPEN, v. To render accessible, visible, or available; to submit or subject to examination, inquiry, or review, by the removal of restrictions or impediments.

—open a case. In practice. To open a case is to begin it; to make an initiatory explanation of its features to the court, jury, referee, etc., by outlining the nature of the transaction on which it is founded, the questions involved, and the character and general course of the evidence to be adduced. —open a commission. To enter upon the duties under a commission, often to deposit with the court the seal or impression by which it was executed, and lay it open to view, or to bring it into court ready for use.—open a judgment. To lift or relax the ban or immunity of conclusiveness which it imposes so as to permit a re-examination of the merits of the action in which it was rendered. This is done at the instance of a party showing good cause why a re-examination of the judgment would be inequitable. It so far annuls the judgment as to prevent its enforcement until the final determination of the controversy, but in the meantime releases its lien upon real estate. See Insurance Co. v. Beale, 110 Pa. 321, 1 Atl. 926.

—open a rule. To restore or recall a rule which has been made absolute to its conditional state, as a rule nisi, so as to readmit of cause being shown against the rule. Thus, when a rule to show cause has been made absolute under a mistake of impression that no cause had been instructed to show cause against it, it is usual for the party at whose instance the rule was ordered to move to have the same re-opened, by which all the proceedings subsequent to the day when cause ought to have been shown against it are in effect nullified, and the rule is then revived and acted upon as if it were a new rule. See Bell.—open a street or highway. To establish it by law and make it passable and available for public travel. See Reed v. Toledo, 13 Ohio; State v. Eldred, 5 Ohio, 161; Wilcoxon v. San Luis Obispo, 101 Cal. 508, 35 Pac. 988; Gaines v. Hudson County Av. Com'rs, 37 N. J. Law, 12.—open bids. To open bids received on a foreclosure or other judicial sale is to reject or cancel them for fraud, mistake, or other cause, and order a resale of the property. Andrews v. Scotton, 2 Bland (Md.) 644.—open the pleadings. To state briefly at a trial before a jury the substance of the pleadings. This is done by the junior counsel for the plaintiff at the commencement of the trial.

OPEN, adj. Patent; visible; apparent; notorious; not clandestine; not closed, settled, fixed, or terminated.

—open bulk. In the mass; exposed to view; not tied or sealed up. In re Sanders (C. C.) 52 Fed. 802, 18 L. R. A. 549.—open court. This term may mean either a court which has been formally opened and declared open for the transaction of its proper judicial business, or a court which is freely open to the approach of all decent and orderly persons in the character of spectators. Hohari v. Hohari, 45 Iowa, 601; Conover v. Bird, 56 N. J. Law, 228, 28 Atl. 428; Ex parte Branch, 63 Ala. 383; Hays v. Railroad Co., 90 Md. 413, 53 Atl. 459.—open doors. In Scotch law. "Letters of open doors" are process which empowers the messenger, or officer of the law, to break open doors of houses or rooms in which the debtor has placed his goods. Bell.—open fields, or meadows. In English law. Fields which are undivided, but not tied or sealed up. In re Sanders (C. C.) 52 Fed. 802, 18 L. R. A. 549.—open season. That portion of the year wherein the laws for the preservation of game and fish are not in operation. If a particular species of game or the taking of a particular variety of fish.—open theft. In Saxon law. The same with the Latin "furias et contrarias." As to open "Account," "Corporation," "Entry," "Inolvency," "Lewdness," "Policy," "Possession," and "Verdict," see those titles.
OPENING. In American practice. The beginning; the commencement; the first address of the counsel.

OPENTIDE. The time after corn is carried out of the fields.

OPERA. A composition of a dramatic kind, set to music and sung, accompanied with musical instruments, and enriched with appropriate costumes, scenery, etc. The house in which operas are represented is termed an "opera-house." Rowland v. Kleber, 1 Pittsb. R. (Pa.) 71.

OPERARIO. Such tenants, under feudal tenures, as held some little portions of land by the duty of performing bodily labor and servile works for their lord.

OPERATIO. One day's work performed by a tenant for his lord.

OPERATION. In general, the exertion of power; the process of operating or mode of action; an effect brought about in accordance with a definite plan. See Little Rock v. Parish, 38 Ark. 166; Fleming Oil Co. v. South Penn Oil Co., 37 W. Va. 653, 17 S. E. 203. In surgical practice, the term is of indefinite import, but may be approximately defined as an act or succession of acts performed upon the body of a patient, for his relief or restoration to normal conditions, either by manipulation or the use of surgical instruments or both, as distinguished from therapeutic treatment by the administration of drugs or other remedial agencies. See Akridge v. Noble, 114 Ga. 949, 41 S. E. 78.


An operation necessarily involving certain facts may be stated without the facts, the operation being an equivalent to a specification of the facts; but, when the facts are not necessarily involved in the inference (a, p., when the inference may be sustained upon either of several distinct phases of fact, neither of which it necessarily involves,) then the facts must be stated. Whart. Ev. § 510.

2. A document prepared by an attorney for his client, embodying his understanding of the law as applicable to a state of facts submitted to him for that purpose.

3. The statement by a judge or court of the decision reached in regard to a cause tried or argued before them, expounding the law as applicable to a state of facts; but, when the facts are not necessarily involved, then the facts must be stated. Whart. Ev. § 510.

—Concurring opinion. An opinion, separate from that which embodies the views and decision of the majority of the court, prepared and filed by a judge who agrees in the general result of the decision, and which either reinforces the majority opinion by the expression of the particular judge's own views or reasoning, or (more commonly) voices his disapproval of the grounds of the decision or the arguments on which it was based, though approving the final result—Dissenting opinion. A separate opinion in which a particular judge announces his dissent from the conclusion held by a majority of the court, and states his own views on the subject of the case—Per curiam opinion. One concurred in by the entire court, but expressed as being "per curiam" or "by the court," without disclosing the name of any particular judge as being its author.
Oportet quod certa res deducatur in donationem. It is necessary that a certain thing be brought into the gift, or made the subject of the conveyance. Bract. fol. 15b.

Oportet quod certa res deducatur in judicium. Jenk. Cent. 84. A thing certain must be brought to judgment.

Oportet quod certa sit res quae vendatur. It is necessary that there should be a certain thing which is sold. To make a valid sale, there must be certainty as to the thing which is sold. Bract. fol. 61b.

Oportet quod certa persone, terrae, et certi status comprehendatur in declaracione usuum. 9 Coke, 9. It is necessary that given persons, lands, and estates should be comprehended in a declaration of uses.

OPIGNERARE. Lat. In the civil law. To pledge. Calvin.

OPPOSER. An officer formerly belonging to the green-wax in the exchequer.

OPPOSITE. An old word for "opponent."

OPPOSITION. In bankruptcy practice. Opposition is the refusal of a creditor to assent to the debtor's discharge under the bankruptcy law.

In French law. A motion to open judgment by default and let the defendant in to a defense.

OPPRESSION. The misdemeanor committed by a public officer, who under color of his office, wrongfully inflicts upon any person any bodily harm, imprisonment, or other injury. 1 Russ. Crimes, 297; Steph. Dig. Crim. Law, 71. See U. S. v. Deer (D. C.) 14 Fed. 597.

OPPRESSOR. A public officer who unlawfully uses his authority by way of oppression, (q. v.)

OPPROBRIUM. In the civil law. Ignominy; infamy; shame.

Optima est legis interpres consuetudo. Custom is the best Interpreter of the law. Dig. 1, 3, 37; Broom, Max. 931; Lofft, 237.

Optima est lex quae minimum reliquit arbitrio judicis; optimum judex qui minimum sibi. That law is the best which leaves least discretion to the discretion of the judge; that judge the best who relies as little as possible to the discretion of the judge, that judge the best who relies as little as possible on his own opinion. Broom, Max. 84; 1 Kent, Comm. 478.

Optionem statuti interpretatric est omnibus particulis ejusdem inspectis ipsum statutum. The best Interpreter of a statute is (all its parts being considered) the statute itself. Wing. Max. p. 239, max. 63; 8 Coke, 1176.

OPTIMACY. Nobility; men of the highest rank.

Optimam esse legem, quae minimum relinquit arbitrio judicis; id quod certitudo ejus prestat. That law is the best which leaves the least discretion to the judge; and this is an advantage which results from its certainty. Bac. Aphorisms, 8.

Optimus interpres rerum usus. Use or usage is the best interpreter of things. 2 Inst. 282; Broom, Max. 917, 930, 931.

Optimus interpretandi modus est sic leges interpretari ut leges legibus concordant. 8 Coke, 169. The best mode of interpretation is so to interpret laws that they may accord with each other.

Optimus legum interpres consuetudo. 4 Inst. 75. Custom is the best Interpreter of the laws.

OPTION. In English ecclesiastical law. A customary prerogative of an archbishop, when a bishop is consecrated by him, to name a clerk or chaplain of his own to be provided for by such suffragan bishop; in lieu of which it is now usual for the bishop to make over by deed to the archbishop, his executors and assigns, the next presentation of such dignity or benefice in the bishop's disposal within that see, as the archbishop himself shall choose, which is therefore called his "option." 1 Bl. Comm. 381; 3 Steph. Comm. 63, 64; Cowell.

In contracts. An option is a privilege existing in one person, for which he has paid money, which gives him the right to buy certain merchandise or certain specified securities from another person, if he chooses, at any time within an agreed period, at a fixed price, or to sell such property to such other person at an agreed price and time. If the option gives the choice of buying or not buying, it is denominated a "call." If it gives the choice of selling or not, it is called a "put." If it is a combination of both these, and gives the privilege of either buying or selling or not, it is called a "straddle" or a "spread eagle." These terms are used on the stock-exchange. See Tenney v. Foote, 85 Ill. 90; Flank v. Jackson, 128 Ind. 424, 28 N. E. 568; Osgood v. Rucker, 75 Iowa, 550, 39 N. W. 887, 1 L. R. A. 655.

OPTIONAL WRIT. In old England practice. That species of original writ, otherwise called a "precipe," which was framed in the alternative, commanding the defend-
ant to do the thing required, or show the rea-
son wherefore he had not done it. 3 Bl.
Comm. 274.

OPUS. Lat. Work; labor; the product
of work or labor.
—*opus locatum.* The product of work let for
use to another; or the hiring out of work
or labor to be done upon a thing.—*opus ma-
ificum.* In old English law. Labor done by
the hands; manual labor; such as making a
hedge, digging a ditch. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 48, § 3.
—*opus novum.* In the civil law. A new
work. By this term was meant something new-
ly built upon land, or taken from a work al-
ready erected. He was said *opus novum fecere
*(to make a new work) who, either by building
or by taking anything away, changed the former
appearance of a work. Dig. 39, 1, 1, 11.

OR. A term used in heraldry, and signi-
fying gold; called "sol" by some heralds
when it occurs in the arms of princes, and
"topaz" or "carbuncle" when borne by peers.
Engravers represent it by an indefinite num-
ber of small points. Wharton.

ORA. A Saxon coin, valued at sixteen
pence, and sometimes at twenty pence.

ORACULUM. In the civil law. The
name of a kind of response or sentence given
to the Roman emperors.

ORAL. Uttered by the mouth or in
words; spoken, not written.
—*oral contract.* One which is partly in
writing and partly depends on spoken words, or
none of which is in writing; one which, in so far as
it has been reduced to writing, is incomplete or expresses only a part of what is intended, but is
completed by spoken words; or one which, origi-
nally written, has afterwards been changed
362; Railway Passenger, etc., Ass'n v. Locomis,
142 Ill. 560, 32 N. E. 424.—*oral pleading.*
Pleading by word of mouth, in the actual presen-
tce of the court. This was the ancient mode of
pleading in England, and continued to the reign of Edward III. Steph. Pl. 23-26.—*oral
testimony.* That which is delivered from the lips of the witness. Bates' Ann. St. Ohio 1864,
§ 5262; Rev. St. Wyo. 1896, § 3794.

ORANDO PRO REGE ET REGNO. An ancient writ which issued, while there
was no standing collect for a sitting parlia-
ment, to pray for the peace and good govern-
ment of the realm.

ORANGEMEN. A party in Ireland who
keep alive the views of William of Orange.
Wharton.

ORATOR. The plaintiff in a cause or
matter in chancery, when addressing or pe-
titioning the court, used to style himself "or-
ator," and, when a woman, "oratrix." But
these terms have long gone into disuse, and the
customary phrases now are "plaintiff" or "petitioner."
In Roman law, the term denoted an advo-
cate.
included in a judgment, is denominated an "order." An application for an order is a motion. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1003; Code N. Y. § 400.

Orders are also issued by subordinate legislative authorities. Such are the English orders in council, or orders issued by the privy council in the name of the king, either in exercise of the royal prerogative or in pursuance of an act of parliament. The rules of court under the judiciary act are grouped together in the form of orders, each order dealing with a particular subject-matter. Sweet.

An order is also an informal bill of exchange or letter of request whereby the party to whom it is addressed is directed to pay or deliver to a person therein named the whole or part of a fund or other property of the person making the order, and which is in the possession of the drawer. See Carr v. Sussemander, 43 W. Va. 155, 34 S. E. 904; People v. Smith, 112 Cal. 192, 70 N. W. 463, 67 Am. St. Rep. 392; State v. Nevins, 23 Vt. 521.

It is further a designation of the person to whom a bill of exchange or negotiable promissory note is to be paid.

It is also used to designate a rank, class, or division of men; as the order of nobles, order of knights, order of priests, etc.

In French law. The name order (ordre) is given to the operation which has for its object to fix the rank of the preferences claimed by the creditors in the distribution of the price [arising from the sale] of an immovable affected by their liens. Dalloz, "Ordre."

—Agreed order. See AGREED.—Charging order. The name bestowed, in English practice, upon an order allowed by St. 1 & 2 Vict. c. 110, § 14, and 3 & 4 Vict. c. 82, to be granted to a judgment creditor, that the property of a bankrupt, whosoever it may be, in the hands of the receiver of the stock of any public company in England, corporate or otherwise, shall (whether standing in the name of the receiver in trust for him) stand charged with the payment of the amount for which judgment shall have been recovered, with interest. 3 Steph. Comm. 117. Staats. Digest of chancery practice. An order made by the court of chancery, in the nature of a decree, upon a motion or petition. Thompson v. McKim, 6 Har. & J. Md. 319; Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co. v. Goshen Sweeper Co., 72 Fed. 545, 19 C. C. A. 25. An order in a chancery suit made on motion or otherwise not at the regular hearing of a cause, and yet not of an interlocutory nature, but finally disposing of the cause, so far as a decree or judgment can have disposed of it. 2 Moxon & Whitley.—Final order. One which either terminates the action itself, or decides matters litigated by the parties, or operates to divest some right; or one which completely disposes of the subject-matter and the rights of the parties. Hobbs v. Beckwith, 6 Ohio St. 254; Entrop v. Williams, 11 Minn. 382 (Gil. 270); State v. Young, 62 Cal. 110, 36 Pac. 182.—General orders. Orders or rules of court, promulgated for the guidance of practitioners in the regulation of procedure in general, or in some general branch of its jurisprudence; as opposed to a rule or an order made in an individual case; the rules of court.—In terlocutory order. "An order, not the cause, but only settles some intervening matter relating to it; as when an order is made, on a motion in chancery, for the plaintiff to have an injunction to quiet his possession till the hearing of the cause. The term 'interlocutory order,' not being final, is interlocutory." Terms de la Ley—Money order. See MONEY.—OR­ der and disposition of goods and chattels. When goods and chattels of a bankrupt, they go to his trustee, and have gone so since the time of James I. Wharton.

A—Order nisi. A—provisional or conditional order, allowing a certain time within which to do some required act, on failure of which the order will be made absolute.—Order of dis­ charge. In England. An order made under the bankruptcy act of 1869, by a court of bank­ ruptcy, the effect of which is to discharge a bankrupt from all debts, claims, or demands provable under the bankruptcy.—Order of fi­ lation. An order made by a court or judge having jurisdiction, fixing the patrieny of a bastard child upon a given man, and requiring him to provide for its support.—Order of re­ vivor. In English practice. An order as of course for the continuance of an abated suit. It superseded the bill of revivor.—Restraint­ing order. In equity practice. An order which may issue upon the filing of an application for a restraining order to forbid the defendant to do the threatened act until a hearing on the application can be had. Though the term is sometimes used as a synonym of "injunction," a restraining order is a proper order which dis­ charge from an injunction, in that the former is intended only as a restraint upon the defendant until the propriety of granting an injunction is determined, and it does no more than restrain the proceedings until such determination. Wetzstein v. Boston, etc., Min. Co., 25 Mont. 135; 43 Pac. 1048; State v. Lichtenberg, 4 Wash. 407, 30 Pac. 716; Riggins v. Thompson, 96 Tex. 154, 71 S. W. 147. In French law, the name bestowed, in English, is sometimes applied to an order restraining the Bank of England, or any public company, from allowing any dealing with some stock or shares specified in the order. It is granted on motion or peti­ tion. Hunt, Eq. p. 216.—Speaking order. An order which contains matter which is ex­ planatory or illustrative of the mere direction which is given by it is sometimes thus called. Duff v. Duff, 101 Cal. 1, 85 Pac. 437.—Stop or­ der. The meaning of a stop order given to a broker is that he is authorized to sell the particular security reaches a specified figure, and then to "stop" the transaction by either selling or buying, as the case may be, as soon as possible. Porter v. Wormser, 94 N. Y. 431.

ORDERS. The directions as to the course and purpose of a voyage given by the owner of the vessel to the captain or master. For other meanings, see ORDER.

ORDERS OF THE DAY. Any member of the English house of commons who wishes to propose any question, or to "move the house," as it is termed, must, in order to give the house due notice of his intention, state the form or nature of his motion on a previous day, and have it entered in a book termed the "order-book;" and the motions so entered, the house arranges, shall be con­ sidered on particular days, and such motions or matters, when the day arrives for their being considered, shall then be termed "orders of the day." Brown. A similar prac­ tice obtains in the legislative bodies of this country.

ORDINANCE. A rule established by authority; a permanent rule of action; a
law or statute. In a more limited sense, the term is used to designate the legislative body of a municipal corporation. Citizens' Gas Co. v. Elwood, 114 Ind. 332, 16 N. E. 324; State v. Swindell, 146 Ind. 527, 45 N. E. 700, 58 Am. St. Rep. 375; Bills v. Goshen, 117 Ind. 221, 20 N. E. 115, 3 L. R. A. 261; State v. Lee, 29 Minn. 445, 13 N. W. 913.

Strictly, a bill or law which might stand with the old law, and did not alter any statute in force at the time, and which became complete by the royal assent on the parliament roll, without any entry on the statute roll. A bill or law which might at any time be amended by the parliament, without any statute. Hale, Com. Law. An ordinance was otherwise distinguished from a statute by the circumstance that the latter required the threefold assent of king, lords, and commons, while an ordinance might be ordained by one or two of these constituent bodies. See 4 Inst. 25.

The name has also been given to certain enactments, more general in their character than ordinary statutes, and serving as organic laws, yet not exactly to be called "constitutions." Such was the "Ordinance for the government of the North-West Territory," enacted by congress in 1787.

ORDINANCE OF THE FOREST. In English law. A statute made touching matters and causes of the forest. 33 & 34 Edw. I.

ORDINANDI LEX. Lat. The law of procedure, as distinguished from the substantial part of the law.

Ordinarius ita dictur quia habet ordinariam jurisdictionem, in jure proprio, et non propter deputationem. Co. Litt. 96. The ordinary is so called because he has an ordinary jurisdiction in his own right, and not a deputed one.

ORDINARY, n. At common law. One who has exempt and immediate jurisdiction in causes ecclesiastical. Also a bishop; and an archbishop is the ordinary of the whole province, to visit and receive appeals from inferior jurisdictions. Also a commissary or official of a bishop or other ecclesiastical judge having judicial power; an archdeacon; officer of the royal household. Wharton.

In American law. A judicial officer, in several of the states, clothed by statute with powers in regard to wills, probate, administration, guardianship, etc.

In Scotch law. A single judge of the court of session, who decides with or without a jury, as the case may be. Brande.

In the civil law. A judge who has authority to take cognizance of causes in his own right, and not by deputation. Murdock v. Beath, 1 Mill, Const. (S. C.) 269. —Ordinary of Newgate. The clergyman who is attendant upon condemned malefactors in that prison to prepare them for death; he records the behavior of such persons. Formerly it was the custom of the ordinary to publish a small pamphlet upon the execution of any remarkable criminal. Wharton. —Ordinary of assize and sessions. In old English law. A deputy of the bishop of the diocese, anciently appointed to give malefactors their neck-verses, and judge whether they read or not; also to perform divine services for them, and assist in preparing them for death. Wharton.

ORDINARY, adj. Regular; usual; common; not characterized by peculiar or unusual circumstances; belonging to, exercised by, or characteristic of, the normal or average individual. See Zulich v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 83; Chicago & A. R. Co. v. House, 173 Ill. 601, 50 N. E. 151; Jones v. Angell, 96 Ind. 376. —Ordinary conveyances. Those deeds of transfer which are entered into between two or more persons, without an assurance in a superior court of justice. Wharton. —Ordinary course of business. The transaction of business according to the usages and customs of the commercial world generally or of the particular community (in some cases) of the particular individual whose acts are considered. See Rison v. Knapp, 20 Fed. Cas. 835; Christianson v. Farmers' Warehouse Ass'ns, 5 L. R. A. 438; 67 N. W. 500, 22 L. R. A. 730; In re Dibblee, 1 Fed. Cas. 654. —Ordinary repairs. Such as are necessary to make good the usual wear and tear or natural and unavoidable decay and keep the property in good condition. See Abell v. Brady, 79 Md. 94, 28 Atl. 817; Brennan v. Troy, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 421; Clark Civil Tp. v. Brookshire, 114 Ind. 437, 16 N. E. 132. —Ordinary seaman. A sailor who is capable of performing the ordinary or routine duties of a seaman, but who is not yet so proficient in the knowledge and practice of all the various duties of a sailor as to be rated as an "able" seaman. —Ordinary skill in an art, means that degree of skill which men engaged in that particular art usually employ; not that which belongs to a few men only, of extraordinary endowments and capacities. Baltimore Baseball Club Co. v. Pickett, 78 Md. 375, 28 Atl. 279, 22 L. R. A. 690, 44 Am. St. Rep. 304; Waugh v. Shunk, 20 Pa. 139. As to ordinary "Care," "Diligence," "Negligence," see those titles.

ORDINATION is the ceremony by which a bishop confers on a person the privileges and powers necessary for the execution of sacerdotal functions in the church. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 110.

ORDINATIONE CONTRA SERVIENTES. A writ that lay against a servant for leaving his master contrary to the ordinance of St. 23 & 24 Edw. III. Reg. Orig. 189.

ORDINATUM EST. In old practice. It is ordered. The initial words of rules of court when entered in Latin.

Ordine placitandi servato, servatur et jus. When the order of pleading is observed, the law also is observed. Co. Litt. 203a; Broom, Max. 188.

ORDINES. A general chapter or other solemn convention of the religious of a particular order.
ORDINES MAJORES ET MINORES.

In ecclesiastical law. The holy orders of priest, deacon, and subdeacon, any of which qualified for presentation and admission to an ecclesiastical dignity or cure were called "ordines majores;" and the inferior orders of chanters, psalmists, ostiary, reader, exorcist, and acolyte were called "ordines minores." Persons ordained to the ordines minores had their prima tonsura, different from the tonsura clericius. Cowell.

ORDINIS BENEFICIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The benefit or privilege of order; the privilege which a squire for a debtor had of requiring that his principal should be discussed, or thoroughly prosecuted, before the creditor could resort to him. Nov. 4, c. 1; Heinecc. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 21, § 883.

ORDINUM FUGITIVI. In old English law. Those of the religious who deserted their houses, and, throwing off the habits, renounced their particular order in contempt of their oath and other obligations. Paroch. Antiq. 388.

ORDO. Lat. That rule which monks were obliged to observe. Order; regular succession. An order of a court.

—Ordo albus. The white friars or Augustines. Du Cange. —Ordo attachamentorum. In old practice. The order of attachments. Fleeta, lib. 2, c. 51, § 12.—Ordo grisens. The gray friars, or order of Cistercians. Du Cange. —Ordo judiciorum. In the canon law. The order of judgments; the rule by which the due course of hearing each cause was prescribed. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 17.—Ordo niger. The black friars, or Benedictines. Du Cange.

ORDONNANCE. Fr. In French law, an ordinance; an order of a court; a compilation or systematized body of law relating to a particular subject-matter, as, commercial law or maritime law. Particularly, a compilation of the law relating to prizes and captures at sea. See Cooleidge v. Inglese, 13 Mass. 43.

ORE-LEAVE. A license or right to dig and take ore from land. Ege v. Kille, 84 Pa. 340.

ORE TENUS. Lat. By word of mouth; orally. Pleading was anciently carried on ore tenus, at the bar of the court. 3 Bl. Comm. 293.

ORFGILD. In Saxon law. The price or value of a beast. A payment for a beast. The payment or forfeiture of a beast. A penalty for taking away cattle. Spelman.

ORGANIC ACT. An act of congress conferring powers of government upon a territory. In re Lane, 135 U. S. 443, 10 Sup. Ct. 760, 34 L. Ed. 219.

ORGANIC LAW. The fundamental law, or constitution, of a state or nation, written or unwritten; that law or system of laws or principles which defines and establishes the organization of its government. St. Louis v. Dorr, 145 Mo. 466, 46 S. W. 976, 42 L. R. A. 688, 68 Am. St. Rep. 575.

ORGANIZE. To establish or furnish with organs; to systematize; to put into working order; to arrange in order for the normal exercise of its appropriate functions. The word "organize," as used in railroad and other charters, ordinarily signifies the choice and qualification of all necessary officers for the transaction of the business of the corporation. This is usually done after all the capital stock has been subscribed for. New Haven & D. R. Co. v. Chapman, 38 Conn. 66.

ORGANIZED COUNTY. A county which has its lawful officers, legal machinery, and means for carrying out the powers and duties of their office. Du Cange. —Original bill. In equity pleading. A bill which relates to something not before litigated in the court by the same persons standing in the same interests. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 33; Longworth v. Stupanchuck, 14 Ohio St. 173; Rogers v. Russell, 14 Wall. 69, 20 L. Ed. 762. In old practice. The ancient mode of commencing actions in the English court of king's bench. See BILL.—Original charter. In Scotch law. One by which the first grant of land is made. On the other hand, a charter by progress is one renewing the grant in favor of the heir or singular successor of the first or succeeding vassals. Bell.—Original conveyances. Those conveyances at common law, otherwise termed "primary," by which a benefit or estate is created or first arises; comprising feoffments, gifts, grants, leases, exchanges, and partitions. 2 Bl. Comm. 308.—Original entry. The first entry of an item of an account made by a trader or other person in his account-books, as distinguished from entries posted into the ledger or copied from other books.—Original estates. See ESTATE.—Original evidence. See EVIDENCE.—Original inventor. In patent law, a pioneer in the art; one who evolves the original idea and brings it to some successful, useful and tangible result; as distinguished from an improver. Norton v. Jensen, 90 Fed. 415, 32 Dak. 657. —Original jurisdiction. See JURISDICTION.—Original package. A package prepared for interstate or foreign transportation, and remaining in the same condition when it left the shipper, that is, unbroken and undivided; a package of such form

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and size as is used by producers or shippers for the purpose of securing both convenience in handling and security in transportation of merchandise between dealers in the ordinary course of actual commerce. Austin v. Tennessee, 179 U. S. 343, 21 Sup. Ct. 132, 45 L. Ed. 224; Haley v. State, 42 Neb. 556, 60 N. W. 962, 47 Am. St. Rep. 718; State v. Winters, 44 Kan. 279, 55 Pac. 255, 10 L. R. A. 616.—Original process. See Process.—Original writ. See Writ.—Single original. An original instrument which is executed singly, and not in duplicate.

ORIGINALIA. In English law. Transcripts sent to the remembrancer’s office in the exchequer out of the chancery, distinguished from records, which contain the judgments and pleadings in actions tried before the barons.

Origine propria neminem posse volunatur sua eximia manifestum est. It is evident that no one is able of his own pleasure, to do away with his proper origin. Code 10, 38, 4; Broom, Max. 77.

Origo rei inspici debet. The origin of a thing ought to be regarded Co. Litt. 2480.

ORNEST. In old English law. The trial by battle, which does not seem to have been usual in England before the time of the Conqueror, though originating in the kingdoms of the north, where it was practiced under the name of “holmgang,” from the custom of fighting duels on a small island or holm. Wharton.

ORPHAN. Any person (but particularly a minor or infant) who has lost both (or one) of his or her parents. More particularly, a fatherless child. Soohan v. Philadelphia, 33 Pa. 24; Poston v. Young, 7 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 501; Chicago Guaranty Fund Life Soc. v. Wheeler, 79 Ill. App. 241; Steward v. Morrison, 38 Miss. 419; Downing v. Shoenberger, 9 Watts (Pa.) 299.

ORPHANAGE PART. That portion of the intestate’s effects which his children were entitled to by the custom of London. This custom appears to have been a remnant of what was once a general law all over England, namely, that a father should not by his will bequeath the entirety of his personal land, namely, that a father should not by what was once a general law all over England, custom appears to have been a remnant of what was once a general law all over England. This custom was abolished by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 94. Brown.

ORPHANOTROPHI. In the civil law. Managers of houses for orphans.

ORPHANS’ COURT. In American law. Courts of probate jurisdiction, in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

ORTELLI. The claws of a dog’s foot. Kitch.

ORTOLAGIUM. A garden plot or hortillage.

ORWIGE, SINE WITÀ. In old English law. Without war or feud, such security being provided by the laws, for homicides under certain circumstances, against the fæth, or deadly feud, on the part of the family of the slain. Anc. Inst. Eng.

OSTENDIT VOBIS. Lat. In old pleading. Shows to you. Formal words with which a demandant began his count. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 38, § 2.

OSTENSIBLE AGENCY. An implied or presumptive agency, which exists where one, either intentionally or from want of ordinary care, induces another to believe that a third person is his agent, though he never in fact employed him. Bibb v. Bancroft (Cal.) 22 Pac. 484; First Nat. Bank v. Elevator Co., 11 N. D. 280, 91 N. W. 437.

OSTENSIBLE PARTNER. A partner whose name is made known and appears to the world as a partner, and who is in reality such. Story, Partn. § 80.

OSTENSIO. A tax anciently paid by merchants, etc., for leave to show or expose their goods for sale in markets. Du Cange.

OSTENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A monstrous or prodigious birth. Dig. 50, 16, 38.

OSTEOPATHY. A method or system of treating various diseases of the human body without the use of drugs, but manipulation applied to various nerve centers, rubbing, pulling, and kneading parts of the body, flexing and manipulating the limbs, and the mechanical readjustment of any bones, muscles, or ligaments not in the normal position, with a view to removing the cause of the disorder and aiding the restorative force of nature in cases where the trouble originated in misplacement of parts, irregular nerve action, or defective circulation. Whether the practice of osteopathy is “practice of medicine,” and whether a school of osteopathy is a “medical college,” within the meaning of statutes, the courts have not determined. See Little v. State, 60 Neb. 749, 84 N. W. 248, 51 L. R. A. 717; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 108 Ky. 769, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 383; State v. Liffring, 61 Ohio St. 38, 55 N. E. 128, 76 Am. St. Rep. 358; Parks v. State, 139 Ind. 211, 64 N. E. 892, 59 L. R. A. 190.

OSTIUM ECCLESIE.

OSTIUM ECCLESIE. Lat. In old English law. The door or porch of the church, where dower was anciently conferred.

OSWALD'S LAW. The law by which was effected the ejection of married priests, and the introduction of monks into churches, by Oswald, bishop of Worcester, about A. D. 964. Wharton.

OSWALD'S LAW HUNDRED. An ancient hundred in Worcestershire, so called from Bishop Oswald, who obtained it from King Edgar, to be given to St. Mary's Church in Worcester. It was exempt from the sheriff's jurisdiction, and comprehends 300 hides of land. Camd. Brit.

OTER LA TOUAILLE. In the laws of Oleron. To deny a seaman his mess. Literally, to deny the table-cloth or victuals for three meals.

OTHERWISE. In Saxon law. Oathsworth; oathworthy; worthy or entitled to make oath. Bract. fols. 185, 292b.

OUTH. This word, though generally directory only, will be taken as mandatory if the context requires it. Life Ass'n v. St. Louis County Assessors, 49 Mo. 518.

OUNCE. The twelfth part; the twelfth ounce of an ounce of silver.

OURLOP. The heriwite or fine paid to the lord by the inferior tenant when his daughter was debauched. Cowell.

OUST. To put out; to eject; to remove or deprive; to deprive of the possession or enjoyment of an estate or franchise.


Actual ouster. By "actual ouster" is not meant a physical eviction, but a possession attended with such circumstances as to evince a claim of exclusive right and title, and a denial of the right of the other tenants to participate in the profits. Burns v. Byrne, 45 Iowa, 257.

OUSTER LE MAIN. L. Fr. Literally, out of the hand.

1. A delivery of lands out of the king's hands by judgment given in favor of the petitioner in a monstrans de droit.

2. A delivery of the ward's lands out of the hands of the guardian, on the former arriving at the proper age, which was twenty-one in males, and sixteen in females. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24. Mozley & Whitley.

OUT OF COURT. He who has no legal status in court is said to be "out of court," i.e., he is not before the court. Thus, when the plaintiff in an action, by some act of omission or commission, shows that he is unable to maintain his action, he is frequently said to put himself "out of court." Brown.

The phrase is also used with reference to agreements and transactions in regard to a pending suit which are arranged or take place between the parties or their counsel privately and without being referred to the judge or court for authorization or approval. Thus, a case which is compromised, settled, and withdrawn by private agreement of the parties, after its institution, is said to be settled "out of court." So attorneys may make agreements with reference to the conduct of a suit or the course of proceedings therein; but if these are made "out of court," that is, not made in open court or with the approval of the judge, it is a general rule that they will not be noticed by the court unless reduced to writing. See Welsh v. Blackwell, 14 N. J. Law, 345.

OUT OF TERM. At a time when no term of the court is being held; in the vacation or interval which elapses between terms of the court. See McNell v. Hodges, 90 N. C. 248, 6 S. E. 127.

OUT OF THE STATE. In reference to rights, liabilities, or jurisdictions arising out of the common law, this phrase is equivalent to "beyond sea," which see. In other connections, it means physically beyond the territorial limits of the particular state in question, or constructively so, as in the case of a foreign corporation. See Paw v. Robert- deau, 3 Cranch, 177, 2 L. Ed. 402; Foster v. Givens, 67 Fed. 684, 14 C. C. A. 625; Meyer v. Roth, 51 Cal. 552; Yaost v. Willis, 9 Ind. 550; Larson v. Aultman & Taylor Co., 80 Wis. 251, 56 N. W. 915, 39 Am. St. Rep. 893.

OUT OF TIME. A mercantile phrase applied to a ship or vessel that has been so long at sea as to justify the belief of her total loss.

In another sense, a vessel is said to be
OUIAGE. A tax or charge formerly imposed by the state of Maryland for the inspection and marking of hogsheds of tobacco intended for export. See Turner v. Maryland, 107 U. S. 38, 2 Sup. Ct. 44, 27 L. Ed. 370; Turner v. State, 55 Md. 264.

OUTCROP. In mining law. The edge of a stratum which appears at the surface of the ground; that portion of a vein or lode which appears at the surface or immediately under the soil and surface debris. See Duggan v. Davey, 4 Duk. 110, 26 N. W. 887; Stevens v. Williams, 23 Fed. Cas. 40.

OUTER BAR. In the English courts, barristers at law have been divided into two classes, viz., king's counsel, who are admitted within the bar of the courts, in seats specially reserved for themselves, and junior counsel, who sit without the bar; and the latter are thence frequently termed barristers of the "outer bar," or "utter bar," in contradistinction to the former class. Brown.

OUTER HOUSE. The name given to the great hall of the parliament house in Edinburgh, in which the lords ordinary of the court of session sit as single judges to hear causes. The term is used colloquially as expressive of the business done there in contradistinction to the "Inner House," the name given to the chambers in which the first and second divisions of the court of session hold their sittings. Bell.

OUTFANTHER. A liberty or privilege in the ancient common law, whereby a lord was enabled to call any man dwelling in his manor, and taken for felony in another place out of his fee, to judgment in his own court. Du Cange.

OUTFIT. 1. An allowance made by the United States government to one of its diplomatic representatives going abroad, for the expense of his equipment.

OUTLAND. The Saxon thanes divided their hereditary lands into inland, such as lay nearest their dwelling, which they kept to their own use, and outland, which lay beyond the demesnes, and was granted out to tenants, at the will of the lord, like copyhold estates. This outland they subdivided into two parts. One part they disposed among those who attended their persons, called "theodans," or lesser thanes; the other part they allotted to their husbandmen, or churls. Jacob.

OUTLAW. In English law. One who is put out of the protection or aid of the law.

OUTLAWED, when applied to a promissory note, means barred by the statute of limitations. Drew v. Drew; 37 Me. 389.

OUTLAWRY. In English law. A process by which a defendant or person in contempt on a civil or criminal process was declared an outlaw. If for treason or felony, it amounted to conviction and attainder. Stimpson, Law Glossary. See Respublica v. Doan, 1 Dall. (Pa.) 82, 1 L. Ed. 47; Dale County v. Gunter, 46 Ala. 338; Drew v. Drew, 37 Me. 381.

OUTLOT. In early American land law, (particularly in Missouri,) a lot or parcel of land lying outside the corporate limits of a town or village but subject to its municipal jurisdiction or control. See Kissell v. St. Louis Public Schools, 16 Mo. 592; St. Louis v. Toney, 21 Mo. 243; Eberle v. St. Louis Public Schools, 11 Mo. 265; Vasquez v. Ewing, 42 Mo. 260.

OUTPARTERS. Stealers of cattle. Cowell.

OUTPUTERS. Such as set watches for the robbing any manor-house. Cowell.

OUTRAGE. Injurious violence, or, in general, any species of serious wrong offered to the person, feelings, or rights of another. See McKinley v. Railroad Co., 44 Iowa, 314, 24 Am. Rep. 748; Aldrich v. Howard, 8 R. I. 246; Mosnat v. Snyder, 105 Iowa, 500, 75 N. W. 506.

OUTRIDERS. In English law. Bailiff's errant employed by sheriffs or their deputies to ride to the extremities of their counties or hundreds to summon men to the county or hundred court. Wharton.
OUTROPER. A person to whom the business of selling by auction was confined by statute. 2 H. Bl. 557.

OUTSETTER. In Scotch law. Publisher. 3 How. State Tr. 603.

OUTSTANDING. 1. Remaining undischarged; unpaid; unclebbected; as an outstanding debt.
2. Existing as an adverse claim or pretension; not united with, or merged in, the title or claim of the party; as an outstanding title.

- Outstanding term. A term in gross at law, which, in equity, may be made attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or by implication.

OUTSUCKEN MULTURES. In Scotch law. Out-town multures; multures, duties, or tolls paid by persons voluntarily grinding corn at any mill to which they are not thirled, or bound by tenure. 1 Forb. Inst. pt 2, p. 140

OUVERTURE DES SUCCESSIONS. In French law. The right of succession which arises to one upon the death, whether natural or civil, of another.

OVE. L. Fr. With. Modern French avec.

OVELL. L. Fr. Equal.

OVELTY. In old English law. Equality.

OVER. In conveyancing, the word “over” is used to denote a contingent limitation intended to take effect on the failure of a prior estate. Thus, in what is commonly called the “name and arms clause” in a will or settlement there is generally a proviso that if the devisee fails to comply with the condition the estate is to go to some one else. This is a limitation or gift over. Wats. Comp. Eq. 1110; Sweet.

OVER SEA. Beyond the sea; outside the limits of the state or country. See Gustin v. Brattle, Kirby (Conn.) 300. See Beyond Sea.

OVERCYTED, or OVERCYHSED. Proved guilty or convicted. Blount.

OVERDRAW. To draw upon a person or a bank, by bills or checks, to an amount in excess of the funds remaining to the drawer's credit with the drawer, or to an amount greater than what is due.
The term “overdraw” has a definite and well-understood meaning. Money is drawn from the bank by him who draws the check, not by him who receives the money; and it is drawn upon the account of the individual by whose check it is drawn, though it be paid to and for the benefit of another. No one can draw money from bank upon his own account, except by means of his own check or draft, nor can he overdraw his account with the bank in any other manner. State v. Stimson, 25 N. J. Law, 478, 454.

OVERDUDE. A negotiable instrument or other evidence of debt is overdue when the day of its maturity is past and it remains unpaid. Camp v. Scott, 14 Vt 357; La Due v. First Nat. Bank, 31 Minn. 33, 16 N. W. 426. A vessel is said to be overdue when she has not reached her destination at the time when she might ordinarily have been expected to arrive.

OVERHAUL. To inquire into; to review; to disturb. “The merits of a judgment can never be overhauled by an original suit.” 2 H. Bl. 414.

OVERHERNISSA. In Saxon law. Contumacy or contempt of court Leg. Ethel. c. 25.

OVERISSUE. To issue in excessive quantity; to issue in excess of fixed legal limits. Thus, “overissued stock” of a private corporation is capital stock issued in excess of the amount limited and prescribed by the charter or certificate of incorporation. See Hayden v. Charter Oak Driving Park, 63 Conn. 142, 27 Atl. 232.

OVERLIVE. To survive; to live longer than another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, no. 58; 1 Leon. 1.

OVERPLUS. What is left beyond a certain amount; the residue; the remainder of a thing. Lyon v. Tomkies, 1 Mees. & W. 603; Page v. Leapingwell, 18 Ves. 466.

OVERREACHING CLAUSE. In a resettlement, a clause which saves the powers of sale and leasing annexed to the estate for life created by the original settlement, when it is desired to give the tenant for life the same estate and powers under the resettlement. The clause is so called because it provides that the resettlement shall be overreached by the exercise of the old powers. If the resettlement were executed without a provision to this effect, the estate of the tenant for life and the annexed powers would be subject to any charges for portions, etc, created under the original settlement. 3 Dav. Conv. 489; Sweet.

OVERRULE. To supersede; annul; reject by subsequent action or decision. A judicial decision is said to be overruled when a later decision, rendered by the same court or by a superior court in the same system, expresses a judgment upon the same question of law directly opposite to that which was before given, thereby depriving the earlier opinion of all authority as a precedent. The term is not properly applied to conflicting decisions on the same point by co-ordinate or independent tribunals.
In another sense, "overrule" is spoken of the action of a court in refusing to sustain, or recognize as sufficient, an objection made in the course of a trial, as to the introduction of particular evidence, etc.

OVERSAMESSA. In old English law. A forfeiture for contempt or neglect in not pursuing a malfeasor. 3 Inst. 118.

OVERSEER. A superintendent or supervisor; a public officer whose duties involve general supervision of routine affairs.

—Overseers of highways. The name given, in some of the states, to a board of officers of a township, or county, whose special function is the construction and repair of the public roads or highways.—Overseers of the poor. Persons appointed or elected to take care of the poor with moneys furnished to them by the public authority.

OVERMAN. In Scotch law. An umpire appointed by a submission to decide where two arbiters have differed in opinion, or he is named by the arbiters themselves, pursuant to a submission to decide in action, as distinguished from that which rests merely in intention or design.

—Market overt. See Market.—Overt act. In criminal law. An open, manifest act from which criminality may be implied. An open act, which must be manifestly proved. 3 Inst. 12. An overt act essential to establish an attempt is one done to carry out the intention, and it must be such as would naturally effect that result unless prevented by some extraneous cause. People v. Mills, 175 N. Y. 274, 70 N. E. 786, 67 L. R. A. 131. In reference to the crime of treason, and the provision of the federal constitution that a person shall not be convicted thereof unless on the testimony of two witnesses to the same "overt act," the term means a step, motion, or action really taken in the execution of a treasonable purpose, as distinguished from mere words, and also from a treasonable sentiment, design, or purpose not issuing in action.—Overt word. An open, plain word, not to be misunderstood. Cowell.

OVERTURE. An opening; a proposal.

OWELTY. Equality. This word is used in law in several compound phrases, as follows:

1. Owelty of partition is a sum of money paid by one of two caparceners or co-tenants to the other, when a partition has been effected between them, but the land not being susceptible of division into exactly equal shares, such payment is required to make the portions respectively assigned to them of equal value.

2. In the feudal law, when there is lord, mesne, and tenant, and the tenant holds the mesne by the same service that the mesne holds over the lord above him, this was called "owelty of services." Tomlins.

3. Owelty of exchange is a sum of money given, when two persons have exchanged lands, by the owner of the less valuable estate to the owner of the more valuable, to equalize the exchange.

OWING. Something unpaid. A debt, for example, is owing while it is unpaid, and whether or not it be satisfied not. Cohan v. Bank of Kansas City, 12 Mo. App. 261; Muselman v. Wise, 84 Ind. 248; Jones v. Thompson, 1 El., Bl. & El. 64.

OWLERS. In English law. Persons who carried wool, etc., to the sea-side by night, in order that it might be shipped off contrary to law. Jacob.

OWLING. In English law. The offense of transporting wool or sheep out of the kingdom; so called from its being usually carried on in the night. 4 Bl. Comm. 154.


He who has dominion of a thing, real or personal, corporeal or incorporeal, which he has a right to enjoy and do with as he pleases, even to spoil or destroy it, as far as the law permits, unless he be prevented by some agreement or covenant which restrains his right. Bouvier.

—Equitable owner. One who is recognized in equity as the owner of property, because the real and beneficial use and title belong to him, although the bare legal title is vested in another, e. g., a trustee for his benefit.—General owner. The general owner of a thing is he who has the primary or residuary title to it; as distinguished from a special owner, who has a special interest in the thing, amounting to a qualified ownership, such, for example, as a bailee's lien. Farmers & Mechanics' Nat. Bank v. Logan (N. Y.) 105 N. Y. 490.—Joint owners. Two or more persons who jointly own and hold title to property, e. g., joint tenants.—Legal owner. One who is recognized and held responsible by the law as the owner of property; in a more particular sense, one in whom the legal title to real estate is vested, but who holds it in trust for the benefit of another, e. g., the latter being called the "equitable" owner.—Part owners. Joint owners; co-owners; those who have shares of ownership in the same thing, particularly a vessel.—Reputed owner. He who has the general credit or reputation of being the owner or proprietor of goods is said to be the reputed owner. See Santa Cruz Rock Pav. Co. v. Lyons (Cal.) 43 Pac. 601. This phrase is chiefly used in English bankruptcy practice, where the bankrupt is styled the "reputed owner" of goods lawfully in his possession, though the real owner may be another person. The word "reputed" has a much weaker sense than its derivation would appear to warrant; importing merely a supposition or opinion derived or made up from outward appearances, and often unsupported by fact. The term "reputed" is employed consequently in this sense. 2 Steph. Comm. 206.—Riparian owner. See Riparian.—Special owner. One who has a special interest in an article of property, such as a bailee's lien; as distinguished from the general owner, who has the primary or residuary title to the same thing. Frazier v. State, 18 Tex. App. 441.
OWNERSHIP. The complete dominion, title, or proprietary right in a thing or claim. See Property.

The ownership of a thing is the right of one or more persons to possess and use it to the exclusion of others. In this Code, the thing of which there may be ownership is called "property." Civ. Code Cal. § 654.

Ownership is the right by which a thing belongs to some one in particular, to the exclusion of all other persons. Civ. Code La. art. 488.

Ownership is divided into perfect and imperfect. Ownership is perfect when it is perpetual, and when the thing is unincumbered with any real right towards any other person than the owner. On the contrary, ownership is imperfect when it is to terminate at a certain time or on a condition, or if the thing which is the object of it, being an immovable, is charged with any real right towards a third person; as a usufruct, use, or servitude. When an immovable is subject to a usufruct, the owner of it is said to possess the naked ownership. Civ. Code La. art. 490; Maestri v. Board of Assessors, 110 La. 517, 34 South. 658.

OXFILD. A restitution anciently made by a hundred or county for any wrong done by one that was within the same. Lamb. Arch. 125.


OYER. In old practice. Hearing; the hearing a deed read, which a party sued on a bond, etc., might pray or demand, and it was then read to him by the other party; the entry on the record being, "et et legiatur in haec verba," (and it is read to him in these words.) Steph. Pl. 67, 68; 3 Bl. Comm. 299; 3 Salk. 119.

In modern practice. A copy of a bond or specialty sued upon, given to the opposite party, in lieu of the old practice of reading it.

OYER AND TERMINER. A half French phrase applied in England to the assizes, which are so called from the commission of oyer and terminer directed to the judges, empowering them to "inquire, hear, and determine" all treasons, felonies, and misdemeanors. This commission is now issued regularly, but was formerly used only on particular occasions, as upon sudden outbreak or insurrection in any place. In the United States, the higher criminal courts are called "courts of oyer and terminer." Burrill.

OYER DE RECORD. A petition made in court that the judges, for better proof's sake, will hear or look upon any record. Cowell.

OYEZ. Hear ye. A word used in courts by the public crier to command attention when a proclamation is about to be made. Commonly corrupted into "O yes."
P. An abbreviation for "page;" also for "Paschalis," (Easter term,) in the Year Books, and for numerous other words of which it is the initial.


P. H. V. An abbreviation for "pro hac vice," for this turn, for this purpose or occasion.

P. J. An abbreviation for "president" (or presiding) "judge," (or justice.)

P. L. An abbreviation for "Pamphlet Laws" or "Public Laws."

P. M. An abbreviation for "postmaster;" also for "post-meridian," afternoon.

P. O. An abbreviation of "post-offlce."

P. P. An abbreviation for "propria persona," in his proper person, in his own person.

P. S. An abbreviation for "Public Statutes;" also for "postscript."

PAAGE. In old English law. A toll for passage through another's land. The same as "pedage."

PACARE. L. Lat To pay.

PACATIO. Payment. Mat. Par. A. D. 1248.

PACE. A measure of length containing two feet and a half, being the ordinary length of a step.

PACEATUR. Lat Let him be freed or discharged.

Paci sunt maxime contraria vis et injuria. Co. Litt. 161. Violence and injury are the things chiefly hostile to peace.

PACIFICATION. The act of making peace between two hostile or belligerent states; re-establishment of public tranquility.

PACK. To put together in sorts with a fraudulent design. To pack a jury is to use unlawful, improper, or deceitful means to have the jury made up of persons favorably disposed to the party so contriving, or who have been or can be improperly influenced to give the verdict he seeks. The term imports the improper and corrupt selection of a jury sworn and impaneled for the trial of a cause. Mix v. Woodward, 12 Conn. 289.

PACK OF WOOL. A horse load, which consists of seventeen stone and two pounds, or two hundred and forty pounds weight. Fleta, l. 2, c. 12; Cowell.

PACKAGE. A package means a bundle put up for transportation or commercial handling; a thing in form to become, as such, an article of merchandise or delivery from hand to hand. A parcel is a small package; "parcel" being the diminutive of "package." Each of the words denotes a thing in form suitable for transportation or handling, or sale from hand to hand. U. S. v. Goldback, 1 Hughes, 529, Fed. Cas. No. 15,222; Haley v. State, 42 Neb. 556, 60 N. W. 982, 47 Am. St. Rep. 718; State v. Parsons, 124 Mo. 436, 27 S. W. 1102, 46 Am. St. Rep. 457.

"Package," in old English law, signifies one of various duties charged in the port of London on the goods imported and exported by aliens, or by denizens the sons of aliens. Tomlins.

—Original package. See Original.

PACKED PARCELS. The name for a consignment of goods, consisting of one large parcel made up of several small ones, (each bearing a different address,) collected from different persons by the immediate consignor, (a carrier,) who unites them into one for his own profit, at the expense of the railway by which they are sent, since the railway company would have been paid more for the carriage of the parcels singly than together. Wharton.

PACT. A bargain; compact; agreement. This word is used in writings on Roman law and on general jurisprudence as the English form of the Latin "pactum," (which see.) —Nude pact. A translation of the Latin "nudum pactum," a bare or naked pact, that is, a promise or agreement made without any consideration on the other side, which is therefore not enforceable.—Pact de non alienando. An agreement not to alienate incumbered (particularly mortgaged) property. This stipulation, sometimes found in mortgages made in Louisiana, and derived from the Spanish law, binds the mortgagor not to sell or incumber the mortgaged premises to the prejudice of the mortgagee; it does not avoid a sale made to a third person, but enables the mortgagee to proceed directly against the mortgaged property in a proceeding against the mortgagor alone and without notice to the purchaser. See Dodds v. Lansaux, 45 La. Ann. 287, 12 South. 345.

Pacta conventa quae neque contra leges neque dole malo imita sunt omn modo observanda sunt. Agreements which are not contrary to the laws nor entered in-
to with a fraudulent design are in all respects to be observed. Cod. 2, 3, 39; Broom, Max. 698, 732.

**Pacta dant legem contractui.** Hob. 118. The stipulations of parties constitute the law of the contract.

**Pacta privata juri publico derogare non possunt.** 7 Coke, 23. Private compacts cannot derogate from public right.

**Pacta que contra leges constitutionesque, vel contra bonos mores sunt, nullam vim habere, indubitati juris est.** That contracts which are made against law or against good morals have no force is a principle of undoubted law. Cod. 2, 3, 6.

**Pacta que turpem causam continent non sunt observanda.** Agreements founded upon an immoral consideration are not to be observed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 4; Broom, Max. 732.

**PACTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. A bargaining or agreeing of which pactum (the agreement itself) was the result. Calvin. It is used, however, as the synonym of "pactum."

**PACTIONAL.** Relating to or generating an agreement; by way of bargain or covenant.

**PACTIONS.** In international law. Contracts between nations which are to be performed by a single act, and of which execution is at an end at once. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 100.

**Pactis privatorum juri publico non derogatur.** Private contracts do not derogate from public law. Broom, Max. 695

**PACTIONAL. Lat. In the civil law. A**

**PACTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A**

**PAINTINGS. It is held that colored imitations of rugs and carpets and colored working designs, each of them valuable and designed by skilled persons and hand painted, but having no value as works of art, are not "paintings," within the meaning of that term as used in a statute on the liability of carriers. 3 Ex. Div. 121.

**PAIRING-OFF.** In the practice of legislative bodies, this is the name given to a species of negative proxies, by which two members, who belong to opposite parties or are on opposite sides with respect to a given question, mutually agree that they will both be absent from voting, either for a specified period or when a division is had on the particular question. By this mutual agreement a vote is neutralized on each side of the
question, and the relative numbers on the division are precisely the same as if both members were present. May, Parl. Pr. 370.

PAIS, PAYS. Fr. The country; the neighborhood. A trial per pais signifies a trial by the country; that is, by jury. An assurance by matter in pais is an assurance transacted between two or more private persons "in the country;" that is, upon the very spot to be transferred. Matter in pais signifies matter of fact, probably because matters of fact are triable by the country; i. e., by jury; estoppels in pais are estoppels by conduct, as distinguished from estoppels by deed or by record.

PAIS, CONVEYANCES IN. Ordinary conveyances between two or more persons in the country; i. e., upon the land to be transferred.

PALACE COURT. A court formerly existing in England. It was created by Charles I., and abolished in 1549. It was held in the borough of Southwark, and had jurisdiction of all personal actions arising within twelve miles of the royal palace of Whitehall, exclusive of London.

PALAGIUM. A duty to lords of manors for exporting and importing vessels of wine at any of their ports. Jacob.

PALAM. Lat. In the civil law. Openly; in the presence of many. Dig. 50, 16, 33.

PALATINE. Possessing royal privileges. See COUNTY PALATINE.

PALATINE COURTS formally were the court of common pleas at Lancaster, the chancery court of Lancaster, and the court of pleas at Durham, the second of which alone now exists. (See the respective titles.) Sweet.

PALATIUM. Lat. A palace. The emperor's house in Rome was so called from the Mons Palatins on which it was built. Adams, Rom. Ant. 613.

PALFRIDUS. A palfrey; a horse to travel on.

PALINGMAN. In old English law. A merchant denizen; one born within the English pale. Blount.

PALLIO COOPERIRE. In old English law. An ancient custom, where children were born out of wedlock, and their parents afterwards intermarried. The children, together with the father and mother, stood under a cloth extended while the marriage was solemnized. It was in the nature of adoption. The children were legitimate by the civil, but not by the common, law. Jacob.

PALMEN ACT. A name given to the English statute 19 & 20 Vict. c. 16, enabling a person accused of a crime committed out of the jurisdiction of the central criminal court, to be tried in that court.


PAMPHLET LAWS. The name given in Pennsylvania to the publication, in pamphlet or book form, containing the acts passed by the state legislature at each of its biennial sessions.

PANDENTS. A compilation of Roman law, consisting of selected passages from the writings of the most authoritative of the older jurists, methodically arranged, prepared by Tribonian with the assistance of sixteen associates, under a commission from the emperor Justinian. This work, which is otherwise called the "Digest," comprises fifty books, and is one of the four great works composing the Corpus Iuris Civilis. It was first published in A. D. 533.

PANDOXATOR. In old records. A brewer.

PANDOXATRIX. An ale-wife; a woman that both brewed and sold ale and beer.

PANEL. The roll or slip of parchment returned by the sheriff in obedience to a venire facias, containing the names of the persons whom he has summoned to attend the court as jurors. Beasley v. People, 89 Ill. 571; People v. Coyodo, 40 Cal. 592. The panel is a list of jurors returned by a sheriff, to serve at a particular court or for the trial of a particular action. Pen. Code Cal. § 1057.

PANIER, in the parlance of the English bar societies, is an attendant or domestic who waits at table and gives bread, (panis,) wine, and other necessary things to those who are dining. The phrase was in familiar use among the knights templar, and from them has been handed down to the learned societies of the Inner and middle temples, who at the present day occupy the halls and buildings once belonging to that distinguished order, and who have retained a few of their customs and phrases. Brown.
PANIS. Lat. In old English law. Bread; loaf; a loaf. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 9.

PANNAGE. A common of pannage is the right of feeding swine on mast and acorns at certain seasons in a commonable wood or forest. Elton, Commons, 25; Williams, Common, 168.

Pannagium est pastus porcorum, in nemoribus et in silvis, ut puta, de glan­dibus, etc. 1 Bulst. 7. A pannagium is a pasture of hogs, in woods and forests, upon acorns, and so forth.

PANNELLATION. The act of impaneling a jury.

PANTOMIME. A dramatic performance in which gestures take the place of words. See 3 C. B. 871.

PAPER. A written or printed document or instrument. A document filed or introduced in evidence in a suit at law, as, in the phrase "papers in the case" and in "papers on appeal." Any writing or printed document, including letters, memoranda, legal or business documents, and books of account, as in the constitutional provision which protects the people from unreasonable searches and seizures in respect to their "papers" as well as their houses and persons. Bills of exchange are credit instruments of debt, particularly a promissory note or a bill of exchange, as in the phrases "accommodation paper" and "commercial paper."

In English practice. The list of causes or cases intended for argument, called "the paper of causes." 1 Tidd, Pr. 504.

—Accommodation paper. See that title. — Commercial paper. See Commercial. — Paper blockade. See Blockade.—Paper book. In practice. A printed collection or book. In mercantile law. The precise equality or equivalency of any given sum or quantity of money in the coin of one country, and the like sum or quantity of money in the coin of any other foreign country into which it is to be exchanged, supposing the money of such country to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by the mint standard of the respective countries. Story, Bills, § 30. Murphy v. Kastner, 50 N. J. Eq. 220, 24 Atl. 564; Blue Star S. S. Co. v. Keyser (D. C.) 81 Fed. 510. The par of the currencies of any two countries means the equivalence of a certain amount of the currency of the one in the currency of the other, supposing the currencies of both to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by their respective mints. The exchange between the two countries is said to be at par when bills are negotiated on this footing; i. e., when a bill for $100 drawn on London sells in Paris for 2,520 frs., and vice versa. Bowen, Pol. Econ. 284.

PAR. Lat. Equal.

—Par delictum. Equal guilt. "This is not a case of par delictum. It is oppression on one side and submission on the other. It never can be predicated as par delictum when one holds the rod and the other bows to it." 6 Maule & S. 165.—Par oneri. Equal to the burden or charge; equal to the detriment or damage.

Par in parem imperium non habet. Jenk. Cent. 174. An equal has no dominion over an equal.

PARACHRONISM. Error in the computation of time.

PARACICUM. The tenure between par­ceners, viz., that which the youngest owes to the eldest without homage or service. Domeday.

PARAGE, or PARAGIUM. An equality of blood or dignity, but more especially of land. In the partition of an inheritance between co-heirs; more properly, however, an equality of condition among nobles, or and generally all the papers and dispatches that pass through the offices of the secretaries of state, are deposited. Also an office or room in the court of queen's bench where the records belonging to that court are deposited; sometimes called "paper-mill." Wharton.—Paper title. See Title.

PAPIST. One who adheres to the communion of the Church of Rome. The word seems to be considered by the Roman Catholics themselves as a nickname of reproach, originating in their maintaining the supreme ecclesiastical power of the pope. Wharton.

PAR. In commercial law. Equal; equality. An equality subsisting between the nominal or face value of a bill of exchange, share of stock, etc., and its actual selling value. When the values are thus equal, the instrument or share is said to be "at par;" if it can be sold for more than its nominal worth, it is "above par;" if for less, it is "below par." Ft. Edward v. Fish, 156 N. Y. 383, 50 N. E. 973; Evans v. Tillman, 38 S. C. 238, 17 S. E. 49.

—Par of exchange. In mercantile law. The precise equality or equivalency of any given sum or quantity of money in the coin of one country, and the like sum or quantity of money in the coin of any other foreign country into which it is to be exchanged, supposing the mon­ney of such country to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by the mint standard of the respective countries. Story, Bills, § 30. Murphy v. Kastner, 50 N. J. Eq. 220, 24 Atl. 564; Blue Star S. S. Co. v. Keyser (D. C.) 81 Fed. 510. The par of the currencies of any two countries means the equivalence of a certain amount of the currency of the one in the currency of the other, supposing the currency of both to be of the precise weight and purity fixed by their respective mints. The exchange between the two countries is said to be at par when bills are negotiated on this footing; i. e., when a bill for $100 drawn on London sells in Paris for 2,520 frs., and vice versa. Bowen, Pol. Econ. 284.
persons holding by a noble tenure. Thus, when a fief is divided among brothers, the younger hold their part of the elder by parage; i.e., without any homage or service. Also the portion which a woman may obtain on her marriage. Cowell.

**PARAGRAPH.** A part or section of a statute, pleading, affidavit, etc., which contains one article, the sense of which is complete. McClellan v. Hein, 56 Neb. 600, 77 N. W. 120; Hill v. Fairhavan & W. R. Co., 75 Conn. 177, 52 Atl. 725; Marine v. Packham, 52 Fed. 579, 3 C. C. A. 210; Bailey v. Mosher, 63 Fed. 463, 11 C. C. A. 304.

**PARALLEL.** For two lines of street railway to be “parallel,” within the meaning of a statute, it may not be necessary that the two lines should be parallel for the whole length of each or either route. Exact parallelism is not contemplated. Cronin v. Highland St. Ry. Co., 144 Mass. 254, 10 N. E. 833. And see East St. Louis Connecting Ry. Co. v. Jarvis, 92 Fed. 735, 34 C. C. A. 639; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Kentucky, 161 U. S. 677, 16 Sup. Ct. 714, 40 L. Ed. 849.

**PARAMOUNT.** Above; upwards. That which is superior; usually applied to the highest lord of the fee of lands, tenements, or hereditaments, as distinguished from the mesne (or intermediate) lord. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 135.

In the law of real property, the term “paramount title” properly denotes one which is superior to the title with which it is compared, in the sense that the former is the source or origin of the latter. It is, however, frequently used to denote a title which is simply better or stronger than another, or will prevail over it. But this use is scarcely correct, unless the superiority consists in the seniority of the title spoken of as “paramount.” See Hoopes v. Meyer, 1 Nev. 444.

—Paramount equity. An equitable right or claim which is prior, superior, or preferable to that with which it is compared.

**PARAPHERNA.** In the civil law. Goods brought by wife to husband over and above her dowry.

**PARAPHERNAL PROPERTY.** See **PARAPHERNALIA.**

**PARAPHERNALIA.** In the civil law. The separate property of a married woman, other than that which is included in her dowry, or dos.

The separate property of the wife is divided into dotal and extradotal. Dotal property is that which the wife brings to the husband to assist him in bearing the expenses of the marriage establishment. Extradotal property, otherwise called “paraphernal property,” is that which forms no part of the dowry. Civ. Code La. art. 2335.

The wife’s paraphernalia shall not be subject to the debts or contracts of the husband, and shall consist of the apparel of herself and her children, her watch, and ornaments suitable to her condition in life, and all such articles of personality as have been given to her for her own use and comfort. Code Ga. 1882, § 1773.

**In English law.** Those goods which a woman is allowed to have, after the death of her husband, besides her dower, consisting of her apparel and ornaments, suitable to her rank and degree. 2 Bl. Comm. 436.

**PARAPHERNAUX, BIENS.** Fr. In French law. All the wife’s property which is not subject to the régime dotal is called by this name; and of these articles the wife has the entire administration; but she may allow the husband to enjoy them, and in that case he is not liable to account. Brown.

**PARASCVEVE.** The sixth day of the last week in Lent, particularly called “Good Friday.” In English law, it is a dies non iuridicus.

**PARASYNEXIS.** In the civil law. A conventicle, or unlawful meeting.

**PARATITLA.** In the civil law. Notes or abstracts prefixed to titles of law, giving a summary of their contents. Cod. 1, 17, 12.

**PARATUM HABEO.** Lat. I have him in readiness. The return by the sheriff to a capias ad respondendum, signifying that he has the defendant in readiness to be brought into court.

**PARATUS EST VERIFICARE.** Lat. He is ready to verify. The Latin form for concluding a pleading with a verification, (q. e.)

**PA R A V A I L.** Inferior; subordinate. Tenant paravail signified the lowest tenant of land, being the tenant of a mesne lord. He was so called because he was supposed to make “avail” or profit of the land for another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

**PARCEL.** In the law of real property parcel signifies a part or portion of land. As used of chattels, it signifies a small package or bundle. See State v. Jordan, 36 Fla. 1, 17 South. 742; Miller v. Burke, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 174; Johnson v. Sirret, 153 N. Y. 51, 46 N. B. 1085.

—Parcel makers. Two officers in the exchequer who formerly made the parcels or items of the escheators’ accounts, wherein they charged them with everything they had levied for the king during the term of their office. Cowell.

—Parcels. A description of property, formerly set forth in a conveyance, together with the
boundaries thereof, in order to its easy identi­
fication.—Parcels, bill of. An account of the
items composing a parcel or package of goods,
transmitted with them to the purchaser.

PARCELLA TERRÆ. A parcel of land.

PARCENARY. The state or condition
of holding title to lands jointly by parceners
or co-parceners, before a division of the joint
estate.

PARCENER. A joint heir; one who,
with others, holds an estate in co-parcenary,
(q. v.)

PARCHMENT. Sheep-skins dressed for
writing, so called from Pergamus, Asia Min­
or, where they were invented. Used for
deeds, and used for writs of summons in
England previous to the judicature act, 1875.
Wharton.

PARCO FRACTO. Pound-breach; also
the name of an old English writ against one
chargeable with pound-breach.

PARGUS. A park, (q. v.) A pound for
stray cattle. Spelman.

PARDON. An act of grace, proceeding
from the power Intrusted with the execution
of the laws, which exempts the individual
on whom it is bestowed from the punishment
the law inflicts for a crime he has com­
mited. U. S. v. Wilson, 7 Pet. 160, 8 L.
Ed. 640; Ex parte Garland, 4 Wall. 380, 18
L. Ed. 385; Moore v. State, 43 N. J. Law,
241, 39 Am. Rep. 558; Rich v. Chamberlain,
104 Mich. 436, 62 N. W. 584, 27 L. R. A.
573; Edwards v. Com., 78 Va. 39, 49 Am.

"Pardon" is to be distinguished from "amnes­
ty." The former applies only to the individual,
releases him from the punishment fixed by law
for his specific offense, but does not affect the
criminality of the same or similar acts when
performed by other persons or repeated by the
same person. The latter term denotes an act
of grace, extended by the government to all per­
sons who may come within its terms, and which
obliterates the criminality of past acts done, and
declares that they shall not be treated as pun­
ishable.

—Conditional pardon. A conditional pardon is one granted on the condition that it shall
only endure until the voluntary doing of some
act by the person pardoned, or that it shall be
revoked by a subsequent act on his part, as,
that he shall leave the state and never return.
Ex parte Janes, 1 Nev. 319; State v. Wolfe,
50 Minn. 155, 54 N. W. 1065, 19 L. R. A. 738,
39 Am. St. Rep. 582; State v. Barnes, 32 S.
C. 14, 10 S. E. 611, 6 L. R. A. 743, 17 Am.
St. Rep. 392; People v. Burns, 77 Hun. 32, 23
N. Y. Supp. 300.—General pardon. One
granted to all the persons participating in a
given criminal or treasonable offense (gen­
erally political), or to all offenders of a given class
or against a certain statute or within certain
limits of time. But "amnesty" is the more
appropriate term for this.

PARDONERS. In old English law. Per­
sions who carried about the pope's indul­
gences, and sold them to any who would
buy them.

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or mother of the person spoken of; but also,
by an extension of its meaning, any relative,
male or female, in the line of direct ascent.
—Parens patriae. Parent of the country.
In England, the king. In the United States, the
state, as a sovereign, is the parens patriae.

"Parens" est nomen generale ad omne
nymus cognationis. Co. Litt. 80. "Parent" is
a name general for every kind of rela­
tion.

PARENT. The lawful father or the
mother of a person. Appeal of Gibson, 154
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only the immediate progenitors of the
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PARENTELA, or de parentela se tollere.
In old English law, signified a renunciation
of one's kindred, and family. This was,
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PARESIS. In medical jurisprudence. Progressive general paralysis, involving or leading to the form of insanity known as "dementia paralytica." Popularly, but not very correctly, called "softening of the brain." See INSANITY.

PARI CAUSA. Lat. With equal right; upon an equal footing; equivalent in rights or claims.

PARI DELICTO. Lat. In equal fault. See in PARI DELICTO.

PARI MATERIA. Lat. Of the same matter; on the same subject; as, laws pari materia must be construed with reference to each other. Bac. Abr. "Statute," I, 3.

PARI PASSU. Lat. By an equal progress; equally; ratably; without preference. Coote, Mortg. 56.

PARI RATIONE. Lat. For the like reason; by like mode of reasoning.

Paria copulatur paribus. Like things unite with like. Bac. Max.

Paribus sententis rem absolvitur. Where the opinions are equal, [where the court is equally divided,] the defendant is acquitted. 4 Inst. 64.


PARIES. Lat. In the civil law. A wall. Paries est, sive murus, sive maceria est. Dig. 50, 16, 157.

—Pariies communis. A common wall; a party-wall. Dig. 29, 2, 89.

PARI, DECLARATION OF. See DECLARATION.

PARISH. In English law. A circuit of ground, committed to the charge of one parson or vicar, or other minister having cure of souls therein. 1 Bl. Comm. 111. Wilson v. State, 34 Ohio St. 199. The precinct of a parish church, and the particular charge of a secular priest. Cowell. An ecclesiastical division of a town or district, subject to the ministry of one pastor. Brande.

In New England. A corporation established for the maintenance of public worship, which may be coterminous with a town, or include only part of it.

A precinct or parish is a corporation established solely for the purpose of maintaining public worship, and its powers are limited to that object. It may raise money for building and keeping in repair its meeting-house and supporting its minister, but for no other purpose. A town is a civil and political corporation, established for municipal purposes. They may both subsist together in the same territory, and be composed of the same persons. Milford v. Godfrey, 1 Pick. (Mass.) 91.


—Parish apprentice. In English law. The children of persons unable to maintain them may, by law, be apprenticed, by the guardians or overseers of their parish, to such persons as may be willing to receive them as apprentices. Such children are called "parish apprentices." 2 Steph. Comm. 230. —Parish church. This expression has various significations. It is applied sometimes to a select body of Christians, forming a local spiritual association, and sometimes to the building in which the public worship of the inhabitants of a parish is celebrated; but the true legal notion of a parochial church is a consecrated place, having attached to it the rights of burial and the administration of the sacraments. Story, J., Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 236, 3 L. Ed. 735. —Parish clerk. In English law. An officer, in former times often in holy orders, and appointed to officiate at the altar; now his duty consists chiefly in making responses in church to the minister. By common law he has a freehold in his office, but it seems now to be falling into desuetude.

—Parish constable. A petty constable exercising his functions within a given parish. Mozley & Whitley. —Parish court. The name of a court established in each parish in Louisiana, and corresponding to the county courts or common pleas courts in the other states. It has a limited civil jurisdiction, besides general probate power. —Parish officers. Church-wardens, overseers, and constables. —Parish priest. In English law. The parson; a minister who holds a parish as a benefice. If the prebends are appropriated, he is called "rector;" if improperly appropriated, "vicar." Wharton.

PARISHIONERS. Members of a parish. In England, for many purposes they form a body politic.

PARITOR. A beadle; a summoner to the courts of civil law.

Parium cadem est ratio, idem jus. Of things equal, the reason is the same, and the same is the law.

PARIUM JUDICUM. The judgment of peers; trial by a jury of one's peers or equals.

PARK. In English law. A tract of inclosed ground privileged for keeping wild beasts of the chase, particularly deer; an inclosed chase extending only over a man's own grounds. 2 Bl. Comm. 38.

In American law. An inclosed pleasure-ground in or near a city, set apart for the recreation of the public. Riverside v. MacLain, 210 Ill. 308, 71 N. E. 408, 66 L. R. A. 288, 102 Am. St. Rep. 164; People v. Green, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 440; Archer v. Salinas City, 93 Cal. 43, 28 Pac. 389, 16
PARK-BOTE. To be quit of inclosing a park or any part thereof.

PARKER. A park-keeper.

PARKING. In municipal law and administration. A strip of land, lying either in the middle of the street or in the space between the building line and the sidewalk, or between the sidewalk and the driveway, intended to be kept as a park-like space, that is, not built upon, but beautified with turf, trees, flower-beds, etc. See Downing v. Des Moines, 124 Iowa, 289, 99 N. W. 1066.

PARKLE HILL, or PARLING HILL. A hill where courts wereanciently held. Cowell.

PARLIAMENT. The supreme legislative assembly of Great Britain and Ireland, consisting of the king or queen and the three estates of the realm, viz., the lords spiritual, the lords temporal, and the commons. 1 Bl. Comm. 153.

—High court of parliament. In English law. The English parliament, as composed of the house of peers and house of commons; or the house of lords sitting in its judicial capacity.

PARLIAMENTARY. Relating or belonging to, connected with, enacted by or proceeding from, or characteristic of, the English parliament in particular, or any legislative body in general.

—Parliamentary agents. Persons who act as solicitors in promoting and carrying private bills through parliament. They are usually attorneys or solicitors, but they do not usually confine their practice to this particular department. Brown.—Parliamentary committee. A committee of members of the house of peers or of the house of commons, appointed by either house for the purpose of making inquiries, by the examination of witnesses or otherwise, into matters which could not be conveniently inquired into by the whole house. Wharton.—Parliamentary law. The general body of enacted rules and recognized usages which governs the procedure of legislative assemblies and other deliberative bodies.—Parliamentary taxes. See Tax.

PARLIAMENTUM. L. Lat. A legislative body in general or the English parliament in particular.

—Parliamemtum diabolicum. A parliament held at Coventry, 38 Hen. VI., wherein Edward, Earl of March (afterwards King Edward IV.) and many of the chief nobility were attained, was so called; but the acts then made were annulled by the succeeding parliament. Jacob.—Parliamentum indocetum. Unlearned or lack-learning parliament. A name given to a parliament held at Coventry in the sixth year of Henry IV., under an ordinance requiring that no lawyer should be chosen knight, citizen, or burgess; "by reason whereof," says Sir Edward Coke, "this parliament was void, and never a good law made thereat." 4 Inst. 48; 1 Bl. Comm. 177.—Parliamentum insannum. A parliament assembled at Oxford, 41 Hen. III., so styled from the madness of their proceedings, and because the lords came with armed men to it, and contentions grew very high between the king, lords, and commons, whereby many extraordinary things were done. Jacob.—Parliamemtum re-ligiosorum. In most convents there has been a common room into which the brethren withdrew for conversation; conferences there being termed "parliaments." Likewise, the societies of the two temples, or inns of court, call that assembly of the benchers or governors wherein they confer upon the common affairs of their several houses a "parliament." Jacob.

Parochia est locus quo degit populus alloquius ecclesiae. 5 Coke, 67. A parish is a place in which the population of a certain church resides.

PAROCHIAL. Relating or belonging to a parish.

—Parochial chapels. In English law. Places of public worship in which the rites of sacrament and sepulture are performed.

PAROL. A word; speech; hence, oral or verbal; expressed or evidenced by speech only; not expressed by writing; not expressed by sealed instrument.

The pleadings in an action are also, in old law French, denominated the "parol," because they were formerly actual viva voce pleadings in court, and not mere written allegations, as at present. Brown.


PAROLE. In military law. A promise given by a prisoner of war, when he has leave to depart from custody, that he will return at the time appointed, unless discharged. Webster.

An engagement by a prisoner of war, upon being set at liberty, that he will not again take up arms against the government by whose forces he was captured, either for a limited period or while hostilities continue.

PAROLS DE LEY. L. Fr. Words of law; technical words.

Parols font plea. Words make the plea. 5 Mod. 458.

PARQUET. In French law. 1. The magistrates who are charged with the conduct of proceedings in criminal cases and misdemeanors.

2. That part of the bourse which is reserved for stock-brokers.

PARRICIDE. The crime of killing one's father; also a person guilty of killing his father.

PARRICIDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Parricide; the murder of a parent. Dig. 48, 9, 9.
PARSON. Lat. A part; a party to a deed, action, or legal proceeding.
—Pars enitia. In old English law. The privilege or portion of the eldest daughter in the partition of lands by lot.—Pars gravata. In old practice. A party aggrieved; the party aggrieved. Hard. 50; 3 Leon. 257.—Pars pro toto. Part for the whole; the name of a part used to represent the whole; as the roof for the house, ten squires for ten armed men, etc.—Pars rationabilia. That part of a man's goods which the law gave to his widow and children. 2 Bl. Comm. 482.—Pars rea. A party defendant. Hard. Marbr. c. 13.—Pars viscerum matris. Part of the bowels of the mother; i. e., an unborn child.

PARSON. The rector of a church; one that has full possession of all the rights of a parochial church. The appellation of "parson," however it may be depreciated by familiar, clownish, and indiscriminate use, is the most legal, most beneficial, and most honorable title that a parish priest can enjoy, because such a one, Sir Edward Coke observes, and he only, is said "vice seu personam ecclesiae gerere, (to represent and bear the person of the church.)" 1 Bl. Comm. 384.

—Parson imparsonee. In English law. A clerk or parson in full possession of a benefice. Cowell.—Parson mortall. A rector instituted and inducted for his own life. But any collegiate or conventional body, to whom a church was forever appropriated, was termed "pars enitia.

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PARSONAGE. A certain portion of lands, tithes, and offerings, established by law, for the maintenance of the minister who has the cure of souls. Tomlins.

The word is more generally used for the house set apart for the residence of the minister. Mozley & Whitley. See Wells' Estate v. Congregational Church, 65 Vt. 119, 21 Atl. 270; Everett v. First Presbyterian Church, 53 N. J. Eq. 500, 22 Atl. 747; Reeves v. Reeves, 5 Lea (Tenn.) 84.

PART. A portion, share, or purpart. One of two duplicate originals of a conveyance or covenant, the other being called "counterpart." Also, in composition, partial or incomplete; as part payment, part performance. Cafro v. Bross, 9 Ill. App. 406.

—Part and pertinent. In the Scotch law of conveyance, formal words equivalent to the English "appurtenances." Bell.

As to part "Owner," "Payment," and "Performance," see those titles.

PARTAGE. In French law. A division made between co-proprietors of a particular estate held by them in common. It is the operation by means of which the goods of a succession are divided among the co-heirs; while lictation (q. v.) is an adjudication to the highest bidder of objects which are not divisible. Duverger.

PARTE INAUDITA. Lat. One side being unheard. Spoken of any action which is taken ex parte.
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PARTICULARITY, in a pleading, affidavit, or the like, is the detailed statement of particulars.

PARTICULARS. The details of a claim, or the separate items of an account. When these are stated in an orderly form, for the information of a defendant, the statement is called a "bill of particulars," (q. v.)

—Particulars of breaches and objections. In an action brought, in England, for the infringement of letters patent, the plaintiff is bound to declare, with his declaration (now with his statement of claim) particulars (i.e., details) of the breaches which he complains of. Sweet.—Particulars of criminal charges. As a rule, when a charge is general, it is frequently ordered to give the defendant a statement of the acts charged, which is called, in England, the particular of the charges.—Particulars of sale. When property such as land, houses, shares, reversions, etc., is to be sold by auction, it is usually described in a document called the "particulars," copies of which are distributed among intending bidders. They should fairly and accurately describe the property. Dart, Vend. 113; 1 Dav. Conv. 511.

PARTIDA. Span. Part; a part. See LAS PARTIDAS.

PARTIES. The persons who take part in the performance of any act, or who are directly interested in any affair, contract, or conveyance, or who are actively concerned in the prosecution and defense of any legal proceeding. U. S. v. Henderlong (C. C.) 102 Fed. 2; Robbins v. Chicago, 4 Wall. 672, 18 L. Ed. 427; Green v. Bogue, 158 U. S. 478, 15 Sup. Ct. 1075, 19 S. W. 757; Hudgins v. Sansom, 72 O. A. 327; Burrill v. Garst, 19 R. I. 38, 31 Atl. 436; Castle v. Madison, 113 Wis. 330, 90 N. W. 568; Union County Sup'r's v. Mineral Point R. Co., 24 Wis. 152. As parties are those who are joined as plaintiffs or defendants, not because they have any real interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but because relief is demanded as against them, but merely because the technical rules of pleading require their presence on the record. It should be noted that some courts make a further distinction between "necessary" parties and "indispensable" parties. Thus, it is said that the supreme court of the United States divides parties in equity suits into three different classes: (1) Formal parties, who have no interest in the controversy between the immediate litigants, but have such an interest in the subject-matter as may be conveniently settled in the suit, and thereby prevent further litigation; (2) necessary parties, who have an interest in the controversy, but who are not joined in the suit; and (3) indispensable parties, who not only have an interest in the subject-matter of the controversy, but an interest of such a nature that a final decree cannot be made without either affecting their interests or leaving the controversy in such a condition that its final determination may be wholly inconsistent with equity and good conscience. Hicklin v. Marco, 86 Fed. 552, 6 C. C. A. 10, citing Shields v. Barrow, 17 How. 153, 15 L. Ed. 158; Ribon v. Railroad Co., 131 L. Ed. 701; Allied Steel Mfg. Co. v. Bankhead, 19 Wall. 571, 22 L. Ed. 184; Kendig v. Dean, 97 U. S. 425, 24 L. Ed. 1061.

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—Partitio legata. A testamentary partition. This word signifies that the testamentary settlor directed the heir to divide the inheritance and deliver a designated portion thereof to a named legatee. See Muckell. Rom. Law, §§ 751, 755.

PARTITION. The dividing of lands held by joint tenants, coparceners, or tenants in common, into distinct portions, so that they may hold them in severalty. And, in a less technical sense, any division of real or personal property between co-owners or co-propritors, Meacham v. Meacham, 91 Tenn. 533, 19 S. W. 757; Hudgins v. Sansom, 73 Tex. 1229, 10 S. W. 194; Welser v. Welser, 5 Watt. (Pa.) 279, 30 Am. Dec. 313; Gay v.

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—Owelt of partition. See OWELTY. Partition, deed of. In conveyancing. A species of primary or original conveyance between two or more joint tenants, copartners, or tenants in common, by which they divide their title and interest among them in severality, each taking a distinct part. 2 Bl. Comm. 323, 324.—Partition of a succession is accomplished by the following: a) The division of the effects of which the succession is composed, among all the co-heirs, according to their respective rights. Partition is voluntary when it is oral, and it is formal when it is made among all the co-heirs present and of age, and by their mutual consent. It is judicial when it is made by the authority of the court, and according to the formalities prescribed by law. Every partition is either definitive or provisional. A definitive partition is that which is made in a permanent and irrevocable manner. Provisional partition is that which is made provisionally, either of certain things before the rest can be divided, or even of everything that is to be divided, when the parties are not in a situation to make an irrevocable partition. Civ. Code La. art. 1258, et seq.

PARTNER. A member of a copartnership or firm; one who has united with others to form a partnership in business. See PARTNERSHIP.

—Dormant partners. Those whose names are not known or do not appear as partners, but who nevertheless are silent partners, and participate in the profits, and thereby become partners, either absolutely or to all purposes, or at all events in respect to third parties. Dormant partners, in strictness of language, mean those who are merely passive in the firm, whether known or unknown, in contradistinction to those who are active and conduct the business of the firm, as principals. See Story, Partn. § 80; Rowland v. Estes, 190 Pa. 111, 42 Atl. 228; National Bank of Salem v. Thomas, 47 N. Y. 15; Metcalfe v. Officer (C. C.) 2 Fed. 640; Poolcy v. Driver, 5 Ch. Div. 458; Jones v. Fegley, 4 Phila. (P.) 1.—Liquidating partner. The partner who, upon the dissolution or insolvency of the firm, remains to settle and discharge all liabilities, collect assets, adjust claims, and pay debts.—Nominal partner. One whose name appears in connection with a partnership, but who is not in fact a partner of the firm, but who has no real interest in it.—Ostensible partner. One whose name appears to the world as such, or who is held out to the public as a partner, and who is legally in the character of a partner, whether or not he has any real interest in the firm. Civ. Code Ga. § 1893.—Quasi partners. Partners of lands, goods, or chattels who are not actual partners are sometimes so called. Poth. de Société, Append. no. 154.—Silent partner, sleeping partner. A person who furnishes certain funds to the common stock, and whose liability extends no further than the fund furnished. A partner whose responsibility is restricted to the amount of his investment. Story, Partnerships, § 150.—Surviving partner. The partner who, on the dissolution of the firm by the death of his copartner, occupies the position of a trustee to settle up its affairs.

PARTNERSHIP. A voluntary contract between two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor, and skill, or some or all of them, in lawful commerce or business, with the understanding that there shall be a proportional sharing of the profits and losses between them. Story, Partn. § 2;olly. Partn. § 2; 3 Kent, Comm. 25.

Partnership is the association of two or more persons for the purpose of carrying on business together, and dividing its profits between them. Civ. Code Cal. § 2395.

Partnership is a synallagmatic and commutative contract made between two or more persons for the mutual participation in the profits which may accrue from property, credit, skill, or industry, furnished in determined proportions by the parties. Civ. Code La. art. 2801.


—General partnership. A partnership in which the parties carry on all their trade and business, whatever it may be, for the joint benefit and profit of all the parties concerned, whether the capital stock be limited or not, or the contributions thereto be equal or unequal. Story, Partn. § 74; Bigelow v. Elliot, 3 Fed. Cas. 351; Eldridge v. Troost, 5 Abb. Prac., N. S. (New York City) 667.—Partition in commendam. A partnership consisting of one or more general partners, jointly and severally responsible as ordinary partners, and by whom the business is conducted, and one or more special partners, contributing in cash payments a specific sum as capital to the common stock, and who are not liable for the debts of the partnership beyond the fund so contributed. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. 764. And see Moorhead v. Seymour (City Ct. N. Y.) 77 N. Y. Supp. 1054; Taylor v. Webster, 29 N. J. Law, 104.—Mining partnership. See mining.—Particular partnership. One existing where the parties have united to share the benefits of a single individual transaction or enterprise. Spencer v. Jones (Tex. Civ. App.) 47 S. W. 693.—Partnership assets. Property of any kind belonging to the partnership in its profits and losses. Mozley & Whitley. And see Macomber v. Seymour (City Ct. N. Y.) 77 N. Y. Supp. 1054; Taylor v. Webster, 29 N. J. Law, 104.—Mining partnership. See mining.—Particular partnership. One existing where the parties have united to share the benefits of a single individual transaction or enterprise. Spencer v. Jones (Tex. Civ. App.) 47 S. W. 693.—Partnership debt. One due from the partnership or firm as such and not (primarily) from one of the individual partners. Story, Partnerships, § 2; 3 Kent, Comm. § 2395.—Secret partnership. One where the existence of certain persons as partners is not avowed to the public by any of the partners. Dearing v. Flanders, 49 N. H. 225.—Partnership at will. See partners at will. One formed for the prosecution of a special
branch of business, as distinguished from the general business of the parties, or for one particular venture or subject. Bigelow v. Elliot, 3 Fed. Cas. 82. Under state law, a limited partnership, (q. v.)—Subpartnership. One formed where one partner in a firm makes a stranger a partner with him in his share of the profits of that firm. —Universal partnership. One in which the partners jointly agree to contribute to the common fund of the partnership the whole of their property, of whatever character and future, as now present. Poth. Societ. 29; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 2629.

PARTURITION. The act of giving birth to a child.

PARTUS. Lat. Child; offspring; the child just before it is born, or immediately after its birth.

Partus ex legito име theo non certius noscit matrem quam genitorem suum. Fortes. 42. The offspring of a legitimate bed knows not his mother more certainly than his father.

Partus sequitur ventrem. The offspring follows the mother; the brood of an animal belongs to the owner of the dam; the offspring of a slave belongs to the owner of the mother, or follow the condition of the mother. A maxim of the civil law, which has been adopted in the law of England in regard to animals, though never allowed in the case of human beings. 2 Bl. Comm. 390, 94; Fortes. 42.

PARTY. A person concerned or having or taking part in any affair, matter, transaction, or proceeding, considered individually.

See Parties.

The term "parties" includes all persons who are directly interested in the subject-matter in issue, who have a right to make defense, control the proceedings, or appeal from the judgment. Strangers are persons who do not possess these rights. 1 Roos. 7; Haven, 29 N. Y. 622.

"Party" is a technical word, and has a precise meaning in legal parlance. By it is understood he or they or by or against whom a suit is brought, whether in law or equity; the party plaintiff or defendant, whether composed of one or more individuals, and whether natural or legal persons, (they are parties in the writ, and parties on the record;) and all others who may be affected by the suit, indirectly or consequentially, are persons interested, but not parties. Merchants' Bank v. Cook, 4 Pick. 405.

—Party and party. This phrase signifies the contending parties in an action; i.e., the plaintiff and defendant, as distinguished from the attorney and his client. It is used in connection with the subject of costs, which are differently taxed between party and party and between attorney and client. Brown—Real party. In statutes requiring suits to be brought in the name of the "real party in interest," this term means the person who is actually and substantially interested in the controversy, and as distinguished from one who has only a nominal, formal, or technical interest in it or connection with it. Hoagland v. Van Etten, 22 Neb. 540; Gruber v. Baker, 20 Nev. 456; 23 Pac. 858, 9 L. R. A. 302; Chew v. Brumagen, 13 Wall. 504, 20 L. Ed. 663.—Third parties. A term used to include all persons who are not parties to the contract, agreement, or instrument of writing by which their interest in the thing conveyed is sought to be affected. Morrison v. Truex (La.) 1 Mart. (N. S.) 394.

PARTY, adj. Relating or belonging to, or composed of, two or more parts or portions, or two or more persons or classes of persons.

—Party jury. A jury de mediate linge (which title see.)—Party structure is a structure separating buildings, stories, or rooms which belong to different owners, or which are approached by distinct staircases or separate entrances from without, whether the same be a partition, arch, floor, or other structure. (St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 122, § 8.) Mozley & Whitley.

—Party-wall. A wall built partly on the land of one owner, and partly on the land of another, for the common benefit of both in supporting timbers used in the construction of contiguous buildings. Brown v. Werner, 40 Md. 19. In the primary and most ordinary meaning of the term, a party-wall is (1) a wall of which the two adjoining owners are tenants in common. But it may also mean (2) a wall divided longitudinally into two strips, one belonging to each of the neighboring owners; (3) a wall which belongs entirely to one of the adjoining owners, but is subject to an easement in the other to have it maintained as a dividing wall between the two tenements, (the term is so used in some of the English building acts;) or (4) a wall divided longitudinally into two moieties, each moity being subject to a cross-easement in favor of the owner of the other moity. Sweet.

PARUM. Lat. Little; but little.


PARUM AVVISSE VIDEIUR. Lat. In Roman law. He seems to have taken too little care; he seems to have been incautious, or not sufficiently upon his guard. A form of expression used by the judge or magistrate to pronounce the sentence of death upon a criminal. Festus, 325; Tait. Civil Law, 81; 4, Bl. Comm. 362, note.

Parum differunt quae re concordant. 2 Bulst. 86. Things which agree in substance differ but little.

Parum est latam esse sententiam nial mandetur executione. It is little [or to little purpose] that judgment be given unless it be committed to execution. Co. Litt. 289.

Parum proficit scire quid fieri debet, si non cognoscas quomodo sit facturum. 2 Inst. 506. It profits little to know what ought to be done, if you do not know how it is to be done.

PARYA SERJEANTIA. Petty serjeanty, (q. v.)—PARYISE. An afternoon's exercise or moot for the instruction of young students, bearing the same name originally with the Parvis (little-go) of Oxford. Wharton.
PARVUM CAPE. See Petit Cape.

PAS. In French. Precedence; right of going foremost.

PASCH. The passover; Easter.


—Pascha clausum. The octave of Easter, or Low-Sunday, which closes that solemnity.—Pascha Roridum. The Sunday before Easter, called "Palm-Sunday."—Pascha renta. In English ecclesiastical law. Yearly tributes paid by the clergy to the bishop or archdeacon at their Easter visitations.

PASCUA. A particular meadow or pasture land set apart to feed cattle.

PASCUA SILVA. In the civil law. A feeding wood; a wood devoted to the feeding of cattle. Dig. 50, 16, 30, 5.

PASCUTAGE. The grazing or pasturage of cattle.

PASS, v. 1. In practice. To utter or pronounce; as when the court passes sentence upon a prisoner. Also to proceed; to be rendered or given; as when judgment is said to pass for the plaintiff in a suit.

2. In legislative parlance, a bill or resolution is said to pass when it is agreed to or enacted by the house, or when the body has sanctioned its adoption by the requisite majority of votes; in the same circumstances, the body is said to pass the bill or motion.

3. When an auditor appointed to examine into any accounts certifies to their correctness, he is said to pass them; i. e., they pass through the examination without being detained or sent back for inaccuracy or imperfection. Brown.

4. The term also means to examine into anything and then authoritatively determine the disputed questions which it involves. In this sense a jury is said to pass upon the rights or issues in litigation before them.

5. In the language of conveyancing, the term means to move from one person to another; to be transferred or conveyed from one owner to another; as in the phrase "the word 'heirs' will pass the fee."

6. To publish; utter; transfer; circulate; impose fraudulently. This is the meaning of the word when the offense of passing counterfeited money or a forged paper is spoken of.

"Pass," "utter," "publish," and "sell" are in some respects convertible terms, and, in a given case, "pass" may include utter, publish, and sell. The words "uttering" and "passing," used of notes, do not necessarily import that they are transferred as genuine. The words include any delivery of a note to another for value, with intent that it shall be put into circulation as money. U. S. v. Nelson, 1 Abb. (U. S.) 135, Fed. Cas. No. 15,561.

Passing a paper is putting it off in payment or exchange. Uttering it is a declaration that it is good, with an intention to pass, or an offer to pass it.

PASS, n. Permission to pass; a license to go or come; a certificate, emanating from authority, wherein it is declared that a designated person is permitted to go beyond certain boundaries which, without such authority, he could not lawfully pass. Also a ticket issued by a railroad or other transportation company, authorizing a designated person to travel free on its lines, between certain points or for a limited time.

PASS-BOOK. A book in which a bank or banker enters the deposits made by a customer, and which is retained by the latter. Also a book in which a merchant enters the items of sales on credit to a customer, and which the latter carries or keeps with him.

PASSAGE. A way over water; an easement giving the right to pass over a piece of private water.

Travel by sea; a voyage over water; the carriage of passengers by water; money paid for such carriage.

Enactment; the act of carrying a bill or resolution through a legislative or deliberative body in accordance with the prescribed forms and requisites; the emergence of the bill in the form of a law, or the motion in the form of a resolution.

PASSAGE COURT. An ancient court of record in Liverpool, once called the "mayor's court of pays sage," but now usually called the "court of the passage of the borough of Liverpool." This court was formerly held before the mayor and two bailiffs of the borough, and had jurisdiction in actions where the amount in question exceeded forty shillings. Mozley & Whitley.

PASSAGE MONEY. The fare of a passenger by sea; money paid for the transportation of persons in a ship or vessel; as distinguished from "freight" or "freight-money," which is paid for the transportation of goods and merchandise.

PASSAGIO. An ancient writ addressed to the keepers of the ports to permit a man who had the king's leave to pass over sea. Reg. Orig. 193.

PASSAGIUM REGIS. A voyage or expedition to the Holy Land made by the kings of England in person. Cowell.

PASSATOR. He who has the interest or command of the passage of a river; or a lord to whom a duty is paid for passage. Wharton.

PASSENGER. A person whom a common carrier has contracted to carry from one place to another, and has, in the course of

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PASSIAGIARIUS. A ferryman. Jacob.

PASSING-TICKET. In English law. A kind of permit, being a note or check which the toll-clerks on some canals give to the boatmen, specifying the lading for which they have paid toll. Wharton.

PASSIO. Pannage; a liberty for hogs to run in forests or woods to feed upon mast. Mon. Angl. 1, 682.

PASSION. In the definition of manslaughter as homicide committed without premeditation but under the influence of sudden "passion," this term means any intense and vehement emotional excitement of the kind prompting to violent and aggressive action, as, rage, anger, hatred, furious resentment, or terror. See Stella v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 68 S. W. 75; State v. Johnson, 23 N. C. 302, 35 Am. Dec. 742.

PASSIVE. As used in law, this term means inactive; permissive; consisting in endurance or submission, rather than action; and in some connections it carries the implication of being subjected to a burden or charge. As to passive "Debt," "Title," "Trust," and "Use," see those titles.

PASSPORT. In international law. A document issued to a neutral merchant vessel, by her own government, during the progress of a war, and to be carried on the voyage, containing a sufficient description of the vessel, master, voyage, and cargo to evidence her nationality and protect her against the cruisers of the belligerent powers. This paper is otherwise called a "pass," "sea-pass," "sea-letter," "sea-brief." A license or safe-conduct, issued during the progress of a war, authorizing a person to remove himself or his effects from the territory of one of the belligerent nations to another country, or to travel from country to country without arrest or detention on account of the war.


In modern European law. A warrant of protection and authority to travel, granted to persons moving from place to place, by the competent officer. Brande.


PASTOR. Lat. A shepherd. Applied to a minister of the Christian religion, who has charge of a congregation, hence called his "flock." See First Presbyterian Church v. Myers, 5 Okl. 909, 50 Pac. 70, 38 L. R. A. 687.

PASTURE. Land on which cattle are fed; also the right of pasture. Co. Litt. 4b.

PASTUS. In feudal law. The procuration or provision which tenants were bound to make for their lords at certain times, or as often as they made a progress to their lands. It was often converted into money.

PATEAT UNIVERSIS PER PRESENTES. Know all men by these presents. Words with which letters of attorney anciently commenced. Reg. Orig. 3055, 306.

PATENT, adj. Open; manifest; evident; unsealed. Used in this sense in such phrases as "patent ambiguity," "patent writ," "letters patent."

—Letters patent. Open letters, as distinguished from letters close. An instrument proceeding from the government, and conveying a right, authority, or grant to an individual, as a patent for a tract of land, or for the exclusive right to make and sell a new invention. Familiarly termed a "patent." See International Tooth Crown Co. v. Hanks Dental Ass'n (C. C.) Ill Fed. 918—Patent ambiguity. See AMBIGUITY—Patent defect. In sales of personal property, one which is plainly visible or which can be discovered by such an inspection as would be made in the exercise of ordinary care and prudence. See Lawson v. Baer, 52 N. C. 401—Patent writ. In old practice. An open writ; one not closed or sealed up. See CLOSE WRITS.

PATENT, n. A grant of some privilege, property, or authority, made by the government or sovereign of a country to one or more individuals. Phil. Pat. 1.

In English law. A grant by the sovereign to a subject or subjects, under the great seal, conferring some authority, title, franchise, or property; termed "letters patent" from being delivered open, and not closed up from inspection.

In American law. The instrument by which a state or government grants public lands to an individual. A grant made by the government to an inventor, conveying and securing to him the exclusive right to make and sell his invention for a term of years. Atlas Glass Co. v. Simmonds Mfg. Co., 102 Fed. 647, 42 C. C. A. 554; Société Anonyme v. General Electric Co.
Patent office. The attorney general's patent bill office is the office in which were formerly prepared the drafts of all letters patent issued in England, other than those for inventions. The draft patent was called a "bill," and the officer who prepared it was called the "clerk of the patents to the queen's attorney and solicitor general's office." Patent of precedence. Letters patent granted, in England, to such barristers as the crown thinks fit to honor with that mark of distinction, whereby they are entitled to such rank and precedence as are assigned in their respective patents, which is sometimes next after the attorney general, but more usually next after her majesty's counsel then being. These rank promiscuously with the king's (or queen's) counsel, but are not the sworn servants of the crown. 3 Bl. Comm. 25; 5 Steph. Comm. 274.—Patent-office. In the administrative system of the United States, this is one of the bureaus of the department of the interior. It has charge of the issuing of patents to inventors and of such business as is connected therewith.—Patent-right. A right secured by patent; usually meaning a right to the exclusive manufacture and sale of an invention or patent to one who has obtained letters patent for an invention covering a function or perfecting of what has gone before. Weston v. Hay Central, etc., Tel. Co., 145 Pa. 121, 22 Atl. 841, 27 Am. St. Rep. 677.—Patent-right dealer. Any one whose business it is to sell, or offer for sale, patents-rights. 14 St. at Large, 118.—Patent rolls. The official records of royal charters and grants; covering from the reign of King John to recent times. They contain grants of offices and lands, restitutions of temporalities to ecclesiastical persons, confirmations of grants and patents; covering from the reign of King John to recent times. 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family in respect to his wife, children, (natural or adopted,) and any more remote descendants who sprang from him through males only. Anciently, it was of very extensive reach, embracing even the power of life and death, but was gradually curtailed, until finally it amounted to little more than a right in the paterfamilias to hold as his own any property or acquisitions of one under his power. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 589.

Patron. In ecclesiastical law. He who has the right, title, power, or privilege of presenting to an ecclesiastical benefice.

In Roman law. The former master of an emancipated slave.

In French marine law. The captain or master of a vessel.

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PAVAGE. Money paid towards paving the streets or highways.

PAWE. To pave is to cover with stones or brick, or other suitable material, so as to make a level or convenient surface for horses, carriages, or foot-passengers, and a sidewalk is paved when it is laid or flagged with flat stones, as well as when paved with brick, as is frequently done. In re Phillips, 60 N. Y. 22; Buell v. Ball, 20 Iowa, 282; Harrisburg v. Segelbaum, 151 Pa. 172, 24 Atl. 1070, 20 L. R. A. 834.

PAWN, v. To deliver personal property to another in pledge, or as security for a debt or sum borrowed.

PAWN, n. A bailment of goods to a creditor, as security for some debt or engagement; a pledge. Story, Bailm. § 7; Coggins v. Bernard, 2 Ld. Raym. 213; Barrett v. Cole, 49 N. C. 40; Surber v. McClintic, 10 W. Va. 242; Commercial Bank v. Flowers, 116 Ga. 219, 45 S. E. 474.

Pawn, or pledge, is a bailment of goods by a debtor to his creditor, to be kept till the debt is discharged. Wharton. Also the specific chattel delivered to the creditor in this contract.

In the law of Louisiana, pawn is known as one species of the contract of pledge, the other being antichresis; but the word "pawn" is sometimes used as synonymous with "pledge," thus including both species. Civ. Code La. art. 3101.

PAWNBROKER. A person whose business is to lend money, usually in small sums, on security of personal property deposited with him or left in pawn. Little Rock v. Barton, 33 Ark. 444; Schau v. Charlotte, 118 N. C. 733, 24 S. E. 526; Chicago v. Hubert, 118 Ill. 622, 8 N. E. 512, 59 Am. Rep. 400.

Whoever loans money on deposit or pledges of personal property, or who purchases personal property or choses in action, on condition of selling the same back again at a stipulated price, is hereby defined and declared to be a pawnbroker. Rev. St. Ohio 1880, § 4387. See, also, 14 U. S. St. at Large, 118.

PAWNEE. The person receiving a pawn, or to whom a pawn is made; the person to whom goods are delivered by another in pledge.

PAWNR. The person pawning goods or delivering goods to another in pledge.

PAX ECCLESIE. Lat. In old English law. The peace of the church. A particular privilege attached to a church; sanctuary, (q. v.) Crabb, Eng. Law, 41; Cowell.

By "payment" is meant not only the delivery of a sum of money, when such is the obligation of the contract, but the performance of that which the parties respectively undertook, whether it be to give or to do. Civ. Code La. art. 2131.

Performance of an obligation for the delivery of money only is called "payment." Civ. Code Cal. § 1478.

In pleading. When the defendant alleges that he has paid the debt or claim laid in the declaration, this is called a "plea of payment."


The act of a defendant in depositing the amount which he admits to be due, with the proper officer of the court, for the benefit of the plaintiff, and in answer to his claim. Voluntary payment. A payment made by a debtor of his own will and choice, as distinguished from one exacted from him by process of execution or other compulsion. Redmond v. New York, 125 N. Y. 632, 26 N. E. 727; Rumford Chemical Works v. Ray, 19 R. I. 1, 456, 34 Atl. 814; Taggart v. Rice, 37 Vt. 47; Maxwell v. Griswold, 19 How. 256, 13 L. Ed. 395.

PAYS. Fr. Country. Trial per pays, trial by jury, (the country.) See Pais.

PEACE. As applied to the affairs of a state or nation peace may be either external or internal. In the former case, the term denotes the prevalence of amicable relations and mutual good will between the particular society and all foreign powers. In the latter case, it means the tranquillity, security, and freedom from commotion or disturbance which is the sign of good order and harmony and obedience to the laws among all the members of the society. In a somewhat technical sense, peace denotes the quiet, security, good order, and decorum which is guaranteed by the constitution of civil society and by the laws. People v. Rounds, 67 Mich. 482, 35 N. W. 77; Corvallis v. Carille, 10 Or. 139, 45 Am. Rep. 134.

The concord or final agreement in a fine of lands. 18 Edw. I. "Modus Levandi Finis." — Articles of the peace. See Articles.—Bill of peace. See Bill.—Breach of peace. See Breach.—Conservator of the peace. See Conservator.—Justice of the peace. See that title.—Peace of God and the church. In old English law, that rest and cessation which the king's subjects had from trouble and suit of law between the terms and on Sundays and holidays. Cowell; Spelman.—Peace of the state. The protection, security, and immunity from violence which the state undertakes to secure and extend to all persons within its jurisdiction and claim to the benefit of its laws. This is part of the definition of murder, it being necessary that the victim should be "in the peace of the state," which now practically includes all persons except armed public enemies. See Murder. And see State v. Dunkley, 25 N. C. 121.—Peace officers. This term is variously defined by statute in the different states; but generally it includes sheriffs and their deputies, constables, marshals, members of the police force of cities, and other officers whose duty is to enforce and preserve the public peace. See People v. Clinton, 28 App. Div. 478, 51 N. Y. Supp. 115; Jones v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 63 S. W. 92.—Public peace. The peace or tranquility of the community in general; the good order and repose of the people composing the state or municipality. See Neuen­endorf v. Duryes, 6 Daly (N. Y.) 250; State v. Benedict, 11 Vt. 236, 34 Am. Dec. 688.

PEACEABLE. Free from the character of force, violence, or trespass; as, a "peaceable entry" on lands. "Peaceable possession" of real estate is such as is acquiesced in by all other persons, including rival claimants, and not disturbed by any forcible attempt at ouster nor by adverse suits to recover the possession or the estate. See Stanley v. Schwalby, 147 U. S. 508, 13 Sup. Ct. 418, 37 L. Ed. 259; Allaire v. Ketcham, 55 N. J. Eq. 168, 35 Atl. 900; Bowers v. Cherokee Bob, 45 Cal. 504; Gitten v. Lowry, 15 Ga. 336.

Peccata contra naturam sunt gravis­simae. 3 Inst. 29. Crimes against nature are the most heinous.

Peccatum peccato addit qui culpæ quam facit patrocinia defensionis ad­jungit. 5 Coke, 49. He adds fault to fault who sets up a defense of a wrong committed by him.

PECIA. A piece or small quantity of ground. Paroch. Antiq. 240.

PECK. A measure of two gallons; a dry measure.

PECORA. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; beasts. The term included all quadrupeds that fed in flocks. Dig. 32, 65, 4.

PECULATION. In the civil law. The unlawful appropriation, by a depository of public funds, of the property of the government intrusted to his care, to his own use, or that of others. Domat. Supp. au Droit Public, l. 3, tit. 5. See Bork v. People, 91 N. Y. 16.

PECULATUS. Lat. In the civil law. The offense of stealing or embezzling the public money. Hence the common English word "peculation," but "embezzlement" is the proper legal term. 4 Bl. Comm. 121, 122.

PECULAR. In ecclesiastical law. A parish or church in England which has jurisdiction of ecclesiastical matters within itself, and independent of the ordinary, and is subject only to the metropolitan.

PECULARIUS, COURT OF. In English law. A branch of and annexed to the court of arches. It has a jurisdiction over all those
PECULIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Such private property as might be held by a slave, wife, or son who was under the patria potestas, separate from the property of the father or master, and in the personal disposal of the owner.

PECULIUM castrense. In Roman law. That kind of peculium which a son acquired in war, or from his connection with the camp, (castrum.) Hein. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 9, § 474.

PECUNIA. Lat. Originally and radically, property in cattle, or cattle themselves. So called because the wealth of the ancients consisted in cattle. Co. Litt. 207b.

In the civil law. Property in general, real or personal; anything that is actually the subject of private property. In a narrower sense, personal property; fungible things. In the strictest sense, money. This has become the prevalent, and almost the exclusive, meaning of the word.


PECUNIA constituta. In Roman law. Money owing (even upon a moral obligation) upon a day being fixed (constituta) for its payment, became recoverable upon the implied promise to pay on that day, in an action called "de pecunia constituta," the implied promise not amounting (of course) to a stipulatio. Brown.

PECUNIA non numerata. In the civil law. Money numbered or counted out; i.e., given in payment of a debt. pecunia sepulchralis. Money anciently paid to the priest at the opening of a grave for the good of the deceased's soul. pecunia trajectitia. In old English law. A loan in money, or in wares which the debtor purchases with the money to be sent by sea, and whereby the creditor, according to the contract, assumes the risk of the loss from the day of the departure of the vessel till the day of her arrival at her port of destination. Interest does not necessarily arise from this loan, but when is stipulated for it is termed "nautores annus," (maritime interest) and, because of the risk which the creditor assumes, he is permitted to receive a higher interest than usual. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 453.

PECUNIA dictum a pecus, omnes enim veterum divitiae in animalibus consistebant. Co. Litt. 207. Money (pecunia) is so called from cattle, (pecus,) because all the wealth of our ancestors consisted in cattle.

PECUNIARY. Monetary; relating to money; consisting of money.

PECUNIARY causes. In English ecclesiastical practice. Causes arising from the withholding of ecclesiastical dues, or the doing or neglecting some act relating to the church, whereby some damage accrues to the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 35. See CONSIDERATION.

PECUNIARY Damages. See DAMAGES.

PECUNIARY legacy. See LEGACY.

PECUNIARY loss. A pecuniary loss is a loss of money, or of something by which money, or something of money value, may be acquired. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 36 Barb. (N. Y.) 33.

PECUS. Lat. In Roman law. Cattle; a beast. Under a bequest of pecudes were included oxen and other beasts of burden. Dig. 32, 81, 2.

PEDAGE. In old English law. A toll or tax paid by travelers for the privilege of passing, on foot or mounted, through a forest or other protected place. Spelman.

PEDAGIUM. Lat. Pedage, (q. v.)

PEDANEUS. Lat. In Roman law. At the foot; in a lower position; on the ground. See JUDEX PEDANEUS.

PEDDLERS. Itinerant traders; persons who sell small wares, which they carry with them in traveling about from place to place. In re Wilson, 19 D. C. 341, 12 L. R. A. 624; Com. v. Farnum, 114 Mass. 270; Hall v. State, 30 Fla. 637, 25 South. 119; Graffy v. Rushville, 107 Ind. 662, 8 N. E. 356, 57 Am. Rep. 256; In re Pringle, 67 Kan. 304, 72 Pac. 864.

Persons, except those peddling newspapers, Bibles, or religious tracts, who sell, or offer to sell, at retail, goods, wares, or other commodities, traveling from place to place, in the street, or through different parts of the country. 12 U. S. St. at Large, p. 458, § 27.

PEDE PULVEROSUS. In old English and Scotch law. Dusty-foot. A term applied to itinerant merchants, chapmen, or peddlers who attended fairs.

PEDERASTY. In criminal law. The unnatural copulation of male with male, particularly of a man with a boy; a form of sodomy; (q. v.)


PEDIS ABSISSSIO. Lat. In old criminal law. The cutting off a foot; a punishment anciently inflicted instead of death. Flota, lib. 1, c. 88.

PEDIS POSITIO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. A putting or placing of the foot. A term used to denote the possession of lands by actual corporeal entry upon them. Waggoner v. Hastings, 5 Pa. 503.

PEDIS POSSESSION. Lat. A foothold; an actual possession. To constitute adverse possession there must be pedis possessio, or a substantial inclosure. 2 Bouv. Inst. no.
PENAL

PELLOTA. The ball of a foot. 4 Inst. 308.

PELLS, CLERK OF THE. An officer in the English exchequer, who entered every seller's bill on the parchment rolls, the roll of receipts, and the roll of disbursements.

PELT-WOOL. The wool pulled off the skin or pelt of dead sheep. 8 Hen. VI. c. 22.

PENEL. Punishable; inflicting a punishment; containing a penalty, or relating to a penalty.

—Penal action. In practice, an action upon a penal statute; an action for the recovery of a penalty given by statute. 3 Steph. 535, 536. Distinguished from a popular or qui tam action in which the action is brought by the informer, to whom part of the penalty goes. A penal action or information is brought by an officer, and the penalty goes to the king. 1 Chit. Pr. 70; note; 2 Archb. Pr. 182.

But in American law, the term includes actions brought by informers or other private persons, as well as those instituted by governments or public officers. In a broad sense, the term has been made to include all actions in which there may be a recovery of exemplary or vindictive damages, and fines, in the form of a fine or penalty, or in form of a specific and certain sum of money, or in form of a certain act to be performed, or in form of a certain act not to be performed; in which special, double, or treble damages are given by statute, such as actions to recover money paid as usury or lost in gaming. See Bailey v. Dean, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 580; Ashley v. Frame, 4 Kan. App. 265, 45 Pac. 927; Cole v. Groves, 134 Mass. 472. But in a more particular sense it means (1) an action on a statute which gives a certain penalty to be recovered by any person who will sue for it, (In re Barker, 56 Vt. 20) or (2) an action in which the judgment against the defendant is in a nature of a fine or is intended as a punishment, actions in which the recovery is to be compensatory in its purpose and effect not being penal actions but civil suits, though they may carry special damages by statute. See Moller v. U. S., 57 Fed. 490, 6 C. C. A. 459; Atlanta v. Chattahoochee Foundry & Pipe Works, 127 Fed. 23, 61 C. C. A. 387, 94 L. R. A. 721.—Penal bill. An instrument formerly in use, by which a party bound himself to pay a certain sum of money or to do certain acts, or, in default thereof, to pay a certain specified sum by way of penalty; thence termed a "penal sum." The instruments have been superseded by the use of a bond in a penal sum, with conditions. Brown.—Penal bond. A bond promising to pay a named sum of money (the penalty) with a condition underwritten that, if a stipulated collateral thing, other than the payment of money, be done or borne, as the case may be, the obligation shall be void. Barnside v. Vand, 170 Mo. 531, 71 S. W. 387, 62 L. R. A. 427.—Penal clause. A penal clause is a secondary obligation, entered into for the purpose of enforcing the performance of the primary obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2117. Also a clause in a statute declaring a penalty for a violation of the preceding clauses.—Penal laws. Those which prohibit an act and impose a penalty for the commission of it. 2 Cro. Jac. 415. Strictly and properly speaking, a penal law is one imposing a penalty or punishment (and properly a pecuniary fine or mulct) for some offense of a public nature or wrong committed. Sackett v. Basket, 138 Pick. (Mass.) 320; Kilton v. Providence Tool Co., 22 R. I. 600, 48 Atl. 1039; Drew v. Russell, 47 Vt. 257, 82 N. H. 114; Nebraska Nat. Bank v. Walsh, 28 Ark. 423, 59 S. W. 922, 52 Am. St. Rep. 301. Strictly speaking, statutes giving a private action against a wrongdoer are not penal in their nature, neither the liability imposed nor the remedy given being penal. If the wrong
done is to the individual, the law giving him a right of action is remedial, rather than penal, though the sum to be recovered may be called a "penalty" or may consist in double or treble damages. See Huntington v. Attrill, 146 U. S. 657; 13 Sup. Ct. 224, 36 L. Ed. 1123; Divers- sey v. Smith, 103 Ill. 390; 42 Am. Rep. 14; Culver v. Bathard, 41 Misc. Rep. 321; 84 N. Y. Supp. 225; People v. Common Council of Bay City, 36 Mich. 189.—Penal servitude, in English criminal law, is a punishment which consists in keeping an offender in confinement, and compelling him to labor. Steph. Crim. Dig. 2.—

Penal statutes. See "penal laws" supra.

—Penal sum. A sum agreed upon in a bond, to be forfeited if the condition of the bond is not fulfilled.

PENALTY. 1. The sum of money which the obligor of a bond undertakes to pay by way of penalty, in the event of his omitting to perform or carry out the terms imposed upon him by the conditions of the bond. Brown; Tayloe v. Sandiford, 7 Wheat. 13, 5 L. Ed. 384; Watt v. Sheppard, 2 Ala. 445.

A penalty is an agreement to pay a greater sum, to secure the payment of a less sum. It is conditional, and can be avoided by the payment of the less sum before the contingency agreed upon shall happen. By what name it is called is immaterial. Henry v. Thompson, Minor (Ala.) 209, 227.


The terms "fine," "forfeiture," and "penalty" are often used loosely, and even confusedly; but, when a discrimination is made, the word "penalty" is found to be generic in its character, including both fine and forfeiture. A "fine" is a pecuniary penalty, and is commonly (perhaps always) to be collected by suit in some form. A "forfeiture" is a penalty by which one loses his rights and interest in his property. Gosselink v. Campbell, 4 Iowa, 300.

3. The term also denotes money recoverable by virtue of a statute imposing a penalty by way of punishment.

PENEANCE. In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical punishment inflicted by an ecclesiastical court for some spiritual offense. Ayl. Par. 420.

PENDENCY. Suspend; the state of being pendent or undecided; the state of an action, etc., after it has been begun, and before the final disposition of it.

PENDENS. Lat. Pending; as est pen- dens, a pending suit.

PENDENTE LITE. Lat. Pending the suit; during the actual progress of a suit; during litigation.

Pendente lite nihil innovatur. Co. Litt. 344. During a litigation nothing new should be introduced.

PENDENTES. In the civil law. The fruits of the earth not yet separated from the ground; the fruits hanging by the roots. Brak. Inst. 2, 2, 4.

PENDICLE. In Scotch law. A piece or parcel of ground.

PENDING. Begun, but not yet completed; unsettled; undetermined; in process of settlement or adjustment. Thus, an action or suit is said to be "pending" from its inception until the rendition of final judgment. Wentworth v. Farmington, 48 N. H. 210; Mauney v. Pemberton, 75 N. C. 221; Ex parte Munford, 57 Mo. 606.

PENETRATION. A term used in criminal law, and denoting (in cases of alleged rape) the insertion of the male part into the female parts to however slight an extent; and by which insertion the offense is complete without proof of emission. Brown.

PENITENTIARY. A prison or place of punishment; the place of punishment in which convicts sentenced to confinement and hard labor are confined by the authority of the law. Millar v. State, 2 Kan. 175.

PENNON. A standard, banner, or ensign carried in war.

PENNY. An English coin, being the twelfth part of a shilling. It was also used in America during the colonial period.

PENNYWEIGHT. A Troy weight, equal to twenty-four grains, or one-twentieth part of an ounce.

PENSAM. The full weight of twenty ounces.

PENSIO. A stated allowance out of the public treasury granted by government to an individual, or to his representatives, for his valuable services to the country, or in compensation for loss or damage sustained by him in the public service. Price v. Society for Savings, 64 Conn. 362, 30 Atl. 139, 42 Am. St. Rep. 198; Manning v. Spry, 121 Iowa, 191, 96 N. W. 573; Frisbie v. U. S., 167 U. S. 160, 15 Sup. Ct. 586, 39 L. Ed. 657.

In English practice. An annual payment made by each member of the inns of court. Cowell; Holthouse. Also an assembly of the members of the society of Gray's Inn, to consult of their affairs.

In the civil, Scotch, and Spanish law. A rent; an annual rent.

—Pension of churches. In English ecclesiastical law. Certain sums of money paid to
clergyman in lieu of tithes. A spiritual person may sue in the spiritual court for a pension originally granted and confirmed by the ordinary, but, where it is granted by a temporal person to a clerk, he cannot; as, if one grant an annuity to a person, he must sue for it in the temporal court. Cro. Eliz. 667—Pension writ. A peremptory order against a member of an inn of court who is in arrear for his pensions, (that is, for his periodical dues,) or for other duties. Cowell.

PENSIONER. One who is supported by an allowance at the will of another; a dependent. It is usually applied (in a public sense) to those who receive pensions or annuities from government, who are chiefly such as have retired from places of honor and emolument. Jacob.

Persons making periodical payments are sometimes so called. Thus, resident undergraduates of the university of Cambridge, who are not on the foundation of any college, are spoken of as "pensioners." Mozley & Whitley.

PENT-ROAD. A road shut up or closed at its terminal points. Wolcott v. Whitcomb, 40 Vt 41.

PENTECOSTALS. In ecclesiastical law. Pious oblations made at the feast of Pentecost by parishioners to their priests, and sometimes by inferior churches or parishes to the principal mother churches. They are also called "Whitsun farthings." Wharton.

PEON. In Mexico. A debtor held by his creditor in a qualified servitude to work out the debt; a serf. Webster.

In India. A footman; a soldier; an inferior officer; a servant employed in the business of the revenue, police, or judicature.

PEONAGE. The state or condition of a peon as above defined; a condition of enforced servitude, by which the servitor is restrained of his liberty and compelled to labor in liquidation of some debt or obligation, real or pretended, against his will. Peonage Cases (D. C.) 123 Fed. 671; In re Lewis (C. C.) 114 Fed. 908; U. S. v. McClellan (D. C.) 127 Fed. 971; Rev. St. U. S. § 5526 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 3715).

PEONIA. In Spanish-American law. A lot of land of fifty feet front, and one hundred feet deep. Originally the portion granted to foot-soldiers of spoils taken or lands conquered in war.

PEOPLE. A state; as the people of the state of New York. A nation in its collective and political capacity. Nesbitt v. Lushington, 4 Term R. 783; U. S. v. Quincy, 6 Pet. 467, 8 L. Ed. 458; U. S. v. Trumbull (D. C.) 48 Fed. 99. In a more restricted sense, and as generally used in constitution al law, the entire body of those citizens of a state or nation who are invested with political power for political purposes, that is, the qualified voters or electors. See Koehler v. Hill, 60 Iowa, 543, 15 N. W. 609; Dred Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 404, 15 L. Ed. 691; Boyd v. Nebraska, 145 U. S. 135, 12 Sup. Ct. 375, 36 L. Ed. 105; Rogers v. Jackson, 88 Ky. 502, 11 S. W. 513; People v. Counts, 89 Cal. 15, 28 Pac. 612; Blair v. Ridgely, 41 Mo. 63, 97 Am. Dec. 248; Beverly v. Sabin, 20 Ill. 357; In re Incurring of State Debts, 19 R. I. 610, 37 Atl. 14.

The word "people" may have various significations according to the connection in which it is used. When we speak of the rights of the people, or of the government of the people by law, or of the people as a non-political aggregate, we mean all the inhabitants of the state or nation, without distinction as to sex, age, or otherwise. But when reference is made to the people as the repository of sovereignty, or as the source of governmental power, or to popular government, we are in fact speaking of that selected and limited class of citizens to whom the constitution accords the elective franchise and the right of participation in the offices of government. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 30.

PEPPERCORN. A dried berry of the black pepper. In English law, the reservation of a merely nominal rent, on a lease, is sometimes expressed by a stipulation for the payment of a peppercorn.

PER. Lat. By. When a writ of entry is sued out against the alienee of the original intruder or disseisor, or against his heir to whom the land has descended, it is said to be brought "in the per," because the writ then states that the tenant had not entry but by (per) the original wrong-doer. 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

PERÆS ET LIBRAM. Lat. In Roman law. The sale per as et libram (with copper and scales) was a ceremony used in transferring res mancipi, in the emancipation of a son or slave, and in one of the forms of making a will. The parties having assembled, with a number of witnesses, and one who held a balance or scales, the purchaser struck the scales with a copper coin, repeating a formula by which he claimed the subject-matter of the transaction as his property, and handed the coin to the vendor.

PER ALLUVIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By alluvion, or the gradual and imperceptible increase arising from deposit by water.

Per alluvionem id videtur adici quod sita paulatim adiicatur ut intelligere non possimus quantum quoquo momento temporis adiicatur. That is said to be added by alluvion which is so added little by little that we cannot tell how much is added at any one moment of time. Dig. 41, 1, 7; 1; Fleta, l. 3, c. 2, § 6.

PER AND CUI. When a writ of entry is brought against a second alienee or de-
scendant from the disseisor, it is said to be in the per and cut, because the form of the writ is that the tenant had not entry but by and under a prior alienee, to whom the intruder himself demised it. 3 Bl. Comm. 181.

PER AND POST. To come in in the per is to claim by or through the person last entitled to an estate; as the heirs or assigns of the grantee. To come in in the post is to claim by a paramount and prior title; as the lord by escheat.

PER ANNUM ET BACULUM. L. Lat. In old English law. By ring and staff, or crozer. The symbolical mode of conferring an ecclesiastical investure. 1 Bl. Comm. 378, 379.


PER AUTRE VIE. L. Fr. For or during another’s life; for such period as another person shall live.

PER AVERSIONEM. Lat. In the civil law. By turning away. A term applied to that kind of sale where the goods are taken in bulk, and not by weight or measure, and for a single price; or where a piece of land is sold as containing in gross, by estimation, a certain number of acres. Poth. Cont. Sale, n. 256, 309. So called because the buyer acts without particular examination or discrimination, turning his face, as it were, away. Calvin.

PER BOUCHE. L. Fr. By the mouth; orally. 3 How. State Tr. 1024.

PER CAPITA. Lat. By the heads or polls; according to the number of individuals; share and share alike. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descent and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate by which an equal share is given to each of a number of persons, all of whom stand in equal degree to the decedent, without reference to their stocks or the right of representation. It is the antithesis of per stirpes, (q. v.)

PER CENT. An abbreviation of the Latin “per centum,” meaning by the hundred, or so many parts in the hundred, or so many hundredths. See Blakeslee v. Mansfield, 86 Ill. App. 119; Code Va. 1887, § 5 (Code 1904, p. 7.)


PER CURIAM. Lat. By the court. A phrase used in the reports to distinguish an opinion of the whole court from an opinion written by any one judge. Sometimes it denotes an opinion written by the chief justice or presiding judge. See Clarke v. Western Assur. Co., 146 Pa. 561, 23 Atl. 248, 15 L. R. A. 127, 28 Am. St. Rep. 821.

PER EUNDENUM. Lat. By the same. This phrase is commonly used to express “by, or from the mouth of, the same judge.” So “per eundem in eadem” means “by the same judge in the same case.”

PER EXTENSUM. Lat. In old practice. At length.

PER FORMAM DONI. L. Lat. In English law. By the form of the gift; by the designation of the giver, and not by the operation of law. 2 Bl. Comm. 113, 191.

PER FRAUDEM. Lat. By fraud. Where a plea alleges matter of discharge, and the replication avers that the discharge was fraudulently obtained and is therefore invalid, it is called a “replication per fraudem.”

PER INCURIAM. Lat. Through inadvertence. 35 Eng. Law & Eq. 302.

PER INDUSTRIAM HOMINIS. Lat. In old English law. By human industry. A term applied to the reclaiming or taming of wild animals by art, industry, and education. 2 Bl. Comm. 391.

PER INFORTEMUM. Lat. By misadventure. In criminal law, homicide per infortunium is committed where a man, doing a lawful act, without any intention of hurt, unfortunately kills another. 4 Bl. Comm. 182.

PER LEGEM ANGLIE. Lat. By the law of England; by the curtesy. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 54, § 18.


PER METAS ET BUNDAS. L. Lat. In old English law. By metes and bounds.

PER MINAS. Lat. By threats. See Duress.

PER MISADVENTURE. In old English law. By mischance. 4 Bl. Comm. 182. The same with per infortunium, (q. v.)
PER MITTER LE DROIT. L. Fr. By passing the right. One of the modes by which releases at common law were said to inure was "permitter le droit," as where a person who had been disseised released to the disseisor or his heir or feesee. In such case, by the release, the right which was in the releasor was added to the possession of the releassee, and the two combined perfected the estate. Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 387.

PER MITTER L’ESTATE. L. Fr. By passing the estate. At common law, where two or more are seised, either by deed, devise, or descent, as joint tenants or coparceners of the same estate, and one of them releases to the other, this is said to inure by way of "permitter l’estate." Miller v. Emans, 19 N. Y. 388.

PER MY ET PER TOUT. L. Fr. By the half and by the whole. A phrase descriptive of the mode in which joint tenants hold the joint estate, the effect of which, technically considered, is that for purposes of tenure and survivorship each is the holder of the whole, but for purposes of alienation each has only his own share, which is presumed in law to be equal. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 406.

PER PAIS, TRIAL. Trial by the country; i.e., by jury.

PER PROCURATION. By proxy; by one acting as an agent with special powers; as under a letter of attorney. These words "give notice to all persons that the agent is acting under a special and limited authority." 10 C. B. 688. The phrase is commonly abbreviated to "per proc," or "p. p.," and is more used in the civil law and in England than in American law.

PER QVE SERVITIA. Lat. A real action by which the grantee of a seigniory could compel the tenants of the grantor to attorn to himself. It was abolished by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 35.

PER QUOD. Lat. Whereby. When the declaration in an action of tort, after stating the acts complained of, goes on to allege the consequences of those acts as a ground of special damage to the plaintiff, the recital of such consequences is prefaced by these words, "per quod," whereby; and sometimes the phrase is used as the name of that clause of the declaration.

PER QUOD CONSORTIUM AMISIT. Lat. In old pleading. Whereby he lost the service [of his servant.] A phrase used in the old declarations in actions of trespass by a master, for beating or ill using his servant, descriptive of the special damage he had sustained. 3 Bl. Comm. 142; Croker v. Crocker (Q. C.) 98 Fed. 703.

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PER rationes pervenitur ad legitimam rationem. Litt. § 386. By reasoning we come to true reason.

Per rerum naturam factum negantis nulla probatio est. It is in the nature of things that he who denies a fact is not bound to give proof.

PER SALTUM. Lat. By a leap or bound; by a sudden movement; passing over certain proceedings. 8 East, 511.

PER SE. Lat. By himself or itself; in itself; taken alone; inherently; in isolation; unconnected with other matters.

PER STIRPES. Lat. By roots or stocks; by representation. This term, derived from the civil law, is much used in the law of descents and distribution, and denotes that method of dividing an intestate estate where a class or group of distributees take the share which their stock (a deceased ancestor) would have been entitled to, taking thus by their right of representing such ancestor, and not as so many individuals; while other heirs, who stand in equal degree with such ancestor to the decedent, take each a share equal to his. See Rotmanskey v. Heiss, 86 Md. 633, 39 Atl. 415.

PER TOTAM CURIAM. L. Lat. By the whole court. A common phrase in the old reports.

PER TOUT ET NON PER MY. L. Fr. By the whole, and not by the moiety. Where an estate in fee is given to a man and his wife, they cannot take the estate by moieties, but both are seised of the entirety, per tout et non per my. 2 Bl. Comm. 162.

PER UNIVERSITATEM. Lat. In the civil law. By an aggregate or whole; as an entirety. The term described the acquisition of an entire estate by one act or fact, as distinguished from the acquisition of single or detached things.


Per varios actus legem experimentia facit. By various acts experience frames the law. 4 Inst. 50.
PER VERBA DE FUTURO. Lat. By words of the future [tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439; 2 Kent, Comm. 57.

PER VERBA DE PRESENTI. Lat. By words of the present [tense.] A phrase applied to contracts of marriage. 1 Bl. Comm. 439.

PER VISION ECCLESIÆ. Lat. In old English law. By view of the church; under the supervision of the church. The disposition of intestates’ goods per vision ecclésiae was one of the articles confirmed to the prelates by King John’s Magna Charta. 3 Bl. Comm. 96.

PER VIVAM VOCEM. Lat. In old English law. By the living voice; the same with viva voce. Bract. fol. 95.

PER YEAR, in a contract, is equivalent to the word “annually.” Curtiss v. Howell, 39 N. Y. 211.

PERAMBULATION. The act of walking over the boundaries of a district or piece of land, either for the purpose of determining them or of preserving evidence of them. Thus, in many parishes in England, it is the custom for the parishioners to perambulate the boundaries of the parish in rogation week in every year. Such a custom entitles them to enter any man’s land and abate nuisances in their way. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1867; Hunt, Bound. 108; Sweet. See Greenville v. Mason, 57 N. H. 385.

PERAMBULATIONE FACIENDA, WIT DE. In English law. The name of a writ which is sued by consent of both parties when they are in doubt as to the bounds of their respective estates. It is directed to the sheriff to make perambulation, and to set the bounds and limits between them in certainty. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 133.

PERCA. A perch of land; sixteen and one-half feet. See PERCH.

PERCEPTION. Taking into possession. Thus, perception of crops or of profits is reducing them to possession.

PERCEPTURA. In old records. A wear; a place in a river made up with banks, dams, etc., for the better convenience of preserving and taking fish. Cowell.

PERCH. A measure of land containing five yards and a half, or sixteen feet and a half in length; otherwise called a “rod” or “pole.” Cowell. As a unit of solid measure, a perch of masonry or stone or brick work contains, according to some authorities and in some localities, sixteen and one-half cubic feet, but elsewhere, or according to others, twenty-five. Unless defined by statute, it is a very indefinite term and must be explained by evidence. See Baldwin Quarry Co. v. Clements, 38 Ohio St. 557; Harris v. Rutledge, 19 Iowa, 388, 37 Am. Dec. 441; Sullivan v. Richardson, 23 Fla. 1, 14 South. 692; Wood v. Vermont Cent. R. Co., 24 Vt. 608.

PERCOLATE, as used in the cases relating to the right of land-owners to use water on their premises, designates any flowage of sub-surface water other than that of a running stream, open, visible, clearly to be traced. Mosier v. Caldwell, 7 Nev. 363. —Percolating waters. See WATER.

PERDONATIO UTLAGABILIS. L. Lat. A pardon for a man who, for contempt in not yielding obedience to the process of a court, is outlawed, and afterwards of his own accord surrenders. Reg. Orig. 28.

PERDUELIO. Lat. In Roman law. Hostility or enmity towards the Roman republic; traitorous conduct on the part of a citizen, subversive of the authority of the laws or tending to overthrow the government. Calvin; Vicat.

PERDURABLE. As applied to an estate, perdurable signifies lasting long or forever. Thus, a disseisor or tenant in fee upon condition has as high and great an estate as the rightful owner or tenant in fee-simple absolute, but not so perdurable. The term is chiefly used with reference to the extinguishment of rights by unity of seisin, which does not take place unless both the right and the land out of which it issues are held for equally high and perdurable estates. Co. Litt. 313a, 313b; Gale, Easem. 582; Sweet.

PEREGRINI. Lat. In Roman law. The class of peregrini embraced at the same time both those who had no capacity in law, (capacity for rights or jural relations,) namely, the slaves, and the members of those nations which had not established amicable relations with the Roman people. Sav. Dr. Rom. 66.

PEREMPT. In ecclesiastical procedure an appeal is said to be perempted when the appellant has by his own act waived or barred his right of appeal; as where he partially complies with or acquiesces in the sentence of the court. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1275.

PEREMPTION. A nonsuit; also a quashing or killing.

PEREMPTORIUS. Lat. In the civil law. That which takes away or destroys forever; hence, exceptio peremptoria, a plea which is a perpetual bar. Calvin.

PEREMPTORY. Imperative; absolute; not admitting of question, delay, or recon-
sideration. Positive; final; decisive; not admitting of any alternative. Self-determined; arbitrary; not requiring any cause to be shown.

—Peremptory day. A day assigned for trial or hearing in court, absolutely and without further opportunity for postponement.—Peremptory exception. In the civil law. Any defense which denies entirely the ground of action in discharge of a contract other than termination; but the term is usually applied to any defense which was enlarged at the request of the parties, or which stood over from press of business in court.—Peremptory rule. In practice. An absolute rule; a rule without any condition or alternative of showing cause.—Peremptory undertaking. An undertaking by a plaintiff to bring on a cause for trial at the next sittings or assizes. Lush, Fr. 649.


PERFECT. Complete; finished; executed; enforceable.

—Perfect condition. In a statement of the rule that, when two claims exist in "perfect condition" between two persons, either may insist on a set-off, this term means that state of a demand when it is of right demandable by its terms. Taylor v. New York, 82 N. Y. 17.

Perfect instrument. An instrument such as a deed or mortgage is said to become perfect when recorded (or registered) or filed for record, because it then becomes good as to all the world. See Wilkins v. McCorkle, 112 Term. 688, 80 S. W. 854.—Perfect trust. An executed trust, (q. v.)


PERFECTING BAIL. Certain qualifications of a property character being required of persons who tender themselves as bail, when such persons have justified, i. e., established their sufficiency by satisfying the court that they possess the requisite qualifications, a rule or order of court is made for their allowance, and the bail is then said to be perfected, i. e., the process of giving bail is finished or completed. Brown.

Perf ectum est omni nihil deest secundum sum perfectiores vel nature medium. That is perfect to which nothing is wanting, according to the measure of its perfection or nature. Hob. 151.

PERFIDY. The act of one who has engaged his faith to do a thing, and does not do it, but does the contrary. Wolff, Inst. § 390.

PERFORM. To perform an obligation or contract is to execute, fulfill, or accomplish it according to its terms. This may consist either in action on the part of the person bound by the contract or in omission to act, according to the nature of the subject-matter; but the term is usually applied to any action in discharge of a contract other than payment.

PERFORMANCE. The fulfillment or accomplishment of a promise, contract, or other obligation according to its terms.

—Part performance. The doing some portion, yet not the whole, of what either party to a contract has agreed to do. Borrow v. Borrow, 9 N. Y. 39. 76 Pac. 305.—Specific performance. Performance of a contract in the specific form in which it was made, or according to the precise terms agreed upon. This is frequently compelled by a bill in equity filed for the purpose. 2 Story, Eq. Pl. § 712. et seq.

The doctrine of specific performance is that, where damages would be an inadequate compensation for the breach of an agreement, the contractor will be compelled to perform specifically what he has agreed to do. Sweet.

PERGAMENUM. In old practice. Parchment. In pergamento scribi fecit. 1 And. 54.

PERICARDITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the lining membrane of the heart.

PERICULOUS. Lat. Dangerous; perilous.

Periculum est res novas et inusitatas inducere. Co. Litt. 379a. It is perilsous to introduce new and untried things.

Periculum existimato quod hororum virorum non comprobatur exemplo. 9 Coke, 97b. I consider that dangerous which is not approved by the example of good men.

PERICULUM. Lat. In the civil law. Peril; danger; hazard; risk.

Periculum rel venditam, nondum tradita, est emptoris. The risk of a thing sold, and not yet delivered, is the purchaser's. 2 Kent, Comm. 483, 490.

PERIL. The risk, hazard, or contingency insured against by a policy of insurance.

—Perils of the lakes. As applied to navigation of the Great Lakes, this term has the same meaning as "perils of the sea. See infra.—Perils of the sea. In maritime insurance law. Natural accidents peculiar to the sea, which do not happen by the intervention of man, nor are to be prevented by human prudence. 2 Kent, Comm. 219. Perils of the sea are from (1) storms and waves; (2) rocks, shoals, and rapids; (3) other obstacles, though of human origin; (4) changes of climate; (5) the confinement necessary at sea; (6) animals peculiar to the sea; (7) all other dangers peculiar to the sea. Civ. Code Cal. § 2199. All losses caused by the action of wind and water acting on the property insured under extraordinary circumstances, either directly or mediately, without the intervention of other independent active external causes, are losses by "perils of the sea or other perils and dangers," within the meaning of the usual clause in a policy of marine insurance. Baily, Perils of the sea. 34 infra. In maritime insurance law. Natural accidents peculiar to the sea, which do not happen by the intervention of man, nor are to be prevented by human prudence. 3 Kent, Comm. 219. Perils of the sea are from (1) storms and waves; (2) rocks, shoals, and rapids; (3) other obstacles, though of human origin; (4) changes of climate; (5) the confinement necessary at sea; (6) animals peculiar to the sea; (7) all other dangers peculiar to the sea. Civ. Code Cal. § 2199. All losses caused by the action of wind and water acting on the property insured under extraordinary circumstances, either directly or mediately, without the intervention of other independent active external causes, are losses by "perils of the sea or other perils and dangers," within the meaning of the usual clause in a policy of marine insurance. Baily, Perils of the sea. 34 infra.

PERINDE VALERE. A dispensation granted to a clerk, who, being defective in capacity for a benefice or other ecclesiastical function, is de facto admitted to it. Cowell.

PERIOD. Any point, space, or division of time. "The word 'period' has its etymological meaning, but it also has a distinctive significance, according to the subject with which it may be used in connection. It may mean any portion of complete time, from a thousand years or less to the period of a day; and when used to designate an act to be done or to be begun, though its completion may take an uncertain time, as, for instance, the act of exportation, it must mean the day on which the exportation commences, or it would be an unmeaning and useless word in its connection in the statute." Sampson v. Peaselee, 20 How. 579, 15 L. Ed. 1022.

PERIODICAL. Recurring at fixed intervals; to be made or done, or to happen, at successive periods separated by determined intervals of time; as periodical payments of interest on a bond.

PERIPHRASIS. Circumlocution; use of many words to express the sense of one.

PERISH. To come to an end; to cease to be; to die.

PERISHABLE ordinarily means subject to speedy and natural decay. But, where the time contemplated is necessarily long, the term may embrace property liable merely to material depreciation in value from other causes than such decay. Webster v. Peck, 31 Conn. 495.

—Perishable goods. Goods which decay and lose their value if not speedily put to their intended use.

Perjury sunt qui servatis verbis juramenti deceptum aures eorum qui acceptant. 3 Inst. 106. They are perjured, who, preserving the words of an oath, deceive the ears of those who receive it.

PERJURY. In criminal law. The willful assertion as to a matter of fact, opinion, belief, or knowledge, made by a witness in a judicial proceeding as part of his evidence, belief, or knowledge, made by a witness in a jury, or person holding the proceeding. 2 Whart. Crim. Law, § 1244; Herring v. State, 119 Ga. 709, 46 S. E. 576; Beecher v. Anderson, 45 Mich. 543, 8 N. W. 539; Schmidt v. Witherick, 29 Minn. 156, 12 N. W. 443; State v. Simons, 30 Vt. 620; Miller v. State, 15 Fla. 565; Clark v. Clark, 61 N. J. Eq. 404, 28 Atl. 1012; Hood v. State, 44 Ala. 61.

Perjury shall consist in willfully, knowingly, absolutely, and falsely swearing, either with or without laying the hand on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, or affirming, in a matter material to the issue or point in question, in some judicial proceeding, by a person to whom a lawful oath or affirmation is administered. Code Ga. 1882, § 4460.

Every person who, having taken an oath that he will testify, declare, depose, or certify truly and perfectly to such oath, states as true any material matter which he knows to be false, is guilty of perjury. Pen. Code Cal. § 118.

The willful giving, under oath, in a judicial proceeding or course of justice, of false testimony material to the issue or point of inquiry. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 1015.

Perjury, at common law, is the "taking of a willful false oath by one who, being lawfully sworn by a competent court to depose the truth and Nothing material to the point in question, in some judicial proceeding, swears absolutely and falsely in a matter material to the point in issue, whether he believed or not." Comm. v. Powell, 2 Metc. (Ky.) 10; Cothran v. State, 89 Miss. 541.

It will be observed that, at common law, the crime of perjury can be committed only in the course of a suit or judicial proceeding. But statutes have very generally extended both the definition and the punishment of this offense to willful false swearing in many different kinds of affidavits and depositions, such as those required to be made in tax returns, pension proceedings, transactions at the custom house, and various other administrative or non-judicial proceedings.

PERMANENT. Fixed, enduring, abiding, not subject to change. Generally opposed in law to "temporary."

—Permanent abode. A domicile or fixed home. A person may leave as his interest or whim may dictate, but which he has no present intention of abandoning. Dale v. Irwin, 100 Ill. 170; Moffett v. Hill, 121 Ill. 229, 25 N. E. 248; Wilcox v. S. 82, 62 N. W. 249, 48 Am. St. Rep. 706.—Permanent building and loan association. One which issues its stock, not all at once, in series, but at any time when application is made therefor. Cook v. Equitable B. & L. Ass'n, 104 Ga. 814, 80 S. E. 911.

As to permanent "Allmony," "Injunction," and "Trespass," see those titles.

PERMISSION. A license to do a thing; an authority to do an act which, without such authority, would have been unlawful.

PERMISIONS. Negations of law, arising either from the law's silence or its express declaration. Ruth. Inst. b. 1, c. 1.

PERMISSIVE. Allowed; allowable; that which may be done.

—Permissive use. See Use.—Permissive waste. See Waste.

PERMIT. A license or instrument granted by the officers of excise, (or customs,) certifying that the duties on certain goods
have been paid, or secured, and permitting
their removal from some specified place to
another. Wharton.

A written license or warrant, issued by a
person in authority, empowering the grantee
do some act not forbidden by law, but not
allowable without such authority.

**PERMUTATIO.** Lat. In the civil law.
Exchange; barter. Dig. 19, 4.

**PERMUTATION.** The exchange of one
movable subject for another; barter.

**PERMUTATIONE.** A writ to an ordi­
nary, commanding him to admit a clerk to a
benefice upon exchange made with another.
Reg. Orig. 307.

**PERNANCY.** Taking; a taking or re­
ceiving; as of the profits of an estate. Actu­
al pernancy of the profits of an estate is the
taking, perception, or receipt of the rents and
other advantages arising therefrom. 2 Bl.
Comm. 163.

**PERNOR OF PROFITS.** He who re­
ceives the profits of lands, etc.; he who has
the actual pernancy of the profits.

**PERNOUR.** L. Fr. A taker.
Le per­
nour ou le detenour, the taker or the detain­
er. Britt c. 27.

**PERPARS.** L. Lat. A part
of the inheritance.

**PERPERS.** Never ceasing; continu­
ous; enduring; lasting; unlimited in respect
of time; continuing without intermission or
interval. See Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo.
App. 340.

**PERPETUAL.** Never ceasing; continu­
ous; enduring; lasting; unlimited in respect
of time; continuing without intermission or
interval. See Scanlan v. Crawshaw, 5 Mo.
App. 337.

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**PERPETUATING TESTIMONY.** A
proceeding for taking and preserving the tes­
timony of witnesses, which otherwise might
be lost before the trial in which it is intended
to be used. It is usually allowed where the
witnesses are aged and infirm or are about to
remove from the state. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.

**PERPETUITY.** A future limitation,
whether executory or by way of remainder,
and of either real or personal property, which
is not to vest until after the expiration of or
will not necessarily vest within the period
fixed and prescribed by law for the creation
of future estates and interests, and which is
not destructible by the persons for the time
being entitled to the property subject to the
future limitation, except with the concurren­
cence of the individual interested under that
limitation. Lewis, Perp. 164; 52 Law Lib.
139.

Any limitation tending to take the subject
of it out of commerce for a longer period
than a life or lives in being, and twenty-one
years beyond, and, in case of a posthumous
child, a few months more, allowing for the

Such a limitation of property as renders it
unalienable beyond the period allowed by law.
Washington Hospital, 86 U. S. 390, 24 L. Ed.
450; Duggan v. Sloucum, 92 Fed. 806, 34 C. C.
A. 676; Waldo v. Cummings, 45 Ill. 421;
Franklin v. Armfield, 2 Sneed (Tenn.) 534;
Stevens v. Annex Realty Co., 173 Mo. 511, 73
S. W. 505; Griffin v. Graham, 8 N. C. 130, 9
Am. Dec. 619; In re John's Will, 30 Or. 494,
47 Pac. 341, 38 L. R. A. 242.

**PERPETUITY OF THE KING.** That
fiction of the English law which for certain
political purposes ascribes to the king in his
political capacity the attribute of immortality;
for, though the reigning monarch may
die, yet by this fiction the king never dies,
i.e., the office is supposed to be reoccupied
for all political purposes immediately on his

**PERQUISITES.** In its most extensive
sense, "perquisites" signifies anything obtained
by industry or purchased with money, dif­
ferent from that which descends from a father or ancestor. Bract. l. 2, c. 30, n. 3.

Profits accruing to a lord of a manor by virtue of his court-baron, over and above the yearly profits of his land; also other things that come casually and not yearly. Mosley & Whitley.

In modern use. Emoluments or incidental profits attaching to an office or official position, beyond the salary or regular fees. Delaplane v. Crenshaw, 15 Grat. (Va.) 408; Vansant v. State, 96 Md. 110, 53 Atl. 711; Wren v. Luzerne County, 6 Klup (Pa.) 37.

PERQUISITIO. Purchase. Acquisition by one’s own act or agreement, and not by descent.

PERQUISITOR. In old English law. A purchaser; one who first acquired an estate to his family; one who acquired an estate by sale, by gift, or by any other method, except only that of descent. 2 Bl. Comm. 220.

PERSECUTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A following after; a pursuing at law; a suit or prosecution. Properly that kind of judicial proceeding before the praetor which was called “extraordinary.” In a general sense, any judicial proceeding, including not only “actions,” (actiones,) properly so called, but other proceedings also. Calvin.

PERSEQUI. Lat. In the civil law. To follow after; to pursue or claim in form of law. An action is called a “jus persequendi.”

PERSON. A man considered according to the rank he holds in society, with all the rights to which the place he holds entitles him, and the duties which it imposes. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 137.

A human being considered as capable of having rights and of being charged with duties; while a “thing” is the object over which rights may be exercised.

Artificial persons. Such as are created and devised by law for the purposes of society and government, called “corporations” or “bodies politic.”—Natural persons. Such as are formed by nature, as distinguished from artificial persons, or corporations.—Private person. An individual who is not the incumbent of an office.

PERSONA. Lat. In the civil law. Character, in virtue of which certain rights belong to a man and certain duties are imposed upon him. Thus one man may unite many characters, (persona,) as, for example, the characters of father and son, of master and servant. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 129.

In ecclesiastical law. The rector of a church instituted and conducted, for his own life, was called “persona mortalis,” and any collegiate or conventual body, to whom the church was forever appropriated, was termed “persona immortalis.” Jacob.

Persona designata. A person pointed out or described as an individual, as opposed to a person ascertained as a member of a class, or as filling a particular character.—Persona ecclesiastica. The person or personation of the church.—Persona non grata. In international law and diplomatic usage, a person not acceptable (for reasons peculiar to himself) to the court or government to which it is proposed to accredit him in the character of an ambassador or minister.—Persona standi in judicio. Capacity of standing in court or in judgment; capacity to be a party to an action; capacity or ability to sue.

Persona conjuncta equiparatur interesse proprio. A personal connection [literally, a united person, union with a person] is equivalent to one’s own interest; nearness of blood is as good a consideration as one’s own interest. Bac. Max. 72, reg.

Persona est homo cum statu quodam consideratus. A person is a man considered with reference to a certain status. Heinecc. Elem. i. 1, tit. 3, § 75.


PERSONABLE. Having the rights and powers of a person; able to hold or maintain a plea in court; also capacity to take anything granted or given.


PERSONAL. Appertaining to the person; belonging to an individual; limited to the person; having the nature or partaking of the qualities of human beings, or of movable property.


Personal things cannot be done by another. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 14.

Personal things cannot be granted over. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 15.

Personal things die with the person. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 15.

Personalia personam sequuntur. Personal things follow the person. Flanders v. Cross, 10 Cush. (Mass.) 516.

PERSONALIS ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A personal action; an action
against the person, (in personam.) Dig. 50, 16, 178, 2.

In old English law. A personal action. In this sense, the term was borrowed from the civil law by Bracton. The English form is constantly used as the designation of one of the chief divisions of civil actions.

PERSONALIS ACTIO. In old English law. Personally; in person.

PERSONALITY. In modern civil law. The incidence of a law or statute upon persons, or that quality which makes it a personal law rather than a real law. "By the personality of laws, foreign jurists generally mean all laws which concern the condition, state, and capacity of persons." Story, Confl. Laws, § 16.

PERSONALITY. Personal property; movable property; chattels.

PERSONATE. In criminal law. To assume the person (character) of another, without his consent or knowledge, in order to deceive others, and, in such feigned character, to fraudulently do some act or gain some advantage, to the harm or prejudice of the person counterfeited. See 2 East, P. C. 1010.

PERSONEO. In Spanish law. An attorney. So called because he represents the person of another, either in or out of court. Las Partidas, pt 3, tit 5, l. 1.

PERSONEREO. In Spanish law. An attorney. So called because he represents the person of another, either in or out of court.

PERSONNÉA. Fr. A person. This term is applicable to men and women, or to either. Civ. Code Lat, art. 3522, § 25.

Perspicua vera non sunt probanda. Co. Litt. 16. Plain truths need not be proved.


PERSUASION. The act of persuading; the act of influencing the mind by arguments or reasons offered, or by anything that moves the mind or passions, or inclines the will to a determination. See Marz v. Threet, 131 Ala. 340, 30 South. 831.

PERTAIN. To belong or relate to, whether by nature, appointment, or custom. See People v. Chicago Theological Seminary, 174 Ill. 177, 51 N. E. 198.

PERTENENCIA. In Spanish law. The claim or right which one has to the property in anything; the territory which belongs to any one by way of jurisdiction or property; that which is accessory or consequent to a principal thing, and goes with the ownership of it, as when it is said that such an one buys such an estate with all its appurtenances, (pertenencias.) Escriche. See Castillero v. United States, 2 Black. 17, 17 L. Ed. 360.

PERTICATA TERRÆ. The fourth part of an acre. Cowell.

PERTICULAS. A pittance; a small portion of alms or victuals. Also certain poor scholars of the Isle of Man. Cowell.

PERTINENT. Applicable; relevant. Evidence is called "pertinent" when it is directed to the issue or matters in dispute, and legitimately tends to prove the allegations of the party offering it; otherwise it is called "impertinent." A pertinent hypothesis is one which, if sustained, would logically influence the issue. Whittaker v. State, 106 Ala. 30, 17 South. 456.

PERTINENTS. In Scotch law. Appurtenances. "Parts and pertinents" are formal words in old deeds and charters. 1 Forb. Inst, pt 2, pp. 112, 118.

PERTURBATION. In the English ecclesiastical courts, a "suit for perturbation of seat" is the technical name for an action growing out of a disturbance or infringement of one's right to a pew or seat in a church. 2 Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1513.

PERTURBATRIX. A woman who breaks the peace.

PERVERSE VERDICT. A verdict whereby the jury refuse to follow the direction of the judge on a point of law.

PESSIME EXEMPLI. Lat. Of the worst example.
PESSONA. Mast of oaks, etc., or money taken for mast, or feeding hogs. Cowell.

PESSURABLE WARES. Merchandise which takes up a good deal of room in a ship. Cowell.

PETENS. Lat. In old English law. A demandant; the plaintiff in a real action. Bract. fols. 102, 1009.

PETER-PENCE. An ancient levy or tax of a penny on each house throughout England, paid to the pope. It was called “Petter-pence,” because collected on the day of St. Peter, ad vincula; by the Saxons it was called “Rome-feoh,” “Rome-scet,” and “Rome-pennyning,” because collected and sent to Rome; and, lastly, it was called “hearth money,” because every dwelling-house was liable to it, and every religious house, the abbey of St. Albans alone excepted. Wharton.

PETIT. Fr. Small; minor; inconsiderable. Used in several compounds, and sometimes written “petty.”

—Petit cape. A judicial writ, issued in the old actions for the recovery of land, requiring the sheriff to take possession of the estate, where the tenant, after having appeared in answer to the summons, made default in a subsequent stage of the proceedings.

As to petit “Jury,” “Larceny,” “Sergeanty,” and “Treason,” see those titles.

PETITE ASSIZE. Used in contradistinction from the grand assize, which was a jury to decide on questions of property. Petit assize, a jury to decide on questions of possession. Britt. c. 42; Glan. lib. 2, cc. 6, 7.

PETITIO. Lat. In the civil law. The plaintiff’s statement of his cause of action in an action in rem. Calvin.

In old English law. Petition or demand; the count in a real action; the form of words in which a title to land was stated by the defendant, and which commenced with the word “peto.” 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 176.

PETITIO PRINCIPIII. In logic. Begging the question, which is the taking of a thing for true or for granted, and drawing conclusions from it as such, when it is really dubious, perhaps false, or at least wants to be proved, before any inferences ought to be drawn from it.

PETITION. A written address, embodying an application or prayer from the person or persons preferring it, to the power, body, or person to whom it is presented, for the exercise of his or their authority in the redress of some wrong, or the grant of some favor, privilege, or license.

In practice. An application made to a court ex parte, or where there are no parties

PETITORY ACTION. In opposition, praying for the exercise of the judicial powers of the court in relation to some matter which is not the subject for a suit or action, or for authority to do some act which requires the sanction of the court; as for the appointment of a guardian, for leave to sell trust property, etc.

The word “petition” is generally used in judicial proceedings to describe an application in writing, in contradistinction to a motion, which may be visum voci. Bergen v. Jones, 4 Mete. (Mass.) 271.

In the practice of some of the states, the word “petition” is adopted as the name of that initiatory pleading in an action which is elsewhere called a “declaration” or “complaint.” See Code Ga. 1882, § 3332.

In equity practice. An application in writing for an order of the court, stating the circumstances upon which it is founded; a proceeding resorted to whenever the nature of the application to the court requires a fuller statement than can be conveniently made in a notice of motion. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 578.

—Petition de droit. L. Fr. In English practice. A petition of right; a form of proceeding to obtain restitution from the crown of either real or personal property being in use, where the crown is in possession of any here­ditaments or chattels, and the petitioner sug­gests such a right as controverts the title of the crown, grounded on facts disclosed in the petition itself. 3 Bl. Comm. 256.—Petition in bankruptcy. A paper filed in a court of bankruptcy, or with the clerk, by a debtor praying for the benefits of the bankruptcy act, or by creditors alleging the commission of an act of bankruptcy by their debtor and praying an ad­judication of bankruptcy against him.—Petition of right. In English law. A proceeding in chancery by which a subject may recover prop­erty in the possession of the king. See Petitioner at whose instance an adjudication of bankruptcy is made against a bankrupt.

PETITIONER. One who presents a petition to a court, officer, or legislative body. In legal proceedings begun by petition, the person against whom action or relief is prayed, or who opposes the prayer of the petition, is called the “respondent.”

PETITIONING CREDITOR. The creditor at whose instance an adjudication of bankruptcy is made against a bankrupt.

PETITORY ACTION. A drouitorial ac­tion; that is, one in which the plaintiff seeks to establish and enforce, by an appropri­ate legal proceeding, his right of property, or his title, to the subject-matter in dispute; as distinguished from a possessory action, where the right to the possession is the point in litigation, and not the mere right of property. The term is chiefly used in admiralty. 1 Kent, Comm. 371; The Tilton, 5 Mason, 465, Fed. Cas. No. 14,054.

In Scotch law. Actions in which dam­ages are sought.
PETO. Lat. In Roman law. I request. A common word by which a \textit{fiduciamissum}, or trust, was created in a will. Inst. 2, 24, 3.

PETRA. A stone weight. Cowell.

PETTIFOGGER. A lawyer who is employed in a small or mean business, or who carries on a disreputable business by unprincipled or dishonorable means. "We think that the term 'pettifogging shyster' needed no definition by witnesses before the jury. This combination of epithets, every lawyer and citizen knows, belongs to none but unscrupulous practitioners who disgrace their profession by doing mean work, and resort to sharp practice to do it." Bailey v. Kalamazoo Pub. Co., 40 Mich. 256.

PETTY. Small, minor, of less or incon siderable importance. The English form of "petit," and sometimes used instead of that word in such compounds as "petty jury," "petty larceny," and "petty treason." See \textit{Pett}.

—\textit{Petty bag office}. In English law. An office in the court of chancery, for suits against attorneys and officers of the court, and for process and proceedings by extent on statutes, recognizances, \textit{ad quod dannum}, and the like. Termes de la Ley.—\textit{Petty officers}. Inferior officers in the naval service, of various ranks and kinds, corresponding to the non commissioned officers in the army. See U. S. v. Fuller, 190 U. S. 593, 16 Sup. Ct. 586, 40 L. Ed. 549.

As to petty "Average," "Constable," and "Sessions," see those titles.


PIACLE. An obsolete term for an enormous crime.

PIA FRATTS. Lat. A pious fraud; a subterfuge or evasion considered morally justifiable on account of the ends sought to be promoted. Particularly applied to an evasion or disregard of the laws in the interests of religion or religious institutions, such as circumventing the statutes of mortmain.

PIAGEL. A jaller.

PHLEBITIS. In medical jurisprudence. An inflammation of the veins, which may originate in \textit{septicemia} (bacterial blood-poisoning) or \textit{pyaemia} (poisoning from pus), and is capable of being transmitted to other tissues, as, the brain or the muscular tissue of the heart. In the latter case, an inflammation of the heart is produced which is called "endocarditis" and which may result fatally. See Succession of Bidwell, 52 La. Ann. 744, 27 South. 281.

PHOTOGRAPHER. Any person who makes for sale photographs, ambrotypes, daguerrotypes, or pictures, by the action of light. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9; 14 St. at Large, 120.


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at all the approaches to the works struck against, for the purpose of observing and reporting the workmen going to or coming from the works, and of using such influence as may be in their power to prevent the workmen from accepting work there. See Beck v. Railway Teamsters' Protective Union, 118 Mich. 497, 77 N. W. 13, 42 L. R. A. 407, 74 Am. St. Rep. 421; Cumberland Glass Mfg. Co. v. Glass Bottle Blowers' Ass'n, 59 N. J. Eq. 49, 46 Atl. 208.

**PICKLE, PYCLE, or PIGHTEL.** A small parcel of land inclosed with a hedge, which, in some countries, is called a "pingle." Enc. Lond.

**PICKPOCKET.** A thief who secretly steals money or other property from the person of another.

**PIEDPOUDRE.** See Court of Piedpoudre.

**PIER.** A structure extending from the solid land out into the water of a river, lake, harbor, etc., to afford convenient passage for persons and property to and from vessels along the sides of the pier. Seabright v. Alligor, 69 N. J. Law, 641, 56 Atl. 287.

**PIERAGE.** The duty for maintaining piers and harbors.

**PIGNORATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. The contract of pledge; and also the obligation of such contract.

**PIGNORATITIA ACTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. An action of pledge, or founded on a pledge, which was either direct, for the debtor, after payment of the debt, or contraria, for the creditor. Heinecc. Elem. lib. 3, tit. 13, §§ 824-826.

**PIGNORATIVE CONTRACT.** In the civil law. A contract of pledge, hypothecation, or mortgage of realty.

**PIGNORIS CAPIO.** Lat. In Roman law. This was the name of one of the leges actiones. It was employed only in certain particular kinds of pecuniary cases, and consisted in that the creditor, without preliminary suit and without the co-operation of the magistrate, by reciting a prescribed formula, took an article of property from the debtor to be treated as a pledge or security. The proceeding bears a marked analogy to distress at common law. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 208; Galus, bk. 4, §§ 20-29.

**PIGNUS.** Lat. In the civil law. A pledge or pawn; a delivery of a thing to a creditor, as security for a debt. Also a thing delivered to a creditor as security for a debt.

**PILA.** In old English law. That side of coined money which was called "pile," because it was the side on which there was an impression of a church built on piles. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 39.

**PILETTUS.** In the ancient forest laws. An arrow which had a round knob a little above the head, to hinder it from going far into the mark. Cowell.

**PILFER.** To pilfer, in the plain and popular sense, means to steal. To charge another with pilfering is to charge him with stealing, and is slander. Becket v. Sterrett, 4 Blackf. (Ind.) 499.

**PILFERER.** One who steals petty things.

**PILLAGE.** Plunder; the forcible taking of private property by an invading or conquering army from the enemy's subjects. American Ins. Co. v. Bryan, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 573, 37 Am. Dec. 278.

**PILLORY.** A frame erected on a pillar, and made with holes and movable boards, through which the heads and hands of criminals were put.

**PILOT.** A particular officer serving on board a ship during the course of a voyage, and having the charge of the helm and the ship's route; or a person taken on board at any particular place for the purpose of conducting a ship through a river, road, or channel, or from or into a port. People v. Francisco, 10 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 32; State v. Turner, 34 Or. 173, 55 Pac. 92; Chapman v. Jackson, 9 Rich. Law (S. C.) 212; State v. Jones, 16 Fla. 306.


**PILOTAGE.** The navigation of a vessel by a pilot; the duty of a pilot. The charge or compensation allowed for piloting a vessel.

**PILOTAGE AUTHORITIES.** In English law. Boards of commissioners appointed and authorized for the regulation and appointment of pilots, each board having jurisdiction within a prescribed district.

**PIMP-TENURE.** A very singular and odious kind of tenure mentioned by the old writers, "Wilhelmus Hoppeshort tenet dimidiam virgatam terrae per servitium custodiendi sex damissellas, scil. meretrices ad usum domini regis." Wharton.

**PIN-MONEY.** An allowance set apart by a husband for the personal expenses of his wife, for her dress and pocket money.
PINCERNA. In old English law. Butler; the king's butler, whose office it was to select out of the cargo of every vessel laden with wine, one cask at the prow and another at the stern, for the king's use. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 22.

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PINNAGE. Poundage of cattle.

PINNER. A pounder of cattle; a pound-keeper.

PINT. A liquid measure of half a quart, or the eighth part of a gallon.

PIOUS USES. See CHARITABLE USES.

PIPE. A roll in the exchequer; otherwise called the "great roll." A liquid measure containing two hogsheads.

PIRACY. In criminal law. A robbery or forcible depredation on the high seas, without lawful authority, done animo furandi, in the spirit and intention of universal hostility. United States v. Palmer, 3 Wheat. 610, 4 L. Ed. 471. This is the definition of this offense by the law of nations. 1 Kent, Comm. 183. And see Talbot v. Janson, 3 Dell. 152, 1 L. Ed. 540; Dole v. Insurance Co., 51 Me. 467; U. S. v. Smith, 5 Wheat. 161, 5 L. Ed. 57; U. S. v. The Ambrose Light (D. C.) 25 Fed. 408; Davison v. Seal-skins, 7 Fed. Cas. 192.

There is a distinction between the offense of piracy, as known to the law of nations, which is justiciable everywhere, and offenses created by statutes of particular nations, cognizable only before the municipal tribunals of such nations. Dole v. Insurance Co., 2 Cliff. 394, 418, Fed. Cas. No. 3,966.

The term is also applied to the illicit reprinting or reproduction of a copyrighted book or print or to unlawful plagiarism from it.

Pirates are common sea-rovers, without any fixed place of residence, who acknowledge no sovereign and no law, and support themselves by pilage and depredations at sea; but there are instances wherein the word "pirate" has been formerly taken for a sea-captain. Spelman.

PIRATICAL. "Where the act uses the word 'piratical,' it does so in a general sense; importing that the aggression is unauthorized by the law of nations, hostile in its character, wanton and criminal in its commission, and utterly without any sanction from any public authority or sovereign power. In short, it means that the act belongs to the class of offenses which pirates are in the habit of perpetrating, whether they do it for purposes of plunder, or for purposes of hatred, revenge, or wanton abuse of power." U. S. v. The Malek Adhel, 2 How. 232, 11 L. Ed. 259.

PIRATICALLY. A technical word which must always be used in an indictment for piracy. 3 Inst. 112.

PISCARY. The right or privilege of fishing. Thus, common of piscary is the right of fishing in waters belonging to another person.

PIT. In old Scotch law. An excavation or cavity in the earth in which women who were under sentence of death were drowned.

PIT AND GALLOWS. In Scotch law. A privilege of inflicting capital punishment for theft, given by King Malcolm, by which a woman could be drowned in a pit, (fossa,) or a man hanged on a gallows, (furca.) Bell.

PITCHING-PENCE. In old English law. Money, commonly a penny, paid for pitching or setting down every bag of corn or pack of goods in a fair or market. Cowell.

PITHATISM. In medical jurisprudence. A term of recent introduction to medical science, signifying curability by means of persuasion, and used as synonymous with "hysteria," in effect limiting the scope of the latter term to the description of psychic or nervous disorders which may be cured uniquely by psychotherapy or persuasion. Babinski.

PITTANCE. A slight repast or refect- tion of fish or flesh more than the common allowance; and the pittancer was the officer who distributed this at certain appointed festivals. Cowell.

PIX. A mode of testing coin. The ascertaining whether coin is of the proper standard is in England called "pixing" it;
and there are occasions on which resort is had for this purpose to an ancient mode of inquisition called the "trial of the pix," before a jury of members of the Goldsmiths' Company. 2 Steph. Comm. 540, note.

—Pix jury. A jury consisting of the members of the corporation of the goldsmiths of the city of London, assembled upon an inquisition of very ancient date, called the "trial of the pix."

PLACARD. An edict; a declaration; a manifesto. Also an advertisement or public notification.

PLACE. An old form of the word "place." Thus the "Court of Common Pleas" was sometimes called the "Court of Common Place."

PLACE. This word is a very indefinite term. It is applied to any locality, limited by boundaries, however large or however small. It may be used to designate a country, state, county, town, or a very small portion of a town. The extent of the locality designated by it must generally be determined by the connection in which it is used.

PLACE. The place (country or state) in which a contract is made, and whose law must determine questions affecting the execution, validity, and construction of the contract. Scudder v. Union Nat. Bank, 91 U. S. 412, 23 L. Ed. 245.—Place of delivery. The place where delivery is to be made of goods sold. If no place is specified in the contract, the articles sold must, in general, be delivered at the place where they are at the time of the sale. Hatch v. Standard Oil Co., 100 U. S. 134, 25 L. Ed. 554.—Place where. A phrase used in the older reports, being a literal translation of locus in quo, (q. v.)

PLACEMAN. One who exercises a public employment, or fills a public station.

PLACER. In mining law. A superficial deposit of sand, gravel, or disintegrated rock, carrying one or more of the precious metals, along the course or under the bed of a water-course, ancient or current, or along the shore of the sea. Under the acts of congress, the term includes all forms of mineral deposits, except veins of quartz or other rock in place. Rev. St. U. S. § 2329 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1432). See Montana Coal & Coke Co. v. Livingston, 21 Mont. 59, 52 Pac. 780; Gregory v. Pershaker, 73 Cal. 109, 14 Pac. 401; Freezer v. Sweeney, 8 Mont. 508, 21 Pac. 20.

—Placer claim. A mining claim located on the public domain for the purpose of placer mining, that is, ground within the defined boundaries which contains mineral in its earth, sand, or gravel; ground which includes valuable deposits not "in place," that is, not fixed in rock, or which are in a loose state. U. S. v. Iron Silver Min. Co., 128 U. S. 675, 9 Sup. Ct. 195, 32 L. Ed. 571; Clipper Min. Co. v. Ed. Sup. 90 Cal. 116, 21 Pac. 992; U. S. v. Ed. Sup. 692, 48 L. Ed. 944; Wheeler v. Smith, 5 Wash. 704, 32 Pac. 784.—Placer location. A placer claim located and occupied on the public domain.

PLACIT, or PLACITUM. Decree; determination.

PLACITA. In old English law. The public assemblies of all degrees of men where the sovereign presided, who usually consulted upon the great affairs of the kingdom. Also pleas, pleadings, or debates, and trials at law; sometimes penalties, fines, mulcts, or emendations; also the style of the court at the beginning of the record at nisi prius, but this is now omitted. Cowell.

In the civil law. The decrees or constitutions of the emperor; being the expressions of his will and pleasure. Calvin.

—Placita communia. Common pleas. All civil actions between subject and subject. 3 Bl. Comm. 38, 40.—Placita corone. Pleas of the crown. All trials for crimes and misdemeanors, wherein the king is plaintiff, on behalf of the people. 3 Bl. Comm. 40.—Placita juris. Pleas or rules of law; "particular and positive learnings of laws; "Grounds and positive learnings received with the law and set down" as distinguished from maxims or the formulated conclusions of legal reason. Bac. Max. pref., and reg. 12.

Placita de transgressione contra pacem regis, in regno Anglie vi et armis facta, secundum legem et consuetudinem Anglie sine brevi regis placitari non debent. 2 Inst. 311. Pleas of trespass against the peace of the king in the kingdom of England, made with force and arms, ought not, by the law and custom of England, to be pleaded without the king's writ.

Placita negativa duo exitum non faciunt. Two negative pleas do not form an issue. Loft, 415.

PLACITABILE. In old English law. Pleadable. Spelman.

PLACITAMENTUM. In old records. The pleading of a cause. Spelman.

PLACITARE. To plead.

PLACITATOR. In old records. A pleader. Cowell; Spelman.

PLACITORY. Relating to pleas or pleading.

PLACITUM. In old English law. A public assembly at which the king presided, and which comprised men of all degrees, met for consultation about the great affairs of the kingdom. Cowell. A court; a judicial tribunal; a lord's court. Placita was the style or title of the courts at the beginning of the old nisi prius record. A suit or cause in court; a judicial proceeding; a trial. Placita were divided into placita corone (crown cases or pleas of the crown, t. e., criminal actions) and placita
communia, (common cases or common pleas, i. e., private civil actions.)

A fine, mulct, or pecuniary punishment.

A pleading or plea. In this sense, the term was not confined to the defendant's answer to the declaration, but included all the pleadings in the cause, being nomen generalissimum. 1 Saund. 388, n. 6.

In the old reports and abridgments, "placitum" was the name of a paragraph or subdivision of a title or page where the point decided in a cause was set out separately. It is commonly abbreviated "pl."

In the civil law. An agreement of parties; that which is their pleasure to arrange between them.

An imperial ordinance or constitution; literally, the prince's pleasure. Inst. 1, 2, 8.

A judicial decision; the judgment, decree, or sentence of a court. Calvin.

Placitum aliud personale, aliud reale, aliud mixtum. Co. Litt. 284. Pleas [i. e., actions] are personal, real, and mixed.

Placitum fractum. A day past or lost to the defendant. 1 Hen. I. c. 59.

Placitum nominatum. The day appointed for a criminal to appear and plead and make his defense. Cowell.

Plagiarism. The act of appropriating the literary composition of another, or parts or passages of his writings, or the ideas or language of the same, and passing them off as the product of one's own mind.

Plagiariet, or Plagiary. One who publishes the thoughts and writings of another as his own.

Plagiarius. Lat. In the civil law. A man-stealer; a kidnapper. Dig. 48, 15, 1; 4 Bl. Comm. 219.

Plagium. Lat. In the civil law. Man-stealing; kidnapping. The offense of enticing away and stealing men, children, and slaves. Calvin. The persuading a slave to escape from his master, or the concealing or harboring him without the knowledge of his master. Dig. 48, 15, 6.

Plague. Pestilence; a contagious and malignant fever.

Plaideur. Fr. An obsolete term for an attorney who pleaded the cause of his client; an advocate.

Plain statement is one that may be readily understood, not merely by lawyers, but by all who are sufficiently acquainted with the language in which it is written. Mann v. Morewood, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 557, 564.

Plaint. In English practice. A private memorial tendered in open court to the judge, wherein the party injured sets forth his cause of action. A proceeding in inferior courts by which an action is commenced without original writ. 3 Bl. Comm. 575. This mode of proceeding is commonly adopted in cases of replevin. 3 Steph. Comm. 666.

In the civil law. A complaint; a form of action, particularly one for setting aside a testament alleged to be invalid. This word is the English equivalent of the Latin "quaera."

Plaintiff. A person who brings an action; the party who complains or sues in a personal action and is so named on the record. Gulf, etc., R. Co. v. Scott (Tex. Civ. App.) 28 S. W. 458; Canaan v. Greenwoods Turnpike Co., 1 Conn. 1.

—Plaintiff in error. The party who sues at the writ of error to review a judgment or other proceeding at law.—Use plaintiff. One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a chose in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled "A. B. (the assignor) for the use of C. D. (the assignee) against E. F." In this case, C. D. is called the "use plaintiff."

Plan. A map, chart, or design; being a delineation or projection on a plane surface of the ground lines of a house, farm, street, city, etc., reduced in absolute length, but preserving their relative positions and proportion. Jenney v. Des Moines, 103 Iowa, 347, 77 N. W. 550; Wetherill v. Pennsylvania R. Co., 195 Pa. 156, 45 Atl. 658.

Plant. The fixtures, tools, machinery, and apparatus which are necessary to carry on a trade or business. Wharton. Southern Bell Tel. Co. v. D'Alemberte, 39 Fla. 25, 21 South. 570; Sloss-Shflefield Steel Co. v. Mobley, 139 Ala. 425, 36 South. 181; Maxwell v. Wilmington Dental Mfg. Co. (C. C.) 77 Fed. 941.


In American law. A farm; a large cultivated estate. Used chiefly in the southern states.

In North Carolina, "plantation" signifies the land a man owns which he is cultivating more or less in annual crops. Strictly, it designates the place planted; but in wills it is generally used to denote more than the inclosed and cultivated fields, and to take in the necessary woodland, and, indeed, commonly all the land forming the parcel or parcels under culture as one farm, or even what is worked by one set of hands. Stowe v. Davis, 32 N. C. 431.

Plat, or Plot. A map, or representation on paper, of a piece of land subdivided into lots, with streets, alleys, etc., usually drawn to a scale. McDaniel v. Mace, 47
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Iowa, 510; Burke v. McCowen, 115 Cal. 481, 47 Pac. 367.

PLAY-DEBT

Debt contracted by gaming.

PLAZA

A Spanish word, meaning a public square in a city or town. Sachs v. Towanda, 79 Ill. App. 441.

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In old English law. A suit or action. Thus, the power to "hold pleas" is the power to take cognizance of actions or suits; so "common pleas" are actions or suits between private persons. And this meaning of the word still appears in the modern declarations, where it is stated, e.g., that the defendant "has been summoned to answer the plaintiff in a plea of debt."

In common-law practice. A pleading; any one in the series of pleadings. More particularly, the first pleading on the part of the defendant. In the strictest sense, the answer which the defendant in an action at law makes to the plaintiff's declaration, and in which he sets up matter of fact as defense, thus distinguished from a demurrer, which interposes objections on grounds of law.

In equity. A special answer showing or relying upon one or more things as a cause why the suit should be either dismissed or delayed or barred. Mitf. Eq. Pl. 219; Coop. Eq. Pl. 223.

A short statement, in response to a bill in equity, of facts which, if inserted in the bill, would render it demurrable; while an answer insufficient in form or substance, or which does not technically answer or correspond with the bill; as a plea of a release on a settled account.

as courts should listen to, they are not "sham," in the sense of the statute. When it needs argument it is not a matter of simple answer, it is frivolous, it is not frivolous, and should not be stricken off. To warrant this summary mode of disposing of a defense, the mere reading of the pleadings should be sufficient to disclose, without deliberation and without a doubt, that the defense is sham or irrelevant. Cottrell v. Kramer, 40 Wis. 505.—Special plea.

A special kind of plea in bar, distinguished by this name from the general issue, and consisting usually of some new affirmative matter, though it may also be in the form of a traverse or denial. See Steph. Pl. 52, 162; Allen v. New Haven & N. Co., 49 Conn. 245.—Special plea in bar. This is a phrase of the—Plead to close, without deliberation and without a doubt, the cause of action and on which a trial may be had from all pleas of a different character. Wharton. Pleading a statute is technical, but colloquial. Gould, Pl. c. 2, § 58.

PLEAD. To make, deliver, or file any pleading; to conduct the pleadings in a cause. To interpose any pleading in a suit which contains allegations of fact; in this sense the word is the antithesis of "demur." More particularly, to deliver in a formal manner the defendant's answer to the plaintiff's declaration, or to the indictment, as the case may be.

To appear as a pleader or advocate in a cause; to argue a cause in a court of justice. But this meaning of the word is not technical, but colloquial.

—Plead a statute. Pleading a statute is stating the facts which bring the case within it; and "counting" on it, in the strict language of pleading, is making express reference to it by apt terms to show the source of right relied on. McCullough v. Osceola County, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 543, 95 N. W. 31.—Plead issuably. This means to interpose such a plea as is calculated to raise a material issue, either of law or of fact.—Plead over. To pass over, or omit to notice, a material allegation in the last pleading of the opposite party; to pass a defect in the pleading of the other party without taking advantage of it. In another sense, to plead the general issue, after one has interposed a demurrer or special plea which has been dismissed by the judgment of the court without taking advantage of it. See Wharton. Pleading a statute is technical, but colloquial.

—Plead to the merits. This is a phrase of long standing and accepted usage in the law, and distinguishes those pleas which answer the cause of action and on which a trial may be had from all pleas of a different character. Rahn v. Gunnison, 12 Wis. 529.

PLEADED. Alleged or averred, in form, in a judicial proceeding. It more often refers to matter of defense, but not invariably. To say that matter in a declaration or replication is not well pleaded would not be deemed erroneous. Abbott.

PLEADER. A person whose business it is to draw pleadings. Formerly, when pleading at common law was a highly technical and difficult art, there was a class of men known as "special pleaders not at the bar," who held a position intermediate between counsel and attorneys. The class is now almost extinct, and the term "pleaders" is generally applied in England, to junior members of the common-law bar. Sweet.

—Special pleader. In English practice. A person whose professional occupation is to give verbal or written opinions upon statements made verbally or in writing, and to draw pleadings, civil or criminal, and such practical proceedings as may be out of the usual course. 2 Chit. Pr. 42.

PLEADING. The peculiar science or system of rules and principles, established in the common law, according to which the pleadings or responsive allegations of litigating parties are framed, with a view to preserve technical propriety and to produce a proper issue.

The process performed by the parties to a suit or action, in alternately presenting written statements of their contention, each responsive to that which precedes, and each serving to narrow the field of controversy, until there evolves a single point, affirmed on one side and denied on the other, called the "issue," upon which they then go to trial.

The act or step of interposing any one of the pleadings in a cause, but particularly one on the part of the defendant; and, in the strictest sense, one which sets up allegations of fact in defense to the action. Thomas. A "pleading" is also given to any one of the formal written statements of accusation or defense presented by the parties alternately in an action at law; the aggregate of such statements filed in any one cause are termed "the pleadings."

The oral advocacy of a client's cause in court, by his barrister or counsel, is sometimes called "pleading;" but this is a popular, rather than technical, use.

In chancery practice. Consists in making the formal written allegations or statements of the respective parties on the record to maintain the suit, or to defeat it, of which, when contested in matters of fact, they propose to offer proofs, and in matters of law to offer arguments to the court. Story, Eq. Pl. § 4, note.

—Double pleading. This is not allowed either in the declaration or subsequent pleadings. Its meaning with respect to the former is that the declaration must not, in support of a single demand, allege several distinct matters, by any one of which that demand is sufficiently supported. With respect to the subsequent pleadings, the meaning is that none of them is to contain several distinct answers to that which preceded it; and the reason of the rule in each case is that such pleading tends to several issues in respect of a single claim. Wharton. —Special pleading. When the allegations of the "pleading," as they are called, of the contending parties in an action are not of the general or ordinary form, but are of a more complex or special character, they are denominated "special pleadings;" and, when a defendant pleads a plea of this description, (i. e., a special plea,) he is said to plead specially, in opposition to pleading of general issue. These terms have given rise to the popular denomination of that science which, though properly called "pleading," is generally known by the name of "special pleading." Wharton. One allegation of special or new matter in opposition or explanation of the last previous averments on the other party is distinguished from a direct denial of matter previously alleged by the opposite party. Gould, Pl. c. 1, § 18. In popular
PLEADINGS. The pleadings are the formal allegations by the parties of their respective claims and defenses, for the judgment of the court. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 420.

The individual allegations of the respective parties to an action at common law, proceeding from them alternately, in the order and under the distinctive names following: The plaintiff’s declaration, the defendant’s plea, the plaintiff’s replication, the defendant’s rejoinder, the plaintiff’s surrejoinder, the defendant’s rebutter, the plaintiff’s surrebutter; after which they have no distinctive names. Burrill.

The term “pleadings” has a technical and well-defined meaning. Pleadings are written allegations of what is affirmed on the one side, or denied on the other, disclosing to the court or jury having to try the cause the real matter in dispute between the parties. Desnoyer v. Hereux, 1 Minn. 17 (Gil. 1).

PLEBANUS. In old English ecclesiastical law. A rural dean. Cowell.

PLEBEIAN. One who is classed among the common people, as distinguished from the nobles.

PLEBEITY, or PLEBITY. The common or meaner sort of people; the plebeians.

PLEBEYOS. In Spanish law. Commons; those who exercise any trade, or who cultivate the soil. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 5, c. 3, § 6, and note.

PLEBIANA. In old records. A mother church.

PLEBISCITE. In modern constitutional law, the name “plebiscite” has been given to a vote of the entire people, (that is, the aggregate of the enfranchised individuals composing a state or nation,) expressing their choice for or against a proposed law or enactment, submitted to them, and which, if adopted, will work a radical change in the constitution, or which is beyond the powers of the regular legislative body. The proceeding is extraordinary, and is generally revolutionary in its character: an example of which may be seen in the plebiscites submitted to the French people by Louis Napoleon, whereby the Second Empire was established. Bouvier.

There are two varieties of the contract of pledge known to the law of Louisiana, viz., pawn and antichresis; the former relating to chattel securities, the latter to landed securities. See Civ. Code La. art. 3101; and see those titles.

—Pledges of prosecution. In old English law. No person could prosecute a civil action without having in the first stage of it two or more persons as pledges of prosecution; and if judgment was given against the plaintiff, or he deserted his suit, both he and his pledges were liable to amercement to the king pro falso cla-more. In the course of time, however, these pledges were dispensed, and the names of fictitious persons substituted for them; two ideal persons, John Doe and Richard Roe, having become the common pledges of every suitor; and now the use of such pledges is altogether
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PLEDGE to restore. Discontinued. Brown—Pledges to restore. In England, before the plaintiff in foreign attachment can issue execution against the property in the hands of the garnishee, he must find "pledges to restore," consisting of two householders, who enter into a recognizance for the restoration of the property, as a security for the protection of the defendant; for, as the plaintiff's debt is not proved in any stage of the proceedings, the court guards the rights of the absent defendant by taking security on his behalf, so that if he should afterwards disprove the plaintiff's claim he may obtain restitution of the property attached. Brand. For. Attachm. 95; Sweet.

PLEDGEE. The party to whom goods are pledged, or delivered in pledge. Story, Bailm. § 287.

PLEDGERY. Suretyship, or an undertaking or answering for another. Gloucester Bank v. Worcester, 10 Pick. (Mass.) 531.

PLEDGOR. The party delivering goods in pledge; the party pledging. Story, Bailm. § 287.

PLEGIALIBILIS. In old English law. That may be pledged; the subject of pledge or security. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 20, § 98.

PLEGIIS DE PROSEQUENDO. Pledges to prosecute with effect an action of replevin.

PLEGIIS DE RETORNO HABENDO. Pledges to return the subject of distress, should the right be determined against the party bringing the action of replevin. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 422 n.

PLEGIES ACQUIETANDIS. A writ that anciently lay for a surety against him for whom he was surety, if he paid not the money at the day. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 137.

PLENA AETAS. Lat. In old English law. Full age.

Plena et celeris justitia stat partibus. 4 Inst. 67. Let full and speedy justice be done to the parties.

PLENA FORISFACTURA. A forfeiture of all that one possesses.

PLENA PROBATIO. In the civil law. A term used to signify full proof, (that is, proof by two witnesses,) in contradistinction to semi-plena probatio, which is only a presumption. Cod. 4, 19, 5.

PLENARY. In English law. Fullness; a state of being full. A term applied to a benefice when full, or possessed by an incumbent. The opposite state to a vacation, or vacancy. Cowell.

PLENARY. Full; entire; complete; unabridged. In the ecclesiastical courts, (and in admiralty practice,) causes are divided into plena-ry and summary. The former are those in whose proceedings the order and solemnity of the law is required to be exactly observed, so that if there is the least departure from that order, or disregard of that solemnity, the whole proceedings are annulled. Summary causes are those in which it is unnecessary to pursue that order and solemnity. Brown.

—Plenary confession. An full and complete confession. An admission or confession, whether in civil or criminal law, is said to be "plenary" when it is, if believed, conclusive against the person making it. Best, Ev. 604; Rose. Crim. Ev. 39.

PLENE. Lat. Completely; fully; sufficiently.

—Plene administravit. In practice. A plea by an executor or administrator that he has fully administered all the assets that have come to his hands, and that no assets remain out of which the plaintiff's claim could be satisfied.—Plene administravit praeter. In practice. A plea by an executor or administrator that he has "fully administered" all the assets that have come to his hands, "except" assets to a certain amount, which are not sufficient to satisfy the plaintiff. Tidd, Pr. 644.—Plene computavit. He has fully accounted. A plea in an action of account render, alleging that the defendant has fully accounted.

PLENIPOTENTIARY. One who has full power to do a thing; a person fully commissioned to act for another. A term applied in international law to ministers and envoys of the second rank of public ministers. Wheat. Hist. Law Nat. 266.

PLENUM DOMINIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Full ownership; the property in a thing united with the usufruct. Calvin.


PLIGHT. In old English law. An estate, with the habit and quality of the land; extending to a rent charge and to a possibility of dower. Co. Litt. 221b; Cowell.

PLOK-PENLIN. A kind of earnest used in public sales at Amsterdam. Wharton.

PLOTTAGE. A term used in appraising land values and particularly in eminent domain proceedings, to designate the additional value given to city lots by the fact that they are contiguous, which enables the owner to utilize them as large blocks of land. See In re Armory Board, 73 App. Div. 152, 76 N. Y. Supp. 766.

PLOW-ALMS. The ancient payment of a penny to the church from every plow-land. 1 Mon. Angl. 256.

PLOW-BOTE. An allowance of wood which tenants are entitled to, for repairing their plows and other implements of husbandry.
FLOW-LAND. A quantity of land "not of any certain content, but as much as a plow can, by course of husbandry, plow in a year." Co. Litt. 69a.

FLOW-MONDAY. The Monday after twelfth-day.

FLOW-SILVER. Money formerly paid by some tenants, in lieu of service to plow the lord's lands.

PLUMBATURA. Lat. In the civil law. Soldering. Dig. 8, 1, 23, 5.

PLUMBUM. Lat. In the civil law. Lead. Dig. 50, 16, 242, 2.

PLUNDER, n. The most common meaning of the term "to plunder" is to take property from persons or places by open force, and this may be in course of a lawful war, or by unlawful hostility, as in the case of pirates or banditti. But in another and very common meaning, though in some degree figurative, it is used to express the idea of taking property from a person or place, without just right, but not expressing the nature or quality of the wrong done. Carter v. Andrews, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 9; U. S. v. Stone (C. C.) 8 Fed. 246; U. S. v. Pitman, 27 Fed. Cas. 540.

PLUNDER, n. Personal property belonging to an enemy, captured and appropriated on land; booty. Also the act of seizing such property. See booty; Prize.

PLUNDERAGE. In maritime law. The embezzlement of goods on board of a ship is so called.

PLURAL. Containing more than one; consisting of or designating two or more. Webster.

—Plural marriage. See Marriage.

Plurals numeros est duobus contentus. 1 Rolle, 478. The plural number is satisfied by two.

PLURALIST. One that holds more than one ecclesiastical benefice, with cure of souls.

PLURALITY. In the plural. 10 East, 188, arg.

PLURALITY. In the law of elections. The excess of the votes cast for one candidate over those cast for any other. Where there are only two candidates, he who receives the greater number of the votes cast is said to have a majority; when there are more than two competitors for the same office, the person who receives the greatest number of votes has a plurality, but he has not a majority unless he receives a greater number of votes than those cast for all his competitors combined.

In ecclesiastical law, "plurality" means the holding two, three, or more benefices by the same incumbent; and he is called a "pluralist." Plurals are now abolished, except in certain cases. 2 Steph. Comm. 691, 692.

Plures cohæeredes sunt quasi unum corpus propter unitatem juris quod habent. Co. Litt. 163. Several co-heirs are, as it were, one body, by reason of the unity of right which they possess.

Plures participes sunt quasi unum corpus, in eo quod unum jus habent. Co. Litt. 164. Several partners are as one body, in that they have one right.

PLURIES. Lat. Often; frequently. When an original and alias writ have been issued and proved ineffectual, a third writ, called a "pluries writ," may frequently be issued. It is to the same effect as the two former, except that it contains the words, "as we have often commanded you," ("scilicet pluries præcepsimus," after the usual commencement, "We command you." 3 Bl. Comm. 258; Archb. Pr. 685.

PLURIS PETITIO. Lat. In Scotch practice. A demand of more than is due. Bell.

Plus exempla quam peccata nocent. Examples hurt more than crimes.

Plus peccat author quam actor. The originator or instigator of a crime is a worse offender than the actual perpetrator of it. 5 Coke, 99a. Applied to the crime of subornation of perjury. Id.

PLUS PETITIO. In Roman law. A phrase denoting the offense of claiming more than was just in one's pleadings. This more might be claimed in four different respects, viz.: (1) Re, t. e., in amount, (e. g., £50 for £5); (2) loco, t. e., in place, (e. g., delivery at some place more difficult to effect than the place specified;) (3) tempore, t. e., in time, (e. g., claiming payment on the 1st of August of what is not due till the 1st of September;) and (4) causa, t. e., in quality, (e. g., claiming a dozen of champagne, when the contract was only for a dozen of wine generally.) Prior to Justinian's time, this offense was in general fatal to the action; but, under the legislation of the emperors Zeno and Justinian, the offense (if re, loco, or causa) exposed the party to the payment of three times the damage, if any, sustained by the other side, and (if tempore) obliged him to postpone his action for double the time, and to pay the costs of his first action before commencing a second. Brown.

Plus valet consuetudo quam concessio. Custom is more powerful than grant.
Plus valet unus oculatus testis quam auriti decern. One eye-witness is of more weight than ten ear-witnesses, [or those who speak from hearsay.] 4 Inst. 279.

Pons valet unus oculatus testis quam auriti decern. One eye-witness is of more weight than ten ear-witnesses, [or those who speak from hearsay.] 4 Inst. 279.

PO. LO. SUO. An old abbreviation for the words "ponit loco suo," (puts in his place,) used in warrants of attorney. Townsh. Pl. 481.

POACH. To steal game on a man's land.

POACHING. In English criminal law. The unlawful entry upon land for the purpose of taking or destroying game; the taking or destruction of game upon another's land, usually committed at night. Steph. Crip. Law 119, et seq.; 2 Steph. Comm. 82.

POBLADOR. In Spanish law. A colonizer; he who peoples; the founder of a colony.

POCKET. This word is used as an adjective in several compound legal phrases, carrying a meaning suggestive of, or analogous to, its signification as a pouch, bag, or secret receptacle. For these phrases, see "Borough," "Judgment," "Record," "Sheriff," and "Veto."

POENA. Lat. Punishment; a penalty. Inst. 4, 6, 18, 19.


Poena ad paucos, metns ad omnes perueniat. If punishment be inflicted on a few, a dread comes to all.

Poena ex delicto defnncti heres termeri non debet. The heir ought not to be bound by a penalty arising out of the wrongful act of the deceased. 2 Inst. 198.

Poena non potest, culpa perennis crit. Punishment cannot be, crime will be, perpetual. 21 Vin. Abr. 271.

Poena sues tenero debet actores et non alios. Punishment ought to bind the guilty, and not others. Bract. fol. 3509.

Poena potins molliendse quam exasperanda sunt. 3 Inst. 220. Punishments should rather be softened than aggravated.

Poena sint restringenda. Punishments should be restrained. Jenk. Cent. 29.

PENALIS. Lat. In the civil law. Penal; imposing a penalty; claiming or enforcing a penalty. Actiones panales, penal actions. Inst. 4, 6, 12.

PENITENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. Repentance; reconsideration; changing one's mind; drawing back from an agreement already made, or rescinding it.

—Locus ponentiae. Room or place for repentence or reconsideration; an opportunity to withdraw from a negotiation before finally concluding the contract, or agreement. Also, in criminal law, an opportunity afforded by the circumstances to a person who has formed an intention to kill or to commit another crime, giving him a chance to reconsider and relinquish his purpose.

POINDING. The process of the law of Scotland which answers to the distress of the English law. Poinding is of three kinds:

Real poinding or poinding of the ground. This is the action by which a creditor, having a security on the land of his debtor, is enabled to appropriate the rents of the land, and the goods of the debtor or his tenants found thereon, to the satisfaction of the defect.

Personal poinding. This consists in the seizure of the goods of the debtor, which are sold under the direction of a court of justice, and the net amount of the sales paid over to the creditor in satisfaction of his debt; or, if no purchaser appears, the goods themselves are delivered.

Poinding of stray cattle, committing depredations on corn, grass, or plantations, until satisfaction is made for the damage. Bell.

POINT. A distinct proposition or question of law arising or propounded in a case.

—Point reserved. When, in the progress of the trial of a cause, an important or difficult point of law is presented to the court, and the court is not certain of the decision that should be given, it may reserve the point, that is, decide it provisionally as it is asked by the party, but reserve its more mature consideration for the hearing on a motion for a new trial, when, if it shall appear that the first ruling was wrong, the verdict will be set aside. The point thus treated is technically called a "point reserved."—Points. The distinct propositions of law in the chief heads of argument, presented by a party in his paper-book, and relied upon on the argument of the cause. Also the marks used in punctuation. Duncan v. Kohler, 37 Minn. 379, 34 N. W. 594; Commonwealth Ins. Co. v. Pierro, 6 Minn. 570 (Gil. 404).

POISON. In medical jurisprudence. A substance having an inherent deleterious property which renders it, when taken into the system, capable of destroying life. 2 Whart. & S. Med. Jur. § 1.

A substance which, on being applied to the human body, internally or externally, is capable of destroying the action of the vital functions, or of placing the solids and fluids in such a state as to prevent the continuance of life. Wharton. See Boswell v. State, 114 Ga. 40, 49 S. E. 857; People v. Van Deleer, 53 Cal. 14; Dougherty v. People, 1 Colo. 514; State v. Slagle, 53 N. C. 630; United States Mut. Acc. Ass'n v. Newman, 54 Va. 52, 3 S. E. 805.

POLE. A measure of length, equal to five yards and a half.
POLICE. Police is the function of that branch of the administrative machinery of government which is charged with the preservation of public order and tranquillity, the promotion of the public health, safety, and morals, and the prevention, detection, and punishment of crimes. See State v. Hine, 59 Conn. 50, 21 Atl. 1024, 10 L. R. A. 83; Monet v. Jones, 10 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 247; People v. Squire, 107 N. Y. 593, 14 N. E. 820, 1 Am. St. Rep. 865; Logan v. State, 5 Tex. App. 314.

The police of a state, in a comprehensive sense, embraces its whole system of internal regulation, by which the state seeks not only to preserve the public order and to prevent offenses against the state, but also to establish for the intercourse of citizen with citizen those rules of good manners and good neighborhood which are calculated to prevent a conflict of rights, and to guard against the uninterrupted enjoyment of his own, so far as is reasonably consistent with a like enjoyment of rights by others. See State v. Caperton, 115 U. S. 14, 8 S. 253, 14 L. Ed. 515.

It is defined by Jeremy Bentham in his works: "Police is in general a system of precaution, either for the prevention of crime or of calamity; and that precaution may be divided into two distinct branches: (1) Police for the prevention of offenses; (2) police for the prevention of calamities." It embraces its whole system of internal regulation, including its measures for preserving the public order, preventing a conflict of rights in the common intercourse of the citizens, and insuring to each an uninterrupted enjoyment of all the privileges conferred upon him by the laws of his country. Larit, Pol. Enc. s. v. It is true that the legislation which secures to all protection in their rights, and the equal enjoyment of the benefits of the government, embraces an almost infinite variety of subjects. Whatever affects the peace, good order, morals, and health of the community comes within its scope; one must use and enjoy his property subject to the restrictions which such legislation imposes. What is termed the "police power" of the state, or ordinances of a municipality, which have for their object the preservation and protection of public peace and good order, and of the health, morals, and security of the people. State v. Greer, 78 Mo. 194; Ex parte Hellebust, 27 Vt. 140, 62 Am. St. Rep. 718; Carpenter v. Reliance Realty Co., 22 R. I. 77, 46 Atl. 234, 48 L. R. A. 775; Deems v. Baltimore, 84 Am. St. Rep. 818; Deems v. Baltimore, 84 Md. 164, 30 Atl. 648, 26 L. R. A. 541, 45 Am. St. Rep. 339; In re Clark, 65 Conn. 17, 31 Atl. 680, 28 L. R. A. 424; Mathews v. Board of Education, 127 Mich. 530, 86 N. W. 1030, 54 L. R. A. 736.—Police regulations. Laws of a state, or ordinances of a municipality, which have for their object the preservation and protection of public peace and good order, and of the health, morals, and security of the people. State v. Greer, 78 Mo. 194; Ex parte Bourgeois, 60 Miss. 663, 45 Am. Rep. 420; Sonora v. Curtin, 137 Cal. 583, 70 Pac. 674; Rosanoke Gas Co. v. Rosanoke, 88 Va. 810, 14 S. E. 955.—Police supervision. In England, subjects and objects of supervision are those of whom, one being a civilian or a barrister, could determine in a summary way causes concerning policies of assurance in London, with an appeal to chancery. No longer in existence. 3 Bl. Comm. 74.

POLICIES OF INSURANCE, COURT OF. A court established in pursuance of the statutes 43 Eliz. c. 12, and 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 23. Composed of the judge of the admiralty, the recorder of London, two doctors of the civil law, two common lawyers, and eight merchants; who, three of whom, one being a civilian or a barrister, could determine in a summary way causes concerning policies of assurance in London, with an appeal to chancery. No longer in existence. 3 Bl. Comm. 7d.

POLICY. The general principles by which a government is guided in its management of public affairs, or the legislature in its measures. There is no applied to a law, ordinance, or rule of law, denotes its general purpose or tendency considered as directed to the

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welfare or prosperity of the state or community.

—Policy of a statute. The "policy of a statute," or "of the legislature," as applied to a penal or prohibitive statute, means the intention of discouraging or prohibiting a dangerous or viceious tendency. See L. R. 6 P. C. 134; 5 Barn. & Ald. 335; Pol. Cont. 235.—Policy of the law. This phrase, under the disposition of a court to discern and to maintain certain classes of acts, transactions, or agreements, or to refuse them its sanction, because it considers them contrary to the general policy of moral, social, or political welfare, subversive of good order, or otherwise contrary to the plan and purpose of civil regulations.

—Public policy. The principles under which the freedom of contract or private dealings is restricted by law for the good of the community. Wharton. The term "policy," as applied to a statute, regulation, rule of law, or contract, or the like, refers to its probable effect, tendency, or object, considered with reference to the social or political well-being of the state. Thus certain classes of acts are said to "be against public policy," when the law refuses to enforce or recognize them, on the ground that they have a mischievous tendency, so as to be injurious to the ends of state, apart from illegality or immorality. Sweet. And see Egerton v. Earl Brownlow, 4 H. L. Cas. 235; Swamp v. Railroad Co., 54 Mass. 582; 55 L. R. A. 309, 56 Am. St. Rep. 119; Tarbell v. Railroad Co., 73 Vt. 347, 51 Atl. 6, 56 L. R. A. 565, 67 Am. St. Rep. 734; Hartford F. Ins. Co. v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 173 U. S. 91, 20 Sup. Ct. 33, 44 L. Ed. 84; Enders v. Enders, 164 Pa. 266, 30 Atl. 129; 27 L. R. A. 560; 56 Am. St. Rep. 591; Smith v. Dupre, 78 Ga. 413, 3 S. E. 309, 6 Am. St. Mix. 290; Billingsley v. Cisseld, 41 W. Va. 234, 23 S. E. 812.

POLICY OF INSURANCE. A mercantile instrument in writing, by which one party, in consideration of a premium, engages to indemnify another against a contingent loss, by making him a payment in compensation, whenever the event shall happen by which the loss is to accrue. 2 Steph. Comm. 172.

The written instrument in which a contract of insurance is set forth is called a "policy of insurance." Civ. Code Cal. § 2586.

—Blanket policy. A policy of fire insurance which contemplates that the risk is shifting, during the term of the policy, to the surrounding classification of property rather than to any particular article or thing. Insurance Co. v. Baltimore Warehouse Co., 93 U. S. 541, 23 L. Ed. 808.—Endowment policy. In life insurance, a policy the amount of which is payable to the assured himself at the end of a fixed term of years, if he is then living, to his heirs or a named beneficiary if he shall die sooner.

—Floating policy. A policy of fire insurance not applicable to any specific described goods, but any and all goods which may at the time of the fire be in a certain building.—Interest policy. One where the assured has a real, substantial, and assignable interest in the body of the policy, and the specific amounts and subjects are to be indorsed from time to time. Assur. Corp. v. Lite, 96 Ga. 338, 32 S. E. 650.—Paid-up policy. In life insurance. A policy on which no further payments are to be made in any year—annual premiums.—Time policy. In fire insurance, one made for a defined and limited time, as, one year. In marine insurance, one made for a particular period of time, irrespective of the voyage or voyages upon which the vessel may be engaged during that period. Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 30 Ohio St. 340, 27 Am. Rep. 455; Greenleaf v. St. Louis Ins. Co., 37 Mo. 29.—Valued policy. One in which the value of the thing insured is settled by agreement between the parties to the contract and is immovable, and Cushman v. Insurance Co., 34 Me. 491; Riggs v. Insurance Co., 61 S. O. 448, 39 S. E. 614; Lace v. Insurance Co. 15 Fed. Cas. 1071.—Voyage policy. In marine insurance. A policy of the value of the vessel effectuated for a particular voyage or voyages of the vessel, and not otherwise limited as to time. Wilkins v. Tobacco Ins. Co., 30 Ohio St. 339, 27 Am. Rep. 455.—Wager policy. An insurance upon a subject-matter in which the party assured has no real, valuable, or insurable interest. A mere wager policy is that in which the party assured has no interest in the thing assured, and could sustain no possible loss by the event insured against, if he had not made such a wager. Sawyer v. V. Ins. Co., 37 Wis. 539; Embler v. Insurance Co., 8 App. Div. 156, 40 N. Y. Supp. 450; Amory v. Gilman, 2 Mass.; Gamb v. Insurance Co., 50 Mo. 47.

Politie legibus non leges politica adaptandae. Politics are to be adapted to the laws, and not the laws to politics. Hob. 154.

POLITICAL. Pertaining or relating to the policy or the administration of government, state or national. See People v. Morgan, 50 N. Y. 111; In re Kent, 38 N. Y. 1052. —Political arithmetic. An expression sometimes used to signify the art of making calculations on matters relating to a nation; the revenues, the value of land and effects; the product of lands and manufactures; the population, and the general statistics of a country. Wharton. —Political corporation. A public or municipal corporation; one created for political purposes, and existing for its object the administration of governmental powers of a subordinate or local nature. Winspear v. Holman Dist. Tp., 57 Iowa 457, 15 N. W. 102; Com'n, 45 N. J. Law. 115; Curry v. District Tp., 82 Iowa, 102, 17 N. W. 191. —Political economy. The science which describes the methods and laws of the production, distribution, and consumption of wealth, and treats of economic and industrial conditions and laws, and the rules and principles by which capital, labor, and facilities, as well as land, goods, and the earnings of a nation are made to produce the greatest value of things useful for the satisfaction of their wants, may distribute them justly, and consume them rationally. De Laveleye, Pol. Econ. The science which describes what laws ought to be adopted in order that they may, with the least possible expenditure of labor and capital, give the greatest benefits to the public. The science which describes, the distribution of the revenues of a nation, or the management and
regulation of its resources, and productive property and labor. Wharton.—Political law. That branch of jurisprudence which treats of the science of politics, or the organization and administration of government.—Political liberty. See Liberty.—Political offenses. As a designation of a class of crimes usually excepted from extradition treaties, this term denotes crimes which are incidental to and form a part of political disturbances; but it might also be understood to include offenses consisting in an attack upon the political order of things established in the country where committed, and even to include offenses committed to obtain any political object. 2 Steph. Crim. Law. 70.—Political office. See Office.—Political questions. Questions of which the courts of justice will refuse to take cognizance, or to decide, on account of their purely political character, or because their determination would involve an encroachment upon the executive or legislative powers; e. g., what sort of government exists in a state, whether peace or war exists, whether a foreign country has become an enemy, etc. Wharton. 3 Inst. 88. 25 L. Ed. 217; St. Clair Co. v. St. Clair Co., 124 Ala. 491, 27 South. 23; Short v. State, 90 Md. 552, 31 Atl. 322, 29 L. R. A. 404; People v. Ames, 24 Colo. 422, 51 Pac. 426.

POLITICS. The science of government; the art or practice of administering public affairs.

POLITY. The form of government; civil constitution.

POLLS. The place where electors cast in their votes. Heads; individuals; persons singly considered. A challenge to the polls (in capita) is a challenge to the individual jurors composing the panel, or an exception to one or more particular jurors. 3 Bl. Comm. 355, 356.

POLYANDRY. The civil condition of having more husbands than one to the same woman; a social order permitting plurality of husbands.

Polygamy was probably a practice in ancient times, as evidenced by the scriptures (Gen. 30:1-13). It was also practiced in some cultures where it was accepted as a norm. It is not unheard of in certain parts of the world today, although it is generally viewed as unacceptable in most Western cultures. The legality of polygamy varies from place to place. In some places, it is legal, while in others, it is considered a crime. It is also important to note that polygamy can have serious social, economic, and moral implications, and it is often associated with exploitation and abuse. Therefore, it is important to understand the complexities and nuances of this practice in order to make informed and ethical decisions. In the jurisdiction of the taxing power and within a certain class (as, all males of a certain age, etc.) without reference to his property or lack of it. See Southern Ry. Co. v. St. Clair County, 124 Ala. 491, 27 South. 23; Short v. State, 90 Md. 552, 31 Atl. 322, 29 L. R. A. 404; People v. Ames, 24 Colo. 422, 51 Pac. 426.

POLLYARDS. A foreign coin of base metal, prohibited by St. 27 Edw. I. c. 3, from being brought into the realm, on pain of forfeiture of life and goods. 4 Bl. Comm. 98. It was computed at two pollards for a sterling or penny. Dyer, 829.

POLLENERS. Trees which have been lopped; distinguished from timber-trees. Fowld. 649.

POLLICITATION. In the civil law. An offer not yet accepted by the person to whom it is made. Langd. Cont. § 1. See McCulloch v. Eagle Ins. Co., 1 Pick. (Mass.) 423.
wives at the same time. Code Ga. 1882, § 4530.

A bigamist or polygamist, in the sense of the eighth section of the act of congress of March 22, 1882, is a man who, having contracted a bigamous or polygamous marriage, and become the husband at one time, of two or more wives, maintains that relation and status at the time when he offers to be registered as a voter; and this without reference to the question whether he was at any time guilty of the offense of bigamy or polygamy, or whether any prosecution for such offense was barred by the lapse of time; neither is it necessary that he should be guilty of polygamy under the first section of the act of March 22, 1882. Murphy v. Ramsey, 114 U. S. 19, 5 Sup. Ct. 747, 29 L. Ed. 47; Cannon v. U. S., 116 U. S. 55, 6 Sup. Ct. 278, 29 L. Ed. 561.

Bigamy literally means a second marriage distinguished from a third or other; while polygamy means many marriages.—Implies more than two.

POLYGARCHY. A term sometimes used to denote a government of many or several; a government where the sovereignty is shared by several persons; a collegiate or divided executive.

POMARIUM. In old pleading. An apple-tree; an orchard.

POND. A body of stagnant water without an outlet, larger than a puddle and smaller than a lake; or a like body of water with a small outlet. Webster. And see Rockland Water Co. v. Camden & R. Water Co., 80 Me. 544, 15 Atl. 785, 1 L R. A. 388; Concord Mfg. Co. v. Robertson, 66 N. H. 1, 25 Atl. 718, 18 L. R. A. 679.

A standing ditch cast by labor of man's hand, in his private grounds, for his private use, to serve his house and household with necessary waters; but a pool is a low plat of ground by nature, and is not cast by man's hand. Call. Sew. 103.

—Great ponds. In Maine and Massachusetts, natural ponds having a superficial area of more than ten acres, and not appropriated by the proprietors to their private use prior to a certain date. Barrows v. McDermott, 73 Me. 441; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 158.—Public pond. In New England, a great pond; a pond covering a superficial area of more than ten acres. Brastow v. Kookport Ice Co., 77 Me. 100; West Roxbury v. Stoddard, 7 Allen (Mass.) 170.

Ponderantur testes, non numerantur. Witnesses are weighed, not counted. 1 Starkie, Ev. 554; Best, Ev. p. 426, § 389; Bakeman v. Rose, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 105, 109.

PONDUS. In old English law. Poundage; t. e., a duty paid to the crown according to the weight of merchandise.

—Pondus regis. The king's weight; the standard weight appointed by the king. Cowell.

PONE. In English practice. An original writ formerly used for the purpose of removing suits from the court-baron or county court into the superior courts of common law. It was also the proper writ to remove all suits which were before the sheriff by writ of justices. But this writ is now in disuse, the writ of certiorari being the ordinary process by which at the present day a cause is removed from a county court into any superior court. Brown.

PONE PER VADUUM. In English practice. An absolute writ to the sheriff to summon the defendant to appear and answer the plaintiff's suit, on his putting in sureties to prosecute. It was so called from the words of the writ, "pone per vadium et salvos plegios," "put by gage and safe pledges, A. B., the defendant."

PONENDIS IN ASSISIS. An old writ directing a sheriff to impanel a jury for an assize or real action.

PONENDUM IN BAILIUM. A writ commanding that a prisoner be bailed in cases bailable. Reg. Orig. 193.

PONENDUM SIGILLUM AD EXCEPTIONEM. A writ by which justices were required to put their seals to exceptions exhibited by a defendant against a plaintiff's evidence, verdict, or other proceedings, before them, according to the statute Westm. 2, (13 Edw. I. St. 1, c. 31.)

PONERE. Lat. To put, place, lay, or set. Often used in the Latin terms and phrases of the old law.

PONT SE SUPER PATRIAM. Lat. He puts himself upon the country. The defendant's plea of not guilty in a criminal action is recorded, in English practice, in these words, or in the abbreviated form "po. se."

PONTAGE. In old English law. Duty paid for the reparation of bridges; also a due to the lord of the fee for persons or merchandises that pass over rivers, bridges, etc. Cowell.

PONTIBUS REPARANDIS. An old writ directed to the sheriff, commanding him to charge one or more to repair a bridge.

POOL. 1. A combination of persons or corporations engaged in the same business, or for the purpose of engaging in a particular business or commercial or speculative venture, where all contribute to a common fund, or place their holdings of a given stock or other security in the hands and control of a managing member or committee, with the object of eliminating competition as between the several members of the pool, or of establishing a monopoly or controlling prices or rates by the weight and power of their combined capital, or of raising or depressing
prices on the stock market, or simply with a view to the successful conduct of an enterprise too great for the capital of any member individually, and on an agreement for the division of profits or losses among the members, either equally or pro rata. Also, a similar combination not embracing the idea of a pooled or contributed capital, but simply the elimination of destructive competition between the members by an agreement to share or divide the profits of a given business or venture, as, for example, a contract between two or more competing railroads to abstain from "rate wars" and (usually) to maintain fixed rates, and to divide their earnings from the transportation of freight in fixed proportions. See Green v. Higham, 161 Mo. 335, 61 S. W. 786; Molyneaux v. Wittenberg, 35 Neb. 547, 58 N. W. 295; Kilbourn v. Thompson, 103 U. S. 195, 26 L. Ed. 377; American Biscuit Co. v. Klotz (C. C.) 44 Fed. 725; U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 58 Fed. 65, 7 C. C. A. 15, 24 L. R. A. 73.

2. In various methods of gambling, a "pool" is a sum of money made up of the stakes contributed by various persons, the whole of which is then wagered as a stake on the event of a race, game, or other contest, and the winnings (if any) are divided among the contributors to the pool pro rata. Or it is a sum similarly made up by the contributions of several persons, each of whom then makes his guess or prediction as to the event of a future contest or hazard, the successful better taking the entire pool.


3. A body of standing water, without a current or issue, accumulated in a natural basin or depression in the earth, and not artificially formed.

POOLED CONTRACTS. Agreements between competing railways for a division of the traffic, or for a pro rata distribution of their earnings united into a "pool" or common fund. 15 Fed. 667, note. See Pool.

POOR. As used in law, this term denotes those who are so destitute of property or of the means of support, either from their own labor or the care of relatives, as to be a public charge, that is, dependent either on the charity of the general public or on maintenance at the expense of the public. The term is synonymous with "indigent persons" and "paupers." See State v. Osawkee Tp., 14 Kan. 421, 19 Am. Rep. 99; In re Hoffen's Estate, 70 Wis. 522, 36 N. W. 407; Heuser v. Harris, 42 Ill. 430; Juneau County v. Wood County. 209 Wis. 330, 85 N. W. 387; Sayres v. Springfield, 8 N. J. Law, 169.

—Poor debtor's oath. An oath allowed, in some jurisdictions, to a person who is arrested.

—Poor law. That part of the law which relates to the public or compulsory relief of paupers.

—Poor law board. The English official body appointed under St. 10 & 11 Vict. c. 106, passed in 1847, to take the place of the poor-law commissioners, under whose control the general management of the poor, and the funds for their relief throughout the country, had been for some years previously administered. The poor-law board is now superseded by the local government board, which was established in 1871 by St. 34 & 35 Vict. c. 70. 3 Steph. Comm. 49.

—Poor-law guardians. See Guardians of the Poor.

—Poor rate. In English law. A tax levied by parochial authorities for the relief of the poor.


POPE NICHOLAS' TAXATION. The first fruits (primitia or annates) were the first year's profits of all the spiritual profits and revenues in the kingdom, according to a rate made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, in the time of Pope Innocent II., and afterwards advanced in value in the time of Pope Nicholas IV. This last valuation was begun A. D. 1288, and finished 1292, and is still preserved in the exchequer. The taxes were regulated by it till the survey made in the twenty-sixth year of Henry VIII. 2 Steph. Comm. 567.

POPERY. The religion of the Roman Catholic Church, comprehending doctrines and practices.

POPLACE, or POPULACY. The vulgar; the multitude.

POPULAR ACTION. An action for a statutory penalty or forfeiture, given to any such person or persons as will sue for it; an action given to the people in general. 3 Bl. Comm. 190.

POPULAR SENSE. In reference to the construction of a statute, this term means that sense which people conversant with the subject-matter with which the statute is dealing would attribute to it. 1 Exch. Div. 248.

POPULISTICUM. Lat. In Roman law. A law enacted by the people; a law passed by an assembly of the Roman people, in the comitia centurias, on the motion of a senator; differing from a plebisicitum, in that the latter was always proposed by one of the tribunes.

POPLUS. Lat. In Roman law. The people; the whole body of Roman citizens, including as well the patricians as the plebeians.

PORCION. In Spanish law. A part or portion; a lot or parcel; an allotment of
land. See Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 49.

PORRETTING. Producing for examination or taxation, as porrecting a bill of costs, by a proctor.

PORT. A place for the lading and unlading of the cargoes of vessels, and the collection of duties or customs upon imports and exports. A place, either on the seacoast or on a river, where ships stop for the purpose of loading and unloading, from whence they depart, and where they finish their voyages. The Wharf Case, 3 Bland (Md.) 361; Packwood v. Walden, 7 Mart. N. S. (La.) 88; Devato v. Barrels of Plumbago (D. C.) 20 Fed. 515; Petrel Guano Co. v. Jarnette (C. C.) 45 Fed. 675; De Longuevere v. Insurance Co., 10 Johns. (N. Y.) 125.

In French maritime law. Burden, (of a vessel) size and capacity.

—Foreign port. A foreign port is properly one in another country or in the jurisdiction of a foreign nation, hence one without the United States. King v. Parks, 19 Johns. (N. Y.) 375; Holmes v. New York & P. R. S. S. Co. (D. C.) 105 Fed. 74. But the term is also applied to a port in any state other than the state where the vessel belongs or her owner resides. The Canada (D. C.) 7 Fed. 124; The Lulu, 10 Wall. 200, 19 L. Ed. 906; Negus v. Simpson, 99 Mass. 393.—Home port. The port at which a vessel is registered or enrolled or where the owner resides. —Port-reeve, or port-constable. A person who serves a benefice, together with others; so called because he has only a portion of land out of a rectory or impropriation. Cowell. —Portion is especially applied to payments which he may bequeath to other persons than his natural heirs. A parent leaving one legitimate child may dispose of one-half only; and one leaving two, one-third only; and one leaving three or more, one-fourth only; and it matters not whether the disposition is inter vivos or by will.

PORTIO LEGITIMA. Lat. In French law. That part of a man's estate which he may bequeath to other persons than his natural heirs. A parent leaving one legitimate child may dispose of one-half only of his property; one leaving two, one-third only; and one leaving three or more, one-fourth only; and it matters not whether the disposition is inter vivos or by will.

PORTION DISPOSABLE. Fr. In French law. That part of a man's estate which he may bequeath to other persons than his natural heirs. A parent leaving one legitimate child may dispose of one-half only of his property; one leaving two, one-third only; and one leaving three or more, one-fourth only; and it matters not whether the disposition is inter vivos or by will.

PORTIONER. In old English law. A minister who serves a benefice, together with others; so called because he has only a portion of the tithes or profits of the living; also the charge made for sending parcels, luggage, etc., particularly from one place to another in the same town.

PORTERAGE. A kind of duty formerly paid at the English custom-house to those who attended the water-side, and belonged to the package-office; but it is now abolished. Also the charge made for sending parcels.

PORTION. The share falling to a child from a parent's estate or the estate of any one bearing a similar relation. State v. Crossley, 69 Ind. 209; Lewis's Appeal, 108 Pa. 138; In re Miller's Will, 2 Lea (Tenn.) 57.

Portion is especially applied to payments made to younger children out of the funds comprised in their parents' marriage settlement, and in pursuance of the trusts therefor.

PORTMEN. The burgesses of Ipswich and of the Cinque Ports were so called.

PORTMOT. In old English law. A court held in ports or haven towns, and
PORTORIA

In one's actual and physical control; to have

Blount;

PORTORIA. In the civil law. Duties paid in ports on merchandise. Taxes levied in old times at city gates. Tolls for passing over bridges.

PORTSALE. In old English law. An auction; a public sale of goods to the highest bidder; also a sale of fish as soon as it is brought into the haven. Cowell.

PORTSOKA, or PORTSOKEN. The suburbs of a city, or any place within its jurisdiction. Somner; Cowell.

Portus est locus in quo exportantur et importantur merceres. 2 Inst. 148. A port is a place where goods are exported or imported.

POSITIVE. Laid down, enacted, or prescribed. Express or affirmative. Direct, absolute, explicit.


POSITIVE LAW. Law actually and specifically enacted or adopted by proper authority for the government of an organized jural society.

"A 'law,' in the sense in which that term is employed in jurisprudence, is enforced by a sovereign political authority. It is thus distinguished not only from all rules which, like the principles of morality and the so-called laws of honor and of fashion, are enforced by an indeterminate authority, but also from all rules enforced by a determinate authority which is, either, on the one hand, superhuman, or, on the other hand, politically subordinate. In order to emphasize the fact that 'laws,' in the strict sense of the term, are thus authoritatively imposed, they are described as positive laws." Holst. Jur. 37.

POSTIVI JURIS. Lat. Of positive law. "That was a rule positivi juris; I do not mean to say an unjust one." Lord Ellenborough, 12 East, 639.

Posito uno oppositorum, negatur alterum. One of two opposite positions being affirmed, the other is denied. 3 Rolle, 422.

POSSE. Lat. A possibility. A thing is said to be in posse when it may possibly be; in esse when it actually is.

POSSE COMITATUS. Lat. The power or force of the county. The entire population of a county above the age of fifteen, which a sheriff may summon to his assistance in certain cases; as to aid him in keeping the peace, in pursing and arresting felons, etc. 1 Bl. Comm. 343. See Com. v. Martin, 7 Pa. Dist. R. 224.

POSSESS. To occupy in person; to have in one's actual and physical control; to have the exclusive detention and control of; also to own or be entitled to. See Fuller v. Fuller, 84 Me. 1475, 24 Atl. 946; Brantly v. Kee, 58 N. C. 337.

POSESSED. This word is applied to the right and enjoyment of a tenor, or a person having a term, who is said to be possessed, and not seised. Bac. Tr. 335; Poph. 76; Dyer, 369.

POSESIO. Lat. In the civil law. That condition of fact under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure, to the exclusion of all others. This condition of fact is called "detention," and it forms the substance of possession in all its varieties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238.

"Possession," in the sense of "detention," is the actual exercise of such a power as the owner has a right to exercise. The term "posseio" occurs in the works of jurists in various senses. There is posseio simply, and posseio civilis, and posseio naturalis. Posseio denoted, originally, the condition of being possessed under certain conditions, becomes a legal state, inasmuch as it leads to ownership, through usucapio. Accordingly, the word "posseio," which with usucapio no qualification as long as there was no other notion attached to posseio, requires such qualification when detention becomes a legal state. This detention, then, when it has the conditions necessary to usucapio, is called "posseio civilis," and all other posseios as opposed to civilis in natu. Sandars, Just. Inst. 274. Wharton.

In old English law. Possession; seisin. The detention of a corporeal thing by means of a physical act and mental intent, aided by some support of right. Bract. fol. 389.

—Podos possessio. A foothold; an actual possession of real property, implying either actual occupancy or enclosure and use. See Lawrence v. Fulton, 19 Cal. 690; Porter v. Kennedy, 1 McMul. (S. C.) 367.—Posseio bona fide. Possession in good faith. Possessio bona fide, possession in bad faith. A possessor bona fide is one who believes that no other person has a better right to the possession than himself. A possessor bona fide is one who knows that he is not entitled to the possession. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 238—Posseio bonae fidei. In the civil law. The possession of goods. More commonly termed "honorum possessio." (q. v.) —Posseio civilis. In Roman law. A legal possession, e. g., a possession accompanied with the intention to be or to thereby become owner; and, as so understood, it was distinguished from possessio naturalis, otherwise called "nuda detentio," which was a possessing without any such intention. Possessio civilis was the basis of usucapio or of longi temporis possessio, and was usually (but not necessarily) an actual seisin. Brown.—Posseio fratribus. The possession or seisin of a brother; that is, such possession of an estate by a brother as would entitle his sister to the exclusive detention and control of; hence, to the exclusion of a half-brother. Hence, derivatively, that doctrine of the older English law of descent which shut out the half-blood from the succession to estates; a doctrine which was abolished by the descent act, 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 106. See 1 Steph. Comm. 385; Broom, Hist. 354.—Posseio longi temporis. See Usucapio.—Posseio naturalis. See Possessio Civilis.

Possessio fratris de feodo simplici facit sororem esse heredem. The brother's pos-
session of an estate in fee-simple makes the sister to be heir. 3 Coke, 41; Broom, Max. 532.


POSESSION. The detention and control, or the manual or ideal custody, of anything which may be the subject of property, for one's use and enjoyment, either as owner or as the proprietor of a qualified right in it, and either held personally or by another who exercises it in one's place and name. That condition of facts under which one can exercise his power over a corporeal thing at his pleasure to the exclusion of all other persons. See Staton v. Mullis, 92 N. C. 632; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 263; Cox v. Deviney, 65 N. J. Law, 339, 47 Atl. 570; Churchill v. Morgan, 51 N. Y. (C. C.) 24 Fed. 460; Travers v. McElvain, 181 Ill. 382, 55 N. E. 135; Emmerson v. State, 33 Tex. Cr. R. 89, 25 S. W. 289; Slater v. Rawson, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 444.

—Actual possession. This term, as used in the provisions of Rev. St. N. Y. p. 312, § 1, authorizing proceedings to compel the determination of claims to real property, means a possession in fact effectuated by actual entry upon the premises; an actual occupation. Churchill v. Onderdonk, 69 N. Y. 134. It means an actual occupation or possession in fact, as distinguished from that constructive one which the legal title draws after it. The word "actual" is used in the statute in opposition to virtual or constructive, and calls for an open, visible occupation. Cleveland v. Crawford, 7 Hun (N. Y.) 616.—Adverse possession. The actual, open, and notorious possession and enjoyment of real property, or of any estate lying in grant, continued for a certain length of time, held adversely and in denial and opposition to the tenor of any rightful claimant or encumberances which indicate an assertion or color of right or title on the part of the person maintaining it, and against another person who is out of possession. Costello v. Edson, 44 Minn. 135, 46 N. W. 299; Taylor v. Philipp, 35 W. Va. 554, 14 S. E. 130; Pickett v. Pope, 2 Ala. 122; Matheus v. Wheatley, 54 Ohio St. 423, 38 N. E. 759; Dyer v. Reitz 192, 26 South. 854; Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 262.—Open possession. Possession of real property is said to be "open" when held without color of title, or at attempt to exclude all being covered up in the name of a third person, or otherwise attempted to be withdrawn from sight, but in such a manner that any person interested can ascertain who is actually in possession by proper observation and inquiry. See Bass v. Pease, 79 Ill. App. 818.—Peaceable possession. See PEACEABLE.—Possession money. In English law. The man whom the sheriff puts in possession of goods taken under a writ of fieri facias is entitled, while he continues in possession, to a certain sum of money per diem, which is thence termed "possession money." The amount is 3s. 6d. per day if he is boarded, or 5s. per day if he is not boarded. Brown.—Possession, writ of. Where the judgment in an action of ejectment is for the delivery of the land claimed, or its possession, this writ is used to put the plaintiff in possession. It is in the nature of execution. —Quasi possession is to a right what possession is to a thing; it is the exercise or enjoyment of possession without the actual occupancy, or in pursuance of law, as where a landlord disposesses' his tenant at the expiration of the tenancy or by the aid of judicial process.—Estate in possession. An estate whereby a present interest passes to and is held by the tenant or possessor as owner of the land, which may be tortious and unlawful, as in the case of a forcible amotion, or in pursuance of law, as where a landlord 'dispossesses' his tenant at the expiration of the term or for other cause by the aid of judicial process. See STATUTE.—Vacant possession. An estate which has been abandoned, vacated, or forsaken by the tenant. In the older books, "possession" is sometimes used as the synonym of "seisin;" but, strictly speaking, they are entirely different terms. "The difference between possession and seisin is: Lessee for years is possessed, and yet the lessor is still seised; and therefore the terms of law are that of chattels a man is possessed, whereas in foemini, gifts in tail, and leases for life he is described as 'seised.'" Noy, Max. 64.
"Possession" is used in some of the books in the sense of property. "A possession is an hereditament or chattel." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 3.

Possession is a good title where no better title appears. 20 Vin. Abr. 278.

Possession is nine-tenths of the law. This adage is not to be taken as true to the full extent, so as to mean that the person in possession can only be ousted by one whose title is nine times better than his, but it places in a strong light the legal truth that every claimant must succeed by the strength of his own title, and not by the weakness of his antagonist's. Wharton.

POSSSESSION VAUT TITRE. Fr. In English law, as in most systems of jurisprudence, the fact of possession raises a prima facie title or a presumption of the right of property in the thing possessed. In other words, the possession is as good as the title (about) Brown.

POSSESSOR. One who possesses; one who has possession.

—Possessor bona fide. He is a bona fide possessor who possesses as owner by virtue of an act sufficient in terms to transfer property, the defects of which he was ignorant of. He ceases to be a bona fide possessor from the moment these defects are made known to him, or are declared to him by a suit instituted for the recovery of the thing by the truth. Civ. Code La. art. 405.—Possessor mala fide. The possessor in bad faith is he who possesses as master, but who assumes this quality, when he well knows that he has no title to the thing, or that his title is vicious and defective. Civ. Code La. art. 3452.

POSSIBILITAS. Lat. Possibility; a possibility. Possibilitas post dissoluatione executionis nunquam revocatur, a possibility will never be revived after the dissolution of its execution. 1 Rolle, 321. Post executionem status, lex non patitur possibilitatem, after the execution of an estate the law does not suffer a possibility. 3 Bulst. 108.


It is either personal (or ordinary,) as where an estate is limited to one after the death of another, or remote, (or extraordinary,) as where it is limited to a man, provided he marries a certain woman, and that she shall die and he shall marry another.

—Bare possibility. The same as a "naked" possibility. See infra.—Naked possibility. A bare chance or expectation of acquiring a property, or succeeding to an estate in the future, but without any present right in or to it which the law would recognize as an estate or interest. See Rogers v. Felton, 98 Ky. 145, 32 S. W. 406.—Possibility coupled with an interest. An expectation recognized in law as an estate or interest, such as occurs in executory devises and shifting or springing uses; such a possibility may be sold or assigned.—Possibility of reverter. This term denotes no estate, but only a possibility to have the estate at a future time. Of such possibilities there are several kinds, of which two are usually denoted by the term under consideration, (1) the possibility that a common-law fee may revert to the grantor by breach of a condition subject to which it was granted, (2) the possibility that a common-law fee other than a fee simple may revert to the grantor by the natural determinations.
tion of the fee. Carney v. Kain, 40 W. Va. 758, 23 S. E. 650.—**Possibility on a possibility.** A remote possibility, as if a remainder be limited in particular to A.'s son John, or Edward, it is bad if he have no son of that name, for it is too remote a possibility that he should not only have a son, but a son of that particular name. 2 Coke, 51.

**POSSIBLE.** Capable of existing or happening; feasible. In another sense, the word denotes extreme improbability, without excluding the idea of feasibility. It is also sometimes equivalent to "practicable" or "reasonable," as in some cases where action is required to be taken "as soon as possible." See Palmer v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co., 44 Wis. 208.

**POST.** Lat. After; occurring in a report or a text-book, is used to send the reader to a subsequent part of the book.

**POST.** A conveyance for letters or dispatches. The word is derived from "positi," the horses carrying the letters or dispatches being kept or placed at fixed stations. The word is also applied to the person who conveys the letters to the houses where he takes up and lays down his charge, and to the stages or distances between house and house. Hence the phrases, post-boy, post-horse, post-house, etc. Wharton.

**POST-ACT.** An after-act; an act done afterwards.

**POST CONQUESTUM.** After the Conquest. Words inserted in the king's title by King Edward I., and constantly used in the time of Edward III. Tomlins.

**POST-DATE.** To date an instrument as of a time later than that at which it is really made.

**POST DIEM.** After the day; as, a plea of payment post diem, after the day when the money became due. Com. Dig. "Pleader," 2.

In old practice. The return of a writ after the day assigned. A fee paid in such case. Cowell.

**POST DISSEISIN.** In English law. The name of a writ which lies for him who, having recovered lands and tenements by force of a novel disseisin, is again disseised by a former disseisor. Jacob.

**POST ENTRY.** When goods are weighed or measured, and the merchant has got an account thereof at the custom-house, and finds his entry already made too small, he must make a post or additional entry for the surplusage, in the same manner as the first was done. As a merchant is always in time, prior to the clearing of the vessel, to make his post, he should take care not to over-enter, to avoid as well the advance as the trouble of getting back the overplus. McCul. Dict.

**POST FACTO.** After the fact. See Ex post Facto.

**POST-FACTUM, or POSTFACTUM.** An after-act; an act done afterwards; a post-act.

**POST-FINE.** In old conveyancing. A fine or sum of money, (otherwise called the "king's silver") formerly due on granting the licentia concordandi, or leave to agree, in levying a fine of lands. It amounted to three-twentieths of the supposed annual value of the land, or ten shillings for every five marks of land. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

**POST HAC.** Lat. After this; after this time; hereafter.

**POST LITEM MOTAM.** Lat. After suit moved or commenced. Depositions in relation to the subject of a suit, made after litigation has commenced, are sometimes so termed. 1 Starkie, Ev. 319.

**POST-MARK.** A stamp or mark put on letters received at the post-office for transmission through the mails.


**POST NATUS.** Born afterwards. A term applied by old writers to a second or younger son. It is used in private international law to designate a person who was born after some historic event, (such as the American Revolution or the act of union between England and Scotland,) and whose rights or status will be governed or affected by the question of his birth before or after such event.

**POST-NOTES.** A species of bank-notes payable at a distant period, and not on demand.

They are a species of obligation resorted to by banks when the exchanges of the country, and especially of the banks, have become embarrassed by excessive speculations. Much concern is then felt for the country, and through the newspapers it is urged that post-notes be issued by the banks "for aiding domestic and foreign exchanges," as a "mode of relief," or a "remedy for the distress," and "to take the place of the southern and foreign exchanges."
And so presently this is done. Post-notes are therefore intended to enter into the circulation of the country as a part of its medium of exchanges; the smaller ones for ordinary business, and the larger ones for heavier operations. They are intended to supply the place of demand notes, which the banks cannot afford to issue or reissue, to relieve the necessities of commerce or of the banks, or to avoid a compulsory suspension. They are under seal, or without seal, and at long or short dates, at more or less interest, or without interest, as the necessities of the bank may require. Appeal of Hogg, 22 Pa. 488.

POST-NUPTIAL. After marriage. Thus, an agreement entered into by a father after the marriage of his daughter, by which he engages to make a provision for her, would be termed a “post-nuptial agreement.” Brown.

—Post-nuptial settlement. A settlement made after marriage upon a wife or children; otherwise called a “voluntary” settlement. 2 Kent, Comm. 173.

POST OBIT BOND. A bond given by an expectant, to become due on the death of a person from whom he will have property. A bond or agreement given by a borrower of money, by which he undertakes to pay a larger sum, exceeding the legal rate of interest, or after the death of a person from whom he has expectations, in case of surviving him. Crawford v. Russell, 62 Barb. (N. Y.) 92; Boynton v. Hubbard, 7 Mass. 119.

POST-OFFICE. A bureau or department of government, or under governmental superintendence, whose office is to receive, transmit, and deliver letters, papers, and other mail-matter sent by post. Also the office established by government in any city or town for the local operations of the postal system, for the receipt and distribution of mail from other places, the forwarding of mail there deposited, the sale of postage stamps, etc.

—Post-office department. The name of one of the departments of the executive branch of the government of the United States, which has charge of the transmission of the mails and the general postal business of the country.—Post-office order. A letter of credit furnished by the government, at a small charge, to facilitate the transmission of money.

POST PROLEM SUSCITATAM. After issue born, (raised.) Co. Litt. 19b.

POST ROADS. The roads or highways, by land or sea, designated by law as the avenues over which the mails shall be transported. Railway Mail Service Cases, 13 Ct. Cl. 294. A “post route,” on the other hand, is the appointed course or prescribed line of transportation of the mail. U. S. v. Kochersperger, 26 Fed. Cas. 803; Blackham v. Gresham (C. C.) 16 Fed. 611.

POST-TERMINAL SITTINGS. Situations after term. See SITTINGS.

POST TERMINUM. After term, or post-term. The return of a writ not only after the day assigned for its return, but after the term also, for which a fee was due. Cowell.

POST, WRIT OF ENTRY IN. In English law. An abolished writ given by statute of Marlbridge, 52 Hen. III. c. 30, which provided that when the number of alienations or descents exceeded the usual degrees, a new writ should be allowed, without any mention of degrees at all.

POSTAGE. The fee charged by law for carrying letters, packets, and documents by the public mails.

—Postage stamp. A ticket issued by government, to be attached to mail-matter, and representing the postage or fee paid for the transmission of such matter through the public mails.

POSTAL. Relating to the mails; pertaining to the post-office.

—Postal currency. During a brief period following soon after the commencement of the civil war in the United States, when specie change was scarce, postage stamps were popularly used as a substitute; and the first issues of paper representatives of parts of a dollar, issued by authority of congress, were called “postal currency.” This issue was soon merged in others of a more permanent character, for which the later and more appropriate name is “fractional currency.” Abbott.

POSTEA. In the common-law practice, a formal statement, indorsed on the nisi prius record, which gives an account of the proceedings at the trial of the action. Smith, Act. 167.

POSTED WATERS. In Vermont. Waters flowing through or lying upon inclosed or cultivated lands, which are preserved for the exclusive use of the owner or occupant by his posting notices (according to the statute) prohibiting all persons from shooting, trapping, or fishing thereon, under a prescribed penalty. See State v. Theriault, 70 Vt. 617, 41 Atl. 1030, 43 L. R. A. 290, 67 Am. St. Rep. 695.

POSTERIORES. Lat. This term was used by the Romans to denote the descendants in a direct line beyond the sixth degree.

POSTERIORITY. This is a word of comparison and relation in tenure, the correlative of which is the word “priority.” Thus, a man who held lands or tenements of two lords was said to hold of his more ancient lord by priority, and of his less ancient lord by posteriory. Old Nat. Brev. 94. It has also a general application in law consistent with its etymological meaning, and, as so used, it is likewise opposed to priority. Brown.

POSTERITY. All the descendants of a person in a direct line to the remotest gen-
POSTHUMOUS CHILD

One born after the death of its father; or, when the Cesarean operation is performed, after that of the mother.


POSTLIMINIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A doctrine or fiction of the law by which the restoration of a person to any status or right formerly possessed by him was considered as relating back to the time of his original loss or deprivation; particularly in the case of one who, having been taken prisoner in war, and having escaped and returned to Rome, was regarded, by the aid of this fiction, as having never been abroad, and was thereby reinstated in all his rights. Inst. 1, 12, 5.

Postliminium fingit enm qui captus est in civitate semper fuisse. Postliminy feigns that he who has been captured has never left the state. Inst. 1, 12, 5; Dig. 49, 51.

POSTLIMINYS. See POSTLIMINIUM.

POSTMAN. A senior barrister in the court of exchequer, who has precedence in motions; so called from the place where he sits. 2 Bl. Comm. 28. A letter-carrier.

POSTMASTER. An officer of the United States, appointed to take charge of a local post-office and transact the business of receiving and forwarding the mails at that point, and such other business as is committed to him under the postal laws.

—Postmaster general. The head of the post-office department. He is one of the president’s cabinet.

POSTNATI. Those born after. See Post Natus.

POSTPONE. To put off; defer; delay; continue; adjourn; as when a hearing is postponed. Also to place after; to set below something else; as when an earlier lien is for some reason postponed to a later lien.

The word “postponement,” in speaking of legal proceedings, is nearly equivalent to “continuance”; except that the former word is generally preferred when describing an adjournment of the cause to another day during the same term, and the latter when the case goes over to another term. See State v. Underwood, 70 Mo. 659; State v. Nathaniel, 52 La. Ann. 558, 26 South. 1008.

POSTREMO-GENITURE. Borough-English, (q. v.)

POSTULATIO. Lat. In Roman law. A request or petition. This was the name of the first step in a criminal prosecution, corresponding somewhat to “swearing out a warrant” in modern criminal law. The accuser appeared before the praetor, and stated his desire to institute criminal proceedings against a designated person, and prayed the authority of the magistrate therefor.

In old English ecclesiastical law. A species of petition for transfer of a bishop.

—Postulatio actionis. In Roman law. The demand of an action; the request made to the praetor by an actor or plaintiff for an action or formula of suit; corresponding with the application for a writ in old English practice. Or, as otherwise explained, the actor’s asking of leave to institute his action, on appearance of the parties before the praetor. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 9, c. 9, sec. 12.

POT-DE-VIN. In French law. A sum of money frequently paid, at the moment of entering into a contract, beyond the price agreed upon. It differs from arrha, in this: that it is no part of the price of the thing sold, and that the person who has received it cannot, by returning double the amount, or the other party by losing what he has paid, rescind the contract. 18 Toul. no. 52.

POTENCIATE. A person who possesses great power or sway; a prince, sovereign, or monarch.

By the naturalization law of the United States, an alien is required to renounce all allegiance to any foreign “prince, potentate, or sovereign whatever.”

POTENTIA. Lat. Possibility; power.

—Potentia proinqu.a. Common possibility. See Possibility.

Potentia debet sequi justitiam, non antecedere. 11 Coke, 51. Power ought to follow justice, not go before it.

Potentia est duplex, remota et proinqu.a; et potentia remotissima et vanus est cur rum nuquam venit in actum. 11 Coke, 51. Possibility is of two kinds, remote and near; that which never comes into action is a power the most remote and vain.

Potentia inutilis frustra est. Useless power is to no purpose. Branch, Prince.

POTENTIAL. Existing in possibility but not in act; naturally and probably expected to come into existence at some future time, though not now existing; for example, the future product of grain or trees already planted, or the successive future instalments or payments on a contract or engagement already made. Things having a “potential existence” may be the subject of mortgage, as-
POUST QUIE RENUNCIARE


Potest quis renunciare pro se et suis juri quod pro se introductum est. Bract. 20. One may relinquish for himself and his heirs a right which was introduced for his own benefit.

POTESTAS. Lat. In the civil law. Power; authority; domination; empire. Imperium, or the jurisdiction of magistrates. The power of the father over his children, patria potestas. The authority of masters over their slaves. See Inst. 1, 9, 12; Dig. 2, 1, 13, 1; Id. 14, 1; Id. 14, 4, 1, 4.


Potestas suprema seipsum dissolvere potest, ligare non potest. Supreme power can dissolve [unloose] but cannot bind itself.

Branch, Princ.; Bacon.

Potestor est conditio defendentis. Better is the condition of the defendant, [than that of the plaintiff.] Broom, Max. 740; Comp. 343; Williams v. Ingell, 21 Pick. (Mass.) 289; White v. Franklin Bank, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 186, 187; Cranson v. Goss, 107 Mass. 440, 9 Am. Rep. 46.

POTWALLOPER. A term formerly applied to voters in certain boroughs of England, where all who boil (scallop) a pot were entitled to vote. Webster.

POULTRY COUNTER. The name of a prison formerly existing in London. See COUNTER.

POUND. 1. A place, inclosed by public authority, for the temporary detention of stray animals. Harriman v. Fifield, 36 Vt. 345; Woolley v. Groton, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 308.

A pound-over is said to be one that is open overhead; a pound-covert is one that is close, or covered over, such as a stable or other building.

2. A measure of weight. The pound avoirdupois contains 7,000 grains; the pound Troy 5,760 grains.

In New York, the unit or standard of weight, from which all other weights shall be derived and ascertained, is declared to be the pound of such magnitude that the weight of a cubic foot of distilled water, at its maximum density, weighed in a vacuum with brass weights, shall be equal to sixty-two and a half such pounds. 1 Rev. St. N. Y. p. 617, § 8.

3. "Pound" is also the name of a denomination of English money, containing twenty shillings. It was also used in the United States, in computing money, before the introduction of the federal coinage.

-Pound breach. The act or offense of breaking a pound, for the purpose of taking out the cattle or goods impounded. 3 Bl. Comm. 12-146; State v. Young, 18 N. H. 544.—Pound-keeper. An officer charged with the care of a pound, and of animals confined there.—Pound of land. An uncertain quantity of land, said to be about fifty-two acres.


The money which an owner of animals impounded must pay to obtain their release.

In old English law. A subsidy to the value of twelve pence in the pound, granted to the king, of all manner of merchandise of every merchant, as well denizen as alien, either exported or imported. Cowell.

POUR ACQUIT. Fr. In French law. The formula which a creditor prefixes to his signature when he gives a receipt.

POUR COMPTE DE QUI IL APPARTIENT. Fr. For account of whom it may concern.

POURFAIRE PROCLAIMER. L. Fr. An ancient writ addressed to the mayor or bailiff of a city or town, requiring him to make proclamation concerning nuisances, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 178.

POUR SEISIR TERRES. L. Fr. An ancient writ whereby the crown seized the land which the wife of its deceased tenant, who held in capite, had for her dower, if she married without leave. It was grounded on the statute De Prerogativa Regis, 7, (1 Edw. II, St. 1, c. 4.) It is abolished by 12 Car. II, c. 24.

POURPARTY. Fr. In French law. The preliminary negotiations or bargainings which lead to a contract between the parties. As in English law, these form no part of the contract when completed. The term is also used in this sense in international law and the practice of diplomacy.

POURPARY. To make pourparty is to divide and sever the lands that fall to partencers, which, before partition, they held jointly and pro indiviso. Cowell.

POURPRESTURE. An inclosure. Anything done to the nuisance or hurt of the public demesnes, or the highways, etc., by inclosure or building, endeavoring to make that private which ought to be public. The difference between a pourpresture and a public nuisance is that pourpresture is an invasion of the jus privatum of the crown; but where the jus publicum is violated it is a
nuisance. Skene makes three sorts of this offense; (1) Against the crown; (2) against the lord of the fee; (3) against a neighbor. 2 Inst. 38; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 156.

POURSUIVANT. The king's messenger; a royal or state messenger. In the heralds' college, a functionary of lower rank than a herald, but discharging similar duties, called also "pourruivant at arms."

POURVEYANCE. In old English law. The providing corn, fuel, victuals, and other necessaries for the king's house. Cowell.

POURVOR, or PURVEYOR. A buyer; one who provided for the royal household.

POUSTIE. In Scotch law. Power. See LIEGE POUSTIE. A word formed from the Latin "potestas."

POVERTY AFFIDAVIT. An affidavit, made and filed by one of the parties to a suit, that he is not able to furnish security for the final costs. The use of the term is confined to a few states. Cole v. Hoeburg, 36 Kan. 263, 13 Pac. 275.

POWER. In real property law. A power is an authority to do some act in relation to real property, or to the creation or revocation of an estate therein, or a charge thereon, which the owner granting or reserving such power might himself perform for any purpose. Civ. Code Dak. § 298; How. St. Mich. § 5591.

"Power" is sometimes used in the same sense as "right," as when we speak of the powers of user and disposition which the owner of property has over it, but, strictly speaking, a power is that which creates a special or exceptional right, or enables a person to do something which he could not otherwise do. Sweet.

Technically, an authority by which one person enables another to do some act for him. 2 LIL. Abr. 339.

An authority enabling a person to dispose, through the medium of the statute of uses, of an interest, vested either in himself or in another person. SUGD. POWERS, 82. An authority expressly reserved to a grantor, or expressly given to another, to be exercised over lands, etc., granted or conveyed at the time of the creation of such power. Watk. Conv. 157. A proviso, in a conveyance under the statute of uses, giving to the grantor or grantee, or a stranger, authority to revoke or alter by a subsequent act the estate first granted. 1 Steph. Comm. 505. See also Burleigh v. Clough, 62 N. H. 267, 13 Am. Rep. 23; Griffith v. Maxfield, 66 Ark. 513, 51 S. W. 832; Bouton v. Doty, 69 Conn. 553, 37 Atl. 1064; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 604, 26 N. E. 21; Carson v. Cochran, 52 Minn. 67, 53 N. W. 1130; LAW GUARANTEE & TRUST CO. v. Jones, 103 Tenn. 245, 58 S. W. 219.

General and special powers. A power is general when it authorizes the alienation in

fee, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of the lands embraced in the power to any alienee whatever. It is special (1) when the persons or class of persons to whom the disposition of the lands under the power is to be made are designated, or (2) when the power authorizes the alienation, by means of a conveyance, will, or charge, of a particular estate or interest less than a fee. Coster v. Lorillard, 4 Wend. (N. Y.) 224; Thompson v. Green, 3 Wash. Dec. 306, 31 Am. Dec. 502. —General and special powers in trust. A general power is in trust in any person or class of persons other than the grantor, or is designated as entitled to the proceeds or any portion of the proceeds or other benefits to result from the alienation. A special power is in trust (1) when the disposition or charge authorized by the power, (2) when any person or class of persons other than the holder is designated as entitled to any benefit from the disposition or charge authorized by the power. Cutting v. Cutting, 29 Hun (N.Y.) 369; Dana v. Murphy, 122 N. Y. 612, 26 N. E. 23; Wilson's Rev. & Ann. St. Okl. 1903, §§ 4107, 4108. —Ministerial powers. A phrase used in English conveyancing to denote the power, not of the donee himself exclusively, or of the donee himself necessarily at all, but for the good of several persons, including or not including the donee also. They are so called because the donee of them is as a minister or servant in his exercise of them. Brown.—Naked power. One which is simply collateral and without interest in the donee, which arises when, to a mere stranger, authority is given of disposing of an interest, in which he had not before, nor has by the instrument creating the power, any estate whatever. Bergen v. Bennett, 1 Canes Cas. (N. Y.) 15, 2 Am. Dec. 281; Atwater v. Perkins, 61 Conn. 198; Carmo v. Henrichal, 47 Mich. 534; Hunt v. Ennis, 12 Fed. Cas. 915. —Powers appellant and in gross. A power appellant is where a person has an estate in land, and the estate to be created by the power is to, or may take effect in possession during the tenancy of the estate to which the power is annexed. A power in gross is where the person to whom it is granted is entitled to a particular estate in land, but the estate to be created under or by virtue of the power is not to take effect until after the determination of the estate to which it relates. Wilson v. Bell, 93 N. Y. 1, 236, 14 Am. Dec. 458; Garland v. Smith, 104 Mo. 1, 64 S. W. 188.

For other compound terms, such as "Power of Appointment," "Power of Sale," etc., see the following titles.

In constitutional law. The right to take action in respect to a particular subject-matter or class of matters, involving more or less of discretion, granted by the constitutions to the several departments or branches of the government, or reserved to the people. Powers in this sense are generally classified as legislative, executive, and judicial. See those titles.

—Implied powers are such as are necessary to make available and carry into effect those powers which are expressly granted or conferred, and which must thereunto be presumed to have been within the intention of the constitutional or legislative grant. Madison v. Daley (C. C.) 38 Fed. 753; Piltz v. Fullman (C. C.) 175 Ill. 125, 51 E. 594, 64 L. R. A. 366; First M. E. Church v. Dixon, 178 Ill. 260, 52 N. E. 857.
POWER COUPLED WITH AN INTEREST. By this phrase is meant a right or power to do some act, together with an interest in the subject-matter on which the power is to be exercised. It is distinguished from a naked power, which is a mere authority to act, not accompanied by any interest of the donee in the subject-matter of the power.

Is it an interest in the subject on which the power is to be exercised, or is it an interest in that which is produced by the exercise of the power? We hold it to be clear that the interest which can protect a power after the death of the donee either to give the whole to one of a class or to give it equally among such of them as he may select (but not to give one a larger share than the others) is called a "mixed" power. (Sudl. Powers, 448. Sweet.)

POWER OF APPOINTMENT. A power or authority conferred by one person by deed or will upon another (called the "donee") to appoint, that is, to select and nominate, the person or persons who are to receive and enjoy an estate or an income therefrom or from a fund, after the testator's death, or the donee's death, or after the termination of an existing right or interest. See Helnemann v. De Wolf, 25 R. I. 243, 55 Atl. 707.

Powers are either: Collateral, which are given to strangers; i.e., to persons who have neither a present nor future estate or interest in the land. These are also called the "executive" or "exclusive" or "naked" powers, or powers not coupled with an interest, or powers not being interests. These terms have been adopted to obviate the confusion, arising from the circuitous powers in gross have been by many called powers collateral. Or they are powers relating to the land. These are called "appurtenant" or "appurtenant," because they strictly depend upon the estate limited to the person to whom they are given. Thus, where an estate for life is limited to a man, with a power to grant leases in possession, a lease granted under the power may operate wholly out of the life-estate of the party executing it, and must in every case have its operation out of his estate during his life. Such a power is created, which will attach on an interest actually vested in himself. Or they are called "in gross," if given to a person who had an interest in the estate at the execution of the deed creating the power, or to a tenant for life, or to a tenant in tail, or to a tenant for years, by whose death the power is to be exercised, or the donee's death, or after the termination of the interest in gross have been by many called powers collateral. Or they are powers relating to the land. These are called "appurtenant" or "appurtenant," because they strictly depend upon the estate limited to the person to whom an estate is given by the deed, but which enabled him to create such estates only as will not attach on the interest limited to him. Of necessity, therefore, when a man seised in fee settles his estate on others, reserving to himself only a particular power, the power in question is a general power to a tenant for life to appoint the estate after his death among his children, a power to jointure a wife after his death, a power to raise a term of years to commence from his death, for securing younger children's portions, are all powers in gross. An important distinction is established between general powers and collateral powers. By a general power we understand a right to appoint whomsoever the donee pleases. By a particular power it is meant that the donee is restricted to some particular persons designated in the deed creating the power, as to his own children. Wharton.

We have seen that a general power is beneficial when no personal interest has, by the law of its creation, any interest in its execution. A general power is in trust when any person or class of persons, other than the grantor, has such power, is designated as entitled to the proceeds, or any portion of the proceeds, or other benefits to result from the alienation. Cutting v. Cutting, 20 Hun (N. Y.) 364.

When a power of appointment among a class requires that each shall have a share, it is called a "distributive" or "non-exclusive" power; when it does not, it is called an "exclusive" power, and is also distributive; when it gives the power of appointing to a certain number of the class, but not to all, it is exclusive only, and not distributive. Leake, 385. A power authorizing the donee either to give the whole to one of a class or to give it equally among such of them as he may select (but not to give one a larger share than the others) is called a "mixed" power. (Sudl. Powers, 448. Sweet.)

POWER OF ATTORNEY. An instrument authorizing a person to act as the agent or attorney of the person granting it. See LETTER OF ATTORNEY.

POWER OF DISPOSITION. Every power of disposition is deemed absolute, by means of which the donee of such power is enabled in his lifetime to dispose of the entire fee for his own benefit; and, where a general and beneficial power to devise the inheritance is given to a tenant for life or years, it is absolute, within the meaning of the statutes of some of the states. Code Ala. 1886, § 1833. See POWER OF APPOINTMENT.

POWER OF SALE. A clause sometimes inserted in mortgages and deeds of trust, giving the mortgagee (or trustee) the right and power, on default in the payment of the debt secured thereby, to sell and sell the mortgaged property at public auction (but without resorting to a court for authority), satisfy the creditor out of the net proceeds, convey by deed to the purchaser, return the surplus, if any, to the mortgagor, and thereby divert
the latter's estate entirely and without any subsequent right of redemption. See Capron v. Attleborough Bank, 11 Gray (Mass.) 403; Appeal of Clark, 70 Conn. 195, 59 Atl. 153.

POYNDING. See POINDING.

POYNINGS' ACT. An act of parliament, made in Ireland, (10 Hen. VII. c. 22, A. D. 1495;) so called because Sir Edward Poynings was lieutenant there when it was made, whereby all general statutes before then made in England were declared of force in Ireland, which, before that time, they were not. 1 Broom & H. Comm. 112.

PRACTICAL. A practical construction of a constitution or statute is one determined, not by judicial decision, but practice sanctioned by general consent. Farmers' & Mechanics' Bank v. Smith, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 69;Bloxham v. Consumers' Electric Light, etc., Co., 36 Fla. 519, 18 South. 444, 29 L. R. A. 507, 51 Am. St Rep. 44.

PRACTICE. The form or mode of proceeding in courts of justice for the enforcement of rights or the redress of wrongs, as distinguished from the substantive law which gives the right or denounces the wrong. The form, manner, or order of instituting and conducting a suit or other judicial proceeding, through its successive stages to its end, in accordance with the rules and principles laid down by law or by the regulations and precedents of the courts. The term applies as well to the conduct of criminal actions as to civil suits, to proceedings in equity as well as at law, and to the defense as well as the prosecution of any proceeding. See Fleischman v. Walker, 91 Ill. 321; People v. Central Pac. R. Co., 83 Cal. 393, 23 Pac. 303; Kring v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221; 2 Sup. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Opp v. Ten Eyck, 99 Ind. 351; Beardsley v. Littell, 14 Blatchf. 102, Fed. Cas. No. 1,185; Union Nat. Bank v. Byram, 131 Ill. 92, 22 N. E. 842.

PRACTICE COURT. In English law. A court attached to the court of king's bench, which heard and determined common matters of business and ordinary motions for writs of mandamus, prohibition, etc. It was usually called the "ball court." It was held by one of the puline justices of the king's bench.

PRACTICES. A succession of acts of a similar kind or in a like employment.

PRACTICS. In Scotch law. The decisions of the court of session, as evidence of the practice or custom of the country. Bell.

PRACTITIONER. He who is engaged in the exercise or employment of any art or profession.

PRÆCÆPTORES. Lat. Masters. The chief clerks in chancery were formerly so called, because they had the direction of making out remedial writs. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 251.

PRÆCÆPTORIES. In feudal law. A kind of benefices, so called because they were possessed by the more eminent templars, whom the chief master by his authority created and called "Præceptores Tempit."

PRÆCÆPI. Lat. In practice. An original writ, drawn up in the alternative, commanding the defendant to do the thing required, or show the reason why he had not done it. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

PRÆCÆPI in capite. When one of the king's immediate tenants in capite was deforecd, his writ of right was called a writ of "præcepi in capitie."

PRÆCÆPI quod reddat. Command that he render. A writ directing the defendant to restore the possession of land, employed at the beginning of a common recovery. PRÆCÆPI quod tenet conventionem. The writ which commenced the action of covenant in fines, which are abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 24.—Præcepi, tenant to the. A person having an estate of freehold in possession, against whom the procepi was brought by a tenant in tail, seeking to bar his estate by a recovery.

PRÆCÆPTIUM. The punishment of casting headlong from some high place.

PRÆCÆPIT CONVENTIONNEL. In French law. Under the régime en communauté, when that is of the conventional kind, if the surviving husband or wife is entitled to take any portion of the common property by a paramount title and before partition thereof that right is called by the somewhat barbarous title of the conventional "præcæpit," from "pra," before, and "capere," to take. Brown.

PRÆCO. Lat. In Roman law. A herald or crier.

PRÆCOGNITA. Things to be previously known in order to the understanding of something which follows. Wharton.

PRÆDIA. In the civil law. Lands; estates; tenements; properties. See PREDIUM.

PRÆDIA bellica. Booty. Property seized in war. PRÆDIA stipendiaria. In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the people.

PRÆDIA tributaria. In the civil law. Provincial lands belonging to the emperor. PRÆDIA voluntaria. In the duchy of Brabant, certain things movable, such as beds, tables, and other heavy articles of furniture, were ranked
PRÆDIAL SERVITUDE. A right which is granted for the advantage of one piece of land over another, and which may be exercised by every possessor of the land entitled against every possessor of the servient land. It always presupposes two pieces of land (prædia) belonging to different proprietors; one burdened with the servitude, called "prædium serviens," and one for the advantage of which the servitude is conferred, called "prædium dominans." Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 514.

PRÆDIAL TITHES. Such as arise merely and immediately from the ground; as grain of all sorts, hops, hay, wood, fruit, herbs. 2 Bl. Comm. 23; 2 Steph. Comm. 722.

PREDICTUS. Lat. Aforesaid. Hob. 6. Of the three words, "idem," "prædictus," and "praefatur," "idem" was most usually applied to plaintiffs or demandants; "prædictus," to defendants or tenants, places, towns, or lands; and "praefatur," to persons named, not being actors or parties. Townsh. Pl. 15. These words may all be rendered in English by "said" or "aforesaid." 

PRÆDIO. Lat. In the civil law. Land; an estate; a tenement; a piece of landed property. See Dig. 50, 16, 115. -Prædium dominans. In the civil law. The name given to an estate to which a servitude is due; the dominant tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 409, 55 Am. Dec. 464.—Prædium rusticum. In Roman law. A rustic or rural estate. Primarily, this term denoted an estate lying in the country, i.e., beyond the limits of the city, but it was applied to any landed estate or heritage other than a dwelling-house, whether in or out of the town. Thus, it included gardens, orchards, pastures, meadows, etc. Mackeld, Rom. Law, § 316. A rural or country estate; an estate or piece of land principally destined or devoted to agriculture; a waste or uncultivated space of ground without buildings.—Prædium serviens. In the civil law. The name of an estate which suffers a servitude or easement to another estate; the servient tenement. Morgan v. Mason, 20 Ohio, 409, 55 Am. Dec. 464.—Prædium urbanum. In the civil law. A building or edifice intended for the habitation and use of man, whether built in cities or in the country. Colq. Rom. Civ. Law, § 937.

PRÆDIUM servit prædio. Land is under servitude to land, [i.e., servitudes are not personal rights, but attach to the dominant tenement.] Tray. Lat. Max. 455. 

PRÆDO. Lat. In Roman law. A robber. See Dig. 60, 17, 128.

PRÆFATUS. Lat. Aforesaid. Sometimes abbreviated to "praefat," and "p. fat."

PRÆFECTURE. In Roman law. Conquered towns, governed by an officer called a "prefect," who was chosen in some instances by the people, in others by the prætors. Butli. Hor. Jur. 29.

PRÆFECTUS URBI. Lat. In Roman law. The name of an officer who, from the time of Augustus, had the superintendence of the city and its police, with jurisdiction extending one hundred miles from the city, and power to decide both civil and criminal cases. As he was considered the direct representative of the emperor, much that previously belonged to the prætor urbanus fell gradually into his hands. Colq. Rom. Civ. Law, § 2395.

PRÆFECTUS VIGILUM. Lat. In Roman law. The chief officer of the night watch. His jurisdiction extended to certain offenses affecting the public peace, and even to larcenies; but he could inflict only slight punishments. Colq. Rom. Civ. Law, § 2395.

PRÆFECTUS VILLÆ. The mayor of a town.

PRÆFINE. The fee paid on suing out the writ of covenant, on levying fines, before the fine was passed. 2 Bl. Comm. 350.

PRÆJURAMENTUM. In old English law. A preparatory oath.

PRÆLEGATUM. Lat. In Roman law. A payment in advance of the whole or part of the share which a given heir would be entitled to receive out of an inheritance; corresponding generally to "advancement" in English and American law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 762.

PRÆMUNIRE. In English law. The name of an offense against the king and his government, though not subject to capital punishment. It was called from the words of the writ which issued preparatory to the prosecution: "Præmunire facias A. B. quod sit coram nobis," etc.; "Cause A. B. to be heard before you according to the best of your knowledge." The statute establishing this offense, the first of which was made in the thirty-first year of the reign of Edward I., was framed to encounter the papal usurpations in England; the original meaning of
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the offense called "praemunire" being the introduction of a foreign power into the kingdom, and creating imperium in imperio, by paying that obedience to papal process which constitutionally belonged to the king alone. The penalties of praemunire were afterwards applied to other heinous offenses. 4 Bl. Comm. 103-117; 4 Steph. Comm. 215-217.

PRAEDOMEN. Lat. Forename, or first name. The first of the three names by which the Romans were commonly distinguished. It marked the individual, and was commonly written with one letter; as "A." for "Aulus;" "C." for "Calus," etc. Adams, Rom. Ant. 35.

PREPOSITUS. In old English law, an officer next in authority to the alderman of a hundred, called "propositus regius," or a steward or bailiff of an estate, answering to the "vicere." Also the person from whom descents are traced under the old canons.

PREPOSITUS ECCLESIAE. A church-reeve, or warden. Spelman.—Prepositus villae. A constable of a town, or petty constable.

Prepropinquus consilia rare sunt prospera. 4 Inst. 57. Hasty counsels are rarely prosperous.

PRESCRIPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. That mode of acquisition whereby one becomes proprietor of a thing on the ground that he has for a long time possessed it as his own; prescription. Dig. 41, 3. It was anciently distinguished from "usu, flores," (q. e.,) but was blended with it by Justinian.

Prescriptio est titulus ex usu et tempore substantiam capiens ab auctoritate legis. Co. Litt. 113. Prescription is a title by authority of law, deriving its force from use and time.


PRESCRIPTIONES. Lat. In Roman law. Forms of words (of a qualifying character) inserted in the formula in which the claims in actions were expressed; and, as they occupied an early place in the formula, they were called by this name, i.e., qualifications preceding the claim. For example, in an action to recover the arrears of an annuity, the claim was preceded by the words "so far as the annuity is due and unpaid," or words to the like effect, ("cujus rei dies fuit.") Brown.

Presentare nihil aliud est quam praesto dare aem offere. To present is no more than to give or offer on the spot. Co. Litt. 120.

Presentia corporis tollit errorem nominis; et veritas nominis tollit errorem demonstrationis. The presence of the body cures error in the name; the truth of the name cures an error of description. Broom, Max. 637, 639, 640.

PRESIDES. Lat. In Roman law. A president or governor. Called a "nomen generale," including pro-consuls, legates, and all who governed provinces.

PRESTARE. Lat. In Roman law. "Prestare" meant to make good, and, when used in conjunction with the words "dare," "facere," "opertore," denoted obligations of a personal character, as opposed to real rights.

Prestat cautela quam medela. Prevention is better than cure. Co. Litt. 304b.

Presumatur pro justitia sententiae. The presumption should be in favor of the justice of a sentence. Best, Ev. Introd. 42.

Presumatur pro legitimacione. The presumption is in favor of legitimacy. 1 Bl. Comm. 457; 5 Coke, 989.

Presumatur pro negante. It is presumed for the negative. The rule of the house of lords when the numbers are equal on a motion. Wharton.

PRESUMPTIO. Lat. Presumption; a presumption. Also intrusion, or the unlawful taking of anything.

Presumptio fortior. A strong presumption; a presumption of fact entitled to great weight. One which determines the tribunal in its belief of an alleged fact, without, however, excluding the belief of the possibility of its being otherwise; the effect of which is to shift the burden of proof to the opposite party, and, if this proof be not made, the presumption is held for truth. Hub. Prac. J. C. lib. 22, tit. 5, n. 16; Buller, Circ. Ev. 66.—Presumptio hominis. The presumption of the man or individual; that is, natural presumption unfettered by strict rule.—Presumptio juris. A legal presumption or presumption of law; that is, one in which the law assumes the existence of something until it is disproved by evidence; a conditional, inconclusive, or rebuttable presumption. Best, Ev. § 43.—Presumptio juris et de jure. A presumption of law and of right; a presumption which the law will not suffer to be contradicted; a conclusive or irrebuttable presumption.—Presumptio municiata. In Roman law. A presumption of law that property in the hands of a wife came to her as a gift from her husband and was not acquired from other sources; available only in doubtful cases and until the contrary is shown. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 560.

Presumptio, ex eo quod pluriumque sit. Presumptions arise from what general-

Pretextu liciti non debet admitteri illicitum. Under pretext of legality, what is illegal ought not to be admitted. Wing. Max. p. 728, max. 196.

Pretextus. Lat. A pretext; a pretense or color. Pretextu cujus, by pretext, or under pretext whereof. 1 Ld. Raym. 412.

Preteritio. Lat. A passing over or omission. Used in the Roman law to describe the act of a testator in excluding a given heir from the inheritance by silently passing him by, that is, neither instituting nor formally disinheriting him. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, p. 711.

Preteritus. Lat. In Roman law. A municipal officer of the city of Rome, being the chief judicial magistrate, and possessing an extensive equitable jurisdiction. Pretor fidei-commissarius. In the civil law. A special praetor created to pronounce judgment in cases of trusts or fidei-commissa. Inst. 2, 23, 1.

Prayer. The request contained in a bill in equity that the court will grant the process, aid, or relief which the complainant desires. Also, by extension, the term is applied to that part of the bill which contains this request. Prayer of process is a petition with which a bill in equity used to conclude, to the effect that a writ of subpoena might issue against the defendant to compel him to answer upon oath all the matters charged against him in the bill.


Prejudgment. An extensive tract of level or rolling land, destitute of trees, covered with coarse grass, and usually characterized by a deep, fertile soil. Webster. See Buxton v. Railroad Co., 55 Mo. 45; Brunell v. Hopkins, 42 Iowa, 429.

Pray in aid. In old English practice. To call upon for assistance. In real actions, the tenant might pray in aid or call for assistance of another, to help him to plead, because of the feebleness or imbecility of his own estate. 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

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PRAIRIE. An extensive tract of level or rolling land, destitute of trees, covered with coarse grass, and usually characterized by a deep, fertile soil. Webster. See Buxton v. Railroad Co., 55 Mo. 45; Brunell v. Hopkins, 42 Iowa, 429.

PRACTIQUE. A license for the master of a ship to traffic in the ports of a given country, or with the inhabitants of a given port, upon the lifting of quarantine or production of a clean bill of health.

Praxis. Lat. Use; practice.

Praxis judicium est interpret legum. Hob. 96. The practice of the judges is the interpreter of the laws.

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Prepaid evidence. The kind and degree of evidence prescribed in advance (as, by statute) as requisite for the proof of certain facts or the establishment of certain instruments. It is opposed to casual evidence, which is left to grow naturally out of the surrounding circumstances.

Preaudience. The right of being heard before another. A privilege belonging to the English bar, the members of which are entitled to be heard in their order, according to rank, beginning with the king’s attorney general, and ending with barristers at large. 3 Steph. Comm. 387, note.
PREBEND. In English ecclesiastical law. A stipend granted in cathedral churches; also, but improperly, a prebendary. A simple prebend is merely a revenue; a prebend with dignity has some jurisdiction attached to it. The term "prebend" is generally confounded with "canonicate;" but there is a difference between them. The former is the stipend granted to an ecclesiastic in consideration of his officiating and serving in the church; whereas the canonicate is a mere title or spiritual quality which may exist independently of any stipend. 2 Steph. Comm. 674, note.

PREBENDARY. An ecclesiastical person serving on the staff of a cathedral, and receiving a stated allowance or stipend from the income or endowment of the cathedral, in compensation for his services.

PRECARIE, or PRECIES. Day-works which the tenants of certain manors were bound to give their lords in harvest time. _Magna precaria_, was a great or general reaping day. Cowell.

PRECARIOUS. Liable to be returned or rendered up at the mere demand or request of another; hence held or retained only on sufferance or by permission; and by an extension of meaning, doubtful, uncertain, dangerous, very liable to break, fall, or terminate.

—Precarious circumstances. The circumstances of an executor are precarious, within the meaning and intent of a statute, only when his character and conduct present such evidence of improvidence or recklessness in the management of the trust-estate, or of his own, as in the opinion of prudent and discreet men endangers its security. Shields v. Shields, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 55.—Precarious loan. A bailment by way of loan which is not to continue for any fixed time, but may be recalled at the mere will and pleasure of the lender.—Precarious possession. In modern civil law, possession is called "canonization" which one enjoys by the leave of another and during his pleasure. _Civ. Code_ La. 1900, art. 3556.—Precarious right. The right which the owner of a thing transfers to another, to enjoy the same until it shall please the owner to revoke it.—Precarious trade. In international law. Such trade as may be carried on by a neutral and preaudience as are assigned in their respective patents. 3 Steph. Comm. 274.

PRECEDENCE, or PRECEDENCY. The act or state of going before; adjustment of place.

—Precedence, patent of. In English law. A grant from the crown to such barristers as it thinks proper to honor with that mark of distinction, whereby they are entitled to such rank and precedence as are assigned in their respective patents. 3 Steph. Comm. 274.

PRECEDE. An adjudged case or decision of a court of justice, considered as furnishing an example or authority for an identical or similar case afterwards arising or a similar question of law. A draught of a conveyance, settlement, will, pleading, bill, or other legal instrument, which is considered worthy to serve as a pattern for future instruments of the same nature.

PRECEDEUFACTURE. Such as must happen or be performed before an estate can vest or be enlarged. See Condition Precedent.

PRECEENTS SUB SILENTO. Silent uniform course of practice, uninterrupted though not supported by legal decisions. See Colton v. Bragg, 13 East, 226; Thompson v. Musser, 1 Dall. 464, 1 L. Ed. 222.

Precedents that pass sub silenfo are of little or no authority. 16 Vin. Abr. 499.

PRECEPARTIUM. The continuance of a suit by consent of both parties. Cowell.

PRECEPT. In English and American law. An order or direction, emanating from authority, to an officer or body of officers, commanding him or them to do some act within the scope of their powers.

Precept is not to be confined to civil proceedings, and is not of a more restricted meaning than "process." It includes warrants and processes in criminal as well as civil proceedings. Adams v. Vose, 1 Gray (Mass.) 51, 58.

"Precept" means a commandment in writing, sent out by a justice of the peace or the expression of a wish, but not a positive command or direction.

—Preecatory trust. A trust created by certain words, which are more like words of entreaty and permission than of command or certainty. Examples of such words, which the courts have held sufficient to constitute a trust, are "wish and request," "have fullest confidence," "heartily beseech," and the like. Raupje & Lawrence. See Hunt v. Hunt, 18 Wash. 14, 50 Pac. 578; Bobon v. Barrett, 79 Ky. 378; Aldrich v. Aldrich, 172 Mass. 101, 51 N. E. 449.—Precatory words. Words of entreaty, request, desire, wish, or recommendation, employed in wills, as distinguished from direct and imperative terms. 1 Williams, Ex'rs, 88, 89, and note. And see Pratt v. Miller, 23 Neb. 496, 57 N. W. 293; Pratt v. Pratt Hospital, 88 Md. 610, 42 Atl. 61.
other like officer, for the bringing of a person or record before him. Cowell.

The direction formerly issued by a sheriff to the proper returning officers of cities and boroughs within his jurisdiction for the election of members to serve in parliament. 1 Bl. Comm. 178.

The direction by the judges or commissioners of assize to the sheriff for the summoning a sufficient number of jurors. 3 Steph. Comm. 516.

The direction issued by the clerk of the peace to the overseers of parishes for making out the jury lists. 3 Steph. Comm. 516, note.

**PRECEP**

**PRECEPT**

In old English criminal law. Instigation to commit a crime. Bract. fol. 1380; Cowell.

**PRECEP**

In Scotch law. An order, mandate, or warrant to do some act. The precept of sel-sin was the order of a superior to his bailie, to give infestment of certain lands to his vassal. Bell.

**PRECEP**

In old French law. A kind of letters issued by the king in subversion of the laws, being orders to the judges to do or tolerate things contrary to law.

—**Precept of clare constat.** A deed in the Scotch law by which a superior acknowledges the title of the heir of a deceased vassal to succeed to the lands.


**PRECES PRIMARIE.** In English ecclesiastical law. A right of the crown to name to the first prebend that becomes vacant after the accession of the sovereign, in every church of the empire. This right was exercised by the crown of England in the reign of Edward I. 2 Steph. Comm. 670, note.


**PRECEPE.** Another form of the name of the written instructions to the clerk of court; also spelled "præcipè," (q. v.)

**PRECEPITIN TEST.** Precipitins are formations in the blood of an animal induced by repeated injections into its veins of the blood-serum of an animal of another species; and their importance in diagnosis lies in the fact that when the blood-serum of an animal so treated is mixed with that of any animal of the second species (or a closely related species) and the mixture kept at a temperature of about 98 degrees for several hours, a visible precipitate will result, but not so if the second ingredient of the mixture is drawn from an animal of an entirely different species. In medico-legal practice, therefore, a suspected stain or clot having been first tested by other methods and demonstrated to be blood, the question whether it is the blood of a human being or of other origin is resolved by mixing a solution of it with a quantity of blood-serum taken from a rabbit or some other small animal which has been previously prepared by injections of human blood-serum. After treatment as above described, the presence of a precipitate will furnish strong presumptive evidence that the blood tested was of human origin. The test is not absolutely conclusive, for the reason that blood from an anthropoid ape would produce the same result, in this experiment, as human blood. But if the alternative hypothesis presented attributed the blood in question to some animal of an unrelated species (as, a dog, sheep, or horse) the precipitin test could be fully relied on, as also in the case where no precipitate resulted.

**PRÉCIPUT.** In French law. A portion of an estate or inheritance which falls to one of the co-heirs over and above his equal share with the rest, and which is to be taken out before partition is made.

**PRECLUDI NON.** Lat. In pleading. The commencement of a replication to a plea in bar, by which the plaintiff "says that, by reason of anything in the said plea alleged, he ought not to be barred from having and maintaining his aforesaid action against him, the said defendant, because he says," etc. Steph. Pl. 440.

**PRECENTION.** In Scotch practice. Preliminary examination. The investigation of a criminal case, preliminary to committing the accused for trial. 2 Ala. Crim. Pr. 194.

**PRECOGNOSCE.** In Scotch practice. To examine beforehand. Arkley, 223.

**PRECONIZATION.** Proclamation.

**PRECONTRACT.** A contract or engagement made by a person, which is of such a nature as to preclude him from lawfully entering into another contract of the same nature. See 1 Bish. Mar. & Div. §§ 112, 272.

**PREDECESSOR.** One who goes or has gone before; the correlative of "successor." Applied to a body politic or corporate, in the same sense as "ancestor" is applied to a natural person. Lorillard Co. v. Peper (C. C.) 65 Fed. 598.

**PREDECESSOR.** In Scotch law. An ancestor. 1 Kames Eq. 371.
**PREDIAL SERVITUDE**

**PREDIAL SERVITUDE.** A real or predial servitude is a charge laid on an estate for the use and utility of another estate belonging to another owner. Civil Code La. art. 647. See **PREDIAL SERVITUDE.**

**PREDICATE.** In logic. That which is said concerning the subject in a logical proposition; as, "The law is the perfection of common sense." "Perfection of common sense," being affirmed concerning the subject, (the subject,) is the predicate or thing predicated. Wharton; Bourland v. Hildreth, 26 Cal. 232.

**PREDOMINANT.** This term, in its natural and ordinary signification, is understood to be something greater or superior in power and influence to others, with which it is connected or compared. So understood, a "predominant motive," when several motives may have operated, is one of greater force and effect, in producing the given result, than any other motive. Matthews v. Bliss, 22 Pick. (Mass.) 63.

**PRE-EMPTION.** In international law. The right of pre-emption is the right of a nation to detain the merchandise of strangers passing through her territories or seas, in order to afford to her subjects the preference of purchase. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 103.

In English law. The first buying of a thing. A privilege formerly enjoyed by the crown, of buying up provisions and other necessaries, by the intervention of the king's purveyors, for the use of his royal household, at an appraised valuation, in preference to all others, and even without consent of the owner. 1 Bl. Comm. 287; Garcia v. Callender, 125 N. Y. 307, 26 N. E. 283.

In the United States, the right of pre-emption is a privilege accorded by the government to the actual settler upon a certain limited portion of the public domain, to purchase such tract at a fixed price to the exclusion of all other applicants. Nix v. Allen, 112 U. S. 129, 5 Sup. Ct. 70, 28 L. Ed. 675; Bray v. Ragsdale, 35 Mo. 170.

---Pre-emption claimant. One who has settled upon land subject to pre-emption, with the intention to acquire title to it, and has complied, or is proceeding to comply, in good faith, with the requirements of the law to perfect his right to it. Hosmer v. Wallace, 97 U. S. 575, 581, 24 L. Ed. 1130.---Pre-emption entry. See ENTRY.---Pre-emption right. The right given to settlers upon the public lands of the United States to purchase them at a limited price in preference to others.

**PRE-EMPTIONER.** One who, by settlement upon the public land, or by cultivation of a portion of it, has obtained the right to purchase a portion of the land thus settled upon or cultivated, to the exclusion of all other persons. Dillingham v. Fisher, 5 Wis. 490. And see Doe v. Beck, 108 Ala. 71, 19 South. 502.

**PREFECT.** In French law. The name given to the public functionary who is charged in chief with the administration of the laws, in each department of the country. Merl. Rép. See Crespin v. U. S., 168 U. S. 208, 18 Sup. Ct. 53, 42 L. Ed. 438. The term is also used, in practically the same sense, in Mexico. But in New Mexico, a prefect is a probate judge.

**PREFER.** To bring before; to prosecute; to try; to proceed with. Thus, preferring an indictment signifies prosecuting or trying an indictment.

To give advantage, priority, or privilege; to select for first payment, as to prefer one creditor over others.

**PREFERENCE.** The act of an insolvent debtor who, in distributing his property or in assigning it for the benefit of his creditors, pays or secures to one or more creditors the amount of their claims or a larger amount than they would be entitled to receive on a pro rata distribution.

Also the right held by a creditor, in virtue of some lien or security, to be preferred above others (i.e., paid first) out of the debtor's assets constituting the fund for creditors. See Prie v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 182 U. S. 438, 21 Sup. Ct. 906, 45 L. Ed. 1171; Ashby v. Steere, 2 Fed. Cas. 15; Chadbourn v. Harding, 80 Me. 580, 16 Atl. 248; Chism v. Citizens' Bank, 77 Miss. 559, 27 South. 637; In re Ratliff (D. C.) 107 Fed. 80; In re Stevens, 38 Minn. 432, 38 N. W. 111.

**PREFERENCE SHARES.** A term used in English law to designate a new issue of shares of stock in a company, which, to facilitate the disposal of them, are accorded a priority or preference over the original shares.

Such shares entitle their holders to a preferential dividend, so that a holder of them is entitled to have the whole of his dividend (or so much thereof as represents the extent to which his shares are, by the constitution of the company, to be deemed preference shares) paid before any dividend is paid to the ordinary shareholders. Mozley & Whitney.

**PREFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENT.** An assignment of property for the benefit of creditors, made by an insolvent debtor, in which it is directed that a preference (right to be paid first in full) shall be given to a creditor or creditors therein named.

**PREFERRED.** Possessing or accorded a priority, advantage, or privilege. Generally denoting a prior or superior claim or right of payment as against another thing of
the same kind or class. See State v. Cherau & C. R. Co., 16 S. C. 528.

—Preferred creditor. A creditor whom the debtor has directed shall be paid before other creditors. —Preferred debt. A demand which has priority; which is payable in full before others are paid at all. —Preferred dividend. See Dividend.—Preferred stock. See Stock.

PREGNANCY. In medical jurisprudence. The state of a female who has within her ovary or womb a fecundated germ, which gradually becomes developed in the latter receptacle. Dungl. Med. Dict.

—Pregnancy, plea of. A plea which a woman capitaly convicted may plead in stay of execution; for this, though it is no stay of judgment, yet operates as a respite of execution until she is delivered. Brown.

PREGNANT NEGATIVE. See Negative Pregnant.


The word “prejudice” seemed to imply nearly the same thing as “opinion,” a prejudgment of the case, and not necessarily an enmity or ill will against either party. Com. v. Webster, 5 Cush. (Mass.) 297, 62 Am. Dec. 711.

“Prejudice” also means injury, loss, or damnification. Thus, where an offer or admission is made “without prejudice,” or a motion is denied or a bill in equity dismissed “without prejudice,” it is meant as a declaration that no rights or privileges of the party concerned are to be considered as thereby waived or lost, except in so far as may be expressly conceded or decided.

PRELATE. A clergyman of a superior order, as an archbishop or a bishop, having authority over the lower clergy; a dignitary of the church. Webster.

PRÉLEVEMENT. Fr. In French law. A preliminary deduction; particularly, the expression used in French law to signify land, with its appurtenances; which gradually becomes developed in the latter receptacle. Dungl. Med. Dict.

PRELIMINARY. Introductory; initiatory; preceeding; temporary and provisional; as preliminary examination, injunction, articles of peace, etc.

—Preliminary act. In English admiralty practice. A document stating the time and place of a collision between vessels, the names of the vessels, and other particulars, required to be filed by each solicitor in actions for damage by such collision, unless the court or a judge shall otherwise order. Wharton.—Preliminary injunction. See Injunction.—Preliminary proof. In insurance. The first proof offered of a loss occurring under the policy, usually sent in to the underwriters with the notification of claim.

PREMEDITATE. To think of an act beforehand; to contrive and design; to plot or lay plans for the execution of a purpose. See Deliberate.

PREMEDITATION. The act of meditating in advance; deliberation upon a contemplated act; plotting or contriving; a design formed to do something before it is done. See State v. Spivey, 132 N. C. 985, 43 S. E. 475; Fuhnestock v. State, 23 Ind. 231; Com. v. Perrier, 3 Phila. (Pa.) 292; Atkinson v. State, 20 Tex. 501; State v. Reed, 117 Mo. 604, 23 S. W. 886; King v. State, 91 Tenn. 617, 20 S. W. 169; State v. Carr, 53 Vt. 46; State v. Dowden, 115 N. C. 1145, 24 S. E. 722; Savage v. State, 18 Fla. 965; Com. v. Drum, 55 Pa. 16; State v. Lindgrind, 33 Wash. 440, 74 Pac. 565.

PREMIER. A principal minister of state; the prime minister.

PREMIER SERJEANT, THE QUEEN’S. This officer, so constituted by letters patent, has precedence over the bar after the attorney and solicitor general and queen’s advocate. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 274, note.

PREMISES. That which is put before; that which precedes; the foregoing statements. Thus, in logic, the two introductory propositions of the syllogism are called the “premises,” and from them the conclusion is deduced. So, in pleading, the expression “in consideration of the premises” frequently occurs, the meaning being “in consideration of the matters hereinbefore stated.” See Teutonia F. Ins. Co. v. Mund, 102 Pa. 93; Alaska Imp. Co. v. Hirsch, 119 Cal. 249, 47 Pac. 124.

In conveyancing. That part of a deed which precedes the habendum, in which are set forth the names of the parties with their titles and additions, and in which are recited such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the present transaction is founded; and it is here, also, the consideration on which it is made is set down and the certainty of the thing granted. 2 Bl. Comm. 258. And see Miller v. Graham, 47 S. C. 288, 25 S. E. 163; Brown v. Manter, 21 N. H. 533, 53 Am. Dec. 223; Rouse v. Steamboat Co., 50 Hun, 80, 13 N. Y. Supp. 126.

In estates. Lands and tenements; an estate; the subject-matter of a conveyance. The term “premises” is used in common parlance to signify land, with its appurtenances; but its usual and appropriate meaning in a conveyance is the thing demised or granted by the deed. New Jersey Zinc Co. v. New Jersey Franklinite Co., 13 N. J. Eq. 322; In re Rohr-
bacher's Estate, 168 Pa. 158, 32 Atl. 30; Cum-
mings v. Dearborn, 86 Vt. 441; State v. French,
130 Ind. 229, 22 N. E. 188.

The word is also used to denote the sub-
ject-matter insured in a policy. 4 Campb. 89.

**In equity pleading.** The stating part of
a bill. It contains a narrative of the facts
and circumstances of the plaintiff's case, and
the wrongs of which he complains, and the
names of the persons by whom done and
against whom he seeks redress. Story, Eq.
Pl. § 27.

**PREMIUM.** The sum paid or agreed to
be paid by an assured to the underwriter as
the consideration for the insurance; being
a certain rate per cent on the amount in-
sured. 1 Phil. Ins. 205; State v. Pittsburg,
etc., Ry. Co., 68 Ohio St. 9, 67 N. E. 93, 64

A bounty or bonus; a consideration given
to invite a loan or a bargain; as the consid-
eration paid to the assignor by the assignee
of a lease, or to the transferee by the trans-
feree of shares of stock, etc. So stock is said
to be "at a premium" when its market
price exceeds its nominal or face value.
Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. v. Arming-
ton, 21 R. I. 33, 41 Atl. 571; White v. Will-
iams, 90 Md. 719, 45 Atl. 1001; Washington,
etc., Ass'n v. Stanley, 38 Or. 319, 63 Pac.
489, 58 L. R. A. 818, 84 Am. St. Rep. 735;
Building Ass'n v. Eklund, 190 111. 257, 60
N. E. 321, 52 L. R. A. 637. See Pas.

In granting a lease, part of the rent is
sometimes capitalized and paid in a lump
sum at the time the lease is granted. This
is called a "premium."

---**Premium note.** A promissory note given by
the insured for part of all of the amount of
the premium.---**Premium pudicitiae.** The price
of chastity. A compensation for the loss of
chastity, paid or promised to, or for the benefit
of, a seduced female.

**PREMUNIRE.** See PREMUNIRE.

**PRENDA.** In Spanish law. Pledge.
White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 7.

**PRENDER, PRENDRE.** L. Fr. To
take. The power or right of taking a thing
without waiting for it to be offered. See A
PRENDER.

**PRENDER DE BARON.** L. Fr. In old
English law. A taking of husband; mar-
rriage. An exception or plea which might be
used to disable a woman from pursuing
an appeal of murder against the killer of
her former husband. Staundef. P. C. lib. 3,
c. 59.

**PREPENSE.** Forethought; preconceived;
premeditated. See Territory v. Bauni-
gan, 1 Dak. 451, 46 N. W. 597; People v.
Clark, 7 N. Y. 385.

**PREPONDERANCE.** This word means
something more than "weight;" it denotes
a superiority of weight, or outweighing.
The words are not synonymous, but substantial-
different. There is generally a "weight" of
evidence on each side in contested facts. But
juries cannot properly act
upon the weight of evidence, in favor of the
one having the onus, unless it overbear,
in some degree, the weight upon the other side.
Shinn v. Tucker, 37 Ark. 588. And see Hoff-
man v. Loud, 111 Mich. 158, 69 N. W. 231;
Willcox v. Hines, 100 Tenn. 524, 45 S. W.
781, 66 Am. St. Rep. 761; Mortimer v. Mc-
Mullen, 202 Ill. 413, 67 N. E. 20; Bryan v.
Chicago, etc., R. Co., 63 Iowa, 494, 19 N. W.
265.

**PREROGATIVE.** An exclusive or pecu-
 liar privilege. The special power, privilege,
immunity, or advantage vested in an offi-
cial person, either generally, or in respect
to the things of his office, or in an official
body, as a court or legislature. See Attor-
ney General v. Blossom, 1 Wis. 317; At-
orney General v. Eau Claire, 37 Wis. 443.

**In English law.** That special pre-em-
ience which the king (or queen) has over
and above all other persons, in right of his
(her) regal dignity. A term used to de-
note those rights and capacities which the
sovereign enjoys alone, in contradistinction
to others. 1 Bl. Comm. 260.

---**Prerogative court.** In English law. A
court established for the trial of all testament-
ary causes, where the deceased left bona nota-
abilia within two different dioceses; in which
the probate of wills belonged to the arch-
bishop of the province, by way of special prer-
ogative. And all causes relating to the wills,
administrations, or legacies of such persons
were originally cognizable herein, before a judge ap-
pointed by the archbishop, called the "judge
of the prerogative court," from whom an ap-
peal lay to the privy council. 3 Bl. Comm.
64; 3 Steph. Comm. 432. In New Jersey the
prerogative court is the court of appeal from
decrees of the orphans' courts in the several
counties of the state. The court is held before
the chancellor, under the title of the "ordinary."

See In re Courson's Will, 4 N. J. Eq. 412;
Flanigan v. Guggenheim Smelting Co., 68 N. J.
Law. 647, 44 Atl. 782; Robinson v. Fair, 128
U. S. 53, 9 Sup. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415.—Pre-
rogative law. That part of the common law
of England which is more particularly applic-
able to the king. Com. Dig. tit. "Ley," A.---
**Prerogative writes.** In English law, the
name is given to certain judicial writs issued
by the courts only upon proper cause shown,
ever as a mere matter of right, the theory
being that they involve a direct interference
by the government with the liberty and property
of the subject, and therefore are justified only
as an exercise of the extraordinary power (pre-
rogative) of the crown. In America, a theory
has sometimes been advanced that these writs
should issue in cases publici juris and those
affecting the sovereignty of the state, or its
franchises or prerogatives, or the liberties of
the people. But their issuance is now genet-
ally regulated by statute, and the use of the term
"prerogative," in describing them, amounts only
to a reference to their origin and history. These
writs are a class of mandamus, proceeding
with a prohibition, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and
certiorari. See 3 Stepb. Comm. 623; Territory
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Stevens v. Dennett, 51 N. H. 329.
14 Mass. 52, 7 Am. Dec. 188; Louisville &
N. R. Co. v. Hays, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 388, 47
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fied v. People, 164 Ill. 611, 45 N. E. 978; Ex
parte Lothrop, 118 U. S. 113, 6 Sup. Ct.
934, 30 L. Ed. 108; Field v. Marry, 83 Va.
882, 3 S. E. 707.

PRESCRIPTION. A mode of acquiring title to incorporeal hereditaments grounded
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enjoyment of a thing, on the ground of
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To direct; define; mark out. In modern
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PRESENCE. The existence of a person
in a particular place at a given time, particu­
larly with reference to some act done there
and then. Besides actual presence, the law
recognizes constructive presence, which lat­
ter may be predicated of a person who,
though not on the very spot, was near enough
to be accounted present by the law, or who
was actively co-operating with another who
was actually present. See Mitchell v. Com.,
53 Grat. (Va.) 863.

PRESCRIBABLE. That to which a
right may be acquired by prescription.

PRES. L. Fr. Near. Cy pres, so near; as
near. See Cy Pres.

PRESBYTER. Lat. In civil and ec­
clesiastical law. An elder; a presbyter; a
priest. Cod. 1, 3, 6, 20; Nov. 6.

PRESBYTERIUM. That part of the
church where divine offices are performed;
formerly applied to the choir or chancel, be­
cause it was the place appropriated to the
bishop, priest, and other clergy, while the
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law. Each of these prescriptions has its
special and particular definition. The pre­
scription by which the ownership of prop­
erty is acquired, is a right by which a mere pos­
PRESENT, v. In English ecclesiastical law. To offer a clerk to the bishop of the diocese, to be instituted. 1 Bl. Comm. 389.

In criminal law. To find or represent judicially; used of the official act of the grand jury when they take notice of a crime or offense from their own knowledge or observation, without any bill of indictment laid before them.

In the law of negotiable instruments. Primarily, to present is to tender or offer. Thus, to present a bill of exchange for acceptance or payment is to exhibit it to the drawee or acceptor, (or his authorized agent,) with an express or implied demand for acceptance or payment. Byles, Bills, 183, 201.

PRESENT, n. A gift; a gratuity; anything presented or given.

PRESENT, adj. Now existing; at hand; relating to the present time; considered with reference to the present time.

—Present enjoyment. The immediate or present possession and use of an estate or property, as distinguished from such as is postponed to a future time.—Present estate. An estate in immediate possession; one now existing, or vested at the present time; as distinguished from a future estate, the enjoyment of which is postponed to a future time.—Present interest. One which entitles the owner to the immediate possession of the property. Civ. Code Mont. 1886, § 1110; Rev. Codes N. D. 1903, § 426; Civ. Code S. D. 1903, § 204.—Present use. One which has an immediate existence, and is at once operated upon by the statute of Uses.

PRESENTATION. In ecclesiastical law. The act of a patron or proprietor of a living in offering or presenting a clerk to the ordinary to be instituted in the benefice.

—Presentation office. The office of the lord chancellor's official, the secretary of presentations, who conducts all appointments to benefices. Sweet.

PRESENTATIVE ADVOWSON. See ADVOWSON.

PRESENTEE. In ecclesiastical law. A clerk who has been presented by his patron to a bishop in order to be instituted in a church.

PRESENTER. One that presents.

PRESENTLY. Immediately; now; at once. A right which may be exercised "presently" is opposed to one in reversion or remainder.

PRESENTMENT. In criminal practice. The written notice taken by a grand jury of any offense, from their own knowledge or observation, without any bill of indictment laid before them at the suit of the government. 4 Bl. Comm. 301.

A presentment is an informal statement in writing, by the grand jury, representing to the court that a public offense has been committed which is triable in the county, and that there is reasonable ground for believing that a particular individual named or described therein has committed it. Pen. Code Cal. § 916. And see In re Grosbols, 109 Cal. 445, 42 Pac. 444; Com. v. Green, 126 Pa. 531, 17 Atl. 873, 12 Am. St. Rep. 894; Mack v. People, 52 N. Y. 237; Eason v. State, 11 Ark. 482; State v. Kiefer, 90 Md. 165, 44 Atl. 1043.

In its limited sense, a presentment is a statement by the grand jury of an offense from their own knowledge, without any bill of indictment laid before them, setting forth the name of the party, place of abode, and the offense committed, informally, upon which the officer of the court afterwards frames an indictment. Collins v. State, 13 Fla. 651, 605.

The difference between a presentment and an inquisition is this: that the former is found by a grand jury authorized to inquire of offenses generally, whereas the latter is an accusation found by a jury specially returned to inquire concerning the particular offense. 2 Hawk. P. C. c. 25, § 6.

The writing which contains the accusation so presented by a grand jury is also called a "presentment."

Presentments are also made in courts-leet and courts-baron, before the stewards. Steph. Comm. 644.

In contracts. The production of a bill of exchange to the drawee for his acceptance, or to the drawer or acceptor for payment; or of a promissory note to the party liable, for payment of the same.

PRESENTS. The present instrument. The phrase "these presents" is used in any legal document to designate the instrument in which the phrase itself occurs.

PRESERVATION. Keeping safe from harm; avoiding injury, destruction, or decay. This term always presupposes a real or existing danger. See Gribble v. Wilson, 101 Tenn. 612, 49 S. W. 738; Neuendorff v. Dur-yea, 52 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 268.

PRESIDE. To preside over a court is to "hold" it,—to direct, control, and govern it as the chief officer. A judge may "preside" whether sitting as a sole judge or as one of several judges. Smith v. People, 47 N. Y. 334.

PRESIDENT. One placed in authority over others; a chief officer; a presiding or managing officer; a governor, ruler, or director.

The chairman, moderator, or presiding officer of a legislative or deliberative body, appointed to keep order, manage the proceedings, and govern the administrative details of their business.

The chief officer of a corporation, company, board, committee, etc., generally having the

The chief executive magistrate of a state or nation, particularly under a democratic form of government; or of a province, colony, or dependency.

In English law. A title formerly given to the king's lieutenant in a province; as the president of Wales. Cowell.


In English law. A great officer of state; a member of the cabinet. He attends on the sovereign, proposes business at the council-table, and reports to the sovereign the transactions there. 1 Bl. Comm. 230.—President of the United States. The official title of the chief executive officer of the federal government in the United States.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS. A body of electors chosen in the different states, whose sole duty it is to elect a president and vice-president of the United States. Each state appoints, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state is entitled in congress. Const. U. S. art. 2, § 1.

PRESS. In old practice. A piece or skin of parchment, several of which used to be sewed together in making up a roll or record of proceedings. See 1 Bl. Comm. 183; Townsh. Pl. 486.

Metaphorically, the aggregate of publications issuing from the press, or the giving publicity to one's sentiments and opinions through the medium of printing; as in the phrase "liberty of the press."

PRESSING SEAMEN. See IMPRESS.

PRESSING TO DEATH. See PEINE ET DUME.

Prest. In old English law. A duty or money to be paid by the sheriff upon his account in the exchequer, or for money left or remaining in his hands. Cowell.

Prest-money. A payment which binds those who receive it to be ready at all times appointed, being meant especially of soldiers. Cowell.

Prestation. In old English law. A payment or performance; the rendering of a service.

Prestation-money. A sum of money paid by archdeacons yearly to their bishop; also purveyance. Cowell.

Prestimony, or Prestimonia. In canon law. A fund or revenue appropri-

ated by the founder for the subsistence of a priest, without being erected into any title or benefice, chapel, prebend, or priory. It is not subject to the ordinary; but of it the patron, and those who have a right from him, are the collators. Wharton.

PRESUMPTIO. See PRESUMPTION; PRESUMPTION.

PRESUMPTION. An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the truth or falsehood of any proposition or fact drawn by a process of probable reasoning in the absence of actual certainty of its truth or falsehood, or until such certainty can be ascertained. Best, Pres. § 3.


A presumption is a deduction which the law expresses directly to be made from particular facts. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1599.

Presumptions are consequences which the law or the judge draws from a known fact to a fact unknown. Civ. Code La. art. 2234.

An inference affirmative or disaffirmative of the existence of a disputed fact, drawn by a judicial tribunal, by a process of probable reasoning, from some one or more matters of fact, either admitted in the cause or otherwise satisfactorily established. Best, Pres. § 12.

A presumption is an inference as to the existence of a fact not known, arising from its connection with the facts that are known, and founded upon a knowledge of human nature and the motives which are known to influence human conduct. Jackson v. Warford, 7 Wend. (N. Y.) 62.

Classification.—Presumptions are either presumptions of law or presumptions of fact. A presumption of law is a juridical postulate that a particular predicate is universally assignable to a particular subject. A presumption of fact is a logical argument from a fact to a fact; or, as the distinction is sometimes put, it is an argument which infers a fact otherwise doubtfully from a fact which is proved.2 Whart. Ev. § 1226. See Code Ga. § 2752. And see Home Ins. Co. v. Weide, 11 Wall. 497; Pollock v. Stone, 186 Ill. 549; N. E. 203; McIntryre v. Ajax Min. Co. 20 Utah, 523, 60 Pac. 552; U. S. v. Sykes (D. C.) 58 Fed. 1000; Sun Mut. Ins. Co. v. Ocean Ins. Co. 107 U. S. 367, 22 Sup. Ct. 53, 27 L. Ed. 387; Lyon v. Guild, 5 Heisk. (Tenn.) 182; Com. v. Frew, 3 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 496.

Presumptions of law are rules which, in certain cases, either forbid or dispense with any ulterior inquiry. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 14. Inferences or positions established, for the most part, by the common, but occasionally by the statute, law, with or without compulsory aliens on judges and juries. Best, Pres. § 15.

Presumptions of fact are inferences as to the existence of some fact drawn from the existence...
of some other fact; inferences which common sense draws from circumstances usually occurring in such cases. 1 Phil. Ev. 436.

Presumptions are divided into *presumptiones juris tantum,* which hold good in the absence of counter-evidence, but against which counter-evidence may be adduced; and *presumptiones hominis,* which are not necessarily conclusive, though no proof to the contrary has been adduced. Mosley & Whitley.

There are also certain mixed presumptions, or presumptions of fact recognized by law, or presumptions of mixed law and fact. These are certain presumptive inferences, which, from their strength, importance, or frequent occurrence, attract, as it were, the observation of the law. The presumption of a "lost grant" falls within this class. Best, Ev. 436. See Dickson v. Wilkinson, 3 How. 57, 11 L. Ed. 409.

Presumptions of law are divided into conclusive presumptions and disputable presumptions. A conclusive presumption is a rule of law determining the quantity of evidence requisite for the support of a particular averment which is not permitted to be overcome by any proof that the fact is otherwise. 1 Greenl. Ev. 111; 3 Utah, 124, 23 Pac. 283, Sec. 491.

Brandt v. Morning Journal Ass'n, 51 App. Div. 183, 80 N. Y. Supp. 1002. These are also called "absolute" and "irrebuttable" presumptions. A disputable presumption is an inference of law which holds good until it is invalidated by proof or a stronger presumption. A natural presumption is that species of presumption, or process of probable reasoning, which is exercised by persons of ordinary intelligence, in inferring one fact from another, without reference to any technical rules. Otherwise called "præsumptio hominis." Burrill, Cir. Ev. 11, 12, 22, 24.

Legitimate presumptions have been denominated "violent" or "probable," according to the amount of weight which attaches to them. Such presumptions as are drawn from inadequate grounds are termed "light" or "rash" presumptions. Brown.

- **Presumption of survivorship.** A presumption of fact, to the effect that one person shall survive another, is founded on reason for undertaking a war, or other such purpose. Mod. Cas. 302.

Brown v. Perez (Tex. Civ. App.) 25 S. W. 695. As to the rule against the buying and selling of "any pretended right or title," see PRETENDED RIGHT OR TITLE.

- **Pretexts.** In French law. The claim made to a thing which a party believes himself entitled to demand, but which is not admitted or adjudged to be his.

PRETENDED RIGHT. Where one is in possession of land, and another, who is out of possession, claims and sues for it. Here the pretended right or title is said to be in him who so claims and sues for the same. Mod. Cas. 302.

- **Pretended title statute.** The English statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 9, § 2. It enacts that no one shall sell or purchase any pretended right or title to land, unless the vendor has received the profits thereof for one whole year before such sale, and that, if a grant has been in actual possession of the land, or of the reversion or remainder, on pain that both purchaser and vendor shall each forfeit the value of such land to the king and the prosecutor. See 4 Broom & H. Comm. 150.


- **False pretenses.** See FALSE.

Pretension. In French law. The omission by a testator of some one of his heirs who is legally entitled to a portion of the inheritance.

Preterition. In the civil law. The name of "pretexts" may likewise be applied to reasons which are in themselves true and well-founded, but, not being of sufficient importance for undertaking a war, or other international act, are made use of only to cover ambitious views. Vatt Law Nat. bk. 3, c. 3, § 32.
PRETIUM. Lat. Price; cost; value; the price of an article sold.

—Pretium affectionis. An imaginary value put upon a thing by the fancy of the owner, and growing out of his attachment for the specific article, its associations, his sentiment for the donor, etc. Bell; The H. F. Dimock, 77 Fed. 523, 23 C. C. A. 123.—Pretium pecuni. The price of the risk, e. g., the premium paid on a policy of insurance; also the interest paid on money advanced on bail or upon respondents.—Pretium sepulchri. A mortuary (q. v.)

Pretium succedit in locum rei. The price stands in the place of the thing sold. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 939; 2 Buist. 312.

PRETORIUM. In Scotch law. A court-house, or hall of justice. 3 How. State Tr. 425.

PREVAILING PARTY. That one of the parties to a suit who successfully prosecutes the action or successfully defends against it, prevailing on the main issue, though not to the extent of his original contention. See Belding v. Conklin, 2 Code Rep. 20 Ark. 171; In re Jones, 78 Ala. 421; Souders, 27 Fed. Cas. 1,269; Green v. State, 81 Me. 377, 17 Atl. 311.

PREVARICATION. In the civil law. Deceitful, crafty, or unfaithful conduct; particularly, such as is manifested in concealing a crime. Dig. 47, 15, 6.

In English law. A collusion between an informer and a defendant, in order to a feigned prosecution. Cowell. Also any secret abuse committed in a public office or private commission; also the willful concealment or misrepresentation of truth, by giving evasive or equivocating evidence.

PREVENT. To hinder or preclude. To stop or intercept the approach, access, or performance of a thing. Webster; U. S. v. Souders, 27 Fed. Cas. 1,269; Green v. State, 109 Ga. 530, 55 S. E. 97; Burr v. Williams, 20 Ark. 171; In re Jones, 78 Ala. 421.

PREVENTION. In the civil law. The right of a judge to take cognizance of an action over which he has concurrent jurisdiction with another judge.

In canon law. The right which a superior person or officer has to lay hold of, claim, or transact an affair prior to an inferior one, to whom otherwise it more immediately belongs. Wharton.

PREVENTION OF CRIMES ACT. The statute 34 & 35 Vict. c. 112, passed for the purpose of securing a better supervision over habitual criminals. This act provides that a person who is for a second time convicted of crime may, on his second conviction, be subjected to police supervision for a period of seven years after the expiration of the punishment awarded him. Penalties are imposed on lodging-house keepers, etc., for harboring thieves or reputed thieves. There are also provisions relating to receivers of stolen property, and dealers in old metals who purchase the same in small quantities. This act repeals the habitual criminals act of 1869, (32 & 33 Vict. c. 99) Brown.

PREVENTIVE JUSTICE. The system of measures taken by government with reference to the direct prevention of crime. It generally consists in obliging those persons whom there is probable ground to suspect of future misbehavior to give full assurance to the public that such offense as is apprehended shall not happen, by finding pledges or securities to keep the peace, or for their good behavior. See 4 Bl. Comm. 251; 4 Steph. Comm. 290.

PREVENTIVE SERVICE. The name given in England to the coast-guard, or armed police, forming a part of the customs service, and employed in the prevention and detection of smuggling.

Previous intentions are judged by subsequent acts. Dumont v. Smith, 4 Denlo (N. Y.) 319, 320.

PREVIOUS QUESTION. In the procedure of parliamentary bodies, moving the "previous question" is a method of avoiding a direct vote on the main subject of discussion. It is described in May, Parl. Prac. 277.

PREVIOUSLY. An adverb of time, used in comparing an act or state named with another act or state, subsequent in order of time, for the purpose of asserting the priority of the first. Lebrecht v. Wilcorox, 40 Iowa, 94.

PRICE. The consideration (usually in money) given for the purchase of a thing. It is true that "price" generally means the sum of money which an article is sold for; but this is simply because property is generally sold for money, not because the word has necessarily such a restricted meaning. Among writers on political economy, who use terms with philosophical accuracy, the word "price" is not always or even generally used as denoting the moneyed equivalent of property sold. They generally treat and regard price as the equivalent or compensation, in whatever form received, for property sold. The Latin word from which "price" is derived sometimes means "reward," "value," "estimation," "equivalent." Hudson Iron Co. v. Alger, 54 N. Y. 157.

Price current. A list or enumeration of various articles of merchandise, with their prices, the duties, if any, payable thereon, when imported or exported, with the drawbacks occasionally allowed upon their exportation, etc. Wharton.

PRICKING FOR SHERIFFS. In England, when the yearly list of persons nominated for the office of sheriff is submitted to the sovereign, he takes a pin, and to insure
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impartiality, as it is said, lets the point of it fall upon one of the three names nominated for each county, etc., and the person upon whose name it chances to fall is sheriff for the ensuing year. This is called "pricking for sheriffs." Atk. Sher. 18.

PRICKING NOTE. Where goods intended to be exported are put direct from the station of the warehouse into a ship alongside, the exporter fills up a document to authorize the receiving the goods on board. This document is called a "pricking note," from a practice of pricking holes in the paper corresponding with the number of packages counted into the ship. Hamel, Oust. 181.

PRIEST. A minister of a church. A person in the second order of the ministry, as distinguished from bishops and deacons.

PRIMA FACIE. Lat. At first sight; on the first appearance; on the face of it; so far as can be judged from the first disclosure; presumably. A litigating party is said to have a prima facie case when the evidence in his favor is sufficiently strong for his opponent to be called on to answer it. A prima facie case, then, is one which is established by sufficient evidence, and can be overthrown only by rebutting evidence adduced on the other side. In some cases the only question to be considered is whether there is a prima facie case or no. Thus a grand jury are bound to find a true bill of indictment, if the evidence before them creates a prima facie case against the accused; and for this purpose, therefore, it is not necessary for them to hear the evidence for the defense. Mosley & Whitley. And see State v. Hardelein, 169 Mo. 579, 70 S. W. 150; State v. Lawlor, 28 Minn. 216, 9 N. W. 698.

—Prima facie evidence. See Evidence.

PRIMA TONSURA. The first mowing; a grant of a right to have the first crop of grass. 1 Chit. Pr. 181.

PRIMÆ IMPRESSIONIS. A case prima impressionis (of the first impression) is a case of a new kind, to which no established principle of law or precedent directly applies, and which must be decided entirely by reason as distinguished from authority.

PRIMÆPreces. Lat. In the civil law. An imperial prerogative by which the emperor exercised the right of naming to the first prebend that became vacant after his accession, in every church of the empire. 1 Bl. Comm. 381.

PRIME. Fr. In French law. The price of the risk assumed by an insurer; premium of insurance. Emerig. Traite des Assur. c. 3, § 1, nn. 1, 2.

PRIME, v. To stand first or paramount to take precedence or priority of; to outrank; as, in the sentence "taxes prime all liens."

PRIME SERJEANT. In English law. The king's first serjeant at law.

PRIMER. A law French word, signifying first; primary.

—Primer election. A term used to signify first choice; e.g., the right of the eldest co-partner to choose a partner.—Primer fine. On suing out the writ or praecipe called a "writ of covenant," there was due to the crown, by ancient prerogative, a primer fine, or a noble for every five marks of land sued for. That was one-tenth of the annual value. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 500.—Primer seisin. See Seisin.

PRIMICERIUS. In old English law. The first of any degree of men. 1 Mon. Angl. 883.

PRIMITIE. In English law. First fruits; the first year's whole profits of a spiritual preferment. 1 Bl. Comm. 284.

PRIMO BENEFICIO. Lat. A writ directing a grant of the first benefice in the sovereign's gift. Cowell.

Primo exuitienda est vorbis, et sermonis vitio obscuration oratio, sive lex sine argumentis. Co. Litt. 68. The
full meaning of a word should be ascertained
at the outset, in order that the sense may
not be lost by defect of expression, and that
the law be not without reasons.

PRIMO VENIENTI. Lat. To the one
first coming. An executor anciently paid
debts as they were presented, whether the
assets were sufficient to meet all debts or not.
Stim. Law Gloss.

PRIMOGENITURE. 1. The state of
being the first-born among several children
of the same parents; seniority by birth in
the same family.
2. The superior or exclusive right pos-
sessed by the eldest son, and particularly, his
right to succeed to the estate of his ancestor,
in right of his seniority by birth, to the ex-
clusion of younger sons.

PRIMOGENITUS. Lat. In old English
33.

PRIMUM DECRETUM. Lat. In the
canon law. The first decree; a preliminary
decree granted on the non-appearance of a
defendant, by which the plaintiff was put in
possession of his goods, or of the thing itself
which was demanded. Gilb. Forum Rom.
32, 33.

PRINCE. In a general sense, a sover-
regn; the ruler of a nation or state. More
particularly, the son of a king or emperor, or
the issue of a royal family; as princes of the
blood. The chief of any body of men. Web-
ster.—Prince of Wales. The eldest son of the
English sovereign. He is the heir-apparent
to the crown.

PRINCEPS. Lat. In the civil law. The
prince; the emperor.

Princeps et respublica e justa causa
possunt rem meas afferre. 12 Coke, 13.
The prince and the republic, for a just cause,
can take away my property.

Princeps legibus solutus est. The
emperor is released from the laws; is not bound
by the laws. Dig. 1, 3, 31.

Princeps mavult domesticos milites
quam stipendiarios bellicos opponere
casibus. Co. Litt. 69. A prince, in the
chances of war, had better employ domestic
than stipendiary troops.

PRINCES OF THE ROYAL BLOOD.
In English law. The younger sons and
daughters of the sovereign, and other branch-
es of the royal family who are not in the im-
mediate line of succession.

PRINCESS ROYAL. In English law.
The eldest daughter of the sovereign. 3
Steph. Comm. 450.

PRINCIPAL. Chief; leading; highest in
rank or degree; most important or consider-
able; primary; original; the source of au-
thority or right.

In the law relating to real and personal
property, "principal" is used as the corre-
lative of "accessory," and denotes the more im-
portant or valuable subject, with which oth-
ers are connected in a relation of dependence
or subservience, or to which they are inci-
dent or appurtenant.

In criminal law. A chief actor or per-
petrator, as distinguished from an "acces-
sory." A principal in the first degree is he
that is the actor or absolute perpetrator of
the crime; and, in the second degree, he who
is present, aiding and abetting the fact to be
done. 4 Bl. Comm. 34. And see Bean v.
State, 17 Tex. App. 60; Mitchell v. Corn., 33
Grat. (Vn.) 508; Cooney v. Burke, 11 Neb.
208, 9 N. W. 97; Red v. State, 159 Tex. Cr.
R. 667, 47 S. W. 1003, 73 Am. St. Rep. 965;
State v. Phillips, 24 Mo. 481; Travis v. Corn.,
96 Ky. 77, 27 S. W. 663.

All persons concerned in the commission
of crime, whether it be felony or misdemeanor, and
whether they directly commit the act constitut-
ing the offense, or aid and abet in its com-
mission, though not present, are principals. Pen.
Code Dak. § 27.

A criminal offender is either a principal or
an accessory. A principal is either the actor
(i. e., the actual perpetrator of the crime) or
else is present, aiding and abetting the fact
to be done; an accessory is he who is not the
chief actor of the offense, nor is present at
its performance, but is some way concerned
therein, either before or after the fact com-
mitted. 1 Hale, P. C. 613, 615.

In the law of guaranty and surety-
ship. The principal is the person primarily
liable, and for whose performance of his ob-
ligation the guarantor or surety has become
bound.

In the law of agency. The employer or
constitutor of an agent; the person who
gives authority to an agent or attorney to do
some act for him. Adams v. Whittlesey, 3
Comm. 567.

One, who, being competent sui juris
to do any act for his own benefit or on his own account,
confides it to another person to do for him. 1
Domat, b. 1, tit. 15.

The term also denotes the capital sum of a
debt or obligation, as distinguished from in-
terest or other additions to it. Christian v.
Superior Court, 122 Cal. 117, 54 Pac. 518.

An heir-loom, mortuary, or corse-present.
Wharton.

Vice principal. In the law of master and
servant, this term means one to whom the
employer has confided the entire charge of the
business or of a distinct branch of it, giving
him authority to superintend, direct, and con-
trol the workmen and make them obey his or-
ders, the master himself exercising no particular
oversight and giving no particular orders, or
one to whom the master has delegated a duty
of his own, which is a direct, personal, and ab-
solute obligation. See Durkin v. Kingston
Coal Co., 171 Pa. 190, 33 Atl. 227, 29 L. R.
A. 598, 50 Am. St. Rep. 801; Moore v. Rail-

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As to principal “Challenge,” “Contract,” “Fact,” “Obligation,” and “Office,” see those titles.

**PRINCIPAL.** Lat. Principal; a principal debtor; a principal in a crime.

Principalis debet semper excitari antequam perveniat ad nederjussores. The principal should always be exhausted before coming upon the sureties. 2 Inst. 19.

Principia data sequuntur concomitania. Given principles are followed by their concomitants.

Principia probant, non probantur. Principles prove; they are not proved. 3 Coke, 50a. Fundamental principles require no proof; or, in Lord Coke’s words, “they ought to be approved, because they cannot be proved.” Id.

Principis obsta. Withstand beginnings; oppose a thing in its early stages, if you would do so with success.

Principiorum non est ratio. There is no reasoning of principles; no argument is required to prove fundamental rules. 2 Bulst. 239.

Principium est potissima pars ejusque rei. 10 Coke, 49. The principle of anything is its most powerful part.

**PRINCIPLE.** In patent law, the principle of a machine is the particular means of producing a given result by a mechanical contrivance. Parker v. Stiles, 5 McLean, 44, 63, Fed. Cas. No. 10,749.

The principle of a machine means the modus operandi, or that which applies, modifies, or combines mechanical powers to produce a certain result; and, so far, a principle, if new in its application to a useful purpose, may be patentable. See Barrett v. Hall, 1 Mason, 470, Fed. Cas. No. 1,047.

**PRINCIPLES.** Fundamental truths or doctrines of law; comprehensive rules or doctrines which furnish a basis or origin for others; settled rules of action, procedure, or legal determination.


—Public printing means such as is directly ordered by the legislature, or performed by the agents of the government authorized to procure it to be done. Ellis v. State, 4 Ind. 1.

**PRIOR.** Lat. The former; earlier; preceding; preferable or preferred.

PRIOR, n. The chief of a convent; next in dignity to an abbot.

PRIOR, adj. Earlier; elder; preceding; superior in rank, right, or time; as, a prior lien, mortgage, or judgment. See Fidelity, etc., Safe Deposit Co. v. Roanoke Iron Co. (C. C.) 81 Fed. 447.

Prior tempore potior jure. He who is first in time is preferred in right. Co. Litt. 14s; Broom, Max. 304, 305.

**PRIORI PETENTI.** To the person first applying. In probate practice, where there are several persons equally entitled to a grant of administration, (e.g., next of kin of the same degree,) the rule of the court is to make the grant priori petenti, to the first applicant. Browne, Prob. Fr. 174; Coote, Prob. Fr. 173, 180.

**PRIORITY.** A legal preference or precedence. When two persons have similar rights in respect of the same subject-matter, but one is entitled to exercise his right to the exclusion of the other, he is said to have priority.

In old English law. An antiquity of tenure, in comparison with one not so ancient. Cowell.

**PRISAGE.** An ancient hereditary revenue of the crown, consisting in the right to take a certain quantity from cargoes of wine imported into England. In Edward I.’s reign it was converted into a pecuniary duty called “butlerage.” 2 Steph. Comm. 561.


**PRISEL EN AUTER LIEU.** L. Fr. A taking in another place. A plea in abatement in the action of replevin. 2 Ld. Raym. 1016, 1017.

**PRISON.** A public building for the confinement or safe custody of persons, whether as a punishment imposed by the law or otherwise in the course of the administration of justice. See Scarborough v. Thornton, 9 Pa. 451; Sturtevant v. Com., 158 Mass. 598, 33 N. E. 648; Pen. Code N. Y. 1903, § 82.

—Prison bounds. The limits of the territory surrounding a prison, within which an imprison
oned debtor, who is out on bonds, may go at will. See GAOL.—Prison-breaking. The common-law offense of one who, being lawfully in custody, escapes from the place where he is confined, by the employment of force and violence. This offense is to be distinguished from "rescue," (q. v.,) which is a deliverance of a prisoner from lawful custody by a third person. 2 Bish. Crim. Law, § 1065.

PRISONAM FRANGENTIBUS, STATUTE DE. The English statute 1 Edw. II. St 2, (in Rev. St. 23 Edw. I.,) a still unrepelled statute, whereby it is felony for a felon to break prison, but misdemeanor only for a misdeemeanant to do so. 1 Hale, P. C. 612.

PRISONER. One who is deprived of his liberty; one who is against his will kept in confinement or custody.

A person restrained of his liberty upon any action, civil or criminal, or upon commandment. Cowell.

A person on trial for crime. "The prisoner at the bar." The jurors are told to "look upon the prisoner." The court, after passing sentence, gives orders to "remove the prisoner." See Hairston v Com., 97 Va. 754, 32 S. E. 797; Royce v. Salt Lake City, 15 Utah, 401, 49 Pac. 290.

—Prisoner at the bar. An accused person, while on trial before the court, is so called.—Prisoner of war. One who has been captured in war while fighting in the army of the public enemy.

PRIST. L. Fr. Ready. In the old forms of oral pleading, this term expressed a tender or joinder of issue.

Prius vitis laboravimus, nunc legis. 4 Inst. 76. We labored first with vices, now with laws.

PRIVATE. Affecting or belonging to private individuals, as distinct from the public generally. Not official.

—Private person. An individual who is not the incumbent of an office.


PRIVATE LAW. As used in contradistinction to public law, the term means all that part of the law which is administered between citizen and citizen, or which is concerned with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where both the person in whom the right inures and the person upon whom the obligation is incident are private individuals. See PUBLIC LAW.

PRIVATEER. A vessel owned, equipped, and armed by one or more private individuals, and duly commissioned by a belligerent power to go on cruises and make war upon the enemy, usually by preying on his commerce.

Privatio presupponit habitum. 2 Rolle, 419. A deprivation presupposes a possession.

PRIVATION. A taking away or withdrawing. Co. Litt 239.

Privatis pactionibus non dubium est non isedi jus osterorum. There is no doubt that the rights of others [third parties] cannot be prejudiced by private agreements. Dig. 2, 15, 3, pr.; Broom, Max. 697.

Privatorum conventio juri publico non derogat. The agreement of private individuals does not derogate from the public right [law]. Dig. 50, 17, 45, 1; 9 Coke, 141; Broom, Max. 695.


Privatum commodum publico cedit. Private good yields to public. Jenk. Cent. p. 223, case 80. The interest of an individual should give place to the public good. Id.

Privatum incommodum publico bono pensatur. Private inconvenience is made up for by public benefit. Jenk. Cent. p. 85, case 65; Broom, Max. 7.

PRIVEMENT ENCEINTE. Fr. Pregnant privately. The term is applied to a woman who is pregnant, but not yet quick with child.

PRIVIES. Persons connected together, or having a mutual interest in the same action or thing, by some relation other than that of actual contract between them; persons whose interest in an estate is derived from the contract or conveyance of others.

Those who are partakers or have an interest in any action or thing, or in any relation to another. They are of six kinds:

1. Privies of blood; such as the heir to his ancestor.

2. Privies in representation; as executors or administrators to their deceased testator or intestate.

3. Privies in estate; as grantor and grantee, lessor and lessee, assignor and assignee, etc.

4. Privies in respect of contract are personal privities, and extend only to the persons of the lessor and lessee.

5. Privies in respect of estate and contract; as where the lessee assigns his interest, but the contract between lessor and lessee continues, the lessee not having accepted of the assignee.

6. Privies in law; as the lord by escheat, a tenant by the curtesy, or in dower, the incumbent of a benefice, a husband suing or defending in right of his wife, etc. Wharton.

PRIVIGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A stepdaughter.
PRIVIGNUS. Lat. In the civil law. A son of a husband or wife by a former marriage; a step-son. Calvin.

PRIVILEGE. A particular and peculiar benefit or advantage enjoyed by a person, company, or class, beyond the common advantages of other citizens. An exceptional or extraordinary power or exemption. A right, power, franchise, or immunity held by a person or class, against or beyond the course of the law.

Privilege is an exemption from some burden or attendance, with which certain persons are indulged, from a supposition of law that the stations they fill, or the offices they are engaged in, are such as require all their time and care, and that, therefore, without this indulgence, it would be impracticable to execute such offices to that advantage which the public good requires. See Lawyers' Tax Cases, 8 Helsk. (Tenn.) 619; U. S. v. Patrick (C. C.) 54 Fed. 348; Dike v. State, 38 Minn. 396, 38 N. W. 95; International Trust Co. v. American L. & T. Co., 62 Minn. 501, 65 N. W. 78; Com. v. Henderson, 172 Pa. 135, 33 Atl. 368; Tennessee v. Whitworth (C. C.) 22 Atl. 368; Tennessee v. Whitworth (C. C.) 22 Fed. 860; Corfield v. Coryell, 6 Fed. Cas. 551; State v. Oilman, 33 W. Va. 146, 13 S. E. 283, 6 L. R. A. 847.

In the civil law. A right which the nature of a debt gives to a creditor, and which entitles him to be preferred before other creditors. Civil Code La. art. 3186. Required. Adams v. Colonial Mortgage Co., 82 Miss. 263, 34 South. 482, 100 Am. St. Rep. 319.

In the law of libel and slander. An exemption from liability for the speaking or publication of defamatory words concerning another, based on the fact that the statement was made in the performance of a duty, political, judicial, social, or personal. Privilege is either absolute or conditional. The former protects the speaker or publisher without reference to his motives or the truth or falsity of the statement. This may be claimed in respect, for instance, to statements made in legislative debates, in reports of officers to their superiors in the line of their duty, and statements made by judges, witnesses, and jurors in trials in court. Conditional privilege will protect the speaker or publisher unless actual malice and knowledge of the falsity of the statement is shown. This may be claimed where the communication related to a matter of public interest, or where it was necessary to protect one's private interest and was made to a person having an interest in the same matter. Ramsey v. Cheek, 109 N. C. 270, 13 S. E. 775; Nichols v. Eaton, 110 Iowa, 509, 81 N. W. 792, 47 L. R. A. 483, 80 Am. St. Rep. 319; Knapp & Co. v. Campbell, 14 Tex. Civ. App. 190, 36 S. W. 102; Hill v. Wagner, Co., 70 Hun, 335, 29 N. Y. Supp. 437; Cook v. Galway, 109 Tenn. 1, 70 S. W. 697, 60 L. R. A. 139, 97 Am. St. Rep. 823; Ruohos v. Backer, 6 Helsk. (Tenn.) 405, 19 Am. Rep. 598; Cranfill v. Hayden, 97 Tex. 544, 80 S. W. 613.

In parliamentary law. The right of a particular question, motion, or statement to take precedence over all other business before the house and to be considered immediately, notwithstanding any consequent interference with or setting aside the rules of procedure adopted by the house. The matter may be one of "personal privilege," where it concerns one member of the house in his capacity as a legislator, or of the "privilege of the house," where it concerns the rights, immunities, or dignity of the entire body, or of "constitutional privilege," where it relates to some action to be taken or some order of proceeding expressly enjoined by the constitution.

—Privilege from arrest. A privilege extended to certain classes of persons, either by the rules of international law, the policy of the law, or the necessities of justice or of the administration of government, whereby they are exempted from arrest on civil process, and, in some cases, from criminal charges, either permanently, as in the case of a foreign minister and his suite, or temporarily, as in the case of members of the legislature, parties and witnesses engaged in a particular suit, etc.—Privilege tax. A tax on the privilege of carrying on a business for which a license or franchise is required. Adams v. Colonial Mortgage Co., 82 Miss. 263, 34 South. 482, 100 Am. St. Rep. 319; Gulf & Ship Island R. Co. v. Hewes, 153 U. S. 60, 22 Sup. Ct. 26, 46 L. Ed. 85; St. Louis v. Western Union Tel. Co. 148 U. S. 92, 13 Sup. Ct. 455, 37 L. Ed. 880.—Real privilege. In English law. A privilege granted to, or concerning, a particular place or locality.

—Special privilege. In constitutional law. A right, power, franchise, immunity, or privilege granted to, or vested in, a person or class of persons, to the exclusion of others, and in derogation of common right. See City of Elk Point v. Vaughn, 1 Dak. 118, 46 N. W. 677; Ex parte Douglass, 1 Utah, 111.—Write of privilege. A process to enforce or maintain a privilege; particularly to secure the release of a person arrested in a civil suit contrary to his privilege.

PRIVILEGED. Possessing or enjoying a privilege; exempt from burdens; entitled to priority or precedence.

—Privileged communications. See Communication.—Privileged copies. See Copyhold.—Privileged debts. Those which an executor or administrator may pay in preference to others, such as funeral expenses, servants' wages, and doctors' bills during last sickness, etc.—Privileged deed. In Scotch law. An instrument, for example, a testament, in the execution of which certain statutory formalities usually required are dispensed with, either from necessity or expediency. Ersk. Inst. Sc. 2, 2, 6; Privileged villegaignon. In old English law. A species of villegaignon in which the tenants held by certain and determinate services; otherwise called "villein-soc-
Privilegium que re vera sunt in praecidium relipublicae, magis tamen habent speciosa frontispicia, et boni publici pretextum, quam bona et legales concessiones; sed pretexta licitii non debet admitter illitum. 11 Coke, 88. Privileges which are truly in prejudice of public good have, however, a more specious front and pretext of public good than good and legal grants; but, under pretext of legality, that which is illegal ought not to be admitted.

PRIVILEGIUM. In Roman law. A special constitution by which the Roman emperor conferred on some single person some anomalous or irregular right, or imposed upon some single person some anomalous or irregular obligation, or inflicted on some single person some anomalous or irregular punishment. When such privilegia conferred anomalous rights, they were styled “favorabili.” When they imposed anomalous obligations, or inflicted anomalous punishments, they were styled “odious.” Aust. Jur. § 746.

In modern civil law, “privilegium” is said to denote, in its general sense, every peculiar right or favor granted by the law, contrary to the common rule. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 197.

A species of lien or claim upon an article of property, not dependent upon possession, but continuing until either satisfied or released. Such is the lien, recognized by modern maritime law, of seamen upon the ship for their wages. 2 Pars. Mar. Law, 661.

PRIVILEGIO CLERICALE. The benefit of clergy, (q. v.)

Privilegium est beneficium personale, et extinguit cum persona. 3 Bulst. & A Privilege is a personal benefit, and dies with the person.

Privilegium est quasi privata lex. 2 Bulst. 189. Privilege is, as it were, a private law.

Privilegium non valet contra rempublicam. Privilege is of no force against the Commonwealth. Even necessity does not excuse, where the act to be done is against the Commonwealth. Bac. Max. p. 32, in reg. 5.

PRIVILEGIUM, PROPERTY PROP- TERR. A qualified property in animals ferae naturae; i.e., a privilege of hunting, taking, and killing them, in exclusion of others. 2 Bl. Comm. 394; 2 Steph. Comm. 9.

PRIVITY. The term "privity" means mutual or successive relationship to the same rights of property. The executor is in privity with the testator, the heir with the ancestor, the assignee with the assignor, the donee with the donor, and the lessee with the lessor. Union Nat. Bank v. International Bank, 123 Ill. 510, 14 N. E. 589; Hunt v. Haven, 32 N. H. 169; Mygatt v. Coe, 124 N. Y. 212, 26 N. E. 611, 11 L. R. A. 646; Strayer v. Johnson, 110 Pa. 21, 1 Atl. 222; Litchfield v. Crane, 123 U. S. 549, 8 Sup. Ct. 210, 31 L. Ed. 199.

Privy of contract is that connection or relationship which exists between two or more contracting parties. It is essential to the maintenance of an action on any contract that there should subsist a privity between the plaintiff and defendant in respect of the matter sued on. Brown.

Privy of estate is that which exists between lessor and lessee, tenant for life and remainder-man or reversioner, etc., and their respective assignees, and between joint tenants and co-tenants. Privy of estate is required for a release by enlargement. Sweet.

Privy of blood exists between an heir and his ancestor, (privy in blood inheritable,) and between coparceners. This privy was formerly of importance in the law of descent.

PRIVY. A person who is in privity with another. See Privies; Privy.

As an adjective, the word has practically the same meaning as "private."

—Privy council. In English law. The principal council of the sovereign, composed of the cabinet ministers, and other persons chosen by the king or queen as privy councilors. 2 Steph. Comm. 479, 480. The judicial committee of the privy council acts as a court of ultimate appeal in various cases. Privy councillor. A member of the privy council. Privy purse. In English law. The income set apart for the sovereign's personal use.

Privy seal. In English law. A seal used in making out grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347. Privy signet. In English law. The signet or seal which is first used in making out grants and letters patent, which is always in the custody of the principal secretary of state. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.

Privy token. A false mark or sign, forged object, counterfeited letter, key, ring, etc., used to deceive persons, and thereby fraudulently get possession of property. St. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 1. A false privy token was not indictable at common law. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1294. Privy verdict. In practice. A verdict given privily to the judge out of court, but which was of no force unless afterwards affirmed by a public verdict given openly in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 377.

PRIZE. In admiralty law. A vessel or cargo, belonging to one of two belligerent powers, apprehended or forcibly captured at sea by a war- vessel or privateer of the other

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belligerent, and claimed as enemy's property, and therefore liable to appropriation and condemnation under the laws of war. See 1 C. Rob. Adm. 228.

Captured property regularly condemned by the sentence of a competent prize court. 1 Kent, Comm. 102.

In contracts. Anything offered as a reward of contest; a reward offered to the person who, among several persons or among the public at large, shall first (or best) perform a certain undertaking or accomplish certain conditions.

---Prize courts. Courts having jurisdiction to adjudicate upon captures made at sea in time of war, and to condemn the captured property as prize if lawfully subject to that sentence. In England, the admiralty courts have jurisdiction as prize courts, distinct from the jurisdiction on the instance side. In America, the federal district courts have jurisdiction in cases of prize. 1 Kent, Comm. 101-103, 652-650. See Penhallove v. Doane, 3 Dal. 91, 1 L. Ed. 607; Maley v. Shattuck, 3 Cranch, 482, 2 L. Ed. 498; Cushing v. Laird, 107 U. S. 69, 2 Sup. Ct. 196, 27 L. Ed. 391.—Prize goods. Goods which are taken on the high seas, jure belli, out of the hands of the enemy. The Adeline, 9 Cranch, 244, 284, 3 L. Ed. 719. ---Prize law. The system of laws and rules applicable to the capture of prize at sea; its condemnation, rights of the captors, distribution of the proceeds, etc. The Buena Ventura (D. C.) 57 Fed. 929.—Prize money. A dividend from the proceeds of a captured vessel, etc., paid to the captors. U. S. v. Steever, 113 U. S. 747, 5 Sup. Ct. 765, 28 L. Ed. 1133.

PRO. For; in respect of; on account of; in behalf of. The introductory word of many Latin phrases.

PRO AND CON. For and against. A phrase descriptive of the presentation of arguments or evidence on both sides of a disputed question.

PRO BONO ET MALO. For good and ill; for advantage and detriment.

PRO BONO PUBLICO. For the public good; for the welfare of the whole.

PRO CONFESSO. For confessed; as confessed. A term applied to a bill in equity, and the decree founded upon it, where no answer is made to it by the defendant. 1 Barb. Ch. Pr. 96.

PRO CONSILIO. For counsel given. An annuity pro consilio amounts to a condition, but in a feoffment or lease for life, etc., it is the consideration, and does not amount to a condition; for the state of the land by the feoffment is executed, and the grant of the annuity is executory. Plowd. 412.

PRO CORPORE REGNI. In behalf of the body of the realm. Hale, Com. Law, 82.

PRO DEFECTU EMPTORUM. For want (failure) of purchasers.

PRO DEFECTU EXITUS. For, or in case of, default of issue. 2 Salk. 620.

PRO DEFECTU HÆREDIS. For want of an heir.

PRO DEFECTU JUSTITIE. For defect or want of justice. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 62, § 2.

PRO DEFENDENTE. For the defendant. Commonly abbreviated "pro def."

PRO DERELICTO. As derelict or abandoned. A species of usucaption in the civil law. Dig. 41, 7.

PRO DIGNITATE REGALI. In consideration of the royal dignity. 1 Bl. Comm. 223.

PRO DIVISIO. As divided; + e., in sev.

PRO DOMINO. As master or owner; in the character of master. Calvin.

PRO DONATIO. As a gift; as in case of gift; by title of gift. A species of usucaption in the civil law. Dig. 41, 6. See id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO DOTE. As a dowry; by title of dowry. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 9. See id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO EMTORE. As a purchaser; by the title of a purchaser. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 4. See Id. 5, 3, 13, 1.

PRO EO QUOD. In pleading. For this that. This is a phrase of affirmation, and is sufficiently direct and positive for introducing a material averment. 1 Saund. 117, no. 4; 2 Chit. Pl. 369-369.

PRO FACTI. For the fact; as a fact; considered or held as a fact.

PRO FALSO CLAMORE SUO. A nominal amercement of a plaintiff for his false claim, which used to be inserted in a judgment for the defendant. Obsolete.

PRO FORMA. As a matter of form. 3 East, 252; 2 Kent, Comm. 215.

PRO HAC VICE. For this turn; for this one particular occasion.

PRO ILLA VICE. For that turn. 3 Wils. 233, arg.

PRO INDEFENSO. As undefended; as making no defense. A phrase in old practice. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 41, § 7.

PRO INDIVISO. As undivided; in common. The joint occupation or possession of
lands. Thus, lands held by coparceners are held pro indiviso; that is, they are held undividedly, neither party being entitled to any specific portions of the land so held, but both or all having a joint interest in the undivided whole. Cowell.

PRO INTERESSE SUO. According to his interest; to the extent of his interest. Thus, a third party may be allowed to intervene in a suit pro interesse suo.

PRO LÆSIONE FIDEI. For breach or faith. 3 Bl. Comm. 52.

PRO LEGATO. As a legacy; by the title of a legacy. A species of usucaption. Dig. 41, 8.

PRO MAJORI CAUTELA. For greater caution; by way of additional security. Usually applied to some act done, or some clause inserted in an instrument, which may not be really necessary, but which will serve to put the matter beyond any question.

PRO NON SCRIPTO. As not written; as though it had not been written; as never written. Amb. 139.

PRO OPERE ET LABORE. For work and labor. 1 Comyns, 18.

PRO PARTIBUS LIBERANDIS. An ancient writ for partition of lands between co-heirs. Reg. Orig. 316.

PRO POSSE SUO. To the extent of his power or ability. Bract, fol. 109.

PRO POSSESSORE. As a possessor; by title of a possessor. Dig. 17, 2; Cod. 4, 37.

Pro possessore habetur qui dolo injuriave desiit possidere. He is esteemed a possessor whose possession has been disturbed by fraud or injury. Off. Exec. 166.

PRO QUERENTE. For the plaintiff.

PRO RATA. Proportionately; according to a certain rate, percentage, or proportion. Thus, the creditors (of the same class) of an insolvent estate are to be paid pro rata; that is, each is to receive a dividend bearing the same ratio to the whole amount of his claim that the aggregate of assets bears to the aggregate of debts.

PRO RE NATA. For the affair immediately in hand; adapted to meet the particular occasion. Thus, a course of judicial action adopted under pressure of the exigencies of the affair in hand, rather than in conformity to established precedents, is said to be taken pro re nata.

PRO SALUTE ANIME. For the good of his soul. All prosecutions in the ecclesiastical courts are pro salute anime; hence it will not be a temporal damage founding an action for slander that the words spoken put any one in danger of such a suit. 3 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 309n, 437; 4 Steph. Comm. 207.

PRO SE. For himself; in his own behalf; in person.

PRO SOCIO. For a partner; the name of an action in behalf of a partner. A title of the civil law. Dig. 17, 2; Cod. 4, 37.

PRO SOLIDO. For the whole; as one; jointly; without division. Dig. 50, 17, 141, 1.

PRO TANTO. For so much; for as much as may be; as far as it goes.

PRO TEMPORE. For the time being; temporarily; provisionally.

PROAMITA. Lat. In the civil law. A great paternal aunt; the sister of one’s grandfather.

PROAMITA MAGNA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-great-aunt.

PROAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandmother. Inst. 3, 6, 3; Dig. 38, 10, 1, 5.

PROAVULCULUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather’s brother. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 68b.

PROAVUS. Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandfather. Inst. 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67, 95.

PROBABILITY. Likelihood; appearance of truth; verisimilitude. The likelihood of a proposition or hypothesis being true, from its conformity to reason or experience, or from superior evidence or arguments adduced in its favor. People v. O’Brien, 130 Cal. 1, 62 Pac. 297; Shaw v. State, 125 Ala. 50, 28 South. 390; State v. Jones, 64 Iowa, 349, 17 N. W. 911, 20 N. W. 470.

PROBABLE. Having the appearance of truth; having the character of probability; appearing to be founded in reason or experience. Bain v. State, 74 Ala. 39; State v. Thiele, 119 Iowa, 659, 94 N. W. 256.

—Probable cause. “Probable cause” may be defined to be an apparent state of facts found to exist upon reasonable inquiry, (that is, such inquiry as the given case renders convenient and proper,) which would induce a reasonably intelligent and prudent man to believe, in a criminal case, that the accused person had committed the crime charged, or, in a civil case, that a cause of action existed. Alsop v. Liddenden, 130 Ala. 548, 30 South. 401; Brand v. Hinchman, 83 Mich. 590, 36 N. W. 664, 13 Am. St. Rep. 382; Mitchell v. Wall, 111 Mass. 497; Driggs v. Burton, 44 Vt. 146; Wanser v. Wyckenoff, 9 Hun (N. Y.) 179; Lacy v. Mitchell, 23 Ind. 67; Hutchinson v. Wenzel, 155 Ind. 49, 56 N. E. 845. “Probable cause,” in malicious prosecution, means the existence of
such facts and circumstances as would excite the belief in a reasonable mind, acting on the facts and circumstances as the knowledge of the prosecutor, that the person charged was guilty of the crime for which he was prosecuted. Wheel-


Probable evidence. See EVIDENCE.—Prob-

able reasoning. In the law of evidence, reasoning founded on the probability of the fact or proposition sought to be proved or shown; reasoning in which the mind exercises a discretion in deducing a conclusion from premises. Burrill.

Probandi necessitas incumbit illi qui agit. The necessity of proving lies with him who sues. Inst. 2, 20, 4. In other words, the burden of proof of a proposition is upon him who advances it affirmatively.

PROBARE. In Saxon law. To claim a thing as one's own. Jacob.

In modern law language. To make proof, as in the term "onus probandi," the burden or duty of making proof.

PROBATE. The act or process of proving a will. The proof before an ordinary, surrogate, register, or other duly authorized person that a document produced before him for official recognition and registration, and alleged to be the last will and testament of a certain deceased person, is such in reality.

The copy of the will, made out in parch-

ment or due form, under the seal of the ordinary or court of probate, and usually delivered to the executor or administrator of the deceased, together with a certificate of the will's having been proved, is also commonly called the "probate."

In the canon law, "probate" consisted of probatio, the proof of the will by the executor, and approbatio, the approbation given by the ecclesiastical judge to the proof. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 77. And see In re Spiegelhalter's Will, 1 Fennwell (Del.) 5, 39 Atl. 465; McCay v. Clayton, 119 Md. 153, 12 Atl. 860; Proctor v. Proctor, 13 Neb. 841.


—Common and solemn form of probate. In English law, there are two kinds of probate, namely, probate in common form, and probate in solemn form. Probate in common form is granted in the registry, without any formal procedure in court, upon an ex parte application made by the executor. Probate in solemn form is in the nature of a final decree pronounced in open court, all parties interested having been duly cited. The difference between the effect of probate in common form and probate in solemn form is that probate in common form is revocable, whereas probate in solemn form is irrevocable, as against all persons who have been cited to see the proceedings, or who can be proved to have been privy to those proceedings, except in the case where a will of subsequent date is discovered, in which case probate of an earlier will, once granted in solemn form, would be revoked. Coote, Prob. Fr. (5th Ed.) 237-239; Mozley & Whitley. And see Luther v. Luther, 122 Ill. 553, 13 N. E. 106.

The term is used, particularly in Pennsylvania, but not in a strictly technical sense, to designate the proof of his claim made by a non-resident plaintiff (when the same is on book-account, promissory note, etc) who swears to the correctness and justness of the same, of that it is due, before a notary or other officer in his own state; also of the copy or statement of such claim filed in court, with the jurat of such notary attached.

—Probate bond. One required by law to be given to the probate court or judge, as incidental to proceedings in such courts, such as the bonds of sureties, of executors, administrators, and guardians. See Thomas v. White, 12 Mass. 347.—Probate code. The body or system of law relating to all matters of which probate courts have jurisdiction. Johnson v. Harrison, 47 Minn. 575, 50 N. W. 925, 28 Am. St. Rep. 382.

—Probate court. See COURT OF PROBATE.

—Probate division. That division of the English high court of justice which exercises jurisdiction in matters formerly within the exclusive cognizance of the court of probate, the court for divorce and matrimonial causes, and the high court of admiralty. (Judicature Act 1873, § 34.) It consists of two judges, one of whom is called the "President." The existing judges are the judge of the old probate and divorce courts, who is president of the division, and the judge of the old admiralty court, and the judge of the division of registrars. Sweet.—Probate duty. A tax laid by government on every will admitted to probate, and payable out of the decedent's estate.—Probate homestead. See HOMESTEAD.

—Probate judge. The judge of a court of probate.

PROBATIO. Lat. Proof; more particularly direct, as distinguished from indirect or circumstantial evidence.

—Probatio mortua. Dead proof; that is proof by inanimate objects, such as deeds or other written evidence.—Probatio plena. In the civil law. Full proof; proof by written, or circumstantial evidence; proof. Also trial; test; the time of testing; a public instrument. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 25; 3 Bl. Comm. 370.—Probatio semi-plena. In the civil law. Half-proof; proof by one witness, or a public instrument. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 25; 3 Bl. Comm. 370.—Probatio viva. Living proof; that is, proof by the mouth of living witnesses.

PROBATION. The act of proving; evidence; proof. Also trial; test; the time of novitiating. Used in the latter sense in the monastic orders.

In modern criminal administration, allowing a person convicted of some minor offense (particularly juvenile offenders) to go at large, under a suspension of sentence, during good behavior, and generally under the supervision or guardianship of a "probation officer."

PROBATIONER. One who is upon trial. A convicted offender who is allowed to go at large, under suspension of sentence, during good behavior.

Probationes debent esse evidentes, scil. perspicue et facile intelligi. Co. Litt. 283. Proofs ought to be evident, to-wit, perspicuous and easily understood.

Probatis extremis, pressumuntur medii. The extremis being proved, the inter-
mediate proceedings are presumed. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 20.

PROBATIVE. In the law of evidence. Having the effect of proof; tending to prove, or actually proving.

—Probative fact. In the law of evidence. A fact which actually has the effect of proving a fact sought; an evidentiary fact. 1 Bentinck. Ev. 18.

PROBATOR. In old English law. Strictly, an accomplice in felony who to save himself confessed the fact, and charged or accused any other as principal or accessory, against whom he was bound to make good his charge. It also signified an approver, or one who undertakes to prove a crime charged upon another. Jacob. See State v. Graham, 41 N. J. Law, 18, 32 Am. Rep. 174.

PROBATORY TERM. This name is given, in the practice of the English admiralty courts, to the space of time allowed for the taking of testimony in an action, after issue formed.

PROBATUM EST. Lat. It is tried or proved.

PROBUS ET LEGALIS HOMO. Lat. A good and lawful man. A phrase particularly applied to a juror or witness who was free from all exception. 8 Bl. Comm. 102.

PROCEDENDO. In practice. A writ by which a cause which has been removed from an inferior to a superior court by certiorari or otherwise is sent down again to the same court, where it appears to the superior court that it was removed on insufficient grounds. Cowell; 1 Tidd, Pr. 408, 410; Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 446.

A writ which issued out of the common-law jurisdiction of the court of chancery, when judges of any subordinate court delayed the parties, for that they would not give judgment either on the one side or on the other, when they ought so to do. In such a case, a writ of procedendo ad judicium was awarded, commanding the inferior court in the sovereign's name to proceed to give judgment, but without specifying any particular judgment. Wharton.

A writ by which the commission of a justice of the peace is revived, after having been suspended. 1 Bl. Comm. 353.

—Procedendo on aid prayer. If one pray in aid of the crown in real action, and aid be granted, it shall be awarded that he sue to the sovereign in chancery, and the justices in the common pleas shall stay until this writ of procedendo de loquela come to them. So, also, on a personal action. New Nat. Brev. 154.

PROCEDURE. This word is commonly opposed to the sum of legal principles constituting the substance of the law, and denotes the body of rules, whether of practice or of pleading, whereby rights are effectuated through the successful application of the proper remedies. It is also generally distinguished from the law of evidence. Brown. See Kring v. Missouri, 107 U. S. 221, 2 Sup. Ct. 443, 27 L. Ed. 506; Cochran v. Ward, 5 Ind. App. 89, 29 N. E. 795, 81 N. E. 581, 51 Am. St. Rep. 229.

The law of procedure is what is now commonly termed by jurists "adjective law." (q. v.)

PROCEED. A stipulation not to proceed against a party is an agreement not to sue. To sue a man is to proceed against him. Planter's Bank v. Houser, 57 Ga. 140; Hiff v. Weymouth, 40 Ohio St. 101.

PROCEEDING. In a general sense, the form and manner of conducting judicial business before a court or judicial officer; regular and orderly progress in form of law; including all possible steps in an action from its commencement to the execution of judgment. In a more particular sense, any application to a court of justice, however made, for aid in the enforcement of rights, for relief, for redress of injuries, for damages, or for any remedial object. Erwin v. U. S. (D. C.) 37 Fed. 488, 2 L. R. A. 229; People v. Raymond, 136 Ill. 407, 57 N. E. 1066; Morewood v. Hollister, 6 N. Y. 300; The Railway Co. vs. D. 653, 54 N. W. 601; State v. Gordon, 8 Wash. 488, 36 Pac. 498.

—Collateral proceeding. One in which the particular question may arise or be involved incidentally, but which is not instituted for the very purpose of deciding such question; as in the rule that a judgment cannot be attacked, or a corporation's right to exist be questioned, in any collateral proceeding. Peyton v. Peyton, 28 Wash. 273, 67 P. 757; People v. Peoria & R. R. Co. v. Peoria & F. R. Co., 105 Ill. 116. —Executive proceeding. In the law of Louisiana, a proceeding which is resorted to in the following cases: When the creditor's right arises from an act importing a confession of judgment, and which contains a privilege or mortgage in his favor; or when the creditor commands the execution of a judgment which has been rendered by a tribunal different from that within whose jurisdiction the execution is sought. Code Proc. La. art. 732.—Legal proceedings. This term includes all proceedings authorized or sanctioned by law, and brought or instituted in a court of justice or legal tribunal, for the acquiring of a right or the enforcement of a remedy. Griem v. Fidelity & Casualty Co., 99 Wis. 530, 75 N. W. 847; In re Emslie. (D. C.) 93 Fed. 720; Id., 102 Fed. 293, 42 C. C. A. 350; Mack v. Campau, 69 Vt. 558, 88 Atl. 149, 69 Am. St. Rep. 948 —Special proceeding. This phrase has been used in the New York and other codes of procedure as a generic term for all civil remedies which are not ordinary actions. Code Proc. N. Y. § 3.—Summary proceeding. Any proceeding by which a controversy is settled, case disposed of, or trial conducted, in a prompt and simple manner, without the aid of a jury, without preliminary examination or judgment, or in other respects out of the regular course of the common law. In procedure, proceedings are said to be summary when they are short and simple in comparison with regular proceedings; i. e., in comparison with the proceedings which
alone would have been applicable, either in the same or analogous cases, if summary proceedings had not been available. Sweet. And see Phillips v. Phillips, 8 N. J. Law, 122; Gowan v. Jackson, 52 Ark. 567; Western & A. R. Co. v. Atlanta, 113 Ga. 537, 28 S. E. 996, 54 L. R. A. 802.—Supplementary proceeding. A separate proceeding in an original action, in which the court where the action is pending is called upon to exercise its jurisdiction in aid of the judgment in the action. Bryant v. Bank of California (Cal.) 7 Pac. 150. In a more particular sense, a proceeding in aid of execution, authorized by statute in some states in cases where no leviable property of the judgment debtor is found. It is a statutory equivalent in actions at law of the creditor's bill in equity, and in states where law and equity are blended, is provided as a substitute therefor. In this proceeding the judgment debtor is summoned to appear before the court (or a referee or examiner) and submit to an oral examination touching all his property and effects, and if property subject to execution and in his possession or control is thus discovered, he is ordered to deliver it up, or a receiver may be appointed. See Belmont v. Ponvert, 35 N. Y. Super. Ct. 56; 85 Kan. 673, 7 Pac. 158; Eikerberry v. Edwards, 67 Iowa, 919, 25 N. W. 832, 58 Am. Rep. 360.

PROCEEDINGS. In practice. The steps or measures taken in the course of an action, including all that are taken. The proceedings of a suit embrace all matters that occur in its progress judicially. Morewood v. Hollister, 6 N. Y. 320.

PROCEEDS. Issues; produce; money obtained by the sale of property; the sum, amount, or value of property sold or converted into money or into other property. See Hunt v. Williams, 126 Ind. 493, 26 N. E. 177; Andrews v. Johns, 59 Ohio St. 65, 51 N. E. 880; Belmont v. Ponvert, 35 N. Y. Super. Ct. 212.

PROCESSES. Nobles; lords. The house of lords in England is called, in Latin, "Domus Procerum." PROCES VERBAL. In French law. A written report, which is signed, setting forth a statement of facts. This term is applied to the report proving the meeting and the resolutions passed at a meeting of shareholders, or to the report of a commission to take testimony. It can also be applied to the statement drawn up by a huissier in relation to any facts which one of the parties to a suit can be interested in proving; for instance the sale of a counterfeit object. Statements, drawn up by other competent authorities, of misdemeanors or other criminal acts, are also called by this name. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 570.

A true relation in writing in due form of law of what has been done and said verbally in the presence of a public officer and of what he himself does on the occasion. Hall v. Hall, 11 Tex. 526, 539.

PROCESS. In practice. This word is generally defined to be the means of compelling the defendant in an action to appear in court. And when actions were commenced by original writ, instead of, as at present, by writ of summons, the method of compelling the defendant to appear was by the method termed "original process," being founded on the original writ, and so called to distinguish it from "mesne" or "intermediate" process, which was some writ or process which issued during the progress of the suit. The word "process," however, as now commonly understood, signifies those formal instruments called "writs." The word "process" is in common-law practice frequently applied to the writ of summons, which is the instrument now in use for compelling personal actions. But in its more comprehensive signification it includes not only the writ of summons, but all other writs which may be issued during the progress of an action. Those writs which are used to carry the judgments of the courts into effect, and which are termed "writs of execution" are also commonly denominated "final process," because they usually issue at the end of a suit. See Carey v. German American Ins. Co., 84 Wis. 80, 54 N. W. 18, 20 L. R. A. 287, 56 Am. St. Rep. 607; Savage v. Oliver, 110 Ga. 636, 39 S. E. 54; See boward Fire Ins. Co. v. Hunt, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 204; Davenport v. Bird, 34 Iowa, 527; Philadelphia v. Campbell, 11 Phila. (Pa.) 164; Phillips v. Spotts, 14 Neb. 139, 15 N. W. 322.

In the practice of the English privy council in ecclesiastical appeals, "process" means an official copy of the whole proceedings and proofs of the court below, which is transmitted to the registry of the court of appeal by the registrar of the court below in obedience to an order or requisition requiring him so to do, called a "monition for process," issued by the court of appeal. Macph. Jud. Com. 173.

—Abuse of process. See Abuse—Compulsory process. See COMPULSORY.—Exe­cutory process. In the law of Louisiana, a summary process in the nature of an order of seizure and sale, is available when a man has been sued, and a creditor arises from an act or instrument which includes or import a confession of judgment and a privilege or lien in his favor, and also to enforce the execution of a judgment rendered in another jurisdiction. See Rev. Code Prac. 1894, art. 732.—Final process. The last process in a suit; that is, writ of execution. Thus distinguished from mesne process, which includes all writs issued during the progress of a cause and before final judgment. Amis v. Smith, 18 Pet. 319, 10 L. Ed. 973.—Irregular process. Sometimes the term "irregular process" has been defined to mean process absolutely void, and not merely erroneous and voidable; but usually it has been applied to all process not issued in strict conformity with the law, whether the defect appears upon the face of the process, or by reference to extrinsic facts, and whether such defects render the process absolutely void or only voidable. Cooper v. Harter, 2 Ind. 253. And see Bryan v. Commercial Nat. Bank, 221, 54 La. 18; Paine v. Ely, N. Chip. (Vt.) 24.—Judicial process. In a wide sense, this term may include as the acts of a court from the beginning to the end of its proceedings in a given cause; but more specifically it means the writ, summons, mandate, or other process which is used to inform the defendant of the institu-
tion of proceedings against him and to compel his appearance, in either civil or criminal cases. See State v. Guilbert, 59 Ohio St. 575, 47 Am. St. Rep. 381, 38 L. R. A. 670, 9 C. C. A. 194; In re Smith (D. C.) 132 Fed. 303.


—Mesne process. As distinguished from final process, this signifies any writ or process issued between the commencement of the action and the suit out of execution. It includes the writ of summons, (although that is now the usual commencement of actions, because anciently that was preceded by the original writ. The writ of capias ad respondendum was called "mesne" to distinguish it, on the one hand, from the original process by which a suit was warranted; and, on the other, from the final process of execution. Birmingham Dry Goods Co. v. Bledsoe, 113 Ala. 418, 21 South. 342; Pennington v. Lowinstein, 19 Fed. Cas. 168.

—Original process. That by which a judicial proceeding is instituted; process to compel the appearance of the defendant. It is distinguished from "mesne" process, which issues, during the progress of a suit, for some subordinate or collateral purpose; and from "final" process, which is process of execution. Appeal of Hotchkiss, 32 Conn. 353.

—Process of interpleader. A means of determining the rights of property claimed by each of two or more persons, which is in the possession of a third. Process of law. See DUE PROCESS OF LAW. In proper cases, it was used for the entry of process to save the statute of limitations. 1 Tidd, Pr. 161, 162—Regular process. Such as is issued according to rule and the prescribed practice, or which emanates, lawfully and in a proper case, from a court or magistrate possessing jurisdiction. Summary process. Such as is immediate or instantaneous, in distinction from the ordinary course, by emanating and taking effect without intermediate applications or delinquent. See Testa v. Turner, 4 L. R. A. 342; Pennington v. Lowinstein, 19 Fed. Cas. 168.

—Trusted process. The name given in some states (particularly in New England) to the process of garnishment or foreign attachment. Processus legis est perpetuer; hence the term "lawful process." Cooley v. Davis, 34 Iowa, 130. But properly it means used as equivalent to "lawful process." Cooley v. Davis, 34 Iowa, 130. But properly it means used as equivalent to "lawful process." Cooley v. Davis, 34 Iowa, 130.

—Mechanical process. A process involving solely the application of mechanism or mechanical principles; an aggregation of functions; not patentable considered apart from the mechanism employed or the finished product of manufacture. See Risdon Iron, etc., Works v. Medart, 158 U. S. 68, 15 Sup. Ct. 745, 39 L. Ed. 890; American Fibre Chamois Co. v. Buckskin Fibre Co., 72 Fed. 514, 18 C. C. A. 662; Cockrane v. Deener, 94 U. S. 789, 24 L. Ed. 139.

—Processioning. A proceeding to determine boundaries, in use in some of the United States, similar in all respects to the English perambulation, (q. v.)

—Processus continuaundo. In English practice. A writ for the continuation of process after the death of the chief justice or other justices in the commission of oyer and terminer. Reg. Orig. 128.

—Processus legis est gravis vexatio; ex-eutio legis coronat opus. The process of the law is a grievous vexation; the execution of the law crowns the work. Co. Litt. 289b. The proceedings in an action while in progress are burdensome and vexatious; the execution, being the end and object of the action, crowns the labor, or rewards it with success.

—Prochein. L. Fr. Next. A term somewhat used in modern law, and more frequently in the old law; as prochein ami, prochein cousin. Co. Litt. 10.

—Prochein ami. Next friend. As an infant cannot legally sue in his own name, the action must be brought by his prochein ami; that is, some friend (not being his guardian) who will appear as plaintiff in his name. Prochein avoidance. Next vacancy. A power to appoint a minister to a church when it shall next become voud.

—Prochronism. An error in chronology; dating a thing before it happened.

—Procinctus. Lat. In the Roman law. A girding or preparing for battle. Testamentum in proiectu, a will made by a soldier, while girding himself, or preparing to engage in battle. Adans, Rom. Ant. 62; Calvin.

—Proclaim. To promulgate; to announce; to publish, by governmental authority, intelligence of public acts or transactions or other matters important to be known by the people.

—Proclamation. The act of causing some state matters to be published or made generally known. A written or printed document in which are contained such matters, issued by proper authority. 3 Inst. 162; 1 Bl. Comm. 170. The word "proclamation" is also used to express the public nomination made of any
one to a high office; as, such a prince was proclained emperor.

In practice. The declaration made by the crier, by authority of the court, that something is about to be done.

In equity practice. Proclamation made by a sheriff upon a writ of attachment, summoning a defendant who has failed, to appear personally to appear and answer the plaintiff's bill. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.

—Proclamation by lord of manor. A proclamation made by the lord of a manor (three repeated) requiring the heir or devisee of a deceased copyholder to present himself, pay the fine, and be admitted to the estate; failing which appearance, the lord might seise the lands quousque (provisionally.)—Proclamation of exigents. In old English law. When an exigent was awarded, a writ of proclamation issued, at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county wherein the defendant dwelt to make three proclamations thereof in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry should take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.—Proclamation of fines. The notice or proclamation which was made after the engrossment of a fine of lands, and which consisted in its being openly read in court sixteen times, viz., four times in the term in which it was made, and four times in each of the three succeeding terms, which, however, was afterwards reduced to one reading in each term. Cowell. See 2 Bl. Comm. 393.—Proclamation of rebellion. In old English law. A proclamation to be made by the sheriff commanding the attendance of a person who had neglected to obey a subpoena or attachment in chancery. If he did not surrender himself after this proclamation, a commission of rebellion issued. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.—Proclamation of recusants. A proclamation whereby recusants were formerly convicted, on non-appearance at the assizes. Jacob.

PROCLAMATOR. An officer of the English court of common pleas.

PRO-CONSUL. Lat. In the Roman law. Originally a consul whose command was prolonged after his office had expired. An officer with consular authority, but without the title of "consul." The governor of a province. Calvin.

PROCREATION. The generation of children. One of the principal ends of marriage is the procreation of children. Inst. tit. 2, in pr.

PROCTOR. A procurator, proxy, or attorney. More particularly, an officer of the admiralty and ecclesiastical courts whose duties and business correspond exactly to those of an attorney at law or solicitor in chancery. An ecclesiastical person sent to the lower house of convocation as the representative of a cathedral, a collegiate church, or the clergy of a diocese. Also certain administrative or magisterial officers in the universities.—Proctors of the clergy. They who are chosen and appointed to appear for cathedral or diocesan churches as also for the common clergy of every diocese, to sit in the convocation house in the time of parliament. Wharton.

PROCURATION. The writing or instrument which authorizes a procurator to act. Cowell; Termes de la Ley.


PROCURARE. Lat. To take care of another's affairs for him, or in his behalf; to manage; to take care of or superintend.

PROCURATIO. Lat. Management of another's affairs by his direction and in his behalf; procuration; agency.

Procuratio est exhibito summatum necessarium facta praebit, qui dioceses peragrandi, ecclesias subjectas visitant. Dav. Ir. K. B. 1. Procuration is the providing necessaries for the bishops, who, in traveling through their dioceses, visit the churches subject to them.

PROCURATION. Agency; proxy; the act of constituting another one's attorney in fact; action under a power of attorney or other constitution of agency. Indorsing a bill or note "by procuration" (or per proc.) is doing it as proxy for another or by his authority.

—Procuration fee, (or money.) In English law. Brokerage or commission allowed to scriveners and solicitors for obtaining loans of money. 4 Bl. Comm. 157.

Procurationem adversus nulla est proscriptio. Dav. Ir. K. B. 6. There is no prescription against procuration.

PROCURATIONS. In ecclesiastical law. Certain sums of money which parish priests may yearly to the bishops or archdeacons ratione visitationis. Dig. 3, 39, 25; Ayl. Par. 429.

PROCURATOR. In the civil law. A proctor; a person who acts for another by virtue of a procuration. Dig. 3, 3, 1.

In old English law. An agent or attorney; a bailiff or servant. A proxy of a lord in parliament.

In ecclesiastical law. One who collected the fruits of a benefice for another. An advocate of a religious house, who was to solicit the interest and plead the causes of the society. A proxy or representative of a parish church.—Procurator fiscal. In Scotch law, this is the title of the public prosecutor for each district, who institutes the preliminary inquiry into crime within his district. The office is analogous, in some respect, to that of "prosecuting attorney," "district attorney," or "state's attorney" in America.—Procurator in rem aur. Proctor (attorney) in his own affair, or with reference to his own property. This term
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is used in Scotch law to denote that a person is acting under a procuration (power of attorney) with reference to a thing which has become his property. See Ersk. Inst. 3, 9, 2.

(_Procurator litis._) In the civil law. One who by command of another institutes and carries on for him a suit. Vicat, Voc. Jur._

(_Procurator negotiorum._) In the civil law. The public prosecutor, with whom rests the establishment of their place. Mozley.

of his affairs; persons invested with a power of attorney; one who has received a commission or delegated their procureur or proctors to represent them in any judicial court or cause. Cowell.

(PROCURATORY OF RESIGNATION.) In Scotch law. A form of proceeding by which any person or community constituted or delegated their procureur or proctors to present in any judicial court or cause. Cowell.

(PROCURATOR.) In old English law. The procuratory or instrument by which any person or community constituted or delegated their procureur or proctors to represent them in any judicial court or cause. Cowell.


(PROCURE.) In criminal law, and in analogous uses elsewhere, to “procure” is to initiate a proceeding to cause a thing to be done; to instigate; to contrive, bring about, effect, or cause. See U. S. v. Wilson, 28 Fed. Cas. 710; Gore v. Lloyd, 12 Mees. & W. 480; Marcus v. Bernstein, 117 N. E. 31, 36 N. W. 310.

(PROCURER.) A pimp; one that procures the seduction or prostitution of girls. They are punishable by statute in England and America.

(PROCUREUR.) In French law. An attorney; one who has received a commission from another to act on his behalf. There were in France two classes of procureurs: _Procureurs ad negotia,_ appointed by an individual to act for him in the administration of his affairs; persons invested with a power of attorney; corresponding to “attorneys in fact.” _Procureurs ad ideæ_, persons appointed and authorized to act for a party in a court of justice. These corresponded to attorneys at law, (now called, in England, “solicitors of the supreme court.”) The order of procureurs was abolished in 1791, and that of _avoûts_ established in their place. Mozley & Whitley.

(PROCUREUR DU ROI.) In French law, is a public prosecutor, with whom rests the initiation of all criminal proceedings. In the exercise of his office (which appears to include the apprehension of offenders) he is entitled to call to his assistance the public force, (posse comitatus;) and the officers of police are auxiliary to him.

(PROCUREUR GENERAL, or IMPERIAL.) In French law. An officer of the imperial court, who either personally or by his deputy prosecutes every one who is accused of a crime according to the forms of French law. His functions appear to be confined to preparing the case for trial at the assizes, assisting in that trial, demanding the sentence in case of a conviction, and being present at the delivery of the sentence. He has a general superintendence over the officers of police and of the _juges d'Instruction_, and he requires from the procureur du roi a general report once in every three months. Brown.

(PRODES HOMINES.) A term said by Tomlins to be frequently applied in the ancient books to the barons of the realm, particularly as constituting a council or administration or government. It is probably a corruption of “probi homines.”

(PRODIGUS.) Lat. In Roman law. A prodigal; a spendthrift; a person whose extravagant habits manifested an inability to administer his own affairs, and for whom a guardian might therefore be appointed.

(PRODITIO.) Treason; treachery.

(PRODITOR.) A traitor.

(PRODITORIE.) Treasonably. This is a technical word formerly used in indictments for treason, when they were written in Latin. Tomlins.

(PRODUCE.) To bring forward; to show or exhibit; to bring into view or notice; as, to produce books or writings at a trial in obedience to a _subpœna duces tecum._

(PRODUCE BROKER.) A person whose occupation it is to buy or sell agricultural or farm products. 1d U. S. St. at Large, 117; U. S. v. Simons, 1 Abb. (U. S.) 470, Fed. Cas. No. 18,201.

(PRODUCENT.) The party calling a witness under the old system of the English ecclesiastical courts.

(PRODUCTIO SECTÆ.) In old English law. Production of suit; the production by a plaintiff of his _seca_ or witnesses to prove the allegations of his count. See 8 Bl. Comm. 295.

(PRODUCTION.) In political economy. The creation of objects which constitute wealth. The requisites of production are
labor, capital, and the materials and motive forces afforded by nature. Of these, labor and the raw material of the globe are primary and indispensable. Natural motive powers may be called in to the assistance of labor, and are a help, but not an essential, of production. The remaining requisite, capital, is itself the product of labor. Its instrumentality in production is therefore. In reality, that of labor in an indirect shape. Mill, Pol. Econ.; Wharton.

PRODUCTION OF SUIT. In pleading. The formula, "and therefore he brings his suit," etc., with which declarations always conclude. Steph. Pl. 428, 429.

PROFANE. That which has not been consecrated. By a profane place is understood one which is neither sacred nor sanctified nor religious. Dig. 11, 7, 2, 4.

PROFANELY. In a profane manner. A technical word in indictments for the statutory offense of profaneness. See Updegraph v. Com., 11 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 394.

PROFANITY. Irreverence towards sacred things; particularly, an irreverent or blasphemous use of the name of God; punishable by statute in some jurisdictions.

PROFECTITIUS. Lat. In the civil law. That which descends to us from our ascendants. Dig. 23, 3, 5.

PROFER. In old English law. An offer or proffer; an offer or endeavor to proceed in an action, by any man concerned to do so. Cowell.

A return made by a sheriff of his accounts into the exchequer; a payment made on such return. Id.

PROFERT IN CURIA. L. Lat. He produces in court. In old practice, these words were inserted in a declaration, as an allegation that the plaintiff was ready to produce, or did actually produce, in court, the deed or other written instrument on which his suit was founded, in order that the court might inspect the same and the defendant hear it read. The same formula was used where the defendant pleaded a written instrument.

In modern practice. An allegation formally made in a pleading, where a party alleges a deed, that he shows it in court, it being in fact retained in his own custody. Steph. Pl. 67.

PROFESS. In ecclesiastical law. The act of entering into a religious order. See 17 Vin. Abr. 545.

Also a calling, vocation, known employment; divinity, medicine, and law are called the "learned professions."


PROFILE. In civil engineering, a drawing representing the elevation of the various points on the plan of a road, or the like, above some fixed elevation. Pub. St. Mass. 1852, p. 1294.

PROFITS. 1. The advance in the price of goods sold beyond the cost of purchase. The gain made by the sale of produce or manufactures, after deducting the value of the labor, materials, rents, and all expenses, together with the interest of the capital employed. Webster. See Providence Rubber Co. v. Goodyear, 9 Wall. 805, 19 L. Ed. 828; Mundy v. Van Horse, 104 Ga. 292, 30 S. E. 783; Hinckley v. Pittsburgh Bessemer Steel Co., 121 U. S. 264, 7 Sup. Ct. 875, 30 L. Ed. 967; Prunce v. Lamb, 128 Cal. 120, 60 Pac. 689; Maryland Ice Co. v. Arctic Ice Mach. Mfg. Co., 79 Md. 103, 29 Atl. 69.

2. The benefit, advantage, or pecuniary gain accruing to the owner or occupant of land from its actual use; as in the familiar phrase "rents, issues, and profits," or in the expression "mesne profits."

3. A division sometimes made of incorporeal hereditaments; as distinguished from "easements," which tend rather to the convenience than the profit of the claimant. 2 Steph. Comm. 2.

—Mesne profits Intermediate profits; that is, profits which have been accruing between two given periods. Thus, after a party has recovered the land itself in an action of ejectment, he frequently brings another action for the purpose of recovering the profits which have been accruing or arising out of the land between the time when his title to the possession accrued or was raised and the time of his recovery in the action of ejectment, and such an action is thence termed an "action for mesne profits." Brown.—Mesne profits, action of. An action of trespass brought to recover profits derived from land, while the possession of it has been improperly withheld; that is, the yearly value of the premises. Hiscocks, 70 Md. 172, 16 Atl. 534; Woodhull v. Rosenthal, 61 N. Y. 304; Thompson v. Bower, 60 Barb. (N. Y.) 477.—Net profits. Theoretically all profits are "net." But as the expression "gross profits" is sometimes used to describe the mere excess of present value over former value, or of returns from sales over prime cost, the phrase "net profits" is appropriate to describe the gain which remains after the further deduction of all expenses, charges, costs, allowance for depreciation, etc.—Profit and loss. The gain or loss arising from goods bought or sold, or from carrying on any other business, the former of which, in book-keeping, is placed on the creditor's side; the latter on the debtor's side.—Profits à prendre. These, which are also called "rights of common," are rights exercised by one man in the soil of another, accompanied with participation in the profits of the soil thereof; as rights of pasture, or of digging sand. Profits à prendre differ from easements, in that the former are rights of profit, and the latter are mere rights of convenience without profit. Gale, Easem. 1; Hall, Profits à prendre. 1. See Payne v. Sheets, 75 Vt. 335, 55 Atl. 856; Black v. Elkhorn
PROGENER. Lat. In the civil law. A grandson-in-law. Dig. 35, 10, 4, 6.

PROGRESSION. That state of a business which is neither the commencement nor the end. Some act done after the matter has commenced, and before it is completed. Plowd. 343.

Prohibetur ne quis faciat in suo quod nocere possit alieno. It is forbidden for any one to do or make on his own [land] what may injure another's. 9 Coke, 59a.

PROHIBITED DEGREES. Those degrees of relationship by consanguinity which are so close that marriage between persons related to each other in any of such degrees is forbidden by law. See State v. Guiton, 51 La. Ann. 155, 24 South. 784.

PROHIBITIO DE VASTO, DIRECTA PARTI. A judicial writ which used to be addressed to a tenant, prohibiting him from waste, pending suit Reg. Jud. 21; Moore, 317.

PROHIBITION. In practice. The name of a writ issued by a superior court, directed to the judge and parties of a suit in an inferior court, commanding them to cease from the prosecution of the same, upon a suggestion that the cause originally, or some collateral matter arising therein, does not belong to that jurisdiction, but to the cognizance of some other court. 3 Bl. Comm. 112.

The writ of prohibition is the counterpart of the writ of mandate. It arrests the proceedings of any tribunal, corporation, board, or person, when such proceedings are without or in excess of the jurisdiction of such tribunal, corporation, board, or person. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1102. And see Mayo v. James, 12 Grat. (Va.) 23; People v. Judge of Superior Court (Mich.) 2 N. W. 919; State v. Ward, 70 Minn. 58, 72 N. W. 825; Johnston v. Hunter, 50 W. Va. 52, 40 S. E. 443; Appo v. People, 20 N. Y. 531; Hovey v. Elliott, 167 U. S. 409, 17 Sup. Ct. 841, 42 L. Ed. 215; State v. Evans, 88 Wis. 255, 60 N. W. 433.

PROHIBITIVE IMPEDIMENTS. Those impediments to a marriage which are only followed by a punishment, but do not render the marriage null. Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law, 44.

PROJECTIO. Lat. In old English law. A throwing up of earth by the sea.

PROJECT. Fr. In international law. The draft of a proposed treaty or convention.
**PROMISE.** A declaration, verbal or written, made by one person to another for a good or valuable consideration in the nature of a covenant by which the promisor binds himself to do or forbear some act, and gives to the promisee a legal right to demand and enforce a fulfillment. See Taylor v. Miller, 113 N. C. 340, 18 S. E. 504; Newcomb v. Clark, 1 Donno (N. Y.) 228; Foute v. Bacon, 2 Cush. (Miss.) 164; U. S. v. Baltic Mills Co., 124 Fed. 41, 59 C. C. A. 558.

"Promise" is to be distinguished, on the one hand, from a mere declaration of intention involving no engagement or assurance as to the future; and, on the other, from "agreement," which is an obligation arising upon reciprocal promises, or upon a promise founded on a consideration. Abbott.

"Fictitious promises," sometimes called "implied promises," or "promises implied in law," occur in the case of those contracts which were invented to enable persons in certain cases to take advantage of the old rules of pleading peculiar to contracts, and which are not now of practical importance. Sweet.

**New promise.** An undertaking or promise, based upon and having relation to a former promise which, for some reason, can no longer be enforced, whereby the promisor recognizes and revives such former promise and engages to fulfill it.—**Parol promise.** A simple contract; a verbal promise. 2 Steph. Comm. 109.—**Promissory note.** A promise or engagement of the one party, to a person therein named, or to his order, or bearer. Byles, Bills, 1, 4; Hall v. Farmer, 5 Donno (N. Y.) 484. A promissory note is a written promise made by one or more to pay another, or order, or bearer, at a specified time, a certain sum of money, or other articles of value. Code Ga. 1882, § 2774. A promissory note is an instrument negotiable in form, whereby the signer promises to pay a specified sum of money. Civ. Code Cal. § 3244. An unconditional written promise, signed by the maker, to pay absolutely and at all events a sum certain in money, either to the bearer or to a person therein designated or his order. Benj. Chalm. Bills & N. art. 271.

As to promissory "Oath," "Representation," and "Warranty," see those titles.

**PROMOTERS.** In the law relating to corporations, those persons are called the "promoters" of a company who first associate themselves together for the purpose of organizing the company, issuing its prospectus, procuring subscriptions to the stock, securing a charter, etc. See Dickerman v. Northern Trust Co., 176 U. S. 181, 20 Sup. Ct. 311, 44 L. Ed. 423; Bisher v. Richmond & H. Land Co., 80 Va. 455, 16 S. E. 360, 37 Am. St. Rep. 879; Yale Gas Stove Co. v. Wilcox, 64 Conn. 101, 29 Atl. 305, 25 L. R. A. 90, 42 Am. St. Rep. 159; Densmore Oil Co. v. Densmore, 64 Pa. 49.

In English practice. Those persons who, in popular and penal actions, prosecute offenders in their own names and that of the king, and are thereby entitled to part of the fines and penalties for their pains, are called "promoters." Brown.

The term is also applied to a party who puts in motion an ecclesiastical tribunal, for the purpose of correcting the manners of any person who has violated the laws ecclesiastical; and one who takes such a course is said to "promote the office of the judge." See Mozley & Whittley.

**PROMOVENT.** A plaintiff in a suit of *duplex querela, (q. v.)* 2 Prob. Div. 192.

**PROMULGATE.** To publish; to announce officially; to publish as important or obligatory. See Wooden v. Western New York & P. R. Co. (Super. Ct.) 18 N. Y. Supp. 769.

**PROMULGATION.** The order given to cause a law to be executed, and to make it public; it differs from publication. 1 Bl. Comm. 45.

**PROMUTUUM.** Lat. In the civil law. A *quasi* contract, by which he who receives a certain sum of money, or a certain quantity of fungible things, which have been paid to him through mistake, contracts towards the payer the obligation of returning him as much. Poth. de l'Usure, pt 3, s. 1, a. 1.

**PRONEPOS.** Lat. In the civil law. A great-grandson. Inst 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67.

**PRONEPTIS.** Lat. In the civil law. A great-granddaughter. Inst 3, 6, 1; Bract. fol. 67.
PROFITS. Rightful dominion over external objects; ownership; the unrestricted and exclusive right to a thing; the right to dispose of the substance of a thing in every legal way, to possess it, to exclude every one else from interfering with it. Mackeld. Rom. Law. § 265.

Property is the highest right a man can have to anything: being used for that right which one has to lands or tenements, goods or chattels, which now depends on another man's courtesy. Jackson ex dem. Pearson v. House, 17 Johns. 281, 283.

A right imparting to the owner a power of indefinite user, capable of being transmitted to universal successors by way of descent, and imparting to the owner the power of disposition, from himself and his successors, per antecedentes, in all other persons who have a spee successionum under any existing concession or disposition, in favor of such person or series of persons as he may choose, with the like capacities and powers as he had himself, and under such conditions as the municipal or particular law allows to be annexed to the dispositional of private persons. Aust. Jur. (Campbell's Ed.) § 1103.

The right of property is that sole and despotic dominion which one man claims and exercises over the physical substances of the world, to exclude every one else from interfering with it. 1 Bl. Comm. 138; 2 Bl. Comm. 2, 15.

The word is also commonly used to denote any external object over which the right of property is exercised. In this sense it is a very wide term, and includes every class of acquisitions which a man can own or have an interest in. See Scranton v. Wheeler, 179 U. S. 141, 21 Sup. Ct. 45, 45 L. Ed. 126; Lawrence v. Hennessey, 165 Mo. 651, 65 S. W. 717; Boston & L. Corp. v. Salem & L. R. Co., 2 Gray (Mass.) 35; National Tel. News, Co. v. Western Union Tel. Co., 119 Fed. 294, 56 C. C. A. 198, 60 L. R. A. 805; Hamilton v. Rathbone, 175 U. S. 240, 20 Sup. Ct. 155, 44 L. Ed. 219; Stanton v. Lewis, 26 Conn. 449; Wilson v. Ward Lumber Co. (C. C.) 67 Fed. 674.

—Absolute property. In respect to chattels personal property is said to be "absolute" where a man has, solely and exclusively, the right and also the occupation of any movable chattel, so
that they cannot be transferred from him, or cease to be his, without his own act or default. 2 Bl. Comm. 122. The law of the land in such cases may be, or devise "to be the absolute property" of the beneficiary, may pass a title in fee simple. Myers v. Austin, 1 Strob. Eq. (S. C.) 104, 344, 47 Am. Dec. 537; 22 Vt. 427; 32 Vt. 393; 25 S. E. 887, 57 Am. St. Rep. 819. Or it may mean that the property is to be held free from any limitation of use or power from an alien or control on the part of others. Wilson v. White, 132 Ind. 614, 33 N. E. 361, 50 Williams v. Vascleave, 7 T. B. Mon. (Ky.) 388, 388.—[Comm.]

Property. A term sometimes applied to lands owned by a municipal corporation and held in trust for the common use of the inhabitants. Com. Laws N. Mex. 1897, § 2184. Also property owned jointly by husband and wife under the community system. See Community.—Community property. See Community.—[Comm.]

Personal property. Property which is personal in its essential nature, but is invested by the law with certain rights and features of real property. Hearlooms, tombstones, monuments in a church, and title deeds to the real estate are of this nature. 2 Bl. Comm. 428; 3 Barn. & Adol. 174; 4 Bing. 106; Miller v. Worrall, 62 N. J. Eq. 776, 48 Atl. 586, 90 Am. St. Rep. 480; Minot v. Thompson, 106 Mass. 383.—Personal property. Property of a personal or movable nature, as opposed to property of a local or immovable character, (such as land and houses,) the latter being called "real property." This term is also applied to the right or interest less than a freehold which a man has in realty. Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 1. Also property which may be taken outside of the city limits. There are also additional names assigned to each, according to their particular use. Sometimes additional ejidos were allowed to be taken outside of the town limits. There are also propios or municipal lands, from which revenues are derived to defray the expenses of the municipal administration. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 564.

PROPIOS

The nearest of kin to a deceased person. Proponuior exclusit proponquum; proponius remotum; et remotus remotiorum. Co. Litt. 16. He who is nearer excludes him who is near; he who is near, him who is remote; he who is remote, him who is remoter.

PROPIQUITY. Kindred; parentage.

PROPIOR SOBRINO, PROPIOR SOBRINA. Lat. In the civil law. The son or daughter of a great-uncle or great-aunt, paternal or maternal. Inst. 3, 6, 3.

PROPIOS, PROPIOS. In Spanish law. Certain portions of ground laid off and reserved when a town was first formed in Spanish America, as the unalienable property of the town, for the purpose of erecting public buildings, markets, etc., or to be used in any other way, under the direction of the municipality, for the advancement of the revenues or the prosperity of the place. 12 Pet. 442, note. Thus, there are solares, or house lots of a small size, upon which dwellings, shops, stores, etc., are to be built. There are suces, or sowing grounds of a larger size, for cultivating or planting; as gardens, vineyards, orchards, etc. There are ejidos, which are quite well described by our word "commons" and are lands used in common by the inhabitants of the place for pasture, wood, threshing ground, etc.; and particular names are assigned to each, according to its particular use. Sometimes additional ejidos were allowed to be taken outside of the town limits. There are also propios or municipal lands, from which revenues are derived to defray the expenses of the municipal administration. Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 564.
PROPOSE. In Scotch law. To state. To propose a defense is to state or move it. 1 Kames, Eq. pref.

In ecclesiastical and probate law. To bring forward for adjudication; to exhibit as basis of a claim; to proffer for judicial action.

PROPOSER. The proponent of a thing. Thus, the proponent of a will is the party who offers it for probate. (q. v.)

PROPOSITION. An offer; something professed. An offer, by one person to another, of terms and conditions with reference to some work or undertaking, or for the transfer of property, the acceptance whereof will make a contract between them. Eppes v. Mississippi, G. & T. R. Co., 35 Ala. 33.

In English practice. A statement in writing of some special matter submitted to the consideration of a chief clerk in the court of chancery, pursuant to an order made upon an application ex parte, or a decretal order of the court. It is either for maintenance of an infant, appointment of a guardian, placing a ward of the court at the university or in the army, or apprentice to a trade; for the appointment of a receiver, the establishment of a charity, etc. Wharton.

Propositio indebita sequipollet universal. An indefinite proposition is equivalent to a general one.


PROPOSITUS. Lat. The person proposed; the person from whom a descent is traced.

PROPOUND. An executor or other person is said to propound a will or other testamentary paper when he takes proceedings for obtaining probate in solemn form. The term is also technically used, in England, to denote the allegations in the statement of claim, in an action for probate, by which the plaintiff alleges that the testator executed the will with proper formalities, and that he was of sound mind at the time. Sweet.

PROPRIES. In French law. The term "propri sổ or "biens propres" (as distinguished from "acquets") denotes all property inherited by a person, whether by devise or ab intestato, from his direct or collateral relatives, whether in the ascending or descending line; that is, in terms of the common law, property acquired by "descent" as distinguished from that acquired by "purchase."

PROPRIA PERSONA. See IN PROPRIA PERSONA.


PROPRIARY, n. A proprietor or owner; one who has the exclusive title to a thing; one who possesses or holds the title to a thing in his own right. The grantees of Pennsylvania and Maryland and their heirs were called the proprietaries of those provinces. Webster.

PROPRIARY, adj. Relating or pertaining to ownership, belonging or pertaining to a single individual owner.

—Proprietary articles. Goods manufactured under some exclusive individual right to make and sell them. The term is chiefly used in the internal revenue laws of the United States. See Ferguson v. Arthur, 117 U. S. 482, 6 Sup. Ct. 861. 29 L. Ed. 979; In re Gourd (C. C.) 49 Fed. 729.—Proprietary chapel. See Chapel.—Proprietary governments. This expression is used by Blackstone to denote governments granted out by the crown to individuals, in the nature of feudatory principalities, with inferior royalties and subordinate powers of legislation such as formerly belonged to the owners of counties palatine. 1 Bl. Comm. 108.—Proprietary rights. Those rights which an owner of property has by virtue of his ownership. When proprietary rights are opposed to acquired rights, such as easements, franchises, etc., they are more often called "natural rights." Sweet.

PROPRIETAS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Property; that which is one's own; ownership.

Proprietas piensa, full property, including not only the title, but the usufruct, or exclusive right to the use. Calvin.

Proprietas nuda, naked or mere property or ownership; the mere title, separate from the usufruct.

Proprietas totius navis carinas causam sequitur. The property of the whole ship follows the condition of the keel. Dig. 6, 1, 61. If a man builds a vessel from the very keel with the materials of another, the vessel belongs to the owner of the materials. 2 Kent, Comm. 362.

Proprietas verborum est salus proprietatum. Jenk. Cent. 16. Propriety of words is the salvation of property.

PROPRIETATE PROBANDA, DE. A writ addressed to a sheriff to try by an inquest in whom certain property, previous to distress, subsisted. Finch, Law, 316.

Proprietates verborum servandae sunt. The proprieties of words [proper meanings of words] are to be preserved or adhered to. Jenk. Cent. p. 136, case 78.
PROPRIÉTÉ. The French law term corresponding to our "property," or the right of enjoying and of disposing of things in the most absolute manner, subject only to the laws. Brown.

PROPRIETOR. This term is almost synonymous with "owner," (q. v.) as in the phrase "principal proprietor." A person entitled to a trade-mark or a design under the acts for the registration or patenting of trade-marks and designs (g. v.) is called "proprietor" of the trade-mark or design. Sweet. See Latham v. Roach, 72 Ill. 181; Yuengling v. Schile (C. C.) 12 Fed. 105; Hunt v. Curry, 37 Ark. 105; Werckmeister v. Springer Lithographing Co. (C. C.) 63 Fed. 811.

PROPRITY. In Massachusetts colonial ordinance of 1741 is nearly, if not precisely, equivalent to property. Com. v. Alger, 7 Cush. (Mass.) 53, 70.


PROPRIO VIGORE. Lat. By its own force; by its intrinsic meaning.

PROPRIOS. In Spanish and Mexican law. Productive lands, the usufruct of which had been set apart to the several municipalities for the purpose of defraying the charges of their respective governments. Sheldon v. Milmo, 90 Tex. 1, 36 S. W. 413; Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

PROPTER. For; on account of. The initial word of several Latin phrases.

PROPTER DEFECTUM. On account of or for some defect. The name of a species of

PROPTER IMPETENTIAM. On account of helplessness. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the fact of their inability to escape; as is the case with the young of such animals before they can fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 594.—Propter privilegium. On account of privilege. The term describes one of the grounds of a qualified property in wild animals, consisting in the special privilege of hunting, taking and killing them, in a given park or preserve, to the exclusion of other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 594.

PRORATE. To divide, share, or distribute proportionally; to assess or apportion pro rata. Formed from the Latin phrase "pro rata," and said to be a recognized English word. Rosenberg v. Frank, 58 Cal. 405.

PROROGATED JURISDICTION. In Scotch law. A power conferred by consent of the parties upon a judge who would not otherwise be competent.

PROROGATION. Prolonging or putting off to another day. In English law, a prorogation is the continuance of the parliament from one session to another, as an adjournment is a continuation of the session from day to day. Wharton.

In the civil law. The giving time to do a thing beyond the term previously fixed. Dig. 2, 14, 27, 1.

PROROGUE. To direct suspension of proceedings of parliament; to terminate a session.

PROSCRIBED. In the civil law. Among the Romans, a man was said to be "proscribed" when a reward was offered for his head; but the term was more usually applied to those who were sentenced to some punishment which carried with it the consequences of civil death. Cod. 9, 49.

PROSECUTE. To follow up; to carry on an action or other judicial proceeding; to proceed against a person criminally.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. The name of the public officer (in several states) who is appointed in each judicial district, circuit, or county, to conduct criminal prosecutions on behalf of the state or people. See People v. May, 3 Mich. 605; Holder v. State, 58 Ark. 473, 25 S. W. 279.

PROSECUTING WITNESS. This name is given to the private person upon whose complaint or information a criminal accusation is founded and whose testimony is mainly relied on to secure a conviction at the trial; in a more particular sense, the person who was chiefly injured, in person or property, by the act constituting the alleged crime, (as in cases of robbery, assault, criminal negligence, bastardy, and the like,) and who instigates the prosecution and gives evidence.

PROSECUTION. In criminal law. A criminal action; a proceeding instituted and carried on by due course of law, before a competent tribunal, for the purpose of determining the guilt or innocence of a person charged with crime. See U. S. v. Reisinger, 128 U. S. 398, 9 Sup. Ct. 99, 32 L. Ed. 480; Tennessee v. Davis, 100 U. S. 257, 25 L. Ed. 648; Schulte v. Keokuk County, 74 Iowa, 292, 27 N. W. 376; Sigsbee v. State, 43 Fla. 524, 30 South. 816.

By an easy extension of its meaning "prosecution" is sometimes used to designate the state as the party proceeding in a criminal action, or the prosecutor, or counsel; as when we speak of "the evidence adduced by the prosecution."

—Malicious prosecution. See Malicious.
PROSECUTOR. In practice. He who prosecutes another for a crime in the name of the government.

—Private prosecutor. One who sets in motion the machinery of criminal justice against a person whom he suspects or believes to be guilty of a crime, by laying an accusation before the proper authorities, and who is not himself an officer of justice. See Heacock v. State, 13 Tex. App. 129; State v. Millain, 3 Nev. 423.—Pros­ecutor of the pleas. This name is given, in New Jersey, to the county officer who is charged with the prosecution of criminal actions, corresponding to the "district attorney" or "county attorney" in other states.—Public prosecu­tor. An officer of government (such as a state's attorney or district attorney) whose function is the prosecution of criminal actions, or suits partaking of the nature of criminal actions.

PROSECTRIX. In criminal law. A female prosecutor.

PROSEQUI. Lat. To follow up or pursue; to sue or prosecute. See Nolle Prose­qui.

PROSEQUITUR. Lat. He follows up or pursues; he prosecutes. See Now Pros.

PROSOCER. Lat. He follows up or completes. See Prose­qui.

PROSECUTRIX. Lat. In the civil law. A father-in-law's father; grandfather of wife.

PROSCEURUS. Lat. In the civil law. A wife's grandmother.

PROSPECTIVE. Looking forward; contemplating the future. A law is said to be prospective (as opposed to retrospective) when it is applicable only to cases which shall arise after its enactment.

—Prospective damages. See DAMAGES.

PROSPECTUS. A document published by a company or corporation, or by persons acting as its agents or assignees, setting forth the nature and objects of an issue of shares, debentures, or other securities created by the company or corporation, and inviting the public to subscribe to the issue. A prospectus is also usually published on the issue, in England, of bonds or other securities created by a company or corporation, or by persons acting as its agents or assignees, setting forth the nature and objects of an issue of securities by a foreign state or corporation.

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PROTECTIVE ORDER. A writ by which the king might, by a special prerogative, privilege a defendant from all personal and many real suits for one year at a time, and no longer, in respect of his being engaged in his service out of the realm. 3 Bl. Comm. 280.

In former times the name "protection" was also given to a certificate given to a sailor to show that he was exempt from impressment into the royal navy.

In mercantile law. The name of a document generally given by notaries public to sailors and other persons going abroad, in which it is certified that the bearer thereof named is a citizen of the United States.

In public commercial law. A system by which a government imposes customs duties upon commodities of foreign origin or manufacture when imported into the country, with the purpose and effect of stimulating and developing the home production of the same or equivalent articles, by discouraging the importation of foreign goods, or by raising the price of foreign commodities to a point at which the home producers can successfully compete with them.

PROTECTION OF INVENTIONS ACT. The statute 33 & 34 Vict. c. 27. By this act it is provided that the exhibition of new inventions shall not prejudice patent rights, and that the exhibition of designs shall not prejudice the right to registration of such designs.

PROTECTION ORDER. In English practice. An order for the protection of the wife's property, when the husband has willfully deserted her, issuable by the divorce court under statutes on that subject.

PROTECTIONBUS DE. The English statute 33 Edw. I, St. 1, allowing a challenge to be entered against a protection, etc.

PROTECTIVE TARIFF. A law imposing duties on imports, with the purpose and the effect of discouraging the use of products of foreign origin, and consequently of stimulating the home production of the same or equivalent articles. R. B. Thompson, in Enc. Brit.

PROTECTOR OF SETTLEMENT. In English law. By the statute 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 74, § 22, power is given to any settlor to appoint any person or persons, not exceeding three, the "protector of the settlement." The object of such appointment is to prevent the tenant in tail from barring any subse-
PROTECTORATE. (1) The period during which Oliver Cromwell ruled in England. (2) Also the office of protector. (3) The relation of the English sovereign, till the year 1864, to the Ionian Islands. Wharton.

PROTEST. 1. A formal declaration made by a person interested or concerned in some act about to be done, or already performed, and in relation thereto, whereby he expresses his dissent or disapproval, or affirms the act to be done against his will or convictions, the object being generally to save some right which would be lost to him if his implied assent could be made out, or to exonerate himself from some responsibility which would attach to him unless he expressly negatived his assent to or voluntary participation in the act.

2. A notarial act, being a formal statement in writing made by a notary under his seal of office, at the request of the holder of a bill or note, in which such bill or note is described, and it is declared that the same was on a certain day presented for payment, (or acceptance, as the case may be,) and that such payment or acceptance was refused, and stating the reasons, if any, given for such refusal, whereupon the notary protests against all parties to such instrument, and declares that they will be held responsible for all loss or damage arising from its dishonor. See Annville Nat. Bank v. Kettering, 106 Pa. 531, 51 Am. Rep. 536; Ayrault v. Pacific Bank, 47 N. Y. 575, 7 Am. Rep. 489.


3. A formal declaration made by a minority (or by certain individuals) in a legislative body that they dissent from some act or resolution of the body, usually adding the grounds of their dissent. The term, in this sense, seems to be particularly appropriate to such a proceeding in the English house of lords. See Auditor General v. Board of Sup'res, 89 Mich. 552, 51 N. W. 483.

4. The name "protest" is also given to the formal statement, usually in writing, made by a person who is called upon by public authority to pay a sum of money, in which he declares that he does not concede the legality or justice of the claim or his duty to pay it, or that he disputes the amount demanded; the object being to save his right to recover or reclaim the amount, which right would be lost by his acquiescence. Thus, taxes may be paid under "protest." See Meyer v. Clark, 2 Daly (N. Y.) 609.

5. "Protest" is also the name of a paper served on a collector of customs by an importer of merchandise, stating that he believes the sum charged as duty to be excessive, and that, although he pays such sum for the purpose of getting his goods out of the custom-house, he reserves the right to bring an action against the collector to recover the excess.

6. In maritime law, a protest is a written statement by the master of a vessel, attested by a proper judicial officer or a notary, to the effect that damage suffered by the ship on her voyage was caused by storms or other perils of the sea, without any negligence or misconduct on his own part. Marsh. Ins. 715. And see Cudworth v. South Carolina Ins. Co., 4 Rich. Law (S. C.) 418, 55 Am. Dec. 692.

—Notice of protest. A notice given by the holder of a bill or note to the drawer or indorser that the bill has been protested for refusal of payment or acceptance. Cook v. Litchfield, 10 N. Y. Leg. Obs. 328; First Nat. Bank v. Hatch, 75 Mo. 23; Roberts v. State Bank, 9 Port. (Ala.) 315. —Supra protest. In mercantile law. A term applied to an acceptance of a bill by a third person, after protest for nonacceptance by the drawee. 3 Kent, Comm. 87. —Waiver of protest. As applied to a note or bill, a waiver of protest implies not only dispensing with the formal act known as "protest," but also with that which ordinarily must precede it, viz., demand and notice of non-payment. See Baker v. Scott, 20 Kan. 136, 44 Am. Rep. 628; First Nat. Bank v. Hartman, 110 Pa. 196, 2 Atl. 271; Coddington v. Davis, 1 N. Y. 186.

PROTESTANDO. L. Lat. Protestando. The emphatic word formerly used in pleading by way of protestation. 3 Bl. Comm. 311. See PROTESTATION.

PROTESTANTS. Those who adhered to the doctrine of Luther; so called because, in 1529, they protested against a decree of the emperor Charles V. and of the diet of Spires, and declared that they appealed to a general council. The name is now applied indiscriminately to all the sects, of whatever denomination, who have seceded from the Church of Rome. Enc. Lond. See Hale v. Everett, 53 N. H. 9, 16 Am. Rep. 82; Appeal of Tappan, 62 Conn. 413.

PROTESTATION. In pleading. The indirect affirmation or denial of the truth of some matter which cannot with propriety or safety be positively affirmed, denied, or entirely passed over. See 3 Bl. Comm. 311.

The exclusion of a conclusion. Co. Litt. 124.

In practice. An asseveration made by taking God to witness. A protestation is a...
form of asseveration which approaches very nearly to an oath. Wolff. Inst. Nat. § 375.


PROTOCOL. The first draft or rough minutes of an instrument or transaction; the original copy of a dispatch, treaty, or other document. Brande.

A document serving as the preliminary to, or opening of, any diplomatic transaction.

In old Scotch practice. A book, marked by the clerk-register, and delivered to a notary on his admission, in which he was directed to insert all the instruments he had occasion to execute; to be preserved as a record. Bell.

In France, the minutes of notarial acts were formerly transcribed on registers, which were called "protocols." Toullier. Droit Civil Fr. liv. 3, t. 3, c. 6, s. 1. no. 413.

PROTOCOLO. In Spanish law. The original draft or writing of an instrument which remains in the possession of the erudito, or notary. White, New Recop. lib. 8, tit. 7, c. 5, § 2.

The term "protocolo," when applied to a single paper, means the first draft of an instrument duly executed before a notary—the matrix, because it is the source from which must be taken copies to be delivered to interested parties as their evidence of right; and it also means a bound book in which the notary places and keeps in their order instruments executed before him, from which copies are taken for the use of parties interested. Downing v. Diaz, 80 Tex. 436, 16 S. W. 53.

PROTUTOR. Lat. In the civil law. He who, not being the tutor of a minor, has administered his property or affairs as if he had been, whether he thought himself legally invested with the authority of a tutor or not. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 630.

PROUT PATET PER RECORDUM. As appears by the record. In the Latin phraseology of pleading, this was the proper formula for making reference to a record.

PROVABLE. L. Fr. Provable; justifiable; manifest. Kelham.

PROVE. To establish a fact or hypothesis as true by satisfactory and sufficient evidence.

To present a claim or demand against a bankrupt or insolvent estate, and establish by evidence or affidavit that the same is correct and due, for the purpose of receiving a dividend on it. Tibbetts v. Trafton, 80 Me. 294, 14 Atl. 71; In re California Pac. R. Co., Bl.Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—61

4 Fed. Cas. 1060; In re Bigelow, 3 Fed. Cas. 343.

To establish the genuineness and due execution of a paper, propounded to the proper court or officer, as the last will and testament of a deceased person. See PROBATE.

PROVER. In old English law. A person who, on being indicted of treason or felony, and arraigned for the same, confessed the fact before plea pleaded, and appealed or accused others, his accomplices, in the same crime, in order to obtain his pardon. 4 Bl. Comm. 329, 330.

PROVIDED. The word used in introducing a proviso (which see.) Ordinarily it signifies or expresses a condition; but this is not invariable, for, according to the context, it may import a covenant, or a limitation or qualification, or a restraint, modification, or exception to something which precedes. See Stanley v. Colt, 5 Wall. 166, 18 L. Ed. 502; Stoel v. Flanders, 68 Wis. 256, 32 N. W. 114; Robertson v. Caw, 3 Barb. (N. Y.) 418; Fuschall v. Passmore, 15 Pa. 306; Carroll v. State, 58 Ala. 396; Colt v. Hubbard, 33 Conn. 281; Woodruff v. Woodruff, 44 N. J. Eq. 349, 18 Atl. 4, 1 L. R. A. 380.

PROVINCE. Sometimes this signifies the district into which a country has been divided; as, the province of Canterbury, in England; the province of Languedoc, in France. Sometimes it means a dependency or colony, as, the province of New Brunswick. It is sometimes used figuratively to signify power or authority; as, it is the province of the court to judge of the law; that of the jury to 'decide on the facts. 1 Bl. Comm. 111; Tomlins.

PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS. The decrees of provincial synods held under divers archbishops of Canterbury, from Stephen Langton, in the reign of Henry III., to Henry Chichele, in the reign of Henry V., and adopted also by the province of York in the reign of Henry VI. Wharton.

PROVINCIAL COURTS. In English law. The several archi-episcopal courts in the two ecclesiastical provinces of England.

PROVINCIAME. A work on ecclesiastical law, by William Lyndwode, official principal to Archbishop Chichele in the reign of Edward IV. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 25, p. 117.

PROVINCIALIS. Lat. In the civil law. One who has his domicile in a province. Dig. 60, 16, 190.

PROVING OF THE TENOR. In Scotch practice. An action for proving the tenor of a lost deed. Bell.

PROVISION. In commercial law. Funds remitted by the drawer of a bill of
exchange to the drawee in order to meet the bill, or property remaining in the drawee's hands or due from him to the drawer, and appropriated to that purpose.

In ecclesiastical law. A provision was a nomination by the pope to an English benefice before it became void, though the term was afterwards indiscriminately applied to any right of patronage exerted or usurped by the pope.

In French law. Provision is an allowance or alimony granted by a judge to one of the parties in a cause for his or her maintenance until a definite judgment is rendered. Dalloz.

In English history. A name given to certain statutes or acts of parliament, particularly those intended to curb the arbitrary or usurped power of the sovereign, and also to certain other ordinances or declarations having the force of law. See infra.

—Provisions of Merton. Another name for the statute of Merton. See MERTON, STATUTE OF. Certain provisions made in the Parliament of Oxford, 1258, for the purpose of securing the execution of the provisions of Magna Charta. These invasions thereof by Henry III. The government of the country was in effect committed by these provisions to a standing committee of twenty-four, whose chief merit consisted in their representative character, and their real desire to effect an improvement in the king's government. Brown.—Provisions of Westminster. A name given to certain ordinances or declarations promulgated by the barons in A. D. 1259, for the reform of various abuses.

PROVISIONAL. Temporary; preliminary; tentative; taken or done by way of precaution or ad interim.

—Provisional assignees. In the former practice in bankruptcy in England. Assignees to whom the property of a bankrupt was assigned until the claims or personal rights were appointed by the creditors.—Provisional committee. A committee appointed for a temporary occasion.—Provisional government. One temporarily established in anticipation of a government to exist and continue until another (more regular or more permanent) shall be organized and to exist, for a certain period, as a substitute. Chambers v. Fisk, 22 Tex. 535. —Provisional order. In English law. Under various acts of parliament, certain public bodies and departments of the government are authorized to inquire into matters which, in the ordinary course, could only be dealt with by a private act of parliament, and to make orders for their regulation. These orders have no effect unless they are confirmed by an act of parliament, and are hence called "provisional orders." Several orders may be confirmed by one act. The object of this mode of proceeding is to save the trouble and expense of preparing a number of private bills. Sweet.

—Provisional remedy. A remedy provided for present need or for the immediate occasion, one adapted to meet a particular exigency. Particularly, a temporary process available to a plaintiff to obtain a writ against a defendant, which secures him against loss, irreparable injury, dissipation of the property, etc., while the action is pending. Such are the remedies by injunction, appointment to a grant or authority, attachment; etc. The term is chiefly used in the codes of practice. See McCarthy v. McCarthy, 54 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 100; Witter v. Lyon, 94 Wis. 574; Snively v. Abbott Buggy Co., 36 Kan. 106, 32 Pac. 522.

—Provisional seizure. A remedy known under the law of Louisiana, and substantially the same in general nature as attachment of property in other states. Code Proc. La. 254, et seq.

PROVISIONES. Lat. In English history. Those acts of parliament which were passed to curb the arbitrary power of the crown. See Provision.


PROVISO. A condition or proviso which is inserted in a deed, lease, mortgage, or contract, and on the performance or non-performance of which the validity of the deed, etc., frequently depends; it usually begins with the word "provided." A proviso in deeds or laws is a limitation or exception. A proviso made at the request of the crown, or after the grant or confirmation, the effect of which is to declare that the one shall not operate, or the other be exercised, unless in the case provided. Voorhees v. Bank of United States, 10 Pet. 449, 9 L. Ed. 490. The word "proviso" is generally taken for a condition, but it differs from it in several respects; for a condition is usually created by the grantor or lessor, but a proviso by the grantee or lessor. Jacob.

A proviso differs from an exception. 1 Barn. & Ad. 29. An exception exempts, absolutely, from the operation of an engagement or an enactment; a proviso defeats their operation, conditionally. An exception takes out of an engagement or enactment something which would otherwise be part of the subject-matter of it; a proviso avoids them by way of defeasance or excuse. 8 Am. Jur. 242.

A clause or part of a clause in a statute, the office of which is either to except something from the enacting clause, or to qualify or restrain its generality, or to exclude some possible ground of misinterpretation of its extent. Minis v. U. S., 15 Pet. 445, 10 L. Ed. 791; In re Matthews (D. C.) 109 Fed. 614; Carroll v. State, 58 Ala. 396; Waffle v. Goble, 53 Barb. (N. Y.) 522.

Proviso est providere presentia et futura, non preterita. Coke, 72. A proviso is to provide for the present or future, not the past.

PROVISO, TRIAL BY. In English practice. A trial brought on by the defendant, in cases where the plaintiff, after issue joined, neglects to proceed to trial; so called from a clause in the writ to the sheriff, which directs him, in case two writs come to his hands, to execute but one of them. 3 Bl. Comm. 357.

PROVISOR. In old English law. A provider, or purveyor. Spelman. Also a person nominated to be the next incumbent of a benefice (not yet vacant) by the pope.

PROVOCATION. The act of inciting another to do a particular deed. Such conduct
or actions on the part of one person towards another as tend to arouse rage, resentment, or fury in the latter against the former, and thereby cause him to do some illegal act against or in relation to the person offering the provocation. See State v. Byrd, 52 S. C. 450, 30 S. E. 482; Ruble v. People, 67 Ill. App. 483.

PROVOST. The principal magistrate of a royal burgh in Scotland; also a governing officer of a university or college.

PROVOST-MARSHAL. In English law. An officer of the royal navy who had the charge of prisoners taken at sea, and sometimes also on land. In military law, the officer acting as the head of the military police of any post, camp, city or other place in military occupation, or district under the reign of martial law.

PROXENETA. Lat. In the civil law. A broker; one who negotiated or arranged the terms of a contract between two parties, as between buyer and seller; one who negotiated a marriage; a match-maker. Calvin.

PROXIMATE. Immediate; nearest; next in order.

—Proximate cause. The proximate cause is the efficient cause, the one that necessarily sets the other causes in operation. The causes that are merely incidental or instruments of a superior or controlling agency are not the proximate causes and the responsible ones, though they may be nearer in time to the result. It is only when the causes are independent of each other that the nearest is, of course, to be charged with the disaster. See Blythe v. Railroad Co., 15 Colo. 333, 25 Pac. 702, 11 L. R. A. 615, 22 Am. St. Rep. 403; Pielke v. Railroad Co., 5 Dak. 444, 41 N. W. 669; Railroad Co. v. Kelly, 91 Tenn. 696, 20 S. W. 312, 17 L. R. A. 693, 30 Am. St. Rep. 902; Gunter v. Graniteville Mfg. Co., 16 S. C. 443; Bosqui v. Railroad Co., 131 Cal. 390, 63 Pac. 682; Bynum Ins. Co. v. Boon, 95 U. S. 117, 24 L. Ed. 395; Wills v. Railroad Co., 159 Wis. 265, 149 N. W. 903; Davis v. Standish, 26 Hun (N. Y.) 615. See, also, IMMEDIATE (CAUSE.)—Proximate damages. See DAMAGES.

PROXIMITY. Kindred between two persons. Dig. 93, 16, 8.

Proximus est cui nemo antecedit, supremus est quem nemo sequitur. He is next whom no one precedes; he is last whom no one follows. Dig. 50, 16, 92.

PROXY. A person who is substituted or deputed by another to represent him and act for him, particularly in some meeting or public body. Also the instrument containing the appointment of such person. The word is said to be contracted from "procuracy," (q. v.)

One who is appointed or deputed by another to vote for him. Members of the house of lords in England have the privilege of voting by proxy. 1 Bl. Comm. 168.

In ecclesiastical law. A person who is appointed to manage another man's affairs in the ecclesiastical courts; a proctor.

Also an annual payment made by the parochial clergy to the bishop, on visitations. Tomlins.

PRUDENCE. Carefulness, precaution, attentiveness, and good judgment, as applied to action or conduct. That degree of care required by the exigencies or circumstances under which it is to be exercised. Cronk v. Railway Co., 3 S. D. 83, 52 N. W. 420. This term, in the language of the law, is commonly associated with "care" and "diligence" and contrasted with "negligence." See those titles.

Prudenter agit qui precepto legis obtemperat. 5 Coke, 49. He acts prudently who obeys the command of the law.

PRYK. A kind of service of tenure. Blount says it signifies an old-fashioned spur with one point only, which the tenant, holding land by this tenure, was to find for the king. Wharton.

PSEUDOCYESIS. In medical jurisprudence. A frequent manifestation of hysteria in women, in which the abdomen is inflated, simulating pregnancy; the patient aiding in the deception.

PSYCHO-DIAGNOSIS. In medical jurisprudence. A method of investigating the origin and cause of any given disease or morbid condition by examination of the mental condition of the patient, the application of various psychological tests, and an inquiry into the past history of the patient, with a view to its bearing on his present psychic state.

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACT. In the law of evidence. A fact which can only be perceived mentally; such as the motive by which a person is actuated. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 130, 131.

PSYCHOTHERAPY. A method or system of alleviating or curing certain forms of disease, particularly diseases of the nervous system or such as are traceable to nervous disorders, by suggestion, persuasion, encouragement, the inspiration of hope or confidence, the discouragement of morbid memories, associations, or beliefs, and other similar means addressed to the mental state of the patient, without (or sometimes in conjunction with) the administration of drugs or other physical remedies.

PTOMAINES. In medical jurisprudence. Alkaloidal products of the decomposition or putrefaction of albuminous substances, as, in animal and vegetable tissues. These are sometimes poisonous, but not invariably. Examples of poisonous ptomaines are those oc-
curing in putrefying fish and the tyrotoxins of decomposing milk and milk products.

PUBERTY. The age of fourteen in males and twelve in females, when they are held fit and capable of contracting, marriage. Otherwise called the "age of consent to marriage." 1 Bl. Comm. 436; 2 Kent, Comm. 78. See State v. Piersen, 44 Ark. 245. 

PUBLIC. Pertaining to a state, nation, or whole community; proceeding from, relating to, or affecting the whole body of people or an entire community. Open to all; notorious. Common to all or many; general; open to common use. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 766, 14 Am. Rep. 640; Crane v. Waters (C. C.) 10 Fed. 621; Austin v. Soule, 36 Atl. 650; Appeal of Eliot, 74 Conn. 586, 51 Atl. 558; O'Hara v. Miller, 1 Kulp (Pa.) 295. 

A distinction has been made between the terms "public" and "general" and sometimes as synonymous. The former term is applied strictly to that which concerns all the citizens and every member of the state; whereas the latter is sometimes used to designate a large, portion of the community, 1 Greenl. Ev. § 128. 

As a noun, the word "public" denotes the whole body politic, or the aggregate of the citizens of a state, district, or municipality. Knight v. Thomas, 93 Me. 494, 45 Atl. 499; State v. Lucé, 9 Houst (Del.) 396, 32 Atl. 1676; Wyatt v. Irrigation Co., 1 Colo. App. 450, 29 Pac. 906. 

—Public appointments. Public offices or stations which are to be filled by the appointment of individuals, under authority of law, instead of by election. —Public building. One of which the possession and use, as well as the property in it, are in the public. Pancoast v. Trotl, 34 N. J. Law, 383.—Public law. That branch or department of law which is concerned with the public welfare and its political capacity, including constitutional and administrative law, and with the definition, regulation, and enforcement of rights in cases where the state is regard as the subject of the right or object of the duty,—including criminal law and criminal procedure,—and the law of the state, considered in its quasi private personality, i. e., as capable of holding or exercising rights, or acquiring and dealing with property, in the character of an individual. See Holl. Jur. 106, 300. That portion of law which is concerned with political conditions; that is to say, with the powers, rights, duties, capacities, and incapacities which are peculiar to political superiors, supreme and subordinate. Aust. Jur. "Public law," in one sense, is a designation given to "international law," as distinguished from the laws of a particular nation or state. In another sense, a law or statute that applies to the people generally of the nation or state adopting or enacting it, is denominated a public law, as contrast distinguished from a private law, affecting only an individual or a small number of persons. Morgan v. Cree, 46 Vt. 773, 14 Am. Rep. 640. 


—Public passage. A right, subsisting in the public, to pass over or upon the land of another, whether the land under it be public or owned by a private person. —Public places. Places to which the general public has a right to resort; not necessarily a place devoted solely to the use of the public, but a place which is in point of fact public rather than private, a place visited by many and usually used by the general public. See State v. Welch, 38 Ind. 310; Gomprecht v. State, 36 Tex. Cr. R. 434, 37 S. W. 374; Russell v. Dyer, 40 N. H. 157; Roach v. Eugene, 126 Or. 373, 31 Pac. 829; People v. State, 22 Ala. 15. —Public purpose. In the law of taxation, eminent domain, etc., this is a term applied in distinction to that which is for, and capable of holding or exercising rights, or acquiring and dealing with property, in the character of a particular nation or state. In another sense, a term applied to distinguish the objects for which, according to settled usage, the government is to provide, from those which, by the like usage, are left to private interest, inclination, or necessity. People v. Salem 20 Board, 20 Mich. 485, § Am. Rep. 400. See Black, Const. Law (5d Ed.) p. 454, et seq.—Public service. A term applied in modern usage to the objects and enterprises of certain kinds of corporations, which specially serve the needs of the general public or conduce to the comfort and convenience of an entire community, such as railroads, gas, water, and electric light companies.—Public, true, and notorious. The old form by which charges in the allegations in the indictment of an accused were stated at the end of each particular.—Public use, in constitutional provisions restricting the exercise of the right to take private property in virtue of eminent domain or libelary, each and every member of society need not be equally interested in such use, but it is sufiicient if the object is to satisfy a great public want or exigency. Gilmer v. Lime Point, 19 Cal. 299; Budd v. New York, 143 U. S. 517, 12 Sup. Ct. 468, 36 L. Ed. 247.—Public ways. Highways, (q. v.) —Public welfare. The prosperity, well-being, or convenience of the public at large, or of a whole community as distinguished from the advantage of an individual or limited class. See Shaver v. Starrett, 4 Ohio St. 499. 


PUBLICAN. In the civil law. A farmer of the public revenue; one who held a lease of some property from the public treasury. Dig. 35, 4, 1, 1; Id. 39, 4, 12, 2; Id. 39, 4, 13. 

In English law. Persons authorized by license, to keep a public house, and sell thereiner, the consumption on or off the premises where sold, all intoxicating liquors; also termed "licensed victuallers." Wharton. 

PUBLICANUS. Lat. In Roman law. A farmer of the customs; a publican. Calvin. 

PUBLICATION. 1. The act of publishing anything or making it public; offering it
to public notice, or rendering it accessible to public scrutiny.

2. As descriptive of the publishing of laws and ordinances, "publication" means printing or otherwise reproducing copies of them and distributing them in such a manner as to make their contents easily accessible to the public; it forms no part of the enactment of the law. "Promulgation," on the other hand, seems to denote the proclamation or announcement of the edict or statute as a preliminary to its acquiring the force and operation of law. But the two terms are often used interchangeably. Chicago v. McCoy, 136 Ill. 344, 26 N. E. 363, 11 L. R. A. 413; Sholes v. State, 2 Ptn. (Wis.) 469.

3. The formal declaration made by a testator at the time of signing his will that it is his last will and testament. 4 Kent, Comrn. 515, and note. In re Simpson, 56 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 134; Compton v. Mitton, 12 N. J. Law, 70; Lewis v. Lewis, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 23.

4. In the law of libel, publication denotes the act of making the defamatory matter known publicly, of disseminating it, or communicating it to one or more persons. Wilcox v. Moon, 63 Vt. 481, 22 Atl. 80; Sproul v. Pillsbury, 72 Me. 20; Gambrill v. Schooley, 93 Md. 48, 48 Atl. 730, 52 L. R. A. 87, 86 Am. St Rep. 414.

5. In the practice of the states adopting the reformed procedure, and in some others, publication of a summons is the process of giving it currency as an advertisement in a newspaper, under the conditions prescribed by law, as a means of giving notice of the suit to a defendant upon whom personal service cannot be made.

6. In equity practice. The making public the depositions taken in a suit, which have previously been kept private in the office of the examiner. Publication is said to pass when the depositions are so made public, or openly shown, and copies of them given out, in order to the hearing of the cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 450.


PUBLICI JURIS. Lat. Of public right. This term, as applied to a thing or right, means that it is open to or exercisable by all persons.

When a thing is common property, so that any one can make use of it who likes, it is said to be "publici juris;" as in the case of light, air, and public water. Sweet.

Or it designates things which are owned by "the public;" that is, the entire state or community, and not by any private person.

PUBLICIANA. In the civil law. The name of an action introduced by the prae tor Publicius, the object of which was to recover a thing which had been lost. Its effects were similar to those of our action of trover. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 293. See Inst. 4, 6, 4; Dig. 6, 2, 1, 16.

PUBLICIST. One versed in, or writing upon, public law, the science and principles of government, or international law.

PUBLICI JUS. Lat. In the civil law. Public law; that law which regards the state of the commonwealth. Inst. 1, 1, 4.

PUBLISHER. One whose business is the manufacture, promulgation, and sale of books, pamphlets, magazines, newspapers, or other literary productions.

PUDICITY. Chastity; purity; continence.

PUDZELD. In old English law. Supposed to be a corruption of the Saxon "woodgeld," (woodgeld,) a freedom from payment of money for taking wood in any forest. Co. Litt. 233a.

PUEBLO. In Spanish law. People; all the inhabitants of any country or place, without distinction. A town, township, or municipality. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 1, c. 6, § 4.

This term "pueblo," in its original signification, means "people" or "population," but is used in the sense of the English word "town." It has the indefiniteness of that term, and, like it, is sometimes applied to a mere collection of individuals residing at a particular place, a settlement or village, as well as to a regularly organized municipality. Trenouth v. San Francisco, 100 U. S. 251, 25 L. Ed. 626.

PUER. Lat. In the civil law. A child; one of the age from seven to fourteen, including, in this sense, a girl. But it also meant a "boy," as distinguished from a "girl;" or a servant.

Pueri sunt de sanguine parentum, sed pater et mater non sunt de sanguine puerrorum. 3 Coke, 40. Children are of the blood of their parents, but the father and mother are not of the blood of the children.

PUERILITY. In the civil law. A condition intermediate between infancy and puberty, continuing in boys from the seventh to the fourteenth year of their age, and in girls from seven to twelve.

PUERITIA. Lat. In the civil law. Childhood; the age from seven to fourteen. 4 Bl. Comm. 22.

PUFFER. A person employed by the owner of property which is sold at auction to attend the sale and run up the price by making spurious bids. See Peck v. List, 23 W.
Puis. In law French. Afterwards; since.
—Puis darrein continuance. Since the last continuance. The name of a plea which a defendant is allowed to put in, after having already pleaded, where some new matter of defense arises after issue joined; such as payment, a release by the plaintiff, the discharge of the defendant under an insolvent or bankrupt law, and the like. 3 Bl. Comm. 316; 2 Tidd. Fr. 847; Chattanooga v. Neely, 97 Tenn. 527, 37 S. W. 281; Waterbury v. McMillan, 46 Miss. 546; Woods v. White, 57 Pa. 227.

Puisne. L. Fr. Younger; subordinate; associate.
The title by which the justices and barons of the several common-law courts at Westminster are distinguished from the chief justice and chief baron.

Puissante Paternelle. Fr. Paternal power. In the French law, the male parent has the following rights over the person of his child: (1) If child is under sixteen years of age, he may procure him to be imprisoned for one month or under. (2) If child is over sixteen and under twenty-one he may procure an imprisonment for six months or under, with power in each case to procure a second period of imprisonment. The female parent, being a widow, may, with the approval of the two nearest relations on the father's side, do the like. The parent enjoys also the following rights over the property of his child, viz., a right to take the income until the child attains the age of eighteen years, subject to maintaining the child and educating him in a suitable manner. Brown.

Pulsare. Lat. In the civil law. To beat; to accuse or charge; to proceed against at law. Calvin.

Pulsator. The plaintiff, or actor.
Punctuation. The division of a written or printed document into sentences by means of periods; and of sentences into smaller divisions by means of commas, semicolons, colons, etc.
Punctum Temporis. Lat. A point of time; an indivisible period of time; the shortest space of time; an instant. Calvin.
Punctured Wound. In medical jurisprudence. A wound made by the insertion into the body of any instrument having a sharp point. The term is practically synonymous with "stab."


Punishable. Liable to punishment, whether absolutely or in the exercise of a judicial discretion.
Punishment. In criminal law. Any pain, penalty, suffering, or confinement inflicted upon a person by the authority of the law and the judgment and sentence of a court, for some crime or offense committed by him, or for his omission of a duty enjoined by law. See Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 320, 18 L. Ed. 356; Featherston v. People, 194 Ill. 325, 62 N. E. 694; Ex parte Howe, 26 Or. 181, 37 Pac. 536; State v. Grant, 79 Mo. 129, 49 Am. Rep. 218.
—Cruel and unusual punishment. Such punishment as would amount to torture or barbarity, and any cruel and degrading punishment not known to the common law, and also any punishment so disproportionate to the offense as to shock the moral sense of the community. In re Bayard, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 546; State v. Driver, 75 N. C. 423; In re Kemmler, 136 U. S. 436, 10 Sup. Ct. 380, 34 L. Ed. 519; Wilkerson v. Utah, 99 U. S. 130, 25 L. Ed. 345; State v. Williams, 77 Mo. 310; McDonald v. Comm., 175 Mass. 583, 54 N. E. 784; 73 Am. St. Rep. 293; People v. Morris, 80 Mich. 638, 45 N. W. 591, 5 L. R. A. 685.
Punitive. Relating to punishment; having the character of punishment or penalty; inflicting punishment or a penalty.
—Punitive damages. See damages.—Punitive power. The power and authority of a state, or organized jural society, to inflict punishments upon those persons who have committed actions inherently evil and injurious to the public, or actions declared by the laws of that state to be sanctioned with punishments.
Pupil. In the civil law. One who is in his or her minority. Particularly, one who is in ward or guardianship.
Pupillaris Substitutio. Lat. In the civil law. Pupillar substitution; the substitution of an heir to a pupil or infant under puberty. The substitution by a father of an heir to his children under his power, disposing of his own estate and theirs, in case the child refused to accept the inheritance, or died before the age of puberty. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 6, no. 64.
Pupillarity. In Scotch law. That period of minority from the birth to the age of fourteen in males, and twelve in females. Bell.
Pupillus. Lat. In the civil law. A ward or infant under the age of puberty; a person under the authority of a tutor, (q. v.)

Pupillus pati posse non intelligitur. A pupil or infant is not supposed to be able to suffer, i. e., to do an act to his own prejudice. Dig. 50, 17, 110, 2.
PURCHASE. The word "purchase" is used in law in contradistinction to "descent," and means any other mode of acquiring real property than by the common course of inheritance. But it is also much used in its more restricted vernacular sense, (that of buying for a sum of money,) especially in modern law literature; and this is universally its application to the case of chattels.

Forasmuch as; because its application to the case of chattels.

See BONA FIDE.—Bona fide purchaser. One who acquires either real or personal property in any other mode than by descent. One who acquires the legal title. In other words, one clothed with the legal title.

Innocent purchaser. See BONA FIDE.—Innocent.—Bona fide purchaser. One who acquires real property in any other mode than by descent. One who acquires either real or personal property by buying it for a price in money; a buyer; vendee.

In the construction of registry acts, the term "purchase" is usually taken in its technical legal sense. It means a complete purchaser, or, in other words, one clothed with the legal title. Steele v. Spencer, 1 Pet. 552, 559, 7 L. Ed. 259.

First purchaser. In the law of descent, this term signifies the ancestor who first acquired (in any other manner than by inheritance) the estate which still remains in his family or descendants.—Innocent purchaser. See INNOCENT.—Purchaser of a note or bill. The person who buys a promissory note or bill of exchange from the holder without his indorsement. Purchaser without notice is not obliged to discover to his own hurt. See 4 Bouv. Inst. note 4536.

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Purpart. L. Fr. By or for. Used both as a separable particle, and in the composition of such words as purparty "purpart" in the phrases pure charity, pure debt, pure obligation, pure plea, pure villegage, as to which see the nouns.

Purparty. Absolute; complete; simple; unmixed; unqualified; free from conditions or restrictions; in the phrases pure charity, pure debt, pure obligation, pure plea, pure villegage, as to which see the nouns.

Purration. The act of cleansing or exonerating one's self of a crime, accusation, or suspicion of guilt, by denying the charge on oath or by ordeal.

Canonical purration was made by the party's taking his own oath that he was innocent of the charge, which was supported by the oath of twelve compurgators, who swore: they believed he spoke the truth. To this succeeded the mode of purration by the single oath of the party himself, called the "oath ex officio," of which the modern defendant's oath in chancery is a modification. 3 Bl. Comm. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 368.

Vulgar purration consisted in ordeals or trials by hot and cold water, by fire, by hot irons, by battel, by borsed, etc.

Purge. To cleanse; to clear; to clear or exonerate from some charge or imputation of guilt, or from a contempt.

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Purgation. The act of cleansing or exonerating one's self of a crime, accusation, or suspicion of guilt, by denying the charge on oath or by ordeal.

Canonical purgation was made by the party's taking his own oath that he was innocent of the charge, which was supported by the oath of twelve compurgators, who swore: they believed he spoke the truth. To this succeeded the mode of purgation by the single oath of the party himself, called the "oath ex officio," of which the modern defendant's oath in chancery is a modification. 3 Bl. Comm. 447; 4 Bl. Comm. 368.

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party," but it is now used in relation to any kind of partition proceedings. See Seiders v. Giles, 141 Pa. 98, 21 Atl. 514.

PURPORT. Meaning; import; substantial meaning; substance. The "purport" of an instrument means the substance of it as it appears on the face of the instrument, and is distinguished from "tenor," which means an exact copy. See Dana v. State, 2 Ohio St. 93; State v. Sherwood, 90 Iowa, 550, 58 N. W. 911, 48 Am. St. Rep. 461; State v. Pulens, 81 Mo. 392; Com. v. Wright, 1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; State v. Page, 19 Mo. 213.

PURPRESTURE. A purpresture may be defined as an inclosure by a private party of a part of that which belongs to and ought to be open and free to the enjoyment of the public at large. It is not necessarily a public nuisance. A public nuisance must be something which subjects the public to some degree of inconvenience or annoyance; but a purpresture may exist without putting the public to any inconvenience whatever. Attorney General v. Evart Booming Go., 34 Mich. 462. And see Cobb v. Lincoln Park Comrs., 202 Ill. 427, 67 N. E. 5, 63 L. R. A. 294, 95 Am. St. Rep. 253; Columbus v. Jaques, 30 Ga. 506; Sullivan v. Moreno, 19 El. 223, 34 V. C. (C. C.) 64 Fed. 740; Drake v. Hudson River R. Co., 7 Barb. (N. Y.) 548.

PURPOSE. L. Fr. A close or inclosure; as also the whole compass of a manor.

PURPOSE, or PORPRIN. A term used in heraldry; the color commonly called "purple," expressed in engravings by lines in bend sinister. In the arms of princes it was formerly called "mercury," and in those of peers "amethyst." 

PURSE. A purse, prize, or premium is ordinarily some valuable thing, offered by a person for the doing of something by others, into strife for which he does not enter. He has not a chance of gaining the thing offered; and, if he abide by his offer, that he must lose it and give it over to some of those contending for it is reasonably certain. Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539.

PURSER. The person appointed by the master of a ship or vessel, whose duty it is to take care of the ship's books, in which every thing on board is inserted, as well the names of mariners as the articles of merchandise shipped. Roccus, Ina. note.

PURSUE. To follow a matter judicially, as a complaining party. To pursue a warrant or authority, in the old books, is 'to execute it or carry it out. Co. Litt. 52a.

PURSUER. The name by which the complainant or plaintiff is known in the ecclesiastical courts, and in the Scotch law.

Pursuit of Happiness. As used in constitutional law, this right includes personal freedom, freedom of contract, exemption from oppression or invidious discrimination, the right to follow one's individual preference in the choice of an occupation and the application of his energies, liberty of conscience, and the right to enjoy the domestic relations and the privileges of the family and the home. Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 544. See Rubstrat v. People, 185 Ill. 133, 57 N. E. 41, 49 L. R. A. 181, 78 Am. St. Rep. 30; Hooper v. California, 155 U. S. 648, 15 S. Ct. 207, 39 L. Ed. 297; Butchers' Union, etc., Co. v. Crescent City Live Stock, etc., Co., 111 U. S. 746, 4 Sup. Ct. 652, 25 L. Ed. 585.

PURUS IDIOTA. Lat. A congenital idiot.

PURVEYANCE. In old English law. A providing of necessaries for the king's house. Cowell.

PURVEYOR. In old English law. An officer who procured or purchased articles needed for the king's use at an arbitrary price. In the statute 36 Edw. III. c. 2, this is called a "heinous nome," (helnous or hateful name,) and changed to that of "achafor." Barring. Ob. St. 289.

PURVIEW. That part of a statute commencing with the words "Be it enacted," and continuing as far as the repealing clause; and hence, the design, contemplation, purpose, or scope of the act. See Smith v. Hickman, Cooke (Tenn.) 337; Payne v. Conner, 3 Bibb (Ky.) 181; Hirth v. Indianapolis, 18 Ind. App. 673, 48 N. E. 876.

PUT. In pleading. To confide to; to rely upon; to submit to. As in the phrase, "the said defendant puts himself upon the country;" that is, he trusts his case to the arbitrament of a jury.

PUT IN. In practice. To place in due form before a court; to place among the records of a court.

PUT OUT. To open. To put out lights; to open or cut windows. 11 East, 372.

Putagiiim hereditatem non adimit. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 3, p. 117. Incontinence does not take away an inheritance.

PUTATIVE. Reputed; supposed; commonly esteemed. Applied in Scotch law to creditors and proprietors. 2 Kames, Eq. 105, 107, 109.

PUTS AND CALLS. A "put" in the language of the grain or stock market is a privilege of delivering or not delivering the subject-matter of the sale; and a "call" is a privilege of calling or not calling for it. Pixley v. Boynton, 79 Ill. 351.

PUTS AND REFUSALS. In English law. Time-bargains, or contracts for the sale of supposed stock on a future day.

PUTTING IN FEAR. These words are used in the definition of a robbery from the person. The offense must have been committed by putting in fear the person robbed. 3 Inst. 68; 4 Bl. Comm. 243.

PUTTING IN SUIT, as applied to a bond, or any other legal instrument, signifies bringing an action upon it, or making it the subject of an action.

FUTURE. In old English law. A custom claimed by keepers in forests, and sometimes by bailiffs of hundreds, to take man's meat, horse's meat, and dog's meat of the tenants and inhabitants within the perambulation of the forest, hundred, etc. The land subject to this custom was called "terra putura." Others, who call it "pulture," explain it as a demand in general; and derive it from the monks, who, before they were admitted, pulsabant, knocked at the gates for several days together. 4 Inst. 307; Cowell.

PYKE, PAIK. In Hindu law. A foot-passenger; a person employed as a night-watch in a village, and as a runner or messenger on the business of the revenue. Wharton.

PYKERIE. In old Scotch law. Petty theft. 2 Pitt. Crim. Tr. 43.

PYROMANIA. See INSANITY.
Q. B. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench."

Q. B. D. An abbreviation of "Queen's Bench Division."

Q. C. An abbreviation of "Queen's Counsel."

Q. C. F. An abbreviation of "quare clausum fregit," (q. v.)

Q. E. N. An abbreviation of "quare executionem non," wherefore execution [should] not be issued.

Q. S. An abbreviation for "Quarter Sessions."

Q. T. An abbreviation of "qui tarn," (q. v.)

Q. V. An abbreviation of "quod vide," used to refer a reader to the word, chapter, etc., the name of which it immediately follows.

QUA. Lat. Considered as; in the character or capacity of. For example, "the trustee qua trustee [that is, in his character as trustee] is not liable," etc.

QUACK. A pretender to medical skill which he does not possess; one who practices as a physician or surgeon without adequate preparation or due qualification. See Elmergreen v. Horn, 115 Wis. 385, 91 N. W. 973.

QUACUNQUE VIA DATA. Lat. Whichever way you take it.

QUADRAGESIMA. Lat. The fortieth. The first Sunday in Lent is so called because it is about the fortieth day before Easter. Cowell.

QUADRAGESIMALS. Offerings formerly made, on Mid-Lent Sunday, to the mother church.

QUADRAGESIMS. The third volume of the year books of the reign of Edward III. So called because beginning with the fortieth year of that sovereign's reign. Crabb, Eng. Law, 327.

QUADRANS. Lat. In Roman law. The fourth part; the quarter of any number, measure, or quantity. Hence an heir to the fourth part of the inheritance was called "heres ex quadrante." Also a Roman coin, being the fourth part of an as, equal in value to an English half-penny.

In old English law. A farthing; a fourth part or quarter of a penny.

QUADRANT. An angular measure of ninety degrees.

QUADRANTATA TERRAE. In old English law. A measure of land, variously described as a quarter of an acre or the fourth part of a yard-land.

QUADRARIUM. In old records. A stone-pit or quarry. Cowell.

QUADRIENNIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The four-years course of study required to be pursued by law-students before they were qualified to study the Code or collection of imperial constitutions. See Inst. proem.

QUADRIENNIUM UTILE. In Scotch law. The term of four years allowed to a minor, after his majority, in which he may by suit or action endeavor to annul any deed to his prejudice, granted during his minority. Bell.

QUADRIPARTITE. Divided into four parts. A term applied in conveyancing to an indenture executed in four parts.

QUADROON. A person who is descended from a white person and another person who has an equal mixture of the European and African blood. State v. Davis, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 558.

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QUADRUPLICATE. Lat. In the civil law. A pleading on the part of a defendant, corresponding to the rebutter at common law. The third pleading on the part of the defendant. Inst. 4, 14, 3; 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

Que ab hostibus capturant, statim capiendum sunt. 2 Burrows, 693. Things which are taken from enemies immediately become the property of the captors.

Que ab initio inutili fuit institutio, ex post facto convalescere non potest. An institution which was at the beginning of no use or force cannot acquire force from after matter. Dig. 50, 17, 210.

Que ab initio non valent, ex post facto convalescere non possunt. Things invalid from the beginning cannot be made valid by subsequent act. Tray. Lat. Max. 482.

Quae accessionum locum obtinere ex principiis res peremp- tae fuerint. Things which hold the place of accessories are extinguished when the principal things are destroyed. 2 Poth. Obl. 202; Broom, Max. 496.
Quæ ad unum finem loquuntur sunt, non debent ad alium detorqueri. 4 Coke, 14. Those words which are spoken to one end ought not to be perverted to another.

Quæ coherent personæ a persona separari nequœunt. Things which cohere to, or are closely connected with, the person, cannot be separated from the person. Jenk. Cent. p. 28, case 53.

Quæ communi legi derogant stricte interpretantur. [Statutes] which derogate from the common law are strictly interpreted. Jenk. Cent. p. 221, case 72.

Quæ contra rationem juris introdœcta sunt, non debent trahi in consequentiam. 12 Coke, 75. Things introduced contrary to the reason of law ought not to be drawn into a precedent.

Quæ dubitationis causa tollendœ insœrunt communœ legœm non leadunt. Co. Litt. 205. Things which are inserted for the purpose of removing doubt hurt not the common law.

Quæ dubitationis tollendœ causa contrahœta insœrunt, jus commune non leadunt. Particular clauses inserted in agreements to avoid doubts and ambiguity do not prejudice the general law. Dig. 50, 17, 81.

QUÆ EST EADEM. Lat. Which is the same. Words used for alleging that the trespass or other fact mentioned in the plea is the same as that laid in the declaration, where, from the circumstances, there is an apparent difference between the two. 1 Chit. Pl. 982.

Quæ in curia regis actœ sunt rite agœntur. 3 Bulst. 45. Things done in the king's court are presumed to be rightly done.

Quæ in partes dividœta nequœunt solida a singulis prestœntur. Co. Litt. 8. Services which are incapable of division are to be performed in whole by each individual.

Quæ in testamento ita sunt scriptœ ut intelligi non possœnt, perinde sunt acœscriptœ non essent. Things which are so written in a will that they cannot be understood, are the same as if they had not been written at all. Dig. 50, 17, 73, 3.

Quæ incontinenti sunt inesse videntur. Things which are done incontinently [or simultaneously with an act] are supposed to be inherent [in it; to be a constituent part of it.] Co. Litt. 229b.

Quæ inter alios actœ sunt nemini nocœre debœnt, sed prosœdes possœnt. 6 Coke, 1. Transactions between strangers ought to hurt no man, but may benefit.

Quæ legi commœni derogant non sunt trahœndœ in exemplœm. Things derogatory to the common law are not to be drawn into precedent. Branch, Princ.

Quæ legi commœni derogant strictœ inœnterpretantur. Jenk. Cent. 29. Those things which are derogatory to the common law are to be strictly interpreted.

Quæ mala sunt inœchoœta in principœ vix bonœ perœagœntur exitsœ. 4 Coke, 2. Things had in principle at the commencement seldom achieve a good end.

QUÆ Nihil frustrœ. Lat. Which does or requires nothing in vain. Which requires nothing to be done, that is, to no purpose. 2 Kent, Comm. 53.

Quæ non fierœ debœnt, factœ valœnt. Things which ought not to be done are held valid when they have been done. Tray. Lat. Max. 484.

Quæ non valœnt singœla, junœcta juœvalœnt. Things which do not avail when separate, when joined avail. 3 Bulst. 132; Broom, Max. 588.

QUÆ PLURA. Lat. In old English practice. A writ which lay where an inquisition had been made by an escheator in any county of such lands or tenements as any man died seised of, and all that was in his possession was imagined not to be found by the office; the writ commanding the escheator to inquire what more (quœ plura) lands and tenements the party held on the day when he died, etc. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 255a; Cowell.

Quæ prœter communœدمœtœm et moreœm majœorum fiœnt neœque rectœ vœdentœ. Things which are done contrary to the custom of our ancestors neither please nor appear right. 4 Coke, 78.

Quæ propter necessitatem receptœ sunt, non debœnt in argumentœnœm trahœlœ. Things which are admitted on the ground of necessity ought not to be drawn into question. Dig. 50, 17, 162.

Quæ rerœm naturœ prohibœntœ nulla legœm confirmœœœm sunt. Things which are forbidden by the nature of things are [can be] confirmed by no law. Branch, Princ. Positive laws are framed after the laws of nature and reason. Finch, Law, 74.

Quæ singœula non prosœnt, junœcta juœvalœnt. Things which taken singly are of no avail afford help when taken together. Tray. Lat. Max. 486.

Quæ sunt minorœœm culpaœ sunt majorœœm infamœœœœœœ. [Offenses] which are of a lower grade of guilt are of a higher degree of infamy. Co. Litt. 6b.
Qualibet concessio domini regis capi debet striete contra dominum regem, quando potest intelligi duabus viis. 3 Leon. 243. Every grant of our lord the king ought to be taken strictly against our lord the king, when it can be understood in two ways.

Qualibet concessio fortissime contra donatorem interpretanda est. Every grant is to be interpreted most strongly against the grantor. Go. Litt. 183a.

Qualibet jurisdictio has habet. Jenk. Cent. 137. Every Jurisdiction has its own bounds.

Qualibet pardonatio debet se­cundum intentionem regis, et non ad deceptionem regis. 3 Bulst. 14. Every pardon ought to be taken according to the Intention of the king, and not to the deception of the king.

Quae de dubis legem bene dicere si vis. Inquire into doubtful points if you wish to understand the law well. Litt. § 443.

Quære. A query; question; doubt. This word, occurring in the syllabus of a reported case or elsewhere, shows that a question is propounded as to what follows, or that the particular rule, decision, or statement is considered as open to question.

Quæsibus, quia per rationes pervenitur ad legitimam rationem. Inquire into doubtful points, because by reasoning we arrive at legal reason. Litt. § 377.

Quærens. Lat. A plaintiff; the plaintiff.

Quærens nihil capiat per BILLAM. The plaintiff shall take nothing by his bill. A form of judgment for the defendant. Latch, 133.

Quærens non inventum plegium. L. Lat. The plaintiff did not find a pledge. A return formerly made by a sheriff to a writ requiring him to take security of the plaintiff to prosecute his claim. Cowell.

Quæsere dat sapere quae sunt legimata vere. Litt. § 443. To inquire into them, is the way to know what things are truly lawful.

Questa. An indulgence or remission of penance, sold by the pope.

Questio. In Roman law. Anciently a species of commission granted by the comitia to one or more persons for the purpose of inquiring into some crime or public offense and reporting thereon. In later times, the quæstio came to exercise plenary criminal jurisdiction, even to pronouncing sentence, and then was appointed periodically, and eventually became a permanent commission or regular criminal tribunal, and was then called “quæstio perpetua.” See Maine, Anc. Law, 369-372.

In medieval law. The question; the torture; inquiry or inquisition by inflicting the torture.

—Cadit quæstio. The question falls; the discussion ends; there is no room for further argument. —Quæstio vexata. A vexed question or mooted point; a question often agitated or discussed but not determined; a question or point which has been differently decided, and so left doubtful.

Questionarii. Those who carried quæstio about from door to door.

Questiones perpetuae, in Roman law, were commissions (or courts) of inquisition into crimes alleged to have been committed. They were called “perpetua,” to distinguish them from occasional inquisitions, and because they were permanent courts for the trial of offenders. Brown.

Questor. Lat. A Roman magistrate, whose office it was to collect the public revenue. Varro de L. L. iv. 14.

—Questor sacri palati. Questor of the sacred palace. An officer of the imperial court at Constantinople, with powers and duties resembling those of a chancellor. Calvin.

Questus. L. Lat. That estate which a man has by acquisition or purchase, in contradistinction to “hereditas,” which is what he has by descent. Glan. 1, 7, c. 1.

Quaker. This, in England, is the statutory, as well as the popular, name of a member of a religious society, by themselves denominated “Friends.”

Quale jus. Lat. In old English law. A judicial writ, which lay where a man of religion had judgment to recover land before execution was made of the judgment. It went forth to the escheator between judgment and execution, to inquire what right the religious person had to recover, or whether the judgment were obtained by the collusion of the parties, to the intent that the lord might not be defrauded. Reg. Jud. &

Qualification. The possession by an individual of the qualities, properties,
QUALIFICATION

circumstances, natural or adventitious, which are inherently or legally necessary to render him eligible to fill an office or to perform a public duty or function. Thus, the ownership of a freehold estate may be made, by qualification of a person or the possession of a certain amount of stock in a corporation may be the qualification necessary to enable one to serve on its board of directors. Cummings v. Missouri, 4 Wall. 319, 18 L. Ed. 356; People v. Palen, 74 Hun, 289, 26 N. Y. Supp. 225; Hyde v. State, 52 Miss. 665.

Qualification for office is "endowment, or accomplishment that fits for an office; having the legal requisites, endowed with qualities suitable for the purpose." State v. Seay, 64 Mo. 89, 27 Am. Rep. 206.

Also a modification or limitation of terms or language; usually intended by way of restriction of expressions which, by reason of their generality, would carry a larger meaning than was designed.

QUALIFIED. Adapted; fitted; entitled; as an elector to vote. Applied to one who has taken the steps to prepare himself for an appointment or office, as by taking oath, giving bond, etc. Pub. St. Mass. p. 1294.

Also limited; restricted; confined; modified; imperfect, or temporary.

The term is also applied in England to a person who is enabled to hold two benefits at once.

—Qualified acceptance. See Acceptance.

—Qualified elector means a person who is legally qualified to vote, while a "legal voter" means a qualified elector who does in fact vote. Sanford v. Prentice, 28 Wis. 358—Qualified fee. See Fee.—Qualified indorsement. See Indorsement.—Qualified oath. See Oath.—Qualified privilege. In the law of libel and slander, the same as conditional privilege. See Acceptance. Qualified privilege. In the law of libel and slander, the same as conditional privilege. See Acceptance.

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Quando aliquid prohibetur ex directo, prohibetur et per obliquum. Co. Litt. 223. When anything is prohibited directly, it is prohibited also indirectly.

Quando aliquid prohibetur, prohibetur et omne per quod devenitur ad illud. When anything is prohibited, everything by which it is reached is prohibited also. 2 Inst. 48.

Quando aliquid aliubi concedit, concedere videtur et id sine quo res uti non potest. When a person grants anything, he is supposed to grant that also without which the thing cannot be used. 3 Kent, Comm. 421.

Quando charta continet generalem clausulam, posteaque descendit ad verba specialia quae clausula generali sunt consentanea, interpretanda est charta secundum verba specialia. When a deed contains a general clause, and afterwards descends to special words which are agreeable to the general clause, the deed is to be interpreted according to the special words. 8 Coke, 154b.

Quando dispositio referri potest ad duas res ita quod secundum relationem unam vititetur et secundum alteram utilis sit, tum facienda est relatio ad illam ut valeat dispositio. 6 Coke, 76.

Quando diversi desiderantur actus ad alium statum perficiendum, plus explicit lex actum originalum. When different acts are required to the formation of any estate, the law chiefly regards the original act. 10 Coke, 49a.

Quando jus dominii regis et subjicit concurrent, jus regis preferri debet. 9 Coke, 129. When the right of king and of subject concur, the king's right should be preferred.

Quando lex aliquid aliubi concedit, concedere videtur et id sine quo res ipsae esse non potest. 5 Coke, 47. When the law gives a man anything, it gives him that also without which the thing itself cannot exist.

Quando lex aliquid aliubi concedit, omnia incidentia tacite conceduntur. 2 Inst. 326. When the law gives anything to any one, all incidents are tacitly given.

Quando lex est specialis, ratio autem generalis, generaliter lex est intelligenda. When a law is special, but its reason [or object] general, the law is to be understood generally. 2 Inst. 83.

Quando licet id quod majus, videtur et licere id quod minus. Shep. Touch. 429. When the greater is allowed, the less is to be understood as also allowed.

Quando mulier nobilis nuperit ignobilis, desinit esse nobilis nisi nobilitas nata fnerit. 4 Coke, 118. When a noble woman marries a man not noble, she ceases to be noble, unless her nobility was born with her.

Quando plus sit quam fieri debet, videtur etiam illud fieri quod faciendum est. When more is done than ought to be done, that at least shall be considered as performed which should have been performed, [as, if a man, having a power to make a lease for ten years, make one for twenty years, it shall be void only for the surplus.] Broom, Max. 177; 5 Coke, 118; 8 Coke, 85a.

Quando quod est non valet ut quo, valet quantum valere potest. When that which I do does not have effect as I do it, let it have as much effect as it can. Jackson ex dem. Troup v. Blodget, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 172, 173; Vandervolgen v. Yates, 3 Barb. Ch. (N. Y.) 242, 261.

Quando quod non valet ut quo, valet quantum valere potest. When a thing is of no effect as I do it, it shall have effect as far as [or in whatever way] it can. Cowp. 600.

Quando verba et mens congrunt, non est interpretationi locus. When the words and the mind agree, there is no place for interpretation.

Quando verba statuti sunt specialia, ratio autem generalis, generaliter statutum est intelligendum. When the words
of a statute are special, but the reason or object of it general, the statute is to be construed generally. 10 Coke, 101b.

QUANTI MINORIS. Lat. The name of an action in the civil law, (and in Louisiana,) brought by the purchaser of an article, for a reduction of the agreed price on account of defects in the thing which diminish its value.

QUANTUM DAMNIFICATUS? How much damaged? The name of an issue directed by a court of equity to be tried in a court of law, to ascertain the amount of compensation to be allowed for damage.

QUANTUM MERUIT. As much as he deserved. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for work and labor, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise on the part of the defendant to pay the plaintiff as much as he reasonably deserved to have for his labor. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2.

Quantum tenens domino ex homagio, tantum dominus tenenti ex dominio debet praeter solam reverentiam; mutua debet esse dominii et homagii fideltatis connexion. Co. Litt. 64. As much as the tenant by his homage owes to his lord, so much is the lord, by his lordship, indebted to the tenant, except reverence alone; the tie of dominion and of homage ought to be mutual.

QUANTUM VALEBANT. As much as they were worth. In pleading. The common count in an action of assumpsit for goods sold and delivered, founded on an implied assumpsit or promise, on the part of the defendant, to pay the plaintiff as much as the goods were reasonably worth. 3 Bl. Comm. 161; 1 Tidd, Pr. 2.

QUARANTINE. A period of time (theoretically forty days) during which a vessel, coming from a place where a contagious or infectious disease is prevalent, is detained by authority in the harbor of her port of destination, or at a station near it, without being permitted to land or to-discharge her crew or passengers. Quarantine is said to have been first established at Venice in 1484. Baker, Quar. 3.

In real property. The space of forty days during which a widow has a right to remain in her late husband's principal mansion immediately after his death. The right of the widow is also called her "quarantine." See Davis v. Lowden, 56 N. J. Eq. 126, 33 Atl. 648; Glenn v. Glenn, 41 Ala. 580; Spinning v. Spinning, 43 N. J. Eq. 215, 10 Atl. 270.

QUARE. Lat. Wherefore; for what reason; on what account. Used in the Latin form of several common-law writs.

QUARE CLAUSUM FREGIT. Lat. Wherefore he broke the close. That species of the action of trespass which has for its object the recovery of damages for an unlawful entry upon another's land is termed "trespass quare clausum fregit;" "breaking a close" being the technical expression for an unlawful entry upon land. The language of the declaration in this form of action is "that the defendant, with force and arms, broke and entered the close" of the plaintiff. The phrase is often abbreviated to "qu. cl. fr." Brown.

QUARE EJECT INFRÆ TERMINUM. Wherefore he ejected within the term. In old practice. A writ which lay for a lessee where he was ejected before the expiration of his term, in cases where the wrong-doer or ejector was not himself in possession of the lands, but his feoffee or another claiming under him. 3 Bl. Comm. 199, 206; Reg. Orig. 227; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 197 S.

QUARE IMPEDIT. Wherefore he hinders. In English practice. A writ or action which lies for the patron of an advowson, where he has been disturbed in his right of patronage; so called from the emphatic words of the old form, by which the disturber was summoned to answer why he hinders the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 246, 248.

QUARE INCUMBRAVIT. In English law. A writ which lay against a bishop who, within six months after the vacation of a benefice, conferred it on his clerk, while two others were contending at law for the right of presentation, calling upon him to show cause why he had incumbered the church. Reg. Orig. 52. Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27.

QUARE INTRUSIT. A writ that formerly lay where the lord professed a suitable marriage to his ward, who rejected it, and entered into the land, and married another, the value of his marriage not being satisfied to the lord. Abolished by 12 Car. II. c. 24.

QUARE NON ADMISIT. In English law. A writ to recover damages against a bishop who does not admit a plaintiff's clerk. It is, however, rarely or never necessary; for it is said that a bishop, refusing to execute the writ ad admittendum clericum, or making an insufficient return to it, may be fined. Wats. Cler. Law, 302.

QUARE NON PERMISSIT. An ancient writ, which lay for one who had a right to present to a church for a turn against the proprietary. Fleta, l. 5, c. 6.

QUARE OBSTRUXIT. Wherefore he obstructed. In old English practice. A writ which lay for one who, having a liberty to pass through his neighbor's ground, could
not enjoy his right because the owner had so obstructed it. Cowell.


QUARREL. This word is said to extend not only to real and personal actions, but also to the causes of actions and suits; so that by the release of all "quarrels," not only actions pending, but also causes of action and suit, are released; and "quarrels," "controversies," and "debates" are in law considered as having the same meaning. Co. Litt. 8, 153; Terms de la Ley.


QUART. A liquid measure, containing one-fourth part of a gallon.

QUARTA DIVI PII. In Roman law. That portion of a testator's estate which he was required by law to leave to a child whom he had adopted and afterwards emancipated or unjustly disinherited, being one-fourth of his property. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 594.

QUARTA FALCIDIA. In Roman law. That portion of a testator's estate which, by the Falcidian law, was required to be left to the heir, amounting to at least one-fourth. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 771.

QUARTER. The fourth part of anything, especially of a year. Also a length of four inches. In England, a measure of corn, generally reckoned at eight bushels, though subject to local variations. See Hospital St. Cross v. Lord Howard De Walden, 6 Term, 343. In American land law, a quarter section of land. See infra. And see McCartney v. Dennison, 101 Cal. 252, 35 Pac. 766.

—Quarter-day. The four days in the year upon which, by law or custom, moneys payable in quarter-yearly installments are collectible, are called "quarter-days."—Quarter-sales. A silver coin of the United States, of the value of twenty-five cents.—Quarter-eagle. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of two and a half dollars.—Quarter of a year. Ninety-one days. Co. Litt. 135B.—Quarter-sales. In New York law. A species of fine on alienation, being one-fourth of the purchase money of an estate, which is stipulated to be paid back on alienation by the grantee. The expressions "tenth-sales," etc., are also used, with similar meanings. Jackson ex dem. Livingston v. Groat, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 255.—Quarter seal. See Seal—Quarter section. In American land law. The quarter of a section of land according to the divisions of the government survey, laid off by dividing the section into four equal parts by north-and-south and east-and-west lines, and containing 160 acres.

QUARTER SESSIONS. In English law. A criminal court held before two or more justices of the peace, (one of whom must be of the quorum,) in every county, once in every quarter of a year. 4 Bl. Comm. 271; 4 Steph. Comm. 335.

In American law. Courts established in some of the states, to be held four times in the year, invested with criminal jurisdiction, usually of offenses less than felony, and sometimes with the charge of certain administrative matters, such as the care of public roads and bridges.

QUARTERING. In English criminal law. The dividing a criminal's body into quarters, after execution. A part of the punishment of high treason. 4 Bl. Comm. 93.

QUARTERING SOLDIERS. The act of a government in billeting or assigning soldiers to private houses, without the consent of the owners of such houses, and requiring such owners to supply them with board or lodging or both.

QUARTERIZATION. Quartering of criminals.

QUARTERLY COURTS. A system of courts in Kentucky possessing a limited original jurisdiction in civil cases and appellate jurisdiction from justices of the peace.

QUARTERONE. In the Spanish and French West Indies, a quadroon, that is, a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

QUARTO DIE POST. Lat. On the fourth day after. Appearance day, in the former English practice, the defendant being allowed four days, inclusive, from the return of the writ, to make his appearance.

QUASH. To overthrow; to abate; to annul; to make void. Spelman; 3 Bl. Comm. 303; Crawford v. Stewart, 38 Pa. 34; Holland v. Webster, 43 Fla. 85, 29 South. 629; Bosley v. Bruner, 2 Cushn. (Miss.) 462.

QUASI. Lat. As if; as it were; analogous to. This term is used in legal phrase-
ology to indicate that one subject resembles another, with which it is compared, in certain characteristics, but that there are also fundamental differences between them.

It is exclusively a term of classification. Pre-fixed to a term of Roman law, it implies that the concept to which it applies is an index connected with the concept with which the comparison is instituted by a strong superficial analogy or resemblance. It negates the notion of identity, but points out that the concepts are sufficiently similar for one to be classed as the sequel to the other. Maine, Anc. Law, 332. Civilians use the expressions "quasi contrac-tus," "quasi delictum," "quasi possession," "quasi traditio," etc.


QUATER COUSIN. See Cousin.

QUATUOR PEDIBUS CURRIT. Lat. It runs upon four feet; it runs upon all fours. See All-Fours.

QUATUORVIRI. In Roman law. Magistrates who had the care and inspection of roads. Dig. 1, 2, 3, 30.

QUAY. A wharf for the loading or unloading of goods carried in ships. This word is sometimes spelled "key."

The popular and commercial signification of the word "quay" involves the notion of a space fixed to a term of Roman law, it implies that the conception to which it serves as an index is connected with the conception with which the comparison is instituted by a strong superficial analogy or resemblance. It negates the notion of identity, but points out that the concepts are sufficiently similar for one to be classed as the sequel to the other. Maine, Anc. Law, 332. Civilians use the expressions "quasi contrac-tus," "quasi delictum," "quasi possession," "quasi traditio," etc.


QUE ESTATE. L. Fr. Which is the same. A term used in actions of trespass, etc. See QUE EST EXADEM.

QUE EST LE MESME. L. Fr. Which is the same. A term used in actions of trespass, etc. See QUE EST EXADEM.

QUE ESTATE. L. Fr. Whose estate. A term used in pleading, particularly in claiming prescription, by which it is alleged that the plaintiff and those former owners whose estate he has have immemorially exercised the right claimed. This was called "prescribing in a que estate."

QUEAN. A worthless woman; a strumpet. Obsolete.

QUEEN. A woman who possesses the sovereignty and royal power in a country under a monarchical form of government. The wife of a king.

—Queen consort. In English law. The wife of a reigning king. 1 Bl. Comm. 218. —Queen dowager. In English law. The widow of a king. 1 Bl. Comm. 223. —Queen-gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king, and due from every person who has made a voluntary line or

BL. LAW DICT. (2D ED.)—62 offer to the king of ten marks or upwards, in consideration of any grant or privilege conferred by the crown. It is now quite obsolete. 1 Bl. Comm. 220–222. —Queen regnant. In English law. A queen who holds the crown in her own right; as the first Queen Mary, Queen Elizabeth, Queen Anne, and the late Queen Victoria. 1 Bl. Comm. 218; 2 Step. Comm. 465.

For the titles and descriptions of various offices in the English legal system, called "Queen’s Advocate," "Queen’s Coroner," "Queen’s Counsel," "Queen’s Remembrancer," etc., during the reign of a female sovereign, as in the time of the late Queen Victoria, see, now, under King and the following titles.

QUEEN ANNE’S BOUNTY. A fund created by a charter of Queen Anne, (confirmed by St. 2 Ann. c. 11) for the augmentation of poor livings, consisting of all the revenue of first fruits and tenths, which was vested in trustees forever. 1 Bl. Comm. 280.

QUEEN'S BENCH. The English court of king's bench is so called during the reign of a queen. 3 Step. Comm. 403. See KING'S BENCH.

QUEEN'S PRISON. A jail which used to be appropriated to the debtors and criminals confined under process or by authority of the superior courts at Westminster, the high court of admiralty, and also to persons imprisoned under the bankrupt law.

QUEM BEDITUM REDDIT. A woman who possesses the sovereignty and royal power in a country under a monarchical form of government. The wife of a king.

—Queen consort. In English law. The wife of a reigning king. 1 Bl. Comm. 218. —Queen dowager. In English law. The widow of a king. 1 Bl. Comm. 223. —Queen-gold. A royal revenue belonging to every queen consort during her marriage with the king, and due from every person who has made a voluntary line or
cases, that the parent was not in his right mind. Calvin.; 2 Kent, Comm. 327; Bell.

**QUERENS.** Lat. A plaintiff; complainant; inquirer.

**QUESTA.** In old records. A quest; an inquest, inquisition, or inquiry, upon the oaths of an impaneled jury. Cowell.

**QUESTION.** A method of criminal examination heretofore in use in some of the countries of continental Europe, consisting of the application of torture to the supposed criminal, by means of the rack or other engines, in order to extort from him, as the condition of his release from the torture, a confession of his own guilt or the names of his accomplices.

*In evidence.* An interrogation put to a witness, for the purpose of having him declare the truth of certain facts as far as he knows them.

*In practice.* A point on which the parties are not agreed, and which is submitted to the decision of a judge and jury.

—**Categorical question.** One inviting a distinct and positive statement of fact; one which can be answered by "yes" or "no." In the plural, a series of questions, covering a particular subject-matter, arranged in a systematic and consecutive order. See FEDERAL. —**Leading question.** See that title. —**Political question.** See Political.

**QUESTOR.** In old English law. A starter of lawsuits, or prosecutions; also a person chosen to inquire into abuses, especially such as relate to weights and measures; also a church-warden.

**QUESTORES PARRICIDII.** Lat. In Roman law. Certain officers, two in number, who were deputed by the comitia, as a kind of commission, to search out and try all cases of parricide and murder. They were probably appointed annually. Maine, Anc. Law, 370.

**QUESTUS EST NOBIS.** Lat. A writ of nuisance, which, by 15 Edw. I., lay against him to whom a house or other thing that caused a nuisance descended or was alienated; whereas, before that statute the action lay only against him who first levied or caused the nuisance to the damage of his neighbor. Cowell.

**Qui abjurat regnum amittit regnum, sed non regem; patriam, sed non patrem patriae.** 7 Coke, 9. He who abjures the realm leaves the realm, but not the king; the country, but not the father of the country.

**Qui accusat integra famae sit, et non criminatus.** Let him who accuses be of clear fame, and not criminal. 3 Inst. 26.

**Qui acquisit sibi acquirit hereditis.** He who acquires for himself acquires for his heirs. Tray. Lat. Max. 496.

**Qui adimit medium dirimit finem.** He who takes away the mean destroys the end. Co. Litt. 161a. He that deprives a man of the mean by which he ought to come to a thing deprives him of the thing itself. Id.; Litt. § 237.

**Qui aliquid statuerit, parte inaudita altera sequi licet dixerit, hand sequuntur essentia.** He who determines any matter without hearing both sides, though he may have decided right, has not done justice. 6 Coke, 52a; 4 Bl. Comm. 283.

**Qui bene distinguet bene docet.** 2 Inst. 470. He who distinguishes well teaches well.

**Qui bene interrogat bene docet.** He who questions well teaches well. 3 Bulst 227. Information or express averment may be effectually conveyed in the way of interrogation, id.

**Qui cadit a syllaba cadit a tota causa.** He who falls in a syllable falls in his whole cause. Bract. fol. 211.

**Qui concedit aliquid, concedere videtur et id sine quo concessio est irритa, sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit.** 11 Coke, 52. He who concedes anything is considered as conceding that without which his concession would be void, without which the thing itself could not exist.

**Qui concedit aliquid concedit omne id sine quo concessio est irrita.** He who grants anything grants everything without which the grant is fruitless. Jenk. Cent. p. 32, case 63.

**Qui confirmat nihil dat.** He who confirms does not give. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2039.

**Qui contemnit praeceptum contemnit preceptentem.** He who contemns [contemptuously treats] a command contemns the party who gives it. 12 Coke, 97.

**Qui cum alio contrahit, vel est, vel esse debet non ignorant conditionis ejus.** He who contracts with another either is or ought to be not ignorant of his condition. Dig. 50, 17, 19; Story, Confl. Laws, § 76.

**Qui dat finem, dat media ad finem necessaria.** He who gives an end gives the

Qui destruit medium destruit finem. He who destroys the means destroys the end. 10 Coke, 51b; Co. Litt. 161a; Shep. Touch. 842.

Qui dolet inherenter al perc dolet inherenter al fitz. He who would have been heir to the father shall be heir to the son. 2 Bl. Comm. 223; Broom, Max. 517.

Qui ertit causam, ertit causatum futurum. He who overthrows the cause overthrows its future effects. 10 Coke, 51.

Qui ex damnato coitu nascantur inter liberos non computentur. Those who are born of an unlawful intercourse are not reckoned among the children. Co. Litt 8a; Broom, Max. 519.

Qui facit per alium facit per se. He who acts through another acts himself, [i.e., the acts of an agent are the acts of the principal.] Broom, Max. 429; Story, Ag. § 440.

Qui habet jurisdictionem absolvendi, habet jurisdictionem ligandi. He who has jurisdiction to loosen, has jurisdiction to bind. 12 Coke, 60. Applied to writs of prohibition and consultation, as resting on a similar foundation. Id.

Qui hæret in litera hæret in cortice. He who considers merely the letter of an instrument goes but skin deep into its meaning. Co. Litt. 250; Broom, Max. 685.

Qui ignorat quantum solvere debeat, non potest improbus videre. He who does not know what he ought to pay, does not want probity in not paying. Dig. 50, 17, 99.

Qui in jus dominiumve alterius succedit jure ejus uti debet. He who succeeds to the right or property of another ought to use his right, [i.e., holds it subject to the same rights and liabilities as attached to it in the hands of the assignor.] Dig. 50, 17, 177; Broom, Max. 473, 478.

Qui in utero est pro jam nato habeatur, quoitates ejus commodo queritur. He who is in the womb is held as already born, whenever a question arises for his benefit.

Qui jure suo utitur, nemini facit injuriam. He who uses his legal rights harms no one. Carson v. Western R. Co., 8 Gray (Mass.) 424. See Broom, Max. 379.

Qui jussu judicis aliudquod fecerit non videtur dolo malo fessisse, quia parere necesse est. Where a person does an act by command of one exercising judicial authority, the law will not suppose that he acted from any wrongful or improper motive, because it was his bounden duty to obey. 10 Coke, 76; Broom, Max. 38.

Qui male agit edit ineeem. He who acts badly hates the light. 7 Coke, 68.

Qui mandat ipse fecissi videtur. He who commands [a thing to be done] is held to have done it himself. Story, Bailm. § 147.

Qui melius probat melius habet. He who proves most recovers most. 9 Vin. Abr. 235.

Qui molitur insidias in patriam id facit quod insanum auta performus navem in qua vehtitur. He who betrays his country is like the insane sailor who bores a hole in the ship which carries him. 3 Inst. 36.

Qui non cadunt in constantem virum vani timores sunt estimandi. Those fears are to be esteemed vain which do not affect a firm man.

Qui non habet, ille non dat. He who has not, gives not. He who has nothing to give, gives nothing. A person cannot convey a right that is not in him. If a man grant that which is not his, the grant is void. Shep. Touch. 243; Watk. Conv. 191.

Qui non habet in eere, luat in corpore, ne quis peccetur impune. He who cannot pay with his purse must suffer in his person, lest he who offends should go unpunished. 2 Inst. 173; 4 Bl. Comm. 23.

Qui non habet potestatem alienandi habet necessitatem retinendi. He who has not the power of alienating is obliged to retain.

Qui non improbat, approbat. 3 Inst. 27. He who does not blame, approves.

Qui non libere veritatem pronuntiat prodictor est veritatis. He who does not freely speak the truth is a betrayer of the truth.

Qui non negat fatetur. He who does not deny, admits. A well-known rule of pleading. Tray. Lat. Max. 506.

Qui non obstat quod obstare potest, facere videtur. He who does not prevent [a thing] which he can prevent, is considered to do [as doing] it. 2 Inst. 146.

Qui non prohibet id quod prohibere potest assentire videtur. He who does not forbid what he is able to prevent, is considered to assent.
Qui non propulsat injuriam quando potest, infert. Jenk. Cent. 271. He who does not repel an injury when he can, induces it.

Quia obstruit aditum, destruit commodum. He who obstructs a way, passage, or entrance destroys a benefit or convenience. Co. Litt. 161a. He who prevents another from entering upon land destroys the benefit which he has from it. Id.

Qui omne dicit nihil excludit. 4 Inst. 81. He who says all excludes nothing.

Qui parcit nocentibus innocentes punit. Jenk. Cent 133. He who spares the guilty punishes the innocent.

Qui peccat ehris lust sobrius. He who sins when drunk shall be punished when sober. Cary, 133; Broom, Max. 17.

 Qui per alium facit per seipsum faceret videtur. He who does a thing by an agent is considered as doing it himself. Co. Litt. 258; Broom, Max. 817.

Qui per fraudem agit frustra agit. 2 Rolle, 17. What a man does fraudulently he does in vain.

Qui potest et debet vetare, jubet. He who can and ought to forbid a thing [if he do not forbid it] directs it. 2 Kent, Comm. 483, note.

Qui primum peccat ille facit rixam. Godb. He who sins first makes the strife.

Qui prior est tempore potior est jure. He who is before in time is the better in right. Priority in time gives preference in law. Co. Litt. 146; 4 Coke, 90a. A maxim of very extensive application, both at law and in equity. Broom, Max. 352-362; 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 644; Story, Balim. § 312.

Qui pro me aliquid facit nihil fecisse videtur. 2 Inst. 501. He who does anything for me appears to do it to me.

Qui providet sibi providet hereditibus. He who provides for himself provides for his heirs.

Qui rationem in omnibus quaerunt rationem subvertunt. They who seek a reason for everything subvert reason. 2 Coke, 75; Broom, Max. 157.

Qui scienas solvit indebitum donandis consilio id videtur fecisse. One who knowingly pays what is not due is supposed to have done it with the intention of making a gift. Walker v. Hill, 17 Mass. 388.

Qui semel actionem renunciaverit amplius repetere non potest. He who has once relinquished his action cannot bring it again. 8 Coke, 56a. A rule descriptive of the effect of a retractum and nolle prosequi.

Qui semel est malus, semper presumitur esse malus in eodem genere. He who is once criminal is presumed to be always criminal in the same kind or way. Cro. Car. 317; Best, Ev. 345.

Qui sentit commodum sentire debet et onus. He who receives the advantage ought also to suffer the burden. 1 Coke, 99; Broom, Max. 706-713.

Qui sentit onus sentire debet et commodum. 1 Coke, 99a. He who bears the burden of a thing ought also to experience the advantage arising from it.

Qui tacet, consentire videtur. He who is silent is supposed to consent. The silence of a party implies his consent. Jenk. Cent. p. 52, case 64; Broom, Max. 138, 757.

Qui tacet consentire videtur, ubi tractatur de ejus commodo. 9 Mod. 38. He who is silent is considered as assenting, when his interest is at stake.

Qui tacet non utique fatetur, sed tam verum est eum non negare. He who is silent does not indeed confess, but yet it is true that he does not deny. Dig. 50, 17, 142.

QUI TAM. Lat. “Who as well——.” An action brought by an informer, under a statute which establishes a penalty for the commission or omission of a certain act, and provides that the same shall be recoverable in a civil action, part of the penalty to go to any person who will bring such action and the remainder to the state or some other institution, is called a “qui tam action;” because the plaintiff states that he sues as well for the state as for himself. See In re Barker, 56 Vt. 14; Grover v. Morris, 73 N. Y. 478.

Qui tardius solvit, minus solvit. He who pays more tardily [than he ought] pays less [than he ought]. Jenk. Cent. 53.

Qui timent, cavent vitant. They who fear, take care and avoid. Branch, Princ.

Qui totum dicit nihil excipit. He who says all excepts nothing.

Qui vult decipi, decipiatur. Let him who wishes to be deceived, be deceived. Broom, Max. 782, note; 1 De Gex, M. & G. 687, 710; Shep. Touch. 56.

QUIA. Lat. Because; whereas; inasmuch as.

QUIA DATUM EST NOBIS INTELLIGI. Because it is given to us to understand. Formal words in old writs.
QUIA EMPTORES. "Because the purchasers." The title of the statute of Westm. 3, (18 Edw. I. c. 1.) This statute took from the tenants of common lords the feudal liberty they claimed of disposing of part of their lands to hold of themselves, and, instead of it, gave them a general liberty to sell all or any part, to hold of the next superior lord, which they could not have done before without consent. The effect of this statute was twofold: (1) To facilitate the alienation of fee-simple estates; and (2) to put an end to the creation of any new manors, & c., tenancies in fee-simple of a subject. Brown.

QUIA ERRONICE EMANAVIT. Because it issued erroneously, or through mistake. A term in old English practice. Yel. 83.

QUIA TIMET. Lat. Because he fears or apprehends. In equity practice. The technical name of a bill filed by a party who seeks the aid of a court of equity, because he fears some future probable injury to his rights or interests. 2 Story, Eq. Jur. § 826.

QUIBBLE. A cavilling or verbal objection. A slight difficulty raised without necessity or propriety.

QUICK. Living; alive. "Quick chattels must be put in pound-overt that the owner may give them sustenance; dead need not." Finch, Law, b. 2, c. 6.

QUICK WITH CHILD. See QUICKENING.

QUICKENING. In medical jurisprudence. The first motion of the fetus in the womb felt by the mother, occurring usually about the middle of the term of pregnancy. See Com. v. Parker, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 266, 43 Am. Dec. 396; State v. Cooper, 22 N. J. Law, 57, 51 Am. Dec. 248; Evans v. People, 49 N. Y. 89.

Quicquid plantatur solo, solo cedit* Whatever is affixed to the soil belongs to the soil. Broom, Max. 810.

Quicquid judicis auctoritatì subjicitur novitati non subjicitur. Whatever is subject to the authority of a judge is not subject to innovation. 4 Inst. 66.

Quicquid solvitur, solvitur secundum modum solventis; quicquid recipitur, recipitur secundum modum recipientis. Whatever money is paid, is paid according to the direction of the payer; whatever money is received, is received according to that of the recipient. 2 Vern. 606; Broom, Max. 810.

Quicunque habet jurisdictionem ordinariam est illius loci ordinarius. Co. Litt 344. Whoever has an ordinary jurisdiction is ordinary of that place.

Quicunque jussu judicis aliquid fecerit non videtur dolo malo fecisse, quia parere necesse est. 10 Coke, 71. Whoever does anything by the command of a judge is not reckoned to have done it with an evil intent, because it is necessary to obey.

QUID JURIS CLAMAT. In old English practice. A writ which lay for the grantee of a reversion or remainder, where the particular tenant would not attorn, for the purpose of compelling him. Termes de la Ley; Cowell.

QUID PRO QUO. What for what; something for something. Used in law for the giving one valuable thing for another. It is nothing more than the mutual consideration which passes between the parties to a contract, and which renders it valid and binding. Cowell.

Quid sit jus, et in quo consistit injuria, legis est definire. What constitutes right, and what injury, it is the business of the law to declare. Co. Litt 158a.

QUIDAM. Lat. Somebody. This term is used in the French law to designate a person whose name is not known.

Quidquid enim sive dolo et culpa venditoris accidit in eo venditor securus est. For concerning anything which occurs without deceit and wrong on the part of the vendor, the vendor is secure. Brown v. Bel lows, 4 Pick. (Mass.) 198.

QUIET, v. To pacify; to render secure or unassailable by the removal of disquieting causes or disputes. This is the meaning of the word in the phrase "action to quiet title," which is a proceeding to establish the plaintiff's title to land by bringing into court an adverse claimant and there compelled.
him either to establish his claim or be forever after estopped from asserting it. See Wright v. Mattison, 18 How. 56, 15 L. Ed. 280.

QUIET, adj. Unmolested; tranquil; free from interference or disturbance.

—Quiet enjoyment. A covenant, usually inserted in leases and conveyances on the part of the grantor, promising that the tenant or grantee shall enjoy the possession of the premises in peace and without disturbance, is called a covenant "for quiet enjoyment."

Quies non movere. Not to unsettle things which are established. Green v. Hudson River R. Co., 28 Barb. (N. Y.) 9, 22.

QUIETARE. L. Lat. To quit, acquit, discharge, or save harmless. A formal word in old deeds of donation and other conveyances. Cowell.


QUIETE CLAMARE. L. Lat. To quit-claim or renounce all pretensions of right and title. Bract. fols. 1, 5.

QUIETUS. In old English law. Quit; acquitted; discharged. A word used by the clerk of the pipe, and auditors in the exchequer, in their acquittances or discharges given to accountants; usually concluding with an abinde recessiti quietus, (hath gone quit thereof,) which was called a "quietus est."

In modern law, the word denotes an acquittance or discharge; as of an executor or administrator, (White v. Ditson, 140 Mass. 351, 4 N. E. 606, 64 Am. Rep. 473,) or of a judge or attorney general, (3 Mod. 99.)

QUIETUS REDDITUS. In old English law. Quitrent. Spelman. See QUIRTENT.

Quilibet potest renunciare juri pro se introducto. Every one may renounce or relinquish a right introduced for his own benefit. 2 Inst. 183; Wing. Max. p. 383, max. 123; 4 Bl. Comm. 317.

QUILLE. In French marine law. Keel; the keel of a vessel. Ord. Mar. liv. 3, tit. 6, art. 8.

QUINQUE PORTUS. In old English law. The Cinque Ports. Spelman.

QUINQUEPARTITE. Consisting of five parts; divided into five parts.

QUINSTEUME, or QUINZIME. Fifteenths; also the fifteenth day after a festival. 13 Edw. 1. See Cowell.

QUINTAL, or KINTAL. A weight of one hundred pounds. Cowell.

QUINTERONE. A term used in the West Indies to designate a person one of whose parents was a white person and the other a quadroon. Also spelled "quintroon." See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

QUITO EXACTUS. In old practice. Called or exacted the fifth time. A return made by the sheriff, after a defendant had been proclaimed, required, or exacted in five county courts successively, and failed to appear, upon which he was outlawed by the coroners of the county. 3 Bl. Comm. 283.

QUIRE OF DOVER. In English law. A record in the exchequer, showing the tenures for guarding and repairing Dover Castle, and determining the services of the Cinque Ports. 3 How. State Tr. 868.

QUIRITARIAN OWNERSHIP. In Roman law. Ownership held by a title recognized by the municipal law, in an object also recognized by that law, and in the strict character of a Roman citizen. "Roman law originally only recognized one kind of dominion, called, emphatically, 'quiritary dominion.' Gradually, however, certain real rights arose which, though they failed to satisfy all the elements of the definition of quiritary dominion, were practically its equivalent, and received from the courts a similar protection. These real rights might fall short of quiritary dominion in three respects: (1) Either in respect of the persons in whom they resided; (2) or of the subjects to which they related; or (3) of the title by which they were acquired." In the latter case, the ownership was called "bonitarian," i.e., "the property of a Roman citizen, in a subject capable of quiritary property, acquired by a title not known to the civil law, but introduced by the prætor and protected by his imperium or supreme executive power;" e.g., where res mancipi had been transferred by mere tradition. Poste's Gaius' Inst. 186.

Quisquis erit qui vult juris-consultus haberi continuer studium, velit a quoque doceeri. Jenk. Cent. Whoever wishes to be a juris-consult, let him continually study, and desire to be taught by every one.

Quisquis presuntur bonus; et semper in dubii pro reo respondendum. Every one is presumed good; and in doubtful cases the resolution should be ever for the accused.

QUIT, v. To leave; remove from; surrender possession of; as when a tenant "quilts" the premises or receives a "notice to quit."

—Notice to quit. A written notice given by a landlord to his tenant, stating that the former desires to repossess himself of the demised premises, and that the latter is required to quit and remove from the same at a time designated, either at the expiration of the term, if the tenant is in under a lease, or immediately, if the tenancy is at will or by sufferance.
QUIT, adj. Clear; discharged; free; also spoken of persons absolved or acquitted of a charge.

QUITCLAIM, v. In conveying. To release or relinquish a claim; to execute a deed of quitclaim. See QUITCLAIM, n.

QUITCLAIM, n. A release or acquittance given to one man by another, in respect of any action that he has or might have against him. Also acquitting or giving up one's claim or title. Terms de la Ley; Cowell.

—Quitclaim deed. A deed of conveyance operating by way of release; that is, intended to pass any title, interest, or claim which the grantor may have in the premises, but not professing that such title is valid, nor containing any warranty or covenants for title. See Hoyt v. Ketchem, 54 Conn. 60; 5 Atl. 606; Chew v. Keilar, 171 Mo. 215, 71 S. W. 172, Ely v. Stanford, 44 Conn. 528; Martin v. Morris, 62 Wis. 418, 22 N. W. 525; Utley v. Fee, 33 Kan. 683, 7 Pac. 555.

QUITRENT. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are denominated "quitrents," because thereby the tenant goes quit and free of all charges. 3 Cruise, Dig. 314.

QUITTANCE. An abbreviation of "acquitance;" a release, (q. c.)

QUO ANIMO. Lat. With what intention or motive. Used sometimes as a substantive, in lieu of the single word "animus," design or motive. "The quo animo is the real subject of inquiry." 1 Kent, Comm. 77.

QUO JURE. Lat. With what authority to inquire he supported his claim, in order to determine the right. It lay also in case of non-user, or long neglect of a franchise, or misuser or abuse of it; being a writ commanding the defendant to show by what warrant he exercises such a franchise, having never had any grant of it, or having forfeited it by neglect or abuse. 3 Bl. Comm. 262.

In England, and quite generally throughout the United States, this writ has given place to an "information in the nature of a quo warranto," which, though in form a criminal proceeding, is in effect a civil remedy similar to the old writ, and is the method now usually employed for trying the title to a corporate or other franchise, or to a public or corporate office. See Ames v. Kansas, 111 U. S. 449, 4 Sup. Ct. 437, 28 L. Ed. 482; People v. Londoner, 13 Colo. 303, 22 Pac. 764, 6 L. R. A. 444; State v. Owens, 83 Tex. 270; State v. Gleason, 12 Fla. 190; State v. Kearn, 17 R. I. 301, 22 Atl. 1018.

QUOAD HOC. Lat. As to this; with respect to this; so far as this in particular is concerned.

A prohibition quoad hoc is a prohibition as to certain things among others. Thus, where a party was complained against in the ecclesiastical court for matters cognizable in the temporal courts, a prohibition quoad these matters issued, i. e., as to such matters the party was prohibited from prosecuting his suit in the ecclesiastical court. Brown.

QUOAD SACRA. Lat. As to sacred things; for religious purposes.

Quaecumque modo velit; quaecumque modo possit. In any way he wishes; in any way he can. Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 484, 492.

Quod a quaque poema nomine exactum est id eidem restitutae nemo cogitare. That which has been exacted as a penalty no one is obliged to restore. Dig. 50, 17, 46.

Quod ab initio non valet in tractu temporis non convaleseet. That which is bad in its commencement improves not by lapse of time. Broom, Max. 178; 4 Coke, 2.

Quod ad jus naturale attinet omnes homines eguales sunt. All men are equal as far as the natural law is concerned. Dig. 50, 17, 32.

Quod edificatur in area legata edicit legato. Whatever is built on ground given by will goes to the legatee. Broom, Max. 424.
Quod alias bonum et justum est, si per vim vel fraudem petatur, malum et injustum efficitur. 3 Coke, 78. What otherwise is good and just, if it be sought by force and fraud, becomes bad and unjust.

Quod alias non fuit licitum, necessitas licitum facit. What otherwise was not lawful, necessity makes lawful. Fleta, lib. 5, c. 23, § 14.

Quod approbo non reprobo. What I approve I do not reject. I cannot approve and reject at the same time. I cannot take the benefit of an instrument, and at the same time repudiate it. Broom, Max. 712.

Quod attinet ad jus civile, servi pro nullis habentur, non tamen et jure naturali, quia, quod ad jus naturale attinet, omnes homines equali sunt. So far as the civil law is concerned, slaves are not reckoned as persons, but not so by natural law, for, so far as regards natural law, all men are equal. Dig. 50, 17, 32.

Quod Billa Cassetur. That the bill be quashed. The common-law form of a judgment sustaining a plea in abatement, where the proceeding is by bill, i.e., by a capias instead of by original writ.

Quod Clerici beneficiati de Cancelleria. A writ to exempt a clerk of the chancery from the contribution towards the proctors of the clergy in parliament, etc. Reg. Orig. 261.

Quod Clerici non eligantur in officio ballivi, etc. A writ which lay for a clerk, who, by reason of some land he had, was made, or was about to be made, bailiff, beadle, reeve, or some such officer, to obtain exemption from serving the office. Reg. Orig. 187.

Quod COMPUTET. That he account. Judgment quod computet is a preliminary or interlocutory judgment given in the action of account-render (also in the case of creditors' bills against an executor or administrator,) directing that accounts be taken before a master or auditor.

Quod constat clare non debet verificari. What is clearly apparent need not be proved. 10 Mod. 150.

Quod constat curiae opera testium non indiget. That which appears to the court needs not the aid of witnesses. 2 Inst. 582.

Quod contra legem et pro infecto habetur. That which is done against law is regarded as not done at all. 4 Coke, 31a.

Quod contra rationem juris receptum est, non est producendum ad consequen-

tias. That which has been received against the reason of the law is not to be drawn into a precedent. Dig. 1, 3, 14.

Quod CUM. In pleading. For that whereas. A form of introducing matter of inducement in certain actions, an assumpsit and case.

Quod datum est ecclesiae, datum est Deo. 2 Inst. 2. What is given to the church is given to God.

Quod demonstrandi causa additur rei satis, demonstran, frustra st. 10 Coke, 113. What is added to a thing sufficiently palpable, for the purpose of demonstration, is vain.

Quod dubitas, ne feceris. What you doubt of, do not do. In a case of moment, especially in cases of life, it is safest to hold that in practice which hath least doubt and danger. 1 Hale, P. C. 300.

Quod EI DEFORCEAT. In English law. The name of a writ given by St. Westm. 2, 13 Edw. I. c. 4, to the owners of a particular estate, as for life, in dower, by the curtesy, or in fee-tail, who were barred of the right of possession by a recovery had against them through their default or non-appearance in a possessory action, by which the right was restored to him who had been thus unwarily deforced by his own default. 3 Bl. Comm. 193.

Quod est ex necessitate nunquam introductur, nisi quando necessarium. 2 Rolle, 502. That which is of necessity is never introduced, unless when necessary.

Quod est inconvenient aut contra rationem non permittum est in lege. Co. Litt. 178a. That which is inconvenient or against reason is not permissible in law.

Quod est necessarium est licitum. What is necessary is lawful. Jenk. Cent. p. 76, case 45.

Quod factum est, cum in obscuro sit, ex affectione cujusque caput interpretationem. When there is doubt about an act, it receives interpretation from the (known) feelings of the actor. Dig. 50, 17, 68, 1.

Quod fieri debet facile presumitur. Halk. 153. That which ought to be done is easily presumed.

Quod fieri non debet, factum valet. That which ought not to be done, when done, is valid. Broom, Max. 182.

Quod Fuit Concessum. Which was granted. A phrase in the reports, signifying that an argument or point made was conceded or acquiesced in by the court.
Quod in jure scripto "jus" appellatur, id in lege Anglice "rectum" esse dicetur. What in the civil law is called "jus," in the law of England is said to be "rectum." (right) Co. Litt. 260; Fleta, 1. 6, c. 1, § 1.

Quod in minori valet valebit in majori; et quod in majori non valet nee valebit in minori. Co. Litt. 260a. That which is valid in the less shall be valid in the greater; and that which is not valid in the greater shall neither be valid in the less.

Quod in uno similium valet valebit in altero. That which is effectual in one of two like things shall be effectual in the other. Co. Litt. 191a.

Quod inonsulto fecimus, consultius revocemus. Jenk. Cent. 116. What we have done without due consideration, upon better consideration we may revoke.

Quod initio vitiosum est non potest tractu temporis convaleseere. That which is void from the beginning cannot become valid by lapse of time. Dig. 50, 17, 29.

Quod sequentes successoribus obvenire potest. That which follows shall be available to successors. Dig. 50, 17, 143.

Quod naturalis ratio inter omnes homines constituit, vocatur jus gentium. That which natural reason has established among all men is called the "law of nations." 1 Bl. Comm. 43; Dig. 1, 1, 9; Inst. 1, 2, 1.

Quod necessarie intelligitur non deest. 1 Bulst. 71. That which is necessarily understood is not wanting.

Quod necessitas cogit, defendit. Hale, P. C. 54. That which necessity compels, it justifies.

Quod non appareat non est; et non appareat judicialiter ante judicium. 2 Inst. 479. That which appears not is not; and nothing appears judicially before judgment.


Quod non fuerit negatum. Which was not denied. A phrase found in the old reports, signifying that an argument or proposition was not denied or controverted by the court. Latch, 213.


Quod non legitur, non creditor. What is not read is not believed. 4 Coke, 304.

Quod non potest in principal, in accessorio seu consequentio non valebit; et quod non valebit in magis propinquuo non valebit in magis remote. 8 Coke, 78. That which is not good against the principal will not be good as to accessories or consequences; and that which is not of force in regard to things near it will not be of force in regard to things remote from it.

Quod nullus esse potest id ut alien-jus fieret nulla obligatio valet efficere. No agreement can avail to make that the property of any one which cannot be acquired as property. Dig. 50, 17, 182.

Quod nullus est, est domini regis. That which is the property of nobody belongs to our lord the king. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 3; Broom, Max. 354.

Quod nullus est, est ratione naturali occupanti conceditur. That which is the property of no one is, by natural reason, given to the [first] occupant. Dig. 41, 1, 3; Inst. 2, 1, 12. Adopted in the common law. 2 Bl. Comm. 258.

Quod nullum est, nullum produceit effectum. That which is null produces no effect. Tray. Leg. Max. 519.
Quod omnes tangit ab omnibus debet supportari. That which touches or concerns all ought to be supported by all. 3 How. State Tr. 876, 1087.

QUOD PARTES REPLACITENT. That the parties do replead. The form of the judgment on award of a repleader. 2 Salk. 576.

QUOD PARTITIO FIAT. That partition be made. The name of the judgment in a suit for partition, directing that a partition be effected.

Quod pendet non est pro eo quasi sit. What is in suspense is considered as not existing during such suspense. Dig. 50, 17, 165, 1.

Quod per me non possum, nec per alium. What I cannot do by myself, I cannot by another. 4 Coke, 240; 11 Coke, 87a.

Quod per recordum probatum, non debet esse negatum. What is proved by record ought not to be denied.

QUOD PERMITTAT. That he permit. In old English law. A writ which lay for the heir of him that was disseised of his common of pasture, against the heir of the disseisor. Cowell.

QUOD PERMITTAT PROSTERNERE. That he permit to abate. In old practice. A writ, in the nature of a writ of right, which lay to abate a nuisance. 3 Bl. Comm. 221. And see Conhocton Stone Road v. Buffalo, etc., R. Co., 51 N. Y. 579, 10 Am. Rep. 646; Powell v. Furniture Co., 34 W. Va. 804, 12 S. E. 1085, 12 L. R. A. 53; Miller v. Truehart, 4 Leigh (Va.) 577.

QUOD PERSONA NEC PREBENDARII, etc. A writ which lay for spiritual persons, distrained in their spiritual possessions, for payment of a fifteenth with the rest of the parish. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 175. Obsolete.

Quod populus postremum jussit, id ius, ratum esse. What the people have last enacted, let that be the established law. A law of the Twelve Tables, the principle of which is still recognized. 1 Bl. Comm. 89.

Quod primum est intentione ultimum est in operatione. That which is first in intention is last in operation. Bac. Max.

Quod principi placuit legis habet vigorem. That which has pleased the prince has the force of law. The emperor's pleasure has the force of law. Dig. 1, 4, 1; Inst. 1, 2, 6. A celebrated maxim of imperial law.

Quod prius est verius est; et quod prius est tempore potius est jure. Co. Litt. 347. What is first is true; and what is first in time is better in law.

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Quod pro minore licitum est et pro majore licitum est. 8 Coke, 43. That which is lawful as to the minor is lawful as to the major.

QUOD PROSTRAVIT. That he do abate. The name of a judgment upon an indictment for a nuisance, that the defendant abate such nuisance.

Quod pure debetur presenti die debetur. That which is due unconditionally is due now. Tray. Leg. Max. 519.

Quod quis ex culpa sua damnum sentit non intelligitur damnum sentire. The damage which one experiences from his own fault is not considered as his damage. Dig. 50, 17, 205.

Quod quis sciens indebitum debit habe, ut postea repeteret, repeteret non potest. That which one has given, knowing it not to be due, with the intention of demanding it, he cannot recover back. Dig. 12, 6, 50.

Quod quisquis morit in hoc se exerceat. Let every one employ himself in what he knows. 11 Coke, 10.

QUOD RECUPERET. That he recover. The ordinary form of judgments for the plaintiff in actions at law. 1 Archb. Pr. K. B. 225; 1 Burrill, Pr. 246.

Quod remedio destituitur ipsa re valet si culpa absit. That which is without remedy avails of itself, if there be no fault in the party seeking to enforce it. Broom, Max. 212.

Quod semel ant bis existit preterunt legisitores. Legislators pass over what happens [only] once or twice. Dig. 1, 5, 6; Broom, Max. 46.

Quod semel meum est amplius meum esse non potest. Co. Litt. 49b. What is once mine cannot be more fully mine.

Quod semel placuit in electione, amplius displiicere non potest. Co. Litt. 146. What a party has once determined, in a case where he has an election, cannot afterwards be disavowed.

QUOD SI CONTINGAT. That if it happen. Words by which a condition might formerly be created in a deed. Litt. § 330.

Quod sub certa forma concessum vel reservatum est non tractatur ad valorem vel compensationem. That which is granted or reserved under a certain form is not permitted to be drawn into valuation or compensation. Bac. Max. 26, reg. 4. That which is granted or reserved in a certain specified form must be taken as it is grant-
ed. and will not be permitted to be made the subject of any adjustment or compensation on the part of the grantee. Ex parte Miller, 2 Hill (N. Y.) 423.

Quod subintelligitur non deest. What is understood is not wanting. 2 Ld. Raym. 832.

Quod tacite intelligitur deesse non videtur. What is tacitly understood is not considered to be wanting. 4 Coke, 22a.

Quod vanum et inutile est, lex non requirit. Co. Litt. 319. The law requires not what is vain and useless.

QUOD VIDE. Which see. A direction to the reader to look to another part of the book, or to another book, there named, for further information.

Quod voluit non dixit. What he intended he did not say, or express. An answer sometimes made in overruling an argument that the law-maker or testator meant so and so. 1 Kent, Comm. 488, note; Mann v. Mann's Ex'rs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 235.

Quodcunque aliquis ob tuteam corporis sui fecerit, jure id fecisse videtur. 2 Inst. 550. Whatever any one does in defense of his person, that he is considered to have done legally.

Quodque dissolvitur codem modo quo ligatur. 2 Rolle, 39. In the same manner that a thing is bound, in the same manner it is unbound.

QUONIAM ATTACHAMENTA. (Since the attachments.) One of the oldest books in the Scotch law. So called from the two first words of the volume. Jacob; Whishaw.

QUORUM. When a committee, board of directors, meeting of shareholders, legislative or other body of persons cannot act unless a certain number at least of them are present, that number is called a "quorum." Sweet. In the absence of any law or rule fixing the quorum, it consists of a majority of those entitled to act. See Ex parte Willcocks, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 490, 17 Am. Dec. 525; State v. Wilkesville Tp., 20 Ohio St. 293; Hedskell v. Baltimore, 65 Md. 125, 4 Atl. 116, 57 Am. Rep. 308; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 Pac. 716.

—Justice of the quorum. In English law, those justices of the peace whose presence at a session is necessary to make a lawful bench. All the justices of the peace for a county are named and appointed in one commission, which authorizes them all, jointly and severally, to keep the peace, but provides that some particular named justices or one of them shall always be present when business is to be transacted, the ancient Latin phrase being "quorum sumus A. B. esse volumus." These designated persons are the "justices of the quorum." But the distinction is long since obsolete. See 1 Bl. Comm. 351; Snider v. Rinehart, 18 Colo. 18, 31 Pac. 716; Gilbert v. Sweeter, 4 Me. 484.

Quorum prætextu nec anget nec minuit sententiam, sed tantum confirmat premissa. Plowd. 52. "Quorum prætextu" neither increases nor diminishes a sentence, but only confirms that which went before.

QUOT. In old Scotch law. A twentieth part of the movable estate of a person dying, which was due to the bishop of the diocese within which the person resided. Bell.

QUOTA. A proportional part or share; the proportional part of a demand or liability, falling upon each of those who are collectively responsible for the whole.

QUOTATION. 1. The production to a court or judge of the exact language of a statute, precedent, or other authority, in support of an argument or proposition advanced.

2. The transcription of part of a literary composition into another book or writing.

3. A statement of the market price of one or more commodities; or the price specified to a correspondent.

QUOTIENT VERDICT. A money verdict the amount of which is fixed by the following process: Each juror writes down the sum he wishes to award by the verdict; these amounts are all added together, and the total is divided by twelve, (the number of the jurors,) and the quotient stands as the verdict of the jury by their agreement. See Hamilton v. Owego Waterworks, 22 App. Div. 573, 48 N. Y. Supp. 106; Moses v. Railroad Co., 4 Misc. Rep. 322, 23 N. Y. Supp. 23.

Quoties dubia interpretatio libertatis est, secundum libertatem respondendum erit. Whenever the interpretation of liberty is doubtful, the answer should be on the side of liberty. Dig. 50, 17, 20.

Quoties idem sermon duas sententias exprimit, ea potissimum excipiat, quae gerenda aptior est. Whenever the same language expresses two meanings, that should be adopted which is the better fitted for carrying out the subject-matter. Dig. 50, 17, 67.

Quoties in stipulationibus ambiguus est, commodissimum est id accepit quo res de qua agitur in tuto sit. Whenever the language of stipulations is ambiguous, it is most fitting that that [sense] should be taken by which the subject-matter may be protected. Dig. 45, 1, 80.

Quoties in verbis nulla est ambiguitas, ibi nulla exposicio contra verba fienda est. Co. Litt. 147. When in the
words there is no ambiguity, then no exposition contrary to the words is to be made.

**QUOTUPLEX.** Of how many kinds; how many fold. A term of frequent occurrence in Sheppard's Touchstone.

**QUOUSQUE.** Lat. How long; how far; until. In old conveyances it is used as a word of limitation. 10 Coke, 41.

**QUOVIS MODO.** Lat. In whatever manner.

Quum de lucro duorum qamratur, melior est causa possidentis. When the question is as to the gain of two persons, the title of the party in possession is the better one. Dig. 50, 17, 125, 2.

Quum in testamento ambiguæ aut etiam perperam scriptum est, beneigne interpretari et secundum id quod credibile et cogitatum, credendum est. When in a will an ambiguous or even an erroneous expression occurs, it should be construed liberally and in accordance with what is thought the probable meaning of the testator. Dig. 34, 5, 24; Broom, Max. 437.

Quum principalis causa non consistit ne ea quidem quae sequuntur locum habent. When the principal does not hold, the incidents thereof ought not to obtain. Broom, Max. 496.

Quum quod ago non valet ut ago, valeat quantum valere potest. 1 Vent. 216. When what I do is of no force as to the purpose for which I do it, let it be of force to as great a degree as it can.
In the signatures of royal persons, "R." is an abbreviation for "rex" (king) or "regina" (queen.) In descriptions of land, according to the divisions of the governmental survey, it stands for "range." Otumwa, etc., R. Co. v. McWilliams, 71 Iowa, 164, 32 N. W. 315.

R. G. An abbreviation for Regula Generalis, a general rule or order of court; or for the plural of the same.

R. L. This abbreviation may stand either for "Revised Laws" or "Roman law."

R. S. An abbreviation for "Revised Statutes."

RACE. A tribe, people, or nation, belonging or supposed to belong to the same stock or lineage. "Race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Const U. S., Am. XV.

RACE-WAY. An artificial canal dug in the earth; a channel cut in the ground. Wilder v. De Cou, 26 Minn. 17, 1 N. W. 48. The channel for the current that drives a water-wheel. Webster.

RACHAT. In French law. The right of repurchase which, in English and American law, the vendor may reserve to himself. It is also called "réméré." Brown.

RACHATER. L. Fr. To redeem; to repurchase, (or buy back.) Kelham.

RACHETUM. In Scotch law. Ransom; corresponding to Saxon "weregild," a pecuniary composition for an offense. Skene; Jacob.

RACHIMBURGII. In the legal polity of the Sailans and Ripuarians and other Germanic peoples, this name was given to the judges or assessors who sat with the count in his mallum, (court,) and were generally associated with him in other matters. Spelman.

RAGEMAN. A statute, so called, of justices assigned by Edward I. and his council, to go a circuit through all England, and to hear and determine all complaints of injuries done within five years next before Michaelmas, in the fourth year of his reign. Spelman. Also a rule, form, regimen, or precedent.

RAGMAN'S ROLL, or RAGIMUND'S ROLL. A roll, called from one Ragimund or Ragimont, a legate in Scotland, who, summoning all the beneficed clergymen in that kingdom, caused them on oath to give in the true value of their benefices, according to which they were afterwards taxed by the court of Rome. Wharton.

RAILROAD. A road or way on which iron or steel rails are laid for wheels to run on, for the conveyance of heavy loads in cars or carriages propelled by steam or other motive power. The word "railway" is of exactly equivalent import.

Whether or not this term includes roads operated by horse-power, electricity, cable-lines, etc., will generally depend upon the context of the statute in which it is found. The decisions on this point are at variance.

—Railroad commission. A body of commissioners, appointed in several of the states, to regulate railway traffic within the state, with power, generally, to regulate and fix rates, see to the enforcement of police ordinances, and sometimes assess the property of railroads for taxation. See Southern Pac. Co. v. Board of Railroad Com'rs (C. C.) 78 Fed. 252.

RAILWAY. In law, this term is of exactly equivalent import to "railroad." See
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—Railway commissioners. A body of three commissioners appointed under the English regulation of railways act, 1875, principally to enforce provisions of the same. Hine, 1854, by compelling railway and canal companies to give reasonable facilities for traffic, to abstain from giving unreasonable preference to any company or person, and to forward through traffic at through rates. They also have the supervision of working agreements between companies. Sweet.

RAISE. To create. A use may be raised; i.e., a use may be created. Also to infer; to create or bring to light by construction or interpretation.

—Raise a presumption. To give occasion or ground for a presumption; to be of such a character, or to be attended with such circumstances, as to justify an inference or presumption of law. Thus, a person's silence, in some instances, will "raise a presumption" of his consent to what is done.—Raise an issue. To bring into existence an issue, to have the effect of producing an issue between the parties pleading in an action.—Raise revenue. To levy a tax, as a means of collecting revenue; to bring together, collect, or levy revenue. The phrase does not imply an increase of revenue. Perry County v. Selma, etc., R. Co., 58 Ala. 557.—Raising a promise. By this phrase is meant the act of the law in extracting from the facts and circumstances of a particular transaction a promise which was implicit therein, and postulating it as a ground of legal liability.—Raising a use. Creating, establishing, or calling into existence a use. Thus, if a man conveyed land to another in fee, without any consideration, equity would presume that he meant it to be to the use of himself, and would therefore raise an implied use for his benefit. Brown.—Raising an action, in Scotland, is the institution of an action or suit.—Raising money. To raise money is to realize money by subscription, loan, or otherwise. New York & R. Co. v. Davis, 173 N. Y. 235, 66 N. E. 9; patentees appointed under the English railway act, 1835, principally to enable railway companies to give reasonable facilities for traffic, and to prevent and restrain trespasses as trespassers in his bailiwick; to drive the beasts of the forest, both of venery and chase, out of the deforested lands; and to present all trespassers of the forest at the next courts holden for the forest. Cowell.

RANK. n. The order or place in which certain officers are placed in the army and navy, in relation to others. Wood v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 153.

RANK, adj. In English law. Exceptional; too large in amount; as a rank modulus. 2 Bl. Comm. 30.

RANKING OF CREDITORS is the Scotch term for the arrangement of the property of a debtor according to the claims of the creditors in consequence of the nature of their respective securities. Bell. The corresponding process in England is the marshalling of the securities in a suit or action for redemption or foreclosure. Paterson.

RANSOM. In international law. The redemption of captured property from the hands of an enemy, particularly of property captured at sea. 1 Kent, Comm. 104. A sum paid or agreed to be paid for the redemption of captured property. 1 Kent, Comm. 105.

A "ransom," strictly speaking, is not a recapitulation of the captured property. It is rather a purchase of the right of the captors at the time, by what it may; or, more properly, it is a relinquishment of all the interest and benefit which the captors might acquire or consummate in the property, by a regular adjudication of a prize tribunal, whether it be an interest in rem, a lien, or a mere title to expenses. In this respect, there seems to be no difference between the case of a ransom of an enemy or a neutral. Maisonneuve v. Keating, 2 Gall. 325; Fed. Cases, No. 8,978.

In old English law. A sum of money paid for the pardoning of some great offense. The distinction between ransom and amer­

RANGER. A body of three commis­

RANTED BILL. A contract by which a cap­

rancho. Sp. A small collection of men or their dwellings; a hamlet. As used, however, in Mexico and in the Spanish law for meaning a city in California, the term signifies a rancho or a tract of land suitable for grazing purposes where horses or cattle are raised, and is distinguished from hacienda, a cultivated farm or plantation

range. In the government survey of the United States, this term is used to denote one of the divisions of a state, and designates a row or tier of townships as they appear on the map.

RANGER. In forest law. A sworn officer of the forest, whose office chiefly consists in three points: To walk daily through his charge to see, hear, and inquire as well of trespassers as trespassers in his bailiwick; to drive the beasts of the forest, both of venery and chase, out of the deforested lands; and to present all trespassers of the forest at the next courts holden for the forest. Cowell.
RAPE. In criminal law. The unlawful carnal knowledge of a woman by a man forcibly and against her will. Code Ga. § 4340; Gore v. State, 119 Ga. 418, 46 S. E. 671, 100 Am. St. Rep. 182; Maxey v. State, 66 Ark. 523, 52 S. W. 2; Croghan v. State, 22 Wis. 444; State v. Montgomery, 63 Mo. 298; People v. Crego, 70 Mich. 319, 38 N. W. 281; Felton v. State, 150 Ind. 551, 39 N. E. 231.

In English law. An intermediate division between a shire and a hundred; or a division of a county, containing several hundreds. 1 Bl. Comm. 116; Cowell. Apparently peculiar to the county of Sussex.


RAPINE. In criminal law. Plunder; pillage; robbery. In the civil law, rapine is defined as the forcible and violent taking of another man's movable property with the criminal intent to appropriate it to the robber's own use. A prætorian action lay for this offense, in which quadruple damages were recoverable. Gaius, lib. 3, § 209; Inst. 4, 2; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 481; Heinecc. Elem. § 1071.

RAPPOR À SUCCESIÓN. In French law and in Louisiana. A proceeding similar to hotchpot; the restoration to the succession of such property as the heir may have received by way of advancement from the decedent, in order that an even division may be made among all the co-heirs. Civ. Code La. art. 1305.

RAPTOR. In old English law. A raver. Fletas, lib. 2, c. 52, § 12.

RAPTU HÆREDIS. In old English law. A writ for taking away an heir holding in socage, of which there were two sorts: One when the heir was married; the other when he was not. Reg. Orig. 103.


RASURE. The act of scraping, scratching, or shaving the surface of a written instrument, for the purpose of removing certain letters or words from it. It is to be distinguished from "obliteration," as the latter word properly denotes the crossing out of a word or letter by drawing a line through it with ink. But the two expressions are often used interchangeably. See Penny v. Corwith, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 499.

RASUS. In old English law. A rasæ; a measure of onions, containing twenty flones, and each flonis twenty-five heads. Fletas, lib. 2, c. 12, § 12.

RATIFICATION. The confirmation of a previous act done either by the party himself or by another; confirmation of a voidable act. See Story, Ag. §§ 250, 251; 2 Kent,
RATIFICATION


This is where a person adopts a contract or other transaction which is not binding on him, because it was entered into by an unauthorized agent or the like. Leake, Cont. 268.

RATHABITIO. Lat. Confirmation, agreement, consent, approbation of a contract. Saltmarsh v. Candla, 51 N. H. 76.

Rathabitio mandato equiparatur. Ratification is equivalent to express command. Dig. 46, 5, 12, 4; Broom, Max. 867; Palmer v. Yates, 3 Sandf. (N. Y.) 151.

RATIO. Rate; proportion; degree. Reason, or understanding. Also a cause, or giving judgment therein.

—Ratio decidendi. The ground of decision. The point in a case which determines the judgment.—Ratio legis. The reason or occasion of a law: the occasion of making a law. Bl. Law Tracts, 3.

Ratio est formalis causa consuetudinis. Reason is the formal cause of custom.

Ratio est legis anima; mutata legis mutatur et lex. 7 Coke, 7. Reason is the soul of law; the reason of law being changed, the law is also changed.

Ratio est radius divini luminis. Co. Litt. 232. Reason is a ray of the divine light.

Ratio et auctoritas, duo clarissima mundi lumina. 4 Inst. 320. Reason and authority, the two brightest lights of the world.

Ratio legis est anima legis. Jenk. Cent. 45. The reason of law is the soul of law.

Ratio potest allegari denuo et alibi legem sed ratio vera et legis, et non apparent. Co. Litt. 191. Reason may be alleged when law is defective; but it must be true and legal reason, and not merely apparent.

RATIONABLE ESTOVERUM. A Latin phrase equivalent to "alimony."

RATIONABILI PARTE BONORUM. A writ that lay for the wife against the executors of her husband, to have the third part of his goods after his just debts and funeral expenses had been paid. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122.

RATIONABILIBUS DIVISIS. An abolished writ which lay where two lords, in divers towns, had seigniories adjoining, for him who found his waste by little and little to have been encroached upon, against the other, who had encroached, thereby to rectify their bounds. Cowell.

RATIONE IMPOTENTIÆ. Lat. On account of inability. A ground of qualified property in some animals fera nature; as in the young ones, while they are unable to fly or run. 2 Bl. Comm. 3, 4.

RATIONE MATERLÆ. Lat. By reason of the matter involved; in consequence of, or from the nature of, the subject-matter.

RATIONE PERSONÆ. Lat. By reason of the person concerned; from the character of the person.

RATIONE PRIVILEGII. Lat. This term describes a species of property in wild animals, which consists in the right which, by a peculiar franchise anciently granted by the English crown, by virtue of its prerogative, one man may have of killing and taking such animals on the land of another. 106 E. O. L. 870.

RATIONE SOIL. Lat. On account of the soil; with reference to the soil. Said to be the ground of ownership in bees. 2 Bl. Comm. 393.

RATIONE TENUREÆ. L. Lat. By reason of tenure; as a consequence of tenure. 3 Bl. Comm. 230.

RATIONES. In old law. The pleadings in a suit. Rationes exercere, or ad rationes stare, to plead.

RATTENING is where the members of a trade union cause the tools, clothes, or other property of a workman to be taken away or hidden, in order to compel him to join the union or cease working. It is, in England, an offense punishable by fine or imprisonment. 38 & 39 Vict. c. 86, § 7. —Sweet.


RAVISHMENT. In criminal law. An unlawful taking of a woman, or of an heir in ward. Rape.

—Ravishment de gard. L. Fr. An abolished writ which lay for a guardian by knight's service or in socage, against a person who took from him the body of his ward. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 140; 12 Car. II. c. 3.—Ravishment of ward. In English law. The marriage of an infant ward without the consent of the guardian.

RAZE. To erase. 3 How. State Tr. 155.
REAZON. In Spanish law. Cause, (causa.) Las Partidas, pt. 4, tit. 4, l. 2.

REE. Lat. In the matter of; in the case of. A term of frequent use in designating judicial proceedings, in which there is only one party. Thus, "Re Vivian" signifies "In the matter of Vivian," or in "Vivian's Case." 

REE. FA. LO. The abbreviation of "recordari facias loquelaum," (q. v.)

Re, verba, scripto, consensu, traditiones, junctura vetasit sumere pacta solent. Compacts usually take their clothing from the thing itself, from words, from writing, from consent, from delivery. Plowd. 161.

READERS. In the middle temple, those persons were so called who were appointed to deliver lectures or "readings" at certain periods during term. The clerks in holy orders who read prayers and assist in the performance of divine service, during term. The clerks in holy orders who read prayers and assist in the performance of divine service, are also so termed. 

READING-IN. In English ecclesiastical law. The title of a person admitted to a benefice, or other benefice will be divested unless within two months after actual possession he publicly read in the church of the benefice, upon some Lord's day, and at the appointed times, the morning and evening service, according to the book of common prayer; and afterwards, publicly before the congregation, declare his assent to such book; and also publicly read the thirty-nine articles in the same church, in the time of common prayer, with declaration of his assent thereto; and moreover, within three months after his admission, read upon some Lord's day in the same church, in the presence of the congregation, in the time of divine service, a declaration by him subscribed before the ordinary, of conformity to the Liturgy, together with the certificate of the ordinary of its having been so subscribed. 2 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 857; Wharton.

REAFFORESTED. Where a deforestation forest is again made a forest. 20 Car. II. c. 3.

REAL. In common law. Relating to land, as distinguished from personal property. This term is applied to lands, tenements, and hereditaments.

In the civil law. Relating to a thing, (whether movable or immovable,) as distinguished from a person.

-Real burden, in Scotch law. Where a right to lands is expressly granted under the burden of a specific sum, which is declared a burden on the lands themselves, or where the right is declared null if the sum be not paid, and where the amount of the sum, and the name of the creditor in it, can be discovered from the records, the burden is said to be real. Bell—Real chymin. 1 Fr. In Old English law. The royal way; the king's highway, (regio vid.)

--- Real things, (or things real.) In common law. Such things as are permanent, fixed, and immovable, which cannot be carried out of their place; as lands and tenements. 2 Bl. Comm. 15. Things substantial and immovable, and the rights and profits annexed to or issuing out of them. 1 Steph. Comm. 156.


REAL LAW. At common law. The body of laws relating to real property. This use of the term is popular rather than technical.

In the civil law. A law which relates to specific property, whether movable or immovable.

Laws purely real directly and indirectly regulate property, and the rights of property, without intermeddling with or changing the state of the person. Wharton.

REALITY. In foreign law. That quality of laws which concerns property or things, (qua ad rem spectant.) Story, Confl. Laws, § 16.

REALIZE. To convert any kind of property into money; but especially to receive the returns from an investment. See Bittiner v. Gomprecht, 28 Misc. Rep. 218, 58 N. Y. Supp. 1011.

REALM. A kingdom; a country. 1 Taunt. 270; 4 Camp. 280.

REALTY. A brief term for real property; also for anything which partakes of the nature of real property.

---Quasi reality. Things which are fixed in contemplation of law to reality, but movable in themselves, as heir-looms, (or limbs of the inheritance,) title-deeds, court rolls, etc. Wharton.

REAPPRAISER. A person who, in certain cases, is appointed to make a revaluation or second appraisement of imported goods at the custom-house.

REASON. A faculty of the mind by which it distinguishes truth from falsehood, good from evil, and which enables the possessor to deduce inferences from facts or from propositions. Webster. Also an inducement, motive, or ground for action, as in the phrase "reasons for an appeal." See Nelson v. Clongland, 15 Wils. 393; Miller v. Miller, 8 Johns. (N. Y.) 77.
REASONABLE. Agreeable to reason; just; proper. Ordinary or usual.

Reasonable act. Such as may fairly, justly, and reasonably be required of a party.—Reasonable and probable cause. Such grounds as justify any one in suspecting another of a crime, and giving him in custody thereon. It is a defense to an action for false imprisonment.

Reasonable creature. Under the common-law rule that murder is taking the life of a "reasonable creature" under the king's peace, with malice aforethought, the phrase means a human being, and has no reference to his mental condition, as it includes a lunatic, an idiot, and even an unborn child. See State v. Jones, Walk. (Miss.) 33.—Reasonable part. In old English law. That share of a man's goods which the law gave to his wife and children after his decease. 2 Bl. Comm. 492.


REASSURANCE. This is where an insurer procures the whole or a part of the sum which he has insured (i.e., contracted to pay in case of loss, death, etc.) to be insured again to him by another person. Sweet.

REATTACHMENT. A second attachment of him who was formerly attached, and dismissed the court without day, by the not coming of the justices, or some such casualty. Reg. Orig. 35.

REBATE. Discount; reducing the interest of money in consideration of prompt payment. Also a deduction from a stipulated premium on a policy of insurance, in pursuance of an antecedent contract. Also a deduction or drawback from a stipulated payment, charge, or rate, (as, a rate for the transportation of freight by a railroad,) not taken out in advance of payment, but handed back to the payer after he has paid the full stipulated sum.

REBEL. The name of rebels is given to all subjects who unjustly take up arms against the ruler of the society, [or the lawful and constitutional government,] whether their view be to deprive him of the supreme authority or to resist his lawful commands in some particular instance, and to impose conditions on him. Vatt. Law Nat. bk. 3, § 288.


In old English law, the term "rebellion" was also applied to contempt of a court manifested by disobedience to its process, particularly of the court of chancery. If a defendant refused to appear, after attachment and proclamation, a "commission of rebellion" issued against him. 3 Bl. Comm. 444.


REBELLIOUS ASSEMBLY. In English law. A gathering of twelve persons or more, intending, going about, or practicing unlawfully and of their own authority to change any laws of the realm; or to destroy the inclosure of any park or ground inclosed, banks of fish-ponds, pools, conduits, etc., to the intent the same shall remain void; or that they shall have way in any of the said grounds; or to destroy the deer in any park, fish in ponds, conies in any warren, dove-houses, etc.; or to burn sacks of corn; or to abate rents or prices of victuals, etc. See Cowell.

REBOUTER. To repel or bar. The action of the heir by the warranty of his ancestor is called "to rebut or repel." 2 Co. Litt. 247.

REBUS SIC STANTIBUS. Lat. At this point of affairs; in these circumstances.

REBUT. In pleading and evidence. To rebut is to defeat or take away the effect of something. Thus, when a plaintiff in an action produces evidence which raises a presumption of the defendant's liability, and the defendant adduces evidence which shows that the presumption is ill-founded, he is said to "rebut it." Sweet.

In the old law of real property, to rebut was to repel or bar a claim. Thus, when a person was sued for land which had been warranted to him by the plaintiff or his ancestor, and he pleaded the warranty as a defense to the action, this was called a "rebutter." Co. Litt. 355a; Termes de la Ley.

REBUTTAL. The introduction of rebutting evidence; the stage of a trial at which such evidence may be rebutted by evidence. Otherwise called a "disputable" presumption. A species of legal presumption which holds good until disproved. See 2 Whart. Ev. § 973.

REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION. In the law of evidence. A presumption which may be rebutted by evidence. Otherwise called a "disputable" presumption. A species of legal presumption which holds good until disproved. Best, Pres. § 25; 1 Greenl. Ev. § 33.

REBUTAL. The introduction of rebutting evidence; the stage of a trial at which such evidence may be introduced; also the rebutting evidence itself. Lux v. Haggin, 69 Cal. 255, 10 Pac. 674.

REBUTTER. In pleading. A defendant's answer of fact to a plaintiff's surrejoinder; the third pleading in the series on
REBUTTING EVIDENCE. See Evidence.

RECALL. In international law. To summon a diplomatic minister back to his home court, at the same time depriving him of his office and functions.

RECALL A JUDGMENT. To revoke, cancel, vacate, or reverse a judgment for matters of fact; when it is annulled by reason of errors of law, it is said to be "reversed."

RECAPTION. A retaking, or taking back. A species of remedy by the mere act of the party injured, (otherwise termed "reprisal," which happens when any one has deprived another of his property in good or chattels personal, or wrongfully detains one's wife, child, or servant. In this case, the owner of the goods, and the husband, parent, or master may lawfully claim and retake them, wherever he happens to find them, so it be not in a riotous manner, or attended with a breach of the peace. 3 Inst. 134; 3 Bl. Comm. 4; 3 Steph. Comm. 358; Prigg v. Pennsylvania, 16 Pet. 612, 10 L. Ed. 1060.

It also signifies the taking a second distress of one formerly distrained during the plea grounded on the former distress. Also a writ to recover damages for him whose goods, being distrained for rent in service, etc., are distrained again for the same cause, pending the plea in the county court, or before the justice. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 71.

RECAPTURE. The taking from an enemy, by a friendly force, a vessel previously taken for prize by such enemy.

Receditur a placitis juris, potius quam injuriis et delicta maneant impunita. Positive rules of law [as distinguished from maxims or conclusions of reason] will be receded from, [given up or dispensed with] rather than that crimes and wrongs should remain unpunished. Bac. Max. 55, reg. 12.

RECEIPT. A receipt is the written acknowledgment of the receipt of money, or a thing of value, without containing any affirmative obligation upon either party to it; a mere admission of a fact, in writing. Krutz v. Craig, 53 Ind. 574.

A receipt may be defined to be such a written acknowledgment by one person of his having received money from another as will be prima facie evidence of that fact in a court of law. Kegg v. State, 10 Ohio, 75.

Also the act or transaction of accepting or taking anything delivered.

In old practice. Admission of a party to defend a suit, as of a wife on default of the husband in certain cases. Litt. § 608; Co. Litt. 552b.

RECEIVER. A name given in some of the states to a person who receives from the sheriff goods which the latter has seized under process of garnishment, on giving to the sheriff a bond conditioned to have the property forthcoming when demanded or when execution issues. Story, Bailm. § 124.

RECEIVER. A receiver is an indifferent person between the parties appointed by the court to collect and receive the rents, issues, and profits of land, or the produce of personal estate, or other things which it does not seem reasonable to the court that either party should do; or where a party is incompetent to do so, as in the case of an infant. The remedy of the appointment of a receiver is one of the very oldest in the court of chancery, and is founded on the inadequacy of the remedy to be obtained in the court of ordinary jurisdiction. Brev. Eq. § 576. See Hay v. McDaniel, 29 Ind. App. 683, 59 N. E. 729; Hale v. Hardon, 95 Fed. 773, 37 C. C. A. 240; Wiswall v. Kunz, 173 Ill. 110, 50 N. E. 184; State v. Gambs, 68 Mo. 297; Nevitt v. Woodburn, 190 Ill. 283, 60 N. E. 500; Kennedy v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 3 Fed. 103.

One who receives money to the use of another to render an account. Story, Eq. Jur. § 446.

In criminal law. One who receives stolen goods from thieves, and conceals them. Cowell. This was always the prevalent sense of the word In the common as well as the civil law.

—Receiver general of the duchy of Lancaster. An officer of the duchy court, who collects all the revenues, fines, forfeitures, and assessments within the duchy.—Receiver general of the public revenue. In English law. An officer appointed in every county to receive the taxes granted by parliament, and remit the money to the treasury.—Receiver of fines. An English officer who receives the money from persons who compound with the crown on original writs sued out of chancery. Wharton.—Receivers and triers of petitions. The mode of receiving and trying petitions to parliament was formerly judicial rather than legislative, and the triers were committees of prelates, peers, and judges, and, latterly, of the members generally. Brown.—Receiver's certificate. A non-negotiable evidence of debt, or debenture, issued by authority of a court of chancery, as a first lien upon the property of a debtor corporation in the hands of a receiver. Beach, Rec. § 379.—Receivers of wreck. Persons appointed by the English board of trade. The duties of a receiver of wreck are to take steps for the preservation of any vessel stranded or in distress within his district; to receive and take possession of all articles washed on shore from the vessel; to use force for the suppression of plunder and disorder; to institute an examination on oath with respect to the vessel; and, if necessary, to sell the vessel, cargo, or wreck. Sweet.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS. The short name usually given to the offense of

the part of the defendant. Steph. Pl. 50; 3 Bl. Comm. 310.

REBUTTING EVIDENCE. See Evidence.
receiving any property with the knowledge that it has been feloniously or unlawfully stolen, taken, extorted, obtained, embezzled, or disposed of. Sweet.

RECEPTE. In old English law. Fresh suit; fresh pursuit. Pursuit of a thief immediately after the discovery of the robbery. 1 Bl. Comm. 297.

RECÉPISSE DE COTISATION. In French law. A receipt setting forth the extent of the interest subscribed by a member of a mutual insurance company. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 571.

RECEPTUS. Lat. In the civil law. The name sometimes given to an arbitrator, because he had been received or chosen to settle the differences between the parties. Dig. 4, 8; Cod. 2, 93.

RECESS. In the practice of the courts, a recess is a short interval or period of time during which the court suspends business, but without adjourning. See In re Gannon, 69 Cal. 541, 11 Pac. 240. In legislative practice, a recess is the interval, occurring in consequence of an adjournment, between the sessions of the same continuous legislative body; not the interval between the final adjournment of one body and the convening of another at the next regular session. See Tip-ton v. Parker, 71 Ark. 193, 74 S. W. 298.

RECESSION. The act of ceding back; the restoration of the title and dominion of a territory, by the government which now holds it, to the government from which it was obtained by cession or otherwise. 2 White, Recop. 516.

RECESSUS MARIS. Lat. In old English law. A going back; reflection or retreat of the sea.

RECT. Ger. Right; justice; equity; the whole body of law; unwritten law; law; also a right.

There is much ambiguity in the use of this term, an ambiguity which it shares with the French “droit,” the Italian “diritto,” and the English “right.” On the one hand, the term “recht” answers to the Roman “jus,” and thus indicates law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content. Taken in this abstract sense, the term may be an adjective, in which case it is equivalent to the English “just,” or a noun, in which case it may be paraphrased by the expressions “justice,” “morality,” or “equity.” On the other hand, it serves to point out a right; that is, a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person, and incident upon another. In the latter significantation “recht” (or “droit,” or “diritto,” or “right”) is the correlative of “duty” or “obligation.” In the former sense, it may be considered as opposed to wrong, injustice, or the absence of law. The word “recht” has the further ambiguity that it is used in contradiction to “peaca,” as “jus” is opposed to “ius,” or the unwritten law to enacted law. See Droit; Jus; Right.

RECIDIVE. In French law. The state of an individual who commits a crime or misdemeanor, after having once been condemned for a crime or misdemeanor; a relapse. Dalloz.

RECIPROCAL CONTRACT. A contract, the parties to which enter into mutual engagements. A mutual or bilateral contract.

RECIPROCAL WILLS. Wills made by two or more persons in which they make reciprocal testamentary provisions in favor of each other, whether they unite in one will or each executes a separate one. In re Cowley’s Estate, 136 Pa. 628, 20 Atl. 567, 10 L. R. A. 93.

RECIPROCITY. Mutuality. The term is used in international law to denote the relation existing between two states when each of them gives the subjects of the other certain privileges, on condition that its own subjects shall enjoy similar privileges at the hands of the latter state. Sweet.

RECTAL. The formal statement or setting forth of some matter of fact, in any deed or writing, in order to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. The recitals are situated in the premises of a deed, that is, in that part of a deed between the date and the habendum, and they usually commence with the formal word “whereas.” Brown.

The formal preliminary statement in a deed or other instrument, of such deeds, agreements, or matters of fact as are necessary to explain the reasons upon which the transaction is founded. 2 Bl. Comm. 298

In pleading. The statement of matter as introductory to some positive allegation, beginning in declarations with the words, “For that whereas.” Steph. Pl. 385, 389.

RECTE. To state in a written instrument facts connected with its inception, or reasons for its being made. Also to quote or set forth the words or the contents of some other instrument or document; as, to “recte” a statute. See Hart v. Baltimore & O. R. Co., 6 W. Va. 348.

RECKLESSNESS. Rashness; heedlessness; wanton conduct. The state of mind accompanying an act, which either pays no regard to its probably or possibly injurious

RECLAIM. To claim or demand back; to ask for the return or restoration of a thing; to insist upon one’s right to recover that which was one’s own, but was parted with conditionally or mistakenly; as, to reclaim goods which were obtained from one under false pretenses.

In feudal law, it was used of the action of a lord pursuing, prosecuting, and recalling his vassal, who had gone to live in another place, without his permission.

In international law, it denotes the demanding of a thing or person to be delivered up or surrendered to the government or state to which either properly belongs, when, by an irregular means, it has come into the possession of another. Wharton.

In the law of property. Spoken of animals, to reduce from a wild to a tame or domestic state; to tame them. In an analogous sense, to reclaim land is to reduce marshy or swamp land to a state fit for cultivation and habitation.

In Scotch law. To appeal. The reclaiming days in Scotland are the days allowed to the party dissatisfied with the judgment of the lord ordinary to appeal therefrom to the inner house; and the petition of appeal is called the reclaiming “bill,” “note,” or “petition.” Mozley & Whitley; Bell.

RECLAIMED ANIMALS. Those that are made tame by art, industry, or education, whereby a qualified property may be acquired in them.

RECLAIMING BILL. In Scotch law. A petition of appeal or review of a judgment of the lord ordinary or other inferior court. Bell.

RECLAMATION DISTRICT. A subdivision of a state created by legislative authority, for the purpose of reclaiming swamp, marshy, or desert lands within its boundaries and rendering them fit for habitation or cultivation, generally with funds raised by local taxation or the issue of bonds, and sometimes with authority to make rules or ordinances for the regulation of the work in hand.


RECOGNITION. Ratification; confirmation; an acknowledgment that something done by another person in one’s name had one’s authority.

An inquiry conducted by a chosen body of men, not sitting as part of the court, into the facts in dispute in a case at law; these “recognizers” preceded the jurymen of modern times, and reported their recognition or verdict to the court. Stim. Law Gloss.

RECOGNITONE ADNULLANDA PER VIM ET DURITIEM FACTA. A writ to the justices of the common bench for sending a record touching a recognition, which the recognizer suggests was acknowledged by force and duress; that if it so appear the recognizance may be annulled. Reg. Orig. 183.

RECOGNITORS. In English law. The name by which the jurors impaneled on an assize are known. See Recognition.

The word is sometimes met in modern books, as meaning the person who enters into a recognizance, being thus another form of recognizer.

RECOGNIZANCE. An obligation of record, entered into before some court of record, or magistrate duly authorized, with condition to do some particular act; as to appear at the assizes, or criminal court, to keep the peace, to pay a debt, or the like. It resembles a bond, but differs from it in being an acknowledgment of a former debt upon record.


In criminal law, a person who has been found guilty of an offense may, in certain cases, be required to enter into a recognizance by which he binds himself to keep the peace for a certain period. Sweet.

In the practice of several of the states, a recognizance is a species of bail-bond or security, given by the prisoner either on being bound over for trial or on his taking an appeal.

RECOGNIZE. To try; to examine in order to determine the truth of a matter. Also to enter into a recognizance.

RECOGNIZEE. He to whom one is bound in a recognizance.

RECOGNIZOR. He who enters into a recognizance.

RECOLEMENT. In French law. This is the process by which a witness, who has
RECOMMENDATION. In feudal law. A method of converting allodial land into feudal property. The owner of the allod surrendered it to the king or a lord, doing homage, and received it back as a benefice or feu, to hold to himself and such of his heirs as he had previously nominated to the superior.

The act of one person in giving to another a favorable account of the character, responsibility, or skill of a third.

—Letter of recommendation. A writing whereby one person certifies concerning another that he is of good character, or skill of a third.

RECOMMENDATORY. Precatory, advisory, or directory. Recommendatory words in a will are such as do not express the testator's command in a peremptory form, but advise, counsel, or suggest that a certain course be pursued or disposition made.

RECOMPENSATION. In Scotland, where a party sues for a debt, and the defendant pleads compensation, i.e., set-off, the plaintiff may allege a compensation on his part; and this is called a "recompensation." Bell.

RECOMPENSE. A reward for services; remuneration for goods or other property.

RECOMPENSE OR RECOVERY IN VALUE. That part of the judgment in a "common recovery" by which the tenant is declared entitled to recover lands of equal value with those which were warranted to him and lost by the default of the vouchee. See 2 Bl. Comm. 353-359.

RECONCILIATION. The renewal of amicable relations between two persons that had been at enmity or variance; usually implying forgiveness of injuries on one or both sides. It is sometimes used in the law of divorce as a term synonymous or analogous to "condonation."

RECONCILIATION. In the civil law. A renewing of a former lease; relocation. Dig. 19, 2, 13, 11; Code Nap. arts. 1737-1740.

RECONSTRUCTION. The name commonly given to the process of reorganizing, by acts of congress and executive action, the governments of the states which had passed ordinances of secession, and of re-establishing their constitutional relations to the national government, restoring their representation in congress, and effecting the necessary changes in their internal government, after the close of the civil war. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 48; Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 700, 19 L. Ed. 227.

RECONTINUANCE seems to be used to signify that a person has recovered an incorporeal hereditament of which he had been wrongfully deprived. Thus, "A. is dispossessed of a manor, whereunto an advowson is appendant, an estranger [i.e., neither A. nor the disseisor] usurpes to the advowson; if the disseisee [A.] enter into the manor, the advowson is recontinued again, which was severed by the usurpation. * * *

And so note a diversitie between a recontinuance and a remitter; for a remitter cannot be properly, unless there be two titles; but a recontinuance may be where there is but one." Co. Litt. 3639; Sweet.

RECONVENIRE. Lat. In the canon and civil law. To make a cross-demand upon the actor, or plaintiff. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 34, and note, (r.)

RECONVENTION. In the civil law. An action by a defendant against a plaintiff in a former action;a cross-bill or litigation.

The term is used in practice in the states of Louisiana and Texas, derived from the reconventio of the civil law. Reconvestion is not identical with set-off, but more extensive. See Pacific Exp. Co. v. Malm, 132 U. S. 531, 10 Sup. Ct. 128, 33 L. Ed. 439; Suberville v. Adams, 47 La. Ann. 68, 16 South. 852; Gimbel v. Gomprecht, 59 Tex. 497, 35 S. W. 470.

RECONVERSION. That imaginary process by which a prior constructive conversion is annulled, and the converted property restored in contemplation of law to its original state.

RECONVEYANCE takes place where a mortgage debt is paid off, and the mortgaged property is conveyed again to the mortgage or his representatives free from the mortgage debt. Sweet.


RECORD. c. To register or enroll; to write out on parchment or paper, or in a book, for the purpose of preservation and perpetual memorial; to transcribe a document, or enter the history of an act or series of acts, in an official volume, for the purpose of giving notice of the same, of furnishing authentic evidence, and for preservation. See Cady v. Purser, 131 Cal. 552, 63 Pac. 844. 82
RECORD, n. A written account of some act, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as permanent evidence of the matters to which it relates.

There are three kinds of records, viz.: (1) judicial, as an attainer; (2) ministerial, on oath, being an office or inquisition found; (3) by way of conveyance, as a deed enrolled.

Wharton.

In practice. A written memorial of all the acts and proceedings in an action or suit, in a court of record. The record is the official and authentic history of the cause, consisting in entries of each successive step in the proceedings, chronicling the various acts of the parties and of the court, couched in the formal language established by usage, terminating with the judgment rendered in the cause, and intended to remain as a perpetual and unimpeachable memorial of the proceedings and judgment.

At common law, "record" signifies a roll of parchment upon which the proceedings and transactions of a court are entered or drawn up by its officers, and which is then deposited in its treasury in perpetuum rei memoriam. 3 Steph. Comm. 583; 3 Bl. Comm. 24. A court of record is that where the acts and judicial proceedings are enrolled in parchment for a perpetual memorial and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority as to prevent their truth from being assailed, as is not to be called in question. 2 Rolle, 296.

In the practice of appellate tribunals, the word "record" is generally understood to mean the history of the proceedings on the trial of the action below, (with the pleadings, offers, objections to evidence, rulings of the court, exceptions, charge, etc.) in so far as the same appears in the record furnished to the appellate court in the paper-books or other transcripts. Hence, derivatively, it means the aggregate of the various judicial steps taken on the trial below, in so far as they were taken, presented, or allowed in the formal and proper manner necessary to put them upon the record of the court. This is the meaning in such phrases as "no error in the record," "contents of the record," "outside the record," etc.

—Conveyances by record. Extraordinary assurances; such as private acts of parliament and royal grants.—Courts of record. Those whose judicial acts and proceedings are enrolled in parchment, for a perpetual memorial and testimony, which rolls are called the "records of the court," and are of such high and supereminent authority that their truth is not to be called in question. Every court of record has authority to fine and imprison for contempt of its authority. 3 Broom & H. Comm. 30. —Debts of record. Those which appear to be due by the evidence of a court of record; such as judgment, recognizance, etc.—Diminution of record. Incidents of the record sent up on appeal. See DIMINUTION.—Matter of record. See MATTER.—Null tiet record. See to NULLITY OF RECORD. See to that title. —Pocket record. A statute so called. Brownl. pt. 2, p. 81.—Public record. A record, memorial of an act, transaction, written evidence of something done, or document, considered as either concerning or interesting the public, affording notice or information to the public, or open to public inspection. See Keese v. Donnell, 92 Me. 151, 42 Atl. 345; Colnon v. Orr, 71 Cal. 43, 11 Pac. 814.—Record and write clerk. Four officers under authority of law, by a proper officer, acting under authority of law, by a proper officer, acting at the instance of the party, of record. A written account of some act, transaction, or instrument, drawn up, under authority of law, by a proper officer, and designed to remain as a perpetual and unimpeachable memorial of the matters to which it relates. Hence, derivatively, it means the history of the proceedings on the trial of the action below, (with the pleadings, charge, etc.,) so far as it was filed and presented to the court on a day given for the purpose, and, if he fails to do so, judgment is given for his adversary. Co. Litt. 117b, 260a; 3 Bl. Comm. 331.

Records sunt vestigia vetustatis et veritatis. Records are vestiges of antiquity and truth. 2 Rolle, 296.


RECORDARI FACIAS LOCUTELAM. In English practice. A writ by which a suit or plaint in replevin may be removed from a county court to one of the courts of Westminster Hall. 3 Bl. Comm. 149; 3 Steph. Pl. 522, 666. So termed from the emphatic words of the old writ, by which the sheriff was commanded to cause the plaint to be recorded, and to have the record before the superior court. Reg. Orig. 5b.

RECORDATURE. In old English practice. An entry made upon a record, in order to
prevent any alteration of it. 1 Ld. Raym. 211.

An order or allowance that the verdict returned on the nisi prius roll be recorded.

RECORDER, v. L. Fr. In Norman law. To recite or testify on recollection what had previously passed in court. This was the duty of the judges and other principal persons who presided at the placitum; hence called "recordeurs." Steph. Pl., Append. note 11.

RECORDER, n. In old English law. A barrister or other person learned in the law, whom the mayor or other magistrate of any city or town corporate, having jurisdiction or a court of record within their precincts, associated to him for his better direction in matters of justice and proceedings according to law. Cowell.

The name "recorder" is also given to a magistrate, in the judicial systems of some of the states, who has a criminal jurisdiction analogous to that of a police judge or other committing magistrate, and usually a limited civil jurisdiction, and sometimes authority conferred by statute in special classes of proceedings.

Also an officer appointed to make record or enrolment of deeds and other legal instruments authorized by law to be recorded.

RECORDER OF LONDON. One of the justices of oyer and terminer, and a justice of the peace of the quorum for putting the laws in execution for the preservation of the peace and government of the city. Being the mouth of the city, he delivers the sentences and judgments of the court therein, and also certifies and records the city customs, etc. He is chosen by the lord mayor and aldermen, and attends the business of the city when summoned by the lord mayor, etc. Wharton.

RECORDING ACTS. Statutes enacted in the several states relative to the official recording of deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, chattel mortgages, etc., and the effect of such records as notice to creditors, purchasers, incumbrancers, and others interested.

RECOUP, or RECOUPE. To deduct, defalk, discount, set off, or keep back; to withhold part of a demand.

RECOUPMENT. In practice. Defalca­tion or discount from a demand. A keeping back something which is due, because there is an equitable reason to withhold it. Tom­lins.

Recovery is a right of the defendant to have a deduction from the amount of the plaintiff's damages, for the reason that the plaintiff has not complied with the cross-obligations or independent covenants arising under the same contract. Code Ga. 1882, § 2909.

It is keeping back something which is due because there is an equitable reason to withhold it; and is now uniformly applied where a man brings an action for breach of a contract between him and the defendant; and where the latter can show that some stipulation in the same contract was made by the plaintiff, which he has violated, the defendant may, if he choose, instead of suing in his turn, recoup his damages arising from the breach committed by the plaintiff, whether they be liquidated or not. Ives v. Van Eppes, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 193. And see Barber v. Chapin, 25 Vt. 413; Lawton v. Ricketts, 104 Ala. 430, 16 South. 59; Aultman v. Torrey, 55 Minn. 492, 57 N. W. 211; Dietrich v. Ely, 63 Fed. 413, 11 C. C. A. 266; The Wallsville v. Geissie, 3 Ohio St. 341; Nichols v. Dusenbury, 2 N. Y. 286; Myers v. Estell, 47 Miss. 23.

In speaking of matters to be shown in defense, the term "recovery" is often used as synonymous with "reduction." The term is of French origin, and signifies cutting again, or cutting back, and, as a defense, means the cutting back on the plaintiff's claim by the defendant. Like reduction, it is of necessity limited to the amount of the plaintiff's claim. It is properly applicable to a case where the same contract imposes mutual duties and obligations on the two parties, and one seeks a remedy for the breach by the other, and the second meets the demand by a claim for the breach of duty by the first. Davenport v. Hub­bard, 46 Vt. 207, 14 Am. Rep. 620.

"Recovery" differs from "set-off" in this respect: that any claim or demand the defendant may have against the plaintiff may be used as a set-off, while it is not a subject for recoupment unless it grows out of the very same transaction which furnishes the plaintiff's cause of action. The term is, as appears above, synonymous with "reduction;" but the latter is not a technical term of the law; the word "defalca­tion," in one of its meanings, expresses the same idea, and is used interchangeably with recoupment. Recovery, as a remedy, corresponds to the reconvention of the civil law.

RECOUSE. The phrase "without re­course" is used in the form of making a qualified or restrictive indorsement of a bill or note. By the latter words the indorser signifies that, while he transfers his property in the instrument, he does not assume the responsibility of an indorser. See Lyons v. Fitzpat­rick, 52 La. Ann. 697, 27 South. 111.


RECOVEREE. In old conveyancing. The party who suffered a common recovery.

RECOVERER. The demandant in a com­mon recovery, after judgment has been given in his favor.

RECOVERY. In its most extensive sense, a recovery is the restoration or vindication of a right existing in a person, by the formal judgment or decree of a competent court, at his instance and suit, or the obtaining, by such judgment, of some right or property which has been taken or withheld from him. This is also called a "true" recovery, to dis-
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—Final recovery. The final judgment in an action. Also the final verdict in an action, as distinguished from the judgment entered upon it. Fisk v. Gray, 100 Mass. 193; Count Joannes v. Pangborn, 6 Allen (Mass.) 243.

RECREANT. Coward or craven. The word pronounced by a combatant in the trial by battle, when he acknowledged himself beaten. 3 Bl. Comm. 340.

RECORDER. In English law. He that has full possession of a parochial church. A rector (or parson) has, for the most part, the whole right to all the ecclesiastical dues in his parish; while a vicar has an appropriator over him, entitled to the best part of the profits, to whom the vicar is, in effect, perpetual curate, with a standing salary. 1 Bl. Comm. 384, 388. See Bird v. St. Mark's Church, 62 Iowa, 567, 17 N. W. 747.

RECTIFIABLE. As used in the United States internal revenue laws, this term is not confined to a person who runs spirits through charcoal, but is applied to any one who rectifies or purifies spirits in any manner whatever, or who makes a mixture of spirits with anything else, and sells it under any name. Quantity of Distilled Spirits, 3 Ben. 73, Fed. Cas. No. 11,494.

RECTITUDO. Lat. Right or justice; legal dues; tribute or payment. Cowell.

RECTO, BREVE DE. A writ of right, which was of so high a nature that as other writs in real actions were only to recover the possession of the land, etc., in question, this aimed to recover the seisin and the property, and thereby both the rights of possession and property were tried together. Cowell.

RECTOR. In English law. He that has full possession of a parochial church. A rector (or parson) has, for the most part, the whole right to all the ecclesiastical dues in his parish; while a vicar has an appropriator over him, entitled to the best part of the profits, to whom the vicar is, in effect, perpetual curate, with a standing salary. 1 Bl. Comm. 384, 388. See Bird v. St. Mark's Church, 62 Iowa, 567, 17 N. W. 747.

RECTOR PROVINCE. Lat. In Roman law. The governor of a province. Cod. 1, 40.

RECTOR SINECURE. A rector of a parish who has not the cure of souls. 2 Steph. Comm. 683.
RECTORIAL TITHES. Great or predial tithes.

RECTORY. An entire parish church, with all its rights, glebes, tithes, and other profits whatsoever; otherwise commonly called a "benefice." See Gibson v. Brockway, 8 N. H. 470, 31 Am. Dec. 200; Pawlet v. Clark, 9 Cranch, 326, 3 L. Ed. 735.

A rector's manse, or parsonage house. Spelman.

RECTUM. Lat. Right; also a trial or accusation. Bract; Cowell.

—Rectum esse. To be right in court.—Rectum rogare. To ask for right; to petition the judge to do right.—Rectum stare ad. To stand trial or abide by the sentence of the court.

RECTUS IN CURIA. Lat. Right in court. The condition of one who stands at the bar, against whom no one objects any offense. When a person outlawed has reversed his outlawry, so that he can have the benefit of the law, he is said to be "rectus in curia." Jacob.

RECUPERATIO. Lat. In old English law. Recovery; restitution by the sentence of a judge of a thing that has been wrongfully taken or detained. Co. Litt. 154a.

Recuperatio, i.e., ad rem, per injuriam extortam sive detentam, per sententiam judicis restitutio. Co. Litt. 154a. Recovery, i.e., restitution by sentence of a judge of a thing wrongfully extorted or detained.

Recuperatio est aliqua rei in causam, alterius adductae per judicem acquisitio. Co. Litt. 154a. Recovery is the acquisition by sentence of a judge of anything brought into the cause of another.

RECUPERATORES. In Roman law. A species of judges first appointed to decide controversies between Roman citizens and strangers concerning rights requiring speedy remedy, but whose jurisdiction was gradually extended to questions which might be brought before ordinary judges. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 204.

Recurrendum est ad extraordinarium quando non valet ordinalium. We must have recourse to what is extraordinary, when what is ordinary fails.

RECUSANTS. In English law. Persons who willfully absent themselves from their parish church, and on whom penalties were imposed by various statutes passed during the reigns of Elizabeth and James I. Wharton.

Those persons who separate from the church established by law. Termes de la Ley. The term was practically restricted to Roman Catholics.

RECUSATIO TESTIS. Lat. In the civil law. Rejection of a witness, on the ground of incompetency. Best, Ev. Introd. 60, § 90.

RECUSATION. In the civil law. A species of exception or plea to the jurisdiction, to the effect that the particular judge is disqualified from hearing the cause by reason of interest or prejudice. Poth. Proc. Civile, pt. 1, c. 2, § 5.

The challenge of jurors. Code Prac. La. arts. 499, 500. An act, of what nature soever it may be, by which a strange heir, by deeds or words, declares he will not be hcr. Dig. 29, 2, 95.

RED, RAED, or REDE. Sax. Advice; counsel.

RED BOOK OF THE EXCHEQUER. An ancient record, wherein are registered the holders of lands per baroniam in the time of Henry II., the number of hides of land in certain counties before the Conquest, and the ceremonies on the coronation of Eleanor, wife of Henry III. Jacob; Cowell.

RED-HANDED. With the marks of crime fresh on him.

RED TAPE. In a derivative sense, ordered carried to fastidious excess; system run into trivial extremes. Webster v. Thompson, 55 Ga. 434.

REDDENDO SINGULA SINGULIS. Lat. By referring each to each; referring each phrase or expression to its appropriate object. A rule of construction.

REDDENDUM. Lat. In conveyancing. Rendering; yielding. The technical name of that clause in a conveyance by which the grantor creates or reserves some new thing to himself, out of what he had before granted; as, "yielding therefor yearly the sum of ten shillings, or a pepper-corn," etc. That clause in a lease in which a rent is reserved to the lessor, and which commences with the word "yielding." 2 Bl. Comm. 299.

REDDENS CAUSAM SCIENTE. Lat. Giving the reason of his knowledge.

In Scotch practice. A formal phrase used in depositions, preceding the statement of the reason of the witness' knowledge. 2 How. State Tr. 715.

Reddere, all alitd est quam acceptum restitutere; seu, reddere est quasi retro dare, et redditur dictum a Redendo, quia retro it. Co. Litt. 142. To render is nothing more than to restore that which has been received; or, to render is as it were to give back, and it is called "rendering" from "returning," because it goes back again.
REDDIT SE. Lat. He has rendered himself.
In old English practice. A term applied to a principal who had rendered himself in discharge of his bail. Holthouse.

REDDITARIUS. In old records. A renter; a tenant. Cowell.

REDDITARIUM. In old records. A rental, or rent-roll. Cowell.

REDDITION. A surrendering or restoring; also a judicial acknowledgment that the thing in demand belongs to the demandant, and not to the person surrendering Cowell.

REDEEM. To buy back. To liberate an estate or article from mortgage or pledge by paying the debt for which it stood as security. To repurchase in a literal sense; as, to redeem one's land from a tax-sale. See Maxwell v. Foster, 67 S. C. 377, 45 S. E. 927; Miller v. Ratterman, 47 Ohio St. 141, 24 N. E. 496; Swearingen v. Roberts, 12 Neb. 333, 11 N. W. 325; Pace v. Bartles, 47 N. J. Eq. 170, 20 Atl. 352.

REDEEMABLE. 1. Subject to an obligation of redemption; embodying, or conditioned upon, a promise or obligation of redemption; convertible into coin; as, a "redeemable currency." See U. S. v. North Carolina, 136 U. S. 211, 10 Sup. Ct. 920, 34 L. Ed. 336.
2. Subject to redemption; admitting of redemption or repurchase; given or held under conditions admitting of reacquisition by purchase; as, a "redeemable pledge." —Redeemable rights. Rights which return to the conveyor or disposer of land, etc., upon payment of the sum for which such rights are granted. Jacob.

REDELIvery. A yielding and delivering back of a thing.
—Redelivery bond. A bond given to a sheriff or other officer, who has attached or levied on personal property, to obtain the release and repossessiem of the property, conditioned to deliver the property to the officer or pay him its value in case the levy or attachment is adjudged good. See Drake v. Swarts, 24 Or. 198, 32 Pac. 563.

REDEMISE. A regranting of land demised or leased.

REDEMPTIO OPERIS. Lat. In Roman law, a contract for the hiring or letting of services, or for the performance of a certain work in consideration of the payment of a stipulated price. It is the same contract as "locatio operis," but regarded from the standpoint of the one who is to do the work, and who is called "redemptor operis," while the hirer is called "locator operis." See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 408.

REDEMPTION. A repurchase; a buying back. The act of a vendor of property in buying it back again from the purchaser at the same or an enhanced price.

The right of redemption is an agreement or pact, by which the vendor reserves to himself the power of taking back the thing sold by returning the price paid for it. Civil Code La. art. 2567.

The process of annulling and revoking a conditional sale of property, by performance of the conditions upon which it was stipulated to be revocable.

The process of cancelling and annulling a defeasible title to land, such as is created by a mortgage or a tax-sale, by paying the debt or fulfilling the other conditions.

The liberation of a chattel from pledge or pawn, by paying the debt for which it stood as security.

Repurchase of notes, bills, or other evidences of debt, (particularly bank-notes and paper-money,) by paying their value in coin to their holders.

—Redemption, equity of. See EQUITY OF REDEMPTION.—Redemption of land-tax. In English law. The payment by the landowner of such a lump sum as shall exempt his land from the land-tax. Mozley & Whitley.

—Voluntary redemption, in Scotch law, is when a mortgagee receives the sum due into his own hands, and discharges the mortgage, without any consignation. Bell.

REDEMPTIONES. In old English law. Heavy fines. Distinguished from misericordia, (which see.)

REDEUNDO. Lat. Returning; in returning; while returning. 2 Strange, 985.

REDEVANCE. In old French and Canadian law. Dues payable by a tenant to his lord, not necessarily in money.

REDHIBERE. Lat. In the civil law. To have again; to have back; to cause a seller to have again what he had before.

REDHIBITION. In the civil law. The avoidance of a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders it either absolutely useless or its use so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed that the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civ. Code La. art. 2520.

REHIBITATORY ACTION. In the civil law. An action for redhibition. An action to avoid a sale on account of some vice or defect in the thing sold, which renders its use impossible, or so inconvenient and imperfect that it must be supposed the buyer would not have purchased it had he known of the vice. Civ. Code La. art. 2520.

REHIBITATORY DEFECT (or VICE.) In the civil law. A defect in an article sold, for which the seller may be compelled to
take it back; a defect against which the seller is bound to warrant. Poth. Cont. Sale, no. 203.

REDISSEISIN. In old English law. A second disseisin of a person of the same tenements, and by the same disseisor, by whom he was before disseised. 3 Bl. Comm. 188.

REDITUS. Lat. A revenue or return; income or profit; specifically, rent.

-Reditus albi. White rent; blanche farm; rent payable in silver or other money.

-Reditus assidus. A set or standing rent.

-Reditus capitales. Chief rent paid by freeholders to go quit of all other services.

-Reditus nigri. Black rent; black mail; rent payable in provisions, corn, labor, etc.; as distinguished from "money rent," called "reditus albi."—Reditus quieti. Quiet rents, (q. v.)—Reditus seclus. Rent seck, (q. v.)

REDMANS. In feudal law. Men who, by the tenure or custom of their lands, were to ride with or for the lord of the manor, about his business. Domesday.

REDOBATORES. In old English law. Those that buy stolen cloth and turn it into some other color or fashion that it may not be recognized. Redubbers.

REDRAFT. In commercial law. A draft or bill drawn in the place where the original bill was made payable and where it went to protest, on the place where such original bill was drawn, or, when there is no regular commercial intercourse rendering that practicable, then in the next best or most direct practicable course. 1 Bell, Comm. 406.

REDDRESS. The receiving satisfaction for an injury sustained.

REDUBBERS. In criminal law. Those who bought stolen cloth and dyed it of another color to prevent its being identified were anciently so called. Redubbers.

REDUCE. In Scotch law. To rescind or annul.

REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM. Lat. In logic. The method of disproving an argument by showing that it leads to an absurd consequence.

REDUCTION. In Scotch law. An action brought for the purpose of rescinding, annulling, or cancelling some bond, contract, or other instrument in writing. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, pp. 158, 159.

In French law. Abatement. When a parent gives away, whether by gift inter vivos or by legacy, more than his portion disponible, (q. v.) the donee or legatee is required to submit to have his gift reduced to the legal proportion.

-Reduction ex capite lecti. By the law of Scotland the heir in heritage was entitled to reduce all voluntary deeds granted to his prejudice by his predecessor within sixty days preceding the predecessor's death; provided the maker of the deed, at its date, was laboring under the disease of which he died, and did not subsequently go to kirk or market unsupported. Bell.—Reduction improbation. In Scotch law. One form of the action of reduction in which falsehood and forgery are alleged against the deed or document sought to be set aside.

REDUCTION INTO POSSESSION. The act of exercising the right conferred by a chose in action, so as to convert it into a chose in possession; thus, a debt is reduced into possession by payment. Sweet.

REDUNDANCY. This is the fault of introducing superfluous matter into a legal instrument; particularly the insertion in a pleading of matters foreign, extraneous, and irrelevant to that which it is intended to answer. See Carpenter v. Reynolds, 58 Wis. 666, 17 N. W. 300; Carpenter v. West, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 55; Bowman v. Sheldon, 5 Sandf. (N. Y.) 660.

RE-ENTRY. The entering again into or resuming possession of premises. Thus in leases there is a proviso for re-entry of the lessor on the tenant's failure to pay the rent or perform the covenants contained in the lease, and by virtue of such proviso the lessor may take the premises into his own hands again if the rent be not paid or covenants performed; and this resumption of possession is termed "re-entry." 2 Cruise, Dig. 8; Cowell. And see Michaels v. Fishel, 169 N. Y. 381, 62 N. E. 425; Earl Orchard Co. v. Fava, 138 Cal. 76, 70 Pac. 1073.

RE-EXAMINATION. An examination of a witness after a cross-examination, upon matters arising out of such cross-examination. See EXAMINATION.

RE-EXCHANGE. The damages or expenses caused by the dishonor and protest of a bill of exchange in a foreign country, where it was payable, and by its return to the place where it was drawn or indorsed, and its being there taken up. Bangor Bank v. Hook, 5 Me. 175.

RE-EXTENT. In English practice. A second extent made upon lands or tenements, upon complaint made that the former extent was partially performed. Cowell.

REEVE. In old English law. A ministerial officer of justice. His duties seem to have combined many of those now confided to the sheriff or constable and to the justice of the peace. He was also called, in Saxon, "perefa."—Land reeve. See LAND.

REFALO. A word composed of the three initial syllables "re." "fa." "lo." for "recordari facias loquelm," (q. v.) 2 Sel. Pr. 100.
REFERENCES

REFERENCES. In the civil law. Separation; re-establishment of a building. Dig. 18, 1, 6, 1.

REFER. 1. When a case or action involves matters of account or other intricate details which require minute examination, and for that reason are not fit to be brought before a jury, it is usual to refer the whole case, or some part of it, to the decision of an auditor or referee, and the case is then said to be referred.

Taking this word in its strict, technical use, it relates to a mode of determining questions which is distinguished from "arbitration," in that the latter word imports submission of a controversy without any lawsuit having been brought, while "reference" imports a lawsuit pending, and an issue framed or question raised which (and not the controversy itself) is sent out. Thus, arbitration is resorted to instead of any judicial proceeding; while reference is one mode of decision employed in the course of a judicial proceeding. And "reference" is distinguished from "hearing or trial," in that these are the ordinary modes of deciding issues and questions in and by the courts with aid of oral evidence; while reference is an employment of non-judicial persons—individuals not integral parts of the court—for the decision of particular matters inconvenient to be heard in actual court. Abbott.

2. To point, allude, direct, or make reference to. This is the use of the word in conveying and in literature, where a word or sign introduced for the purpose of directing the reader's attention to another place in the deed, book, document, etc., is said to "refer" him to such other connection.

REFEREE. In practice. A person to whom a cause pending in a court is referred by the court, to take testimony, hear the parties, and report thereon to the court. See REFER. And see In re Hathaway, 71 N. Y. 243; Betts v. Letcher, 1 S. D. 182, 46 N. W. 193; Central Trust Co. v. Wabash, etc., R. Co. (C. C.) 32 Fed. 685.

—Referree in bankruptcy. An officer appointed by the courts of bankruptcy under the act of 1898 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 5418) corresponding to the "registers in bankruptcy" under earlier statutes having administrative and quasi-judicial functions under the bankruptcy law, and who assists the court in such cases and relieves the judge of attention to matters of detail or routine, by taking charge of all administrative matters and the preparation or preliminary consideration of questions requiring judicial decision, subject at all times to the supervision and review of the court.

REFERENCE. In contracts. An agreement to submit to arbitration; the act of parties in submitting their controversy to chosen referees or arbitrators.

In practice. The act of sending a cause pending in court to a referee for his examination and decision. See REFER.

In commercial law. The act of sending or directing one person to another, for information or advice as to the character, solvency, standing, etc., of a third person, who desires to open business relations with the first, or to obtain credit with him.

—Reference in case of need. When a person draws or indorses a bill of exchange, he sometimes adds the name of a person to whom it may be presented "in case of need." E. g., in case it is dishonored by the original drawer or acceptor. Byles, Bills, 261. —Refer to record. Under the English practice, when an action is commenced, an entry of it is made in the cause-book according to the year, the initial letter of the surname of the first plaintiff, and the place of the action, in numerical order among those commenced in the same year, e. g., "1876, A. 26" and all subsequent documents in the action (such as pleadings and affidavits) bear this mark, which is called the "reference to the record." Sweet.

REFERENDARY. In Saxon law. A master of requests; an officer to whom petitions to the king were referred. Spelman.

REFERENDO SINGULA SINGULIS. Lat. Referring individual or separate words to separate subjects; making a distributive reference of words in an instrument; a rule of construction.

REFERENDUM. In international law. A communication sent by a diplomatic representative to his home government, in regard to matters presented to him which he is unable or unwilling to decide without further instructions.

In the modern constitutional law of Switzerland, the referendum is a method of submitting an important legislative measure to a direct vote of the whole people. See Biscuits.

REFINEMENT. A term sometimes employed to describe verbiage inserted in a pleading or indictment, over and above what is necessary to be set forth; or an objection to a plea or indictment on the ground of its failing to include such superfluous matter. See State v. Gallimon, 24 N. C. 377; State v. Peak, 150 N. C. 711, 41 S. E. 887.

REFORM. To correct, rectify, amend, remodel. Instruments inter partes may be reformed, when defective, by a court of equity. By this is meant that the court, after ascertaining the real and original intention of the parties to a deed or other instrument, (which intention they failed to sufficiently express, through some error, mistake of fact, or inadvertence,) will decree that the instrument be held and construed as if it fully and technically expressed that intention. See Sullivan v. Haskin, 70 Vt. 487, 41 Atl.
REFORM

De Voln v. De Voln, 76 Wis. 66, 44 N. W. 889.

It is to be observed that "reform" is seldom, if ever, used of the correction of defective pleadings, judgments, decrees or other judicial proceedings; "amend" being the proper term for that use. Again, "amend" seems to connote the idea of improving that which may have been well enough before, while "reform" might be considered as properly applicable only to something which before was quite worthless.

REFORM ACTS. A name bestowed on the statutes 2 Wm. IV. c. 45, and 30 & 31 Vict. c. 102, passed to amend the representation of the people in England and Wales; which introduced extended amendments into the system of electing members of the house of commons.

REFORMATION. See Reform.

REFORMATORY. This term is of too wide and uncertain signification to support a bequest for the building of a "boys' reformatory." It includes all places and institutions in which efforts are made either to cultivate the intellect, instruct the conscience, or improve the conduct; places in which persons voluntarily assemble, receive instruction, and submit to discipline, or are detained therein for either of these purposes by force. Hughes v. Daly, 49 Conn. 35. But see McAndrews v. Hamilton County, 105 Tenn. 399, 58 S. W. 483.

REFORMATORY SCHOOLS. In English law. Schools to which convicted juvenile offenders (under sixteen) may be sent by order of the court before which they are tried, if the offense be punishable with penal servitude or imprisonment, and the sentence be to imprisonment for ten days or more. Wharton.

REFRESHER. In English law. A further or additional fee to counsel in a long case, which may be, but is not necessarily, allowed on taxation.

REFRESHING THE MEMORY. The act of a witness who consults his documents, memoranda, or books, to bring more distinctly to his recollection the details of past events or transactions, concerning which he is testifying.

REFUND. To repay or restore; to return money had by one party of another See Rackliff v. Greenbush, 93 Me. 99, 44 Atl. 375; Maynard v. Mechanics' Nat. Bank, 95 Cal. 509, 28 Pac. 245; Kimberly v. Roswell Ind., 6 Gray (Mass.) 225; Davis v. Lumpkin, 106 Ga. 522, 32 S. E. 626; Burns v. Fox, 113 Ind. 205, 14 N. E. 541; Cape Elizabeth v. Boyd, 86 Me. 317, 29 Atl. 1062; Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 844, 6 L. Ed. 101.

REFUTANTIA. In old records An acquittance or acknowledgment of renouncing all future claim. Cowell.

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REGAL FISH. Whales and sturgeons, so called in English law, as belonging to the king by prerogative when cast on shore or caught near the coast 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

REGALE. In old French law. A payment made to the seigneur of a fief, on the election of every bishop or other ecclesiastical feudatory, corresponding with the relief paid by a lay feudatory. Steph. Lect. 235.

REGALE EPISCOFORUM. The temporal rights and privileges of a bishop. Cowell.

REGALIA seems to be an abbreviation of "jura regalia," royal rights, or those of the United States, this term is used to denote sums of money received by the government or its officers which, for any cause, are to be refunded or restored to the parties paying them; such as excessive duties or taxes, duties paid on goods destroyed by accident, duties received on goods which are re-exported, etc.

REFUSAL. The act of one who has, by law, a right and power of having or doing something of advantage, and declines it. Also, the declination of a request or demand, or the omission to comply with some requirement of law, as the result of a positive intention to disobey. In the latter sense, the word is often coupled with "neglect," as, if a party shall "neglect or refuse" to pay a tax, file an official bond, obey an order of court, etc. But "neglect" signifies a mere omission of a duty, which may happen through inattention, dilatoriness, mistake, or inability to perform, while "refusal" implies the positive denial of an application or command, or at least a mental determination not to comply. See Thompson v. Tinkcom, 15 Minn. 293 (Gill. 226); People v. Perkins, 95 Cal. 509, 28 Pac. 245; Kimberly v. Roswell Ind., 6 Gray (Mass.) 225; Davis v. Lumpkin, 106 Ga. 522, 32 S. E. 626; Burns v. Fox, 113 Ind. 205, 14 N. E. 541; Cape Elizabeth v. Boyd, 86 Me. 317, 29 Atl. 1062; Taylor v. Mason, 9 Wheat. 844, 6 L. Ed. 101.

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rights which a king has by virtue of his prerogative. Hence owners of counties palatine were formerly said to have "jura regalia" in their counties as fully as the king in his palace. 1 Bl. Comm. 117. The term is sometimes used in the same sense in the Spanish law. See Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 566.

Some writers divide the royal prerogative into majora and minora regalia, the former including the regal dignity and power, the latter the revenue or fiscal prerogatives of the crown. 1 Bl. Comm. 117.

**REGALIA FACERE.** To do homage or fealty to the sovereign by a bishop when he is invested with the regalia.

**REGALITY.** A territorial jurisdiction in Scotland conferred by the crown. The lands were said to be given in herobam regalitatem, and the persons receiving the right were termed "lords of regality." Bell.

**REGARD.** In old English law. Inspection; supervision. Also a reward, fee, or perquisite.

---*Regard, court of.* In forest law. A tribunal held every third year, for the lawing or expeditation of dogs, to prevent them from chasing deer. Cowell.—*Regard of the forest.* In old English law. The oversight or inspection of it, or the office and province of the regarder, who is to go through the whole forest, and every bailiwick in it, before the holding of the sessions of the forest, or justices, to see and inquire after trespassers, and for the survey of dogs. Manwood.

**REGARDANT.** A term which was applied, in feudal law, to a villein annexed to a manor, and having charge to do all base services within the same, and to see the same freed from all things that might annoy his lord. Such a villein regardant was thus opposed to a villein en gros, who was transferable by deed from one owner to another. Cowell; 2 Bl. Comm. 93.

**REGARDER OF A FOREST.** An ancient officer of the forest, whose duty it was to take a view of the forest hunts, and to inquire concerning trespasses, offenses, etc. Manwood.

**REGE INCONSULTO.** Lat. In English law. A writ issued from the sovereign to the judges, not to proceed in a cause which may prejudice the crown, until advised. Jenk. Cent. 97.

**REGENCY.** Rule; government; kingship. The man or body of men intrusted with the vicarious government of a kingdom during the minority, absence, insanity, or other disability of the king.

**REGENER.** A governor or ruler. One who vicariously administers the government of a kingdom, in the name of the king, during the latter's minority or other disability. A master, governor, director, or superintendent of a public institution, particularly a college or university.

**Regia dignitas est indivisibilis, et qualibet alia derivativa dignitas est similiter indivisibilis.** 4 Inst. 243. The kingly power is indivisible, and every other derivative power is similarly indivisible.

**REGIA VIA.** Lat. In old English law. The royal way; the king's highway. Co. Litt. 56a.

**REGIAM MAJESTATEM.** A collection of the ancient laws of Scotland. It is said to have been compiled by order of David I., king of Scotland, who reigned from A.D. 1124 to 1153. Hale, Com. Law, 271.

**REGICIDE.** The murder of a sovereign; also the person who commits such murder.

**REGIDOR.** In Spanish law. One of a body, never exceeding twelve, who formed a part of the ayuntamiento. The office of regidor was held for life; that is to say, during the pleasure of the supreme authority. In most places the office was purchased; in some cities, however, they were elected by persons of the district, called "capitulares." 12 Pet. 442, note.

**RÉGIME.** In French law. A system of rules or regulations.

---*Régime dotal.* The dot, being the property which the wife brings to the husband as her contribution to the support of the burdens of the marriage, which may or may not as well to future as to present property, or be expressly confined to the present property of the wife, is subject to certain regulations which are summarized in the phrase "régime dotal." The husband has the entire administration during the marriage; but, as a rule, where the dot consists of immovables, neither the husband nor the wife, nor both of them together, can either sell or mortgage it. The dot is returnable upon the dissolution of the marriage, whether by death or otherwise. Brown.—*Régime en communauté.* The community of interests between husband and wife which arises upon their marriage. It is either (1) legal or (2) conventional, the former existing in the absence of any "agreement" properly so called, and arising from a mere declaration of community; the latter arising from an "agreement," properly so called. Brown.

**REGIMIENTO.** In Spanish law. The body of regidores, who never exceeded twelve, forming a part of the municipal council, or ayuntamiento, in every capital of a jurisdiction. 12 Pet. 442, note.

**REGINA.** Lat. The queen.

**REGIO ASSENSU.** A writ whereby the sovereign gives his assent to the election of a bishop. Reg. Orig. 294.

**REGISTER.** An officer authorized by law to keep a record called a "register" or "reg-
Register

Registries and registries are systems for recording and maintaining records of various types of information. They are used in various contexts, such as real estate, financial transactions, and legal proceedings. The term is derived from the Latin word "register," meaning "entry."
REGRANT. One having authority as a king; one in the exercise of royal authority.

REGNI POPULI. A name given to the people of Surrey and Sussex, and on the seacoasts of Hampshire. Blount.

REGNUM ECCLESIASTICUM. The ecclesiastical kingdom. 2 Hale, P. C. 324.

Regnum non est divisibile. Co. Litt. 165. The kingdom is not divisible.

REGRANT. In the English law of real property, when, after a person has made a grant, the property granted comes back to him, (e.g., by escheat or forfeiture,) and he grants it again, he is said to regrant it. The phrase is chiefly used in the law of copyholds.

REGRATING. In old English law. The offense of buying or getting into one's hands at a fair or market any provisions, in old English law. A written instruction given by a competent authority, without the observance of any peculiar form. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 96, note.

REGAL YEARS. Statutes of the British parliament are usually cited by the name and year of the sovereign in whose reign they were enacted, and the successive years of the reign of any king or queen are denominated the "regnal years."

REGNANT. One having authority as a king; one in the exercise of royal authority.


REGIUS PROFESSOR. A royal professor or reader of lectures founded in the English universities by the king. Henry VIII. founded each of the universities five professorships, viz., of divinity, Greek, Hebrew, law, and physic. Cowell.

REGLAMENTO. In Spanish colonial law. A written instruction given by a competent authority, without the observance of any peculiar form. Schm. Civil Law, Introd. 96, note.


REGULUS. In Roman law. A title sometimes given to the earl or comes, in old charters. Spelman.

REGULAE GENERALES. Lat. General rules, which the courts promulgate from time to time for the regulation of their practice.

REGULAR. According to rule; as distinguished from that which violates the rule or follows no rule.

According to rule; as opposed to that which constitutes an exception to the rule or is not within the rule. See Zulich v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87; Myers v. Rasback, 4 How. Frac. (N. T.) 83.


Regulariter non valet pactum de re mea non alienanda. Co. Litt. 223. It is a rule that a compact not to alienate my property is not binding.

REGULARS. Those who profess and follow a certain rule of life, (regula), belong to a religious order, and observe the three approved vows - of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Wharton.

REGULATE. The power to regulate commerce, vested in congress, is the power to prescribe the rules by which it shall be governed, that is, the conditions upon which it shall be conducted, to determine when it shall be free, and when subject to duties or other exactions. The power also embraces within its control all the instrumentalities by which that commerce may be carried on, and the means by which it may be aided and encouraged. Gloucester Ferry Co. v. Pennsylvania, 114 U. S. 196, 5 Sup. Ct. 826, 29 L. Ed. 158. And see Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 227, 6 L. Ed. 23; Gilman v. Philadelphia, 3 Wall. 724, 18 L. Ed. 96; Welton v. Missouri, 91 U. S. 279, 23 L. Ed. 347; Leisy v. Hardin, 135 U. S. 100, 10 Sup. Ct. 631, 34 L. Ed. 128; Kavanaugh v. Southern R. Co., 120 Ga. 62, 47 S. E. 526.

REGULATION. The act of regulating; a rule or order prescribed for management or government; a regulating principle; a precept. See Curry v. Marvin, 2 Fla. 415; Ames v. Union Pac. Ry. Co. (C. C) 64 Fed. 178; Hunt v. Lambertville, 45 N. J. Law, 252.

REGULUS. In Saxon law. A title
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REHABERE FACIAS SEISINAM. When a sheriff in the "habere facias seisinam" had delivered seisin of more than he ought, this judicial writ lay to make him restore seisin of the excess. Reg. Jud. 13, 51, 54.

REHABILITATE. In Scotch and French criminal law. To reinstate a criminal in his personal rights which he has lost by a judicial sentence. Brande.

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In old English law. A papal bull or brief for re-enabling a spiritual person to exercise his function, who was formerly disabled; or a restoring to a former ability. Cowell.

REHEARING. In equity practice. A second hearing of a cause, for which a party who is dissatisfied with the decree entered on the former hearing may apply by petition. 3 Bl. Comm. 453. See Belmont v. Erie R. Co., 52 Barb. (N. Y.) 651; Emerson v. Davies, 8 Fed. Cas. 626; Read v. Patterson, 44 N. J. Eq. 211, 14 Atl. 490, 6 Am. St. Rep. 877.

REI INTERVENTUS. Lat. Things intervening; that is, things done by one of the parties to a contract, in the faith of its validity, and with the assent of the other party, and which have so affected his situation that the other will not be allowed to repudiate his obligation, although originally it was imperfect, and he might have renounced it. 1 Bell, Comm. 328, 329.

Rei turpis nullum mandatum est. The mandate of an immoral thing is void. Dig. 17, 1, 6, 5. A contract of mandate requiring an illegal or immoral act to be done has no legal obligation. Story, Bailm. § 158.

REIF. A robbery. Cowell.

REIMBURSE. The primary meaning of this word is "to pay back." Philadelphia Trust, etc., Co. v. Andereld, 83 Pa. 264. It means to make return or restoration of an equivalent for something paid, expended, or lost; to indemnify, or make whole.

REINSTATE. To place again in a former state, condition, or office; to restore to a state or position from which the object or person had been removed. See Collins v. U. S., 15 Ct. Cl. 22.

REINSURANCE. A contract of reinsurance is one by which an insurer procures a third person to insure him against loss or liability by reason of such original insurance. Civ. Code Cal. § 2646. And see People v. Miller, 177 N. Y. 515, 70 N. E. 10; Iowa L.


Reipublicae interest voluntates defunctorum effectum sortiri. It concerns the state that the wills of the dead should have their effect.

REISSUABLE NOTES. Bank-notes which, after having been once paid, may again be put into circulation.

REJOIN. In pleading. To answer a plaintiff's replication in an action at law, by some matter of fact.

REJOINER. In common-law pleading. The second pleading on the part of the defendant, being his answer of matter of fact to the plaintiff's replication.

REJOINING GRATIS. Rejoining voluntarily, or without being required to do so by a rule to rejoin. When a defendant was under terms to rejoin gratis, he had to deliver a rejoinder, without putting the plaintiff to the necessity and expense of obtaining a rule to rejoin. 10 Mees. & W. 12; Lush, Fr. 396; Brown.

Relatio est fictio juris et intenta ad unum. Relation is a fiction of law, and intended for one thing. 3 Coke, 28.

Relatio semper fiat ut valeat dispositio. Reference should always be had in such a manner that a disposition in a will may avail. 6 Coke, 76.

RELATION. 1. A relative or kinsman; a person connected by consanguinity or affinity.

2. The connection of two persons, or their situation with respect to each other, who are associated, whether by the law, by their own agreement, or by kinship, in some social status or union for the purposes of domestic life; as the relation of guardian and ward, husband and wife, master and servant, parent and child; so in the phrase "domestic relations."

3. In the law of contracts, when an act is done at one time, and it operates upon the thing as if done at another time, it is said to do so by relation; as, if a man deliver a deed as an escrow, to be delivered, by the party holding it, to the granter, on the performance of some act, the delivery to the latter will have relation back to the first delivery. Termes de la Ley. See U. S. v. Anderson, 194 U. S. 394, 24 Sup. Ct. 716, 48 L. Ed. 1035; Peyton v. Desmond, 129 Fed. 11, 63 C. C. A. 651.

4. A recital, account, narrative of facts; information given. Thus, suits by quo war-
RELATION

The person upon whose complaint, or at whose instance, an information is filed, and who is the plaintiff in the proceeding.

RELATOR

A term which, in its widest sense, includes all the kindred of the person spoken of. 2 Jarm. Willis, 661.

RELATIVE

A kinsman; a person connected with another by blood or affinity. A person or thing having relation or connection with some other person or thing; as, relative rights, relative powers, infra.

RELATIVE CONFESION

See CONFESSION.—

RELATIVE FACT

In the law of evidence. A fact having relation to another fact; a minor fact; a circumstance.—

RELATIVE RIGHTS

Those rights of persons which are incident to them as members of society, and standing in various relations to each other. 1 Bl. Com. 123. Those rights of persons in private life which arise from the civil and domestic relations. 2 Kent, Com. 1.

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Noy, Max. 4; Wing. Max. 19; Broom, Max. 606; Jenk. Cent. 180.

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RELATOR

The person upon whose complaint, or at whose instance, an information or writ of quo warranto is filed, and who is quasi the plaintiff in the proceeding.

RELATRIX

In practice. A female relator or petitioner.

RELAXARE

In old conveyancing. To release. Relaxavi, relaxasse, have released. Litt. § 445.

RELAXATIO

In old conveyancing. A release; an instrument by which a person relinquishes to another his right in anything.
applied with the terms of the deed of trust.—Release by way of extinguishing an estate. A conveyance of the ulterior interest in lands to the particular tenant; as, if there be tenant for life or years, remainder to another in fee, and he then in his lifetime releases all his right to the particular tenant and his heirs, this gives him the estate in fee. 1 Steph. Comm. 490; 2 Bl. Comm. 324.—Release by way of entry and feoffment. As if there be two joint disseisors, and the disseisee releases to one of them, he shall be sole seised, and shall keep out his former disseisor; which is the same effect as if the disseisee had entered and thereby put an end to the disseisin, and afterwards had en­deavored to oust the disseisor in the same manner. 325.—Release by way of extinguishment. As if my tenant for life makes a lease to A. for life, remainder to B. and his heirs, and I release to A., this extinguishes my right to the reversion, and shall inure to the advantage of B.'s remainder, as well as of A.'s particular estate. 2 Bl. Comm. 326.—Release by way of passing a right. As if a man be disseised and releaseth to his disseisor all his right, hereby the disseisor acquires a new right, which comes in in the place of his old estate, and renders that lawful which before was tortious or wrong­ful. 2 Bl. Comm. 325.—Release by way of passing an estate. As, where one of two co­partners releases all his right to the other, this passes the fee-simple of the whole. 2 Bl. Comm. 324, 325.—Release of dower. The relinquishment by a married woman of her expectant dower interest or estate in a par­ticular parcel of realty belonging to her hus­band, as, by joining with him in a conveyance of it to a third person.—Release to uses. The conveyance of a deed of release to one par­ty to the use of another is so termed. Thus, when a conveyance of lands was effected, by those instruments of assurance termed a lease and release, from A. to B. and his heirs, to the use of C. and his heirs, in such case C. at once took the whole fee-simple in such lands; B., by the operation of the statute of uses, being made a mere conduit-pipe for conveying the es­tate to C. Brown.

RELEASEE. The person to whom a re­lease is made.

RELEASER, or RELEASOR. The maker of a release.

RELEGATIO. Lat. A kind of banish­ment known to the civil law, which differed from "deportatio" in leaving to the person his rights of citizenship.

RELEGATION. In old English law, 'Banishment for a time only. Co. Litt. 133.

RELEVANCY. As a quality of evidence, "relevancy" means applicability to the issue joined. Relevancy is that which conduces to the proof of a pertinent hypothesis; a pertinent hypothesis being one which, if sus­tained, would logically influence the issue. Whart. Ev. § 20.

In Scotch law, the relevancy is the justice or sufficiency in law of the allegations of a party. A plea to the relevancy is therefore analogous to the demurrer of the English courts.

A distinction is sometimes taken between "logical" relevancy and "legal" relevancy, the former being judged merely by the standards of ordinary logic or the general laws of reason­ing, the latter by the strict and artificial rules of the law with reference to the admissibility of evidence. See Hong v. Wright, 54 App. Div. 200, 54 N. Y. Supp. 658.

RELEVANT. Applying to the matter in question; affording something to the purpose. In Scotch law, good in law, legally suffi­cient; as, a "relevant" plea or defense.

—Relevant evidence. See EVIDENCE.

RELICT. This term is applied to the survivor of a pair of married people, whether the survivor is the husband or the wife; it means the relict of the united pair, (or of the marriage union,) not the relict of the deceas­ed individual. Spitler v. Heeter, 42 Ohio St. 101.

RELICTA VERIFICATIONE. L. Lat. Where a judgment was confessed by cognovit actionem after plea pleaded, and the plea was withdrawn, it was called a "concession" or "cognovit actionem relictas verifications." Wharton.


RELIEF. 1. In feudal law. A sum pay­able by the new tenant, the duty being incident to every feudal tenure, by way of new composition with the lord for taking up the estate which was lapsed or fallen in by the death of the last tenant. At one time the amount was arbitrary, but afterwards the relief of a knight's fee became fixed at one hundred shillings. 2 Bl. Comm. 65.

2. "Relief" also means deliverance from oppression, wrong, or injustice. In this sense it is used as a general designation of the as­sistance, redress, or benefit which a complain­ant seeks at the hands of a court, particularly in equity. It may be thus used of such rem­edies as specific performance, or the refor­mation or rescission of a contract; but it does not seem appropriate to the awarding of money damages.

3. The assistance or support, pecuniary or otherwise, granted to indigent persons by the proper administrators of the poor-laws, is also called "relief."

RELIEVE. In feudal law, relieve is to depend; thus, the seignory of a tenant in capite relieves of the crown, meaning that the tenant holds of the crown. The term is not common in English writers. Sweet.

RELIGION. As used in constitutional provisions forbidding the "establishment of religion," the term means a particular system of faith and worship recognized and prac­tised by a particular church, sect, or denom­ination. See Reynolds v. U. S., 98 U. S. 149,
RELOCATION. In Scotch law. A reletting or renewal of a lease; a tacit relocation is permitting a tenant to hold over without any new agreement.

In mining law. A new or fresh location of an abandoned or forfeited mining claim by a stranger, or by the original locator when he wishes to change the boundaries or to correct mistakes in the original location.

REMAINDER. The remnant of an estate in land, depending upon a particular prior estate created at the same time and by the same instrument, and limited to arise immediately on the determination of that estate, and not in abridgment of it. 4 Kent, Comm. 197.

An estate limited to take effect and be enjoyed after another estate is determined. As, if a man seized in fee-simple grants lands to A. for twenty years, and, after the determination of the said term, then to B. and his heirs forever, here A. is tenant for years, remainder to B. in fee. 2 Washb. Comm. 164.

An estate in remainder is one limited to be enjoyed after another estate is determined, or at a time specified in the future. An estate in reversion is one limited to arise, and not to take effect, until the determination of an estate which has granted out of it. The rights of the remainderer are the same as those of a vested remainder-man in fee. Code Ga. 1858, § 2633. And see Sayward v. Sayward, 7 Me. 213, 22 Am. Dec. 1; Willard v. Garlock, 35 N. Y. 337; Dana v. Murray, 122 N. Y. 404, 26 N. E. 21; Booth v. Terrell, 16 Ga. 24; Palmer v. Cook, 52 N. Y. 800; 2 S. St. Rep. 165; Wells v. Houston, 29 Tex. Civ. App. 623, 57 S. W. 594; Hudson v. Wadsworth, 8 Conn. 339.

Contingent remainder. An estate in remainder which is limited to take effect either to a dubious and uncertain person, or upon a dubious and uncertain event, by which no present or particular interest passes to the remainder-man, so that the particular estate may not be determined by the determination of another estate, and the remainder never take effect. 2 Bl. Comm. 169. A remainder limited so as to become a vested estate in any person or thing which may never happen or be performed, or which may not happen or be performed till after the determination of the preceding estate. Pearson v. Thompson v. Pearson, 2 Bl. Comm. 552, 69 N. B. 1; Griswold v. Greer, 18 Ga. 545; Price v. Sisson, 13 N. J. Eq. 168; Yocum v. Siler, 180 Mo. 881, 61 S. W. 398; Johnson v. Bonham, 27 Ind. App. 369, 60 N. E. 391.—Cross-remainer. Where land is devised or conveyed to two or more persons as tenants in common, or when different parts of the same land are given to such persons in severality, with such limitations that, upon the determination of the particular estate of either, his share is to pass to the other, or to the entire exclusion of the ultimate remainder-man or remainderer until all the particular estates shall be exhausted, the remainders so limited are called "cross-remainders." In wills, such remainders may arise by implication; but, in deeds, only by express limitation. See 2 Bl. Comm. 381; 2 Washb. Real Prop. 233; 1 Prest. Est. 202, 2d; 104.—Executory remainder. A contingency; one which exists where the estate in remainder vests a present interest in the tenant, though the enjoyment is postponed to the future. 2 Bl. Comm. 168; Pearson v. Remi; 2 Washb. v. Hudson v. Wadsworth, 8 Conn. 359. —Religious. When religious books or reading are spoken of, those which tend to promote the religion taught by the Christian dispensation must be considered as referred to, unless the meaning is so limited by associated words or circumstances as to show that the speaker or writer had reference to some other mode of worship. Simpson v. Welcome, 72 Me. 590, 39 Am. Rep. 349.

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REMAINDER

32 N. E. 360; Hudson v. Wadsworth, 8 Conn. 353.—Vested remainder. An estate by which a present interest passes to the party, though to be enjoyed in futuro, and by which the estate is invariably fixed to remain a determinable estate after the particular estate has been spent. 2 Bl. Comm. 165. A vested remainder is one limited to a certain person at a certain time or upon the happening of a necessary event. 1 Archb. Pr. 375. "Remnant...nets." Thus the causes of which the trial is deferred from one term to another, or from one sitting to another, is to send it back to the court from which it came, that further proceedings in the case, if any, may be taken there.

REMANENT PRO DEFECTU EMP-TORUM. In practice. The return made by the sheriff to a writ of execution when he has not been able to sell the property seized, that the same remains unsold for want of buyers.


REMANENTIA. One who is entitled to the remainder of the estate after a particular estate carved out of it has expired.

REMAND. To remand a prisoner, after a preliminary or partial hearing before a court or magistrate, is to send him back to custody, to be kept until the hearing is resumed or the trial comes on. To remand a case, brought into an appellate court or removed from one court into another, is to send it back to the court from which it came, that further proceedings in the case, if any, may be taken there.

REMINDEE. To remit or give up. A form­

REMEDIAL. 1. Affording a remedy; giving the means of obtaining redress.

2. Of the nature of a remedy; intended to remedy wrongs or abuses, abate faults, or supply defects.

3. Pertaining to or affecting the remedy, as distinguished from that which affects or modifies the right.

—Remedial statute. A statute providing a remedy for an injury, as distinguished from a penal statute. A statute giving a party a mode of remedy for a wrong, where he had none, or a different one, before. 1 Chit. Bl. 86, 87, notes. Remedial statutes are those which are made to supply such defects, and abridge such superflu­

ties, in the common law, as arise either from the general imperfection of all human laws, from nature of time and circumstances, from the mis­takes and unadvised determinations of unlearned (or even learned) judges, or from any other cause whatsoever. 1 Bl. Comm. 96.

Remedies for rights are ever favorably extended. 18 Vin. Abr. 521.

REMEDY. Remedy is the means by which the violation of a right is prevented, redressed, or compensated. Remedies are of four kinds: (1) By act of the party injured, the principal of which are defense, recaption, distress, entry, abatement, and sezure; (2) by operation of law, as in the case of retailer and remitter; (3) by agreement between the parties, e. g., by accord and satisfaction and arbitration; and (4) by judicial remedy, e. g., action or suit. Sweet. See Knapp v. McCaffrey, 177 U. S. 638, 20 Sup. Ct. 29, 44 L. Ed. 921; Missionary Soc. v. Ely, 56 Ohio St. 405, 47 N. E. 537; U. S. v. Lyman, 26 Fed. Cas. 1,024; Frost v. Witter, 132 Cal. 421, 64 Pac. 705, 84 Am. St. Rep. 53.

Also a certain allowance to the master of the mint, for deviation from the standard weight and fineness of coins. Enc. Lond.

—Adequate remedy. See ADEQUATE.—Civil remedy. The remedy afforded by law to a private person in the civil courts; so far as his private and individual rights have been injured by a delict or crime; as distinguished from the remedy by criminal prosecution for the injury to the rights of the public.—Cumula­tive remedy. See CUMULATIVE.—Extraor­dinary remedy. See EXTRAORDINARY.—Le­gal remedy. A remedy available, under the particular circumstances of the case, in a court of law, as distinguished from a remedy available only in equity. See State v. Sneed, 105 Tenn. 715, 58 S. W. 1070.—Remedy over. A person who is primarily liable or responsible, but who, in turn, can demand indemnification from another, who is responsible to him, is said to have a "remedy over." For example, a city, being compelled to pay for injuries caused by a defect in the highway, has a "remedy over" against the person whose act or negligence caused the defect, and such person is said to be "liable over" to the city. 2 Black, Judgm. § 575.

REMEMBRANCER. The remembrancer of the city of London is parliamentary solicitor to the corporation, and is bound to attend all courts of aldermen and common council when required. Full. Laws & Cust. Lond. 122.

REMEMBRANCERS. In English law. Officers of the exchequer, whose duty it is to put in remembrance the lord treasurer and the justices of that court of such things as are to be called and dealt in for the benefit of the crown. Jacob.

RÉMÉRÉ. In French law. Redemption; right of redemption. A sale & rémére is a species of conditional sale with right of re-purchase. An agreement by which the vendor reserves to himself the right to take back the thing sold on restoring the price paid, with costs and interest. Duverger.

REMISE. To remit or give up. A formal word in deeds of release and quitclaim; the usual phrase being "remise, release, and forever quitclaim." See American Mortg.
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REMISSION. In the civil law. A release of a debt. It is conventional, when it is expressly granted to the debtor by a creditor having a capacity to alienate; or tacit, when the creditor voluntarily surrenders to his debtor the original title, under private signature constituting the obligation. Civ. Code La. art. 2195.

“Remission” also means forgiveness or condonation of an offense or injury.

At common law. The act by which a forfeiture or penalty is forgiven. United States v. Morris, 10 Wheat. 246, 6 L. Ed. 314.

Remissius imperanti melius paretur. 3 Inst 233. A man commanding not too strictly is better obeyed.

REMISSNESS. This term imports the doing of the act in question in a tardy, negligent, or careless manner; but it does not apply to the entire omission or forbearance of the act. Baldwin v. United States Tel. Co., 6 Abb. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 423.

REMIT. To send or transmit; as to remit money. Potter v. Morland, 3 Cush. (Mass.) 388; Hollowell v. Life Ins. Co., 126 N. C. 398, 35 S. E. 616.

To give up; to annul; to relinquish; as to remit a fine. Jungbluth v. Redfield, 14 Fed. Cas. 52; Gibson v. People, 5 Hun (N. Y.) 543.

REMITTANCE. Money sent by one person to another, either in specie, bill of exchange, check, or otherwise.

REMITTEE. A person to whom a remittance is made. Story, Bailm. § 75.

REMITTER. A person who makes a remittance to another.

REMONSTRANCE. Expostulation; showing of reasons against something proposed; a representation made to a court or legislative body wherein certain persons unite in urging that a contemplated measure be not adopted or passed. See Girvin v. Simons, 127 Cal. 491, 59 Pac. 945; In re Mercer County License Applications, 3 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 45.

REMOTE. This word is used in law chiefly as the antithesis of “proximate,” and conveys the idea of mediateness or of the intervention of something else.

—Remote cause. In the law of negligence, a “remote” cause of an accident or injury is one which does not by itself alone produce the given result, but which sets in motion another cause, called the “proximate” cause, which immediately bears about the given effect; or, as otherwise defined, it is “that which may have happened and yet no injury have occurred, notwithstanding that no injury could have occurred if it had not happened.” See Troy v. Railroad Co., 99 N. C. 298, 6 S. E. 77, 6 Am. St. Rep. 521; Maryland Steel Co. v. Marney, 88 Md. 492, 42 Atl. 41, 42 L. R. A. 842, 71 Am. St. Rep. 441; Hoey v. Metropolitan St. Ry. Co., 70 App. Div. 60, 74 N. Y. Supp. 1113; Claypool v. Wigmore, 34 Ind. App. 35, 71 N. E. 609.

—Remote damage. Damage is said to be too remote to be actionable when it is not the legal and natural consequence of the act complained of.—Remote possibility. In the law of estates, a double possibility, or a limitation dependent on two or more facts or events both or all of which are contingent and uncertain; as, for example, the limitation of an estate to a given man provided that he shall marry a certain woman and that she shall then die and he shall marry another.

REMOTENESS. Want of close connection between a wrong and the injury, as cause and effect, whereby the party injured cannot claim compensation from the wrongdoer. Wharton.

REMOTENESS OF EVIDENCE. When the fact or facts proposed to be establish—
ed as a foundation from which indirect evidence may be drawn, by way of inference, have not a visible, plain, or necessary connection with the proposition eventually to be proved, such evidence is rejected for "remoteness." See 2 Whart. Ev. § 1226, note.

Remote impedimento, emergit actio. The impediment being removed, the action rises. When a bar to an action is removed, the action rises up into its original efficacy. Shep. Touch. 150; Wing. 20.

Removal from office. The act of a person or body, having lawful authority thereto, in depriving one of an office to which he was appointed or elected.

Removal of causes. The transfer of a cause from one court to another; commonly used of the transfer of the jurisdiction and cognizance of an action commenced but not finally determined, with all further proceedings therein, from one trial court to another trial court. More particularly, the transfer of a cause, before trial or final hearing thereof, from a state court to the United States circuit court, under the acts of congress in that behalf.

Removal of pauper. The actual transfer of a pauper, by order of a court having jurisdiction, from a poor district in which he has no settlement, but upon which he has become a charge, to the district of his domicile or settlement.

Removal, order of. 1. An order of court directing the removal of a pauper from the poor district upon which he has illegally become a charge to the district in which he has his settlement.

2. An order made by the court a quo, directing the transfer of a cause therein depending, with all future proceedings in such cause, to another court.

Remover. In practice. To give up; to yield; to return; to surrender. Also to pay or perform; used of rents, services, and the like.

—Remover judgment. To pronounce, state, declare, or announce the judgment of the court in a given case or on a given state of facts; not used with reference to judgments by confession, and not synonymous with "entering," "docketing," or "recording" the judgment. The rendition of a judgment is the judicial act of the court in pronouncing the sentence of the law, while the entry of a judgment is a ministerial act, which consists in spreading upon the record a statement of the final conclusion reached by the court in the matter, thus furnishing external and incontestable evidence of the sentence given and designed to stand as a perpetual memorial of its action. See Schuster v. Rader, 13 Colo. 325, 22 Pac. 505; Farmers' State Bank v. Bales, 64 Neb. 870, 90 N. W. 945; Fleet v. Youngs, 11 Wend. (N. Y.) 523; Schurtz v. Romer, 81 Cal. 244, 22 Pac. 657; Winstead v. Evanit (Tex. Civ. App.) 33 S. W. 550; Coe v. Eby, 59 Ohio St. 259, 52 N. E. 640, 69 Am. St. Rep. 764.

Remound. In feudal law, "render" was used in connection with rents and her­lots. Goods subject to rent or heriot-ser­vice were said to lie in render, when the lord might not only seize the identical goods, but might also distrain for them. Cowell.

Rendezvous. Fr. A place appointed for meeting. Especially used of places appointed for the assembling of troops, the coming together of the ships of a fleet, or the meeting of vessels and their convoy.

Renegade. One who has changed his profession of faith or opinion; one who has deserted his church or party.

Renewal. The act of renewing or re­viving. The substitution of a new grant, engagement, or right, in place of one which has expired, of the same character and on the same terms and conditions as before; as, the renewal of a note, a lease, a patent. See Carter v. Brooklyn L. Ins. Co., 110 N. Y. 15, 17 N. E. 396; Gault v. McGrath, 32 Pa. 392; Kedey v. Petty, 153 Ind. 179, 54 N. E. 708; Pitts v. Hall, 19 Fed. Cas. 758.

Renounce. To reject; cast off; repudiate; disclaim; forsake; abandon; divest one's self of a right, power, or privilege. Usually it implies an affirmative act of disclaimer or disavowal.

Renouncing probate. In English practice. Refusing to take upon one's self the office of executor or executrix. Refusing to take out probate under a will wherein one has been appointed executor or executrix. Holthouse.

Renovare. Lat. In old English law. To renew. Annuitim renovare, to renew an­ually. A phrase applied to profits which are taken and the product renewed again. Amb. Thl.
RENT. At common law. A certain profit issueg yearly out of lands and tenements corporeal; a species of incorporeal heredaments. 2 Bl. Comm. 41. A compensation or return yielded periodically, to a certain amount, out of the profits of some corporeal heredaments, by the tenant thereof. 2 Steph. Comm. 23. A certain yearly profit in money, provisions, chattels, or labor, issuing out of lands and tenements, in retribution for the use. 3 Kent, Comm. 460.


In Louisiana. The contract of rent of lands is a contract by which one of the parties conveys and cedes to the other a tract of land, or any other immovable property, and stipulates that the latter shall hold it as owner, but reserving to the former an annual rent of a certain sum of money, or of a certain quantity of fruits, which the other party binds himself to pay him. It is of the essence of this conveyance that it be made in perpetuity. If it be made for a limited time, it is a lease. Civ. Code La. arts. 2779, 2780.

Fee farm rent. A rent charging issue out of an estate in fee; a perpetual rent reserved on a conveyance of land in fee simple. Ground rent. See Ground. Quit rent. Certain established rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors were so called, because by their payment the tenant was free and "quit" of all servitudes. Rack rent. A rent of the full annual value of the tenement or near it. 2 Bl. Comm. 45. Rent-charge. This arises where the owner of the rent has no future interest or reversion in the land. It is usually created by deed or will, and is accompanied with powers of distress and entry.

Rent-roll. A list of rents payable to a particular person or public body. Rent sock. Barren rent; a rent reserved by deed, but without any clause of distress. 2 Bl. Comm. 43; 3 Kent, Comm. 461. Rent-service. This consisted of fealty, together with a certain rent, and was the only kind of rent originally known to the common law. It was so called because it was given as a compensation for the services to which the land was originally liable. Brown. Rents of assise. The certain and determined rents of the freeholders and ancient copyholders of manors are called "rents of assize," apparently because they were assized or made certain, and so distinguished from a reddites mobilis, which was a variable or fluctuating rent. 3 Cruise, Dig. 314; Brown. Rents resolute. Rents anciently payable to the crown from the lands of abbey and religious houses, and after their dissolution, notwithstanding that the lands were demised to others, yet the rents were still reserved and made payable again to the crown. Cowell.

Rent must be reserved to him from whom the state of the land moveth. 60. Litt. 145.

RENTAGE. Rent.

RENTAL. ( Said to be corrupted from "rent-roll."). In English law. A roll on which the rents of a manor are registered or set down, and by which the lord's bailiff collects the same. It contains the lands and tenements let to each tenant, the names of the tenants, and other particulars. Cunningham; Holthouse.

Rental rolls. In Scotch law. When the tithes (tiends) have been liquidated and settled for so many years after the close of the crop year. Bell. Rent- al-rights. In English law. A species of lease usually granted at a low rent and for life. Tenants usual such leases were called "rentalers" or "kindly tenants."

RENTE. In French law. Rente is the annual return which represents the revenue of a capital or of an immovable alienated. The constitution of rente is a contract by which one of the parties lends to the other a capital which he agrees not to recall, in consideration of the borrower's paying an annual interest. It is this interest which is called rente. Duverger. The word is therefore nearly synonymous with the English "annuity."

"Rentes," is the term applied to the French government funds, and "rentier" to a fundholder or other person having an income from personal property. Wharton.

Rente foncière. A rent which issues out of land, and it is of its essence that it be perpetual, for, if it be made but for a limited time, it is a lease. It may, however, be extinguished. Civ. Code La. art. 2780. Rente viagère. That species of rente, the duration of which depends upon the contingency of the death of one or more persons indicated in the contract. The uncertainty of the time at which such death may happen causes the rente viagère to be included in the number of aleatory contracts. Duverger. It is an annuity for life. Civ. Code La. art. 2764.

RENTS, ISSUES, AND PROFITS more commonly signify in the books a chattel real interest in land; a kind of estate growing out of the land, for life or years, producing an annual or other rent. Bruce v. Thompson, 26 Vt. 746.

RENUCLATION. The act of giving up a right. See Renounce.

REO ABSENTE. Lat. The defendant being absent; in the absence of the defendant.

REPAIRS. Restoration to soundness; supply of loss; reparation; work done to an estate to keep it in good order.

"Repair" means to restore to its former condition; not to change either the form or material of a building. Ardesco Oil Co. v. Richardson, 63 Pa. 162.

Necessary repairs. Necessary repairs (for which the master of a ship may lawfully bind the owner) are such as are reasonably fit and proper for the ship under the circumstances,
and not merely such as are absolutely indis­
pendable for the safety of the ship or the accomplishment of the voyage. The Fortitude, 3 Sumn. 327; Fed. Cas. No. 4,953; Webster v. Seekamp, 4 Barn. & Ald. 352.

REPARATION. The redress of an injury; amends for a wrong inflicted.

REPARATIONE FACIENDA. For making repairs. The name of an old writ which lay in various cases; as if, for instance, there were three tenants in common of a mill or house which had fallen into decay, and one of the three was willing to repair it, and the other two not; in such case the party who was willing to repair might have this writ against the others. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 127.

REPARTIAMENTO. In Spanish law, a judicial proceeding for the partition of property held in common. See Steinbach v. Moore, 30 Cal. 506.

REPATRIATION takes place when a person who has been expatriated regains his nationality.

REPEAL. The abrogation or annulling of a previously existing law by the enactment of a subsequent statute which declares that the former law shall be revoked and abrogated, (which is called “express” repeal,) or which contains provisions so contrary to or irreconcilable with those of the earlier law that only one of the two statutes can stand in force, (called “implied” repeal.) See Oakland Pav. Co. v. Hilton, 69 Cal. 479, 11 Pac. 3; Mernaugh v. Orlando, 41 Fla. 433, 27 South. 34; Hunter v. Memphis, 33 Tenn. 571, 26 S. W. 828.

Repellitur a sacramento infamis. An infamous person is repelled or prevented from taking an oath. Co. Litt. 158; Bract. fol. 185.

Repellitur a sacramento actionum. He is defeated by the plea that the actions have been assigned. Cheese­brough v. Millard, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 409, 414.

REPERTORY. In French law. The inventory or minutes which notaries make of all contracts which take place before them. Merl. Repert.

REPETITION. In the civil law. A demand or action for the restoration of money paid under mistake, or goods delivered by mistake or on an unperformed condition. Dig. 12, 6. See SOLUTIO INDEBITI.

In Scotch law. The act of reading over a witness’ deposition, in order that he may adhere to it or correct it at his choice. The same as recollection (q. v.) in the French law. 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. 239.

REPETITIONE. In Roman law. The terms used to designate such sums of money as the socle of the Roman state, or individuals, claimed to recover from magistratus, judices, or public curatores, which they had improperly taken or received in the provincis, or in the urbs Roma, either in the discharge of their jurisdictio, or in their capacity of judices, or in respect of any other public function. Sometimes the word “repetundae” was used to express the illegal act for which compensation was sought. Wharton.

REPETUNDARUM CRIMEN. In Roman law. The crime of bribery or extortion in a magistrate, or person in any public office. Calvin.

REPLEAD. To plead anew; to file new pleadings.

REPLEADER. When, after issue has been joined in an action, and a verdict given thereon, the pleading is found (on examination) to have miscarried and failed to effect its proper object, viz., of raising an apt and material question between the parties, the court will, on motion of the unsuccessful party, award a repleader; that is, will order the parties to plead de novo for the purpose of obtaining a better issue. Brown.

Judgment of repleader differs from a judgment non obstante veredicto, in this: that it is allowed by the court to do justice between the parties where the defect is in the form or manner of stating the right, and the issue joined is on an immaterial point, so that it cannot tell for whom to give judgment; while judgment non obstante is given only where it is clearly apparent to the court that the party who has succeeded has, upon his own showing, no merits, and cannot have by any manner of statement. 1 Chit. Pl. 657, 658.

REPLEGIARE. To replie; to redeem a thing detained or taken by another by putting in legal sureties.

—Replegiare de averiis. Replevin of cattle. A writ brought by one whose cattle were dis­trained, or put in the pound, upon any cause by another, upon surety given to the sheriff to prosecute or answer the action in law. Cowell.

REPLEGIARI FACIAS. You cause to be replieved. In old English law. The original writ in the action of replievin; superseded by the statute of Marbridge, c. 21. 3 Bl. Comm. 146.

REPLETION. In canon law. Where the revenue of a benefice is sufficient to fill or occupy the whole right or title of the gradu­ate who holds it. Wharton.

REPLEVIAE, or REPLEVISABLE. Property is said to be replievable or replevisable when proceedings in replevin may
be resorted to for the purpose of trying the right to such property.

**REPLEVIN.** A personal action *ex delicto* brought to recover possession of goods unlawfully taken, (generally, but not only, applicable to the taking of goods distrained for rent,) the validity of which taking it is the mode of contesting, if the party from whom the goods were taken wishes to have them back *in specie*, whereas, if he prefer to have damages instead, the validity may be contested by action of trespass or unlawful distress. The word means a redelivery to the owner of the pledge or thing taken in distress. Wharton. And see Sinnott v. Felock, 165 N. Y. 444, 59 N. E. 265, 53 L. R. A. 565, 80 Am. St. Rep. 736; Healey v. Humphrey, 81 Fed. 990, 27 C. C. A. 39; McJunkin v. Mathers, 158 Pa. 137, 27 Atl. 873; Tracy v. Warren, 104 Mass. 377; Lazard v. Wheeler, 22 Cal. 142; Maclary v. Turner, 9 Hous. (Del.) 281, 32 Atl. 325; Johnson v. Boehme, 69 Kan. 72, 71 Pac. 243, 97 Am. St. Rep. 337.

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**Personal replevin.** A species of action to replevy a man out of prison or out of the custody of any private person. It took the place of the old writ *de homine replegiando*; but, as a means of examining into the legality of an imprisonment, it is now superseded by the writ of *habeas corpus*—Replevin bond. A bond executed to indemnify the officer who executed a writ of replevin and to indemnify the defendant or person from whose custody the property was taken for such damages as he may sustain. Imel v. Van Deren, 8 Colo. 90, 5 Pac. 803; Walker v. Kennison, 34 N. H. 259.

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**REPLEVISOR.** The plaintiff in an action of replevin.

**REPLEVY.** This word, as used in reference to the action of replevin, signifies to redeliver goods which have been distrained, to the original possessor of them, on his pledging or giving security to prosecute an action against the distrainor for the purpose of trying the legality of the distress. It has also been used to signify the bailing or liberating a man from prison on his finding bail to answer for his forthcoming at a future time. Brown.

**REPLIANT, or REPLICANT.** A litigant who replies or files or delivers a replication.

**REPLICARE.** Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. To reply; to answer a defendant's plea.

**REPLICATION.** Lat. In the civil law and old English pleading. The plaintiff's answer to the defendant's exception or plea; corresponding with and giving name to the replication in modern pleading. Inst 4, 14, pr.

**REPLICA.** In pleading. A reply made by the plaintiff in an action to the defendant's plea, or in a suit in chancery to the defendant's answer.

**General and special.** In equity practice, a general replication is a general denial of the truth of defendant's plea or answer, and of the sufficiency of the matter alleged in it to bar the plaintiff's suit, and an assertion of the truth and sufficiency of the bill. A special replication is occasioned by the defendant's introducing new matter into his plea or answer, which makes it necessary for the plaintiff to put in issue some additional fact on his part in avoidance of such new matter. Vanbibber v. Beirne, 6 W. Va. 180.

**REPLY.** In its general sense, a reply is what the plaintiff, petitioner, or other person who has instituted a proceeding says in answer to the defendant's case. Sweet.

**On trial or argument.** When a case is tried or argued in court, the speech or argument of the plaintiff in answer to that of the defendant is called his "reply."

Under the practice of the chancery and common-law courts, to reply is to file or deliver a replication, (q. v.)

Under codes of reformed procedure, "reply" is very generally the name of the pleading which corresponds to "replication" in common-law or equity practice.

**REFONE.** In Scotch practice. To replace; to restore to a former state or right. 2 Allis. Crim. Pr. 351.

**REPORT.** An official or formal statement of facts or proceedings.

**In practice.** The formal statement in writing made to a court by a master in chancery, a clerk, or referee, as the result of his inquiries into some matter referred to him by the court.

The name is also applied (usually in the plural) to the published volumes, appearing periodically, containing accounts of the various cases argued and determined in the courts, with the decisions thereon.

Lord Coke defines "report" to be "a public relation, or a bringing again to memory cases judicially argued, debated, resolved, or adjudged in any of the king's courts of justice, together with such causes and reasons as were delivered by the judges of the same." Co. Litt. 293.

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**Report of committee.** The report of a legislative committee is that communication which the chairman of the committee makes to the house at the close of the investigation upon which it has been engaged. Brown—Report office. A department of the English court of chancery. The suitors' account there is discontinued by the 15 & 16 Vict. c. 87, § 36.

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**REPORTER.** A person who reports the decisions upon questions of law in the cases adjudged in the several courts of law and equity. Wharton.

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**REPORTS, THE.** The name given, *pars excellency,* to Lord Coke's Reports, from 14 Eliz. to 13 Jac. I, which are cited as "Rep."
or "Coke." They are divided into thirteen parts, and the modern editions are in six volumes, including the index.

REPOSITION OF THE FOREST. In old English law. An act whereby certain forest grounds, being made particular upon view, were by a second view laid to the forest again, put back into the forest. Manwood; Cowell.

REPOSITORY. A storehouse or place wherein things are kept; a warehouse. Cro. Car. 555.

REPRESENT. To exhibit; to expose before the eyes. To represent a thing is to produce it publicly. Dig. 10, 4, 2, 3.

To represent a person is to stand in his place; to supply his place; to act as his substitute. Plummer v. Brown, 64 Cal. 429, 1 Pac. 703; Solon v. Williamsburgh Sav. Bank, 35 Hun (N. Y.) 7.

REPRESENTATION. In Contracts. A statement made by one of two contracting parties to the other, before or at the time of making the contract, in regard to some fact, circumstance, or state of facts pertinent to the contract, which is influential in bringing about the agreement.

In insurance. A collateral statement, either by writing not inserted in the policy or by parol, of such facts or circumstances, relative to the proposed adventure, as are necessary to be communicated to the underwriters, to enable them to form a just estimate of the risks. 1 Marsh. Ins. 450.

The allegation of any facts, by the applicant to the insurer, or vice versa, preliminary to making the contract, and directly bearing upon it, having a plain and evident tendency to induce the making of the policy. The statements may or may not be in writing, and may be either express or by obvious implication. Lee v. Howard Fire Ins. Co., 11 Cush. (Mass.) 324; Augusta Insurance & Banking Co. of Georgia v. Abbott, 12 Md. 348.

In relation to the contract of insurance, there is an important distinction between a representation and a warranty. The former, which precedes the contract of insurance, and is no part of it, need be only materially true; the latter is a part of the contract, and must be exactly and literally fulfilled, or else the contract is broken and inoperative. Glendale Woolen Co. v. Protection Ins. Co., 21 Conn. 19, 54 Am. Dec. 309.

In the law of distribution and descent. The principle upon which the issue of a deceased person take or inherit the share of an estate which their immediate ancestor would have taken or inherited, if living; the taking or inheriting per stirpes. 2 Bl. Comm. 217, 517.

In Scotch law. The name of a plea or statement presented to a lord ordinary of the court of session, when his judgment is brought under review.

—False representation. A deceitful representation contrary to the fact, made knowingly and with the design of inducing the other party to enter into the contract to which it relates.—Misrepresentation. An intentional false statement respecting a matter of fact, made by one of the parties to a contract, which is material to the contract and influential in producing it.—Promissory representation. A term used chiefly in insurance, and meaning a representation made by the assured concerning what is to happen during the term of insurance, state of health or of expectation or even of contract, and amounting to a promise to be performed after the contract has come into existence. New Jersey Rubber Co. v. Commercial Union Assur. Co., 54 N. J. Law, 590, 46 Atl. 777.—Representation of persons. A fiction of the law, the effect of which is to put the representative in the place of the person represented. Civ. Code La. art. 894.

REPRESENTATIVE. Representation is the act of one person representing or standing in the place of another; and he who so represents or stands in the place of another is termed his "representative." Thus, an heir is the representative of the deceased ancestor; and an executor is the representative of the testator, the heir standing in the place of his deceased ancestor with respect to his realty, the executor standing in the place of his deceased testator with respect to his personalty; and hence the heir is frequently denominated the "real" representative, and the executor the "personal" representative. Brown; 2 Steph. Comm. 243. And see Lee v. Dill, 39 Barb. (N. Y.) 520; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 Atl. 816; McCravy v. McCravy, 12 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 1.

In constitutional law, representatives are these persons chosen by the people to represent their several interests in a legislative body.

—Legal representative. A person who, in the law, represents the person and controls the rights of another. Primarily the term meant those persons (representatives) chosen by the people to represent the people. The others, the executors and administrators, who by law represented the deceased, in distinction from the heir, who were the "natural" representatives. But as, under statutes of distribution, executors and administrators are no longer the sole representatives of the deceased as to personal property, the phrase has lost much of its original distinctive force, and is now used to describe either executors and administrators or children, descendants, next of kin, or distributees. Moreover, the phrase is not always used in its technical sense nor always with reference to the estate of a decedent; and in such other connections its import must be determined from the context; so that, in its general sense of one person representing another, or succeeding to the rights of another, or standing in the place of another, it includes an assignee in bankruptcy or insolvency, an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a receiver, an assignee of a mortgage, a grantee of land, a guardian, a purchaser at an execution sale, a widow, or a surviving partner.

37 N. J. Eq. 448; Merchants' Nat. Bank v. Abernathy, 52 Mo. App. 211; Hogan v. Page, 2 Wall. 607, 17 L. Ed. 554; Mutual L. Ins. Co. v. Armstrong, 177 U. S. 301, Sup. Ct. 377, 29 L. Ed. 997; Wright v. First Nat. Bank, 30 Fed. Cas. 673; Henderson Nat. Bank v. Alves, 91 Ky. 142, 15 S. W. 132; McLain v. Bedgood, 80 Ga. 760; 15 S. E. 670; Com. v. Bryan, 3 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 83; Barbour v. National Exch. Bank, 45 Ohio St. 133, 12 N. E. 5; Griswold v. First Nat. Bank, 125 N. Y. 411, 26 N. E. 494; Lasater v. First Nat. Bank (Tex. Civ. App.) 72 S. W. 1054. — Personal representatives. This term, in its commonly accepted sense, means every executor or administrator; but it may have a wider meaning, according to the intention of the person using it, and may include heirs, next of kin, assigns, grantees, and trustees in insolvency. See Griswold v. Sawyer, 125 N. Y. 411, 26 N. E. 494; Wells v. Bente, 8 Mo. App. 204; Staples v. Lewis, 71 Conn. 288, 41 Atl. 815; Baynes v. Ottey, 1 Mylne & K. 465; In re Wilcox & Howe Co., 70 Conn. 220, 39 Atl. 163. — Real representative. He who represents or stands in the place of another with respect to his real property, is so termed, in contradistinction to him who stands in the place of another, with regard to his personal property, and who is termed the "personal representative." Thus the heir is the real representative of his deceased ancestor. Brown. — Representative action or suit. A representative action or suit is one brought by a member of a class of persons on behalf of himself and the other members of the class. In the proceedings before judgment the plaintiff is, as a rule, and may discontinue or compromise the action as he pleases. Sweet. — Representative democracy. A form of government where the power is lodged in officers chosen by and representing the people, and holding office for a limited period, or at most during good behavior or at the pleasure of the people, and in which the legislative power may be (and in modern republics is) intrusted to a representative assembly. See Federalist, No. 39; Republic of Mexico v. De Arangoiz, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 636; State v. Harris, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 599. In a wider sense, the state, the common weal, the whole organized political community, without reference to the form of government; as in the maxim "interest republucis ut sit finis litium." Co. Litt. 303. 

REPUBLIC. A commonwealth; a form of government which derives all its powers directly or indirectly from the general body of citizens, and in which the executive power is lodged in officers chosen by and representing the people, and holding office for a limited period, or at most during good behavior or at the pleasure of the people, and in which the legislative power may be (and in modern republics is) intrusted to a representative assembly. See Federalist, No. 39; Republic of Mexico v. De Arangoiz, 5 Duer (N. Y.) 636; State v. Harris, 2 Bailey (S. C.) 599. In a wider sense, the state, the common weal, the whole organized political community, without reference to the form of government; as in the maxim "interest republucis ut sit finis litium." Co. Litt. 303. 

REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT. A government in the republican form; a government of the people; a government by representatives chosen by the people. See In re Duncan, 139 U. S. 449, 11 Sup. Ct. 573, 35 L. Ed. 219; Eckerson v. Des Moines, 137 Iowa, 432, 115 N. W. 177; Minor v. Happersett, 21 Wall. 175, 22 L. Ed. 627; Kadderly v. Portland, 44 Or. 118, 74 Pac. 710.

REPUBLICATION. The re-execution or re-establishment by a testator of a will which he had once revoked. A second publication of a will, either expressly or by construction.

REPUPIATI. To put away, reject, disclaim, or renounce a right, duty, obligation, or privilege.
REPUATION. Rejection; disclaimer; renunciation; the rejection or refusal of an offered or available right or privilege, or of a duty or relation. See Iowa State Sav. Bank v. Black, 91 Iowa, 490, 59 N. W. 283; Daley v. Saving Ass'n, 178 Mass. 13, 59 N. E. 452.

The refusal on the part of a state or government to pay its debts, or its declaration that its obligations, previously contracted, are no longer regarded by it as of binding force.

In the civil law. The casting off or putting away of a woman betrothed; also, but less usually, of a wife; divorcement.

In ecclesiastical law. The refusal to accept a benefice which has been conferred upon the party repudiating.

REPUDIUM. Lat. In Roman law. A breaking off of the contract of espousals, or of a marriage intended to be solemnized. Sometimes translated "divorce;" but this was not the proper sense. Dig. 50, 16, 191.

REPUGNANCY. An inconsistency, opposition, or contrariety between two or more clauses of the same deed or contract, or between two or more material allegations of the same pleading. See Lehman v. U. S., 127 Fed. 45, 61 C. C. A. 577; Swan v. U. S., 8 Wyo. 151, 9 Pac. 931.

REPUGNANT. That which is contrary to what is stated before, or insensible. A repugnant condition is void.

REPUTATION. A person's credit, honor, character, good name. Injuries to one's reputation, which is a personal right, are defamatory and malicious words, libels, and malicious indictments or prosecutions.

Reputation of a person is the estimate in which he is held by the public in the place where he is known. Cooper v. Greeley, 1 Demo (N. Y.) 347.

In the law of evidence, matters of public and general interest, such as the boundaries of counties or towns, rights of common, claims of highway, etc., are allowed to be proved by general reputation; e. g., by the declaration of deceased persons made anteatemmortem, by old documents, etc., notwithstanding the general rule against secondary evidence. Best, Ev. 692.

REPUTED. Accepted by general, vulgar, or public opinion. Thus, land may be reputed part of a manor, though not really so, and a denomination may be reputed a parish or a manor, or be a parish or a manor in reputation, although it is in reality no parish or manor at all. Brown.

—Reputed owner, see OWNERS.

REQUEST. An asking or petition; the expression of a desire to some person for something to be granted or done; particularly for the payment of a debt or performance of a contract.

The two words, "request" and "require," as used in notices to creditors to present claims against an estate, are of the same origin, and virtually synonymous. Prentice v. Whitney, 8 Hun (N. Y.) 300.

In pleading. The statement in the plaintiff's declaration that the particular payment or performance, the failure of which constitutes the cause of action, was duly requested or demanded of the defendant.

—Request, letters of. In English law. Many suits are brought before the Dean of the Arches as original judge, the cognizance of which properly belongs to inferior jurisdictions within the province, but in respect of which the inferior judge has waived his jurisdiction under a certain form of proceeding known in the canon law by the denomination of "letters of request." 3 Steph. Comm. 306.—Request note. In English law. A note requesting permission to remove dutiable goods from one place to another without paying the excise.—Requests, courts of. See COURTS OF REQUESTS.—Special request. A request actually made, at a particular time and place. This term is used in contradistinction to a general request, which need not state the time when nor place where made. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 2943.

REQUISITION. A demand in writing, or formal request or requirement. Bain v. State, 61 Ala. 79; Atwood v. Charlton, 21 R. I. 693, 45 Atl. 690.

In international law. The formal demand by one government upon another, or by the governor of one of the United States upon the governor of a sister state, of the surrender of a fugitive criminal.

In Scotch law. A demand made by a creditor that a debt be paid or an obligation fulfilled. Bell.

—Requisitions on title, in English conveyancing, are written inquiries made by the solicitor of an intending purchaser of land, or of any estate or interest therein, and addressed to the vendor's solicitor, in respect of some apparent insufficiency in the abstract of title. Mosley & Whitley.

REFEREES. In Scotch law. Inferior fiefs; portions of a fief or feud granted out to inferior tenants. 2 Bl. Comm. 57.

—Rerum ordo confunditur si unilique jurisdictio non servetur. 4 Inst. Proem. The order of things is confounded if every one preserve not his jurisdiction.
**RES.** Lat. In the civil law. A thing; an object. As a term of the law, this word has a very wide and extensive signification, including not only things which are objects of property, but also such as are not capable of individual ownership. See Inst. 2, 1, pr. And in old English law it is said to have a general import, comprehending both corporeal and incorporeal things of whatever kind, nature, or species. 3 Inst. 152. See Bract. fol. 7b.

By "res," according to the modern civilists, is meant everything that may form an object of rights, in opposition to "persona," which is regarded as a subject of rights. "Res," therefore, in its general meaning, comprises actions of all kinds; while in its restricted sense it comprehends every object of right, except actions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 146. This has reference to the fundamental division of the Institutes, that all law relates either to persons, to things, or to actions. Inst. 1, 2, 15. In modern usage, the term is particularly applied to an object, subject-matter, or status, considered as the defendant in an action, or as the object against which, directly, proceedings are taken. Thus, in a prize case, the captured vessel is "the res." And proceedings of this character are said to be in rem. (See In Personam; In Rem.) "Res" may also denote the action or proceeding, as when a cause, which is not between adversary parties, is entitled "In re — — ."

**Classification.** Things (res) have been variously divided and classified in law, e.g., in the following ways: (1) Corporeal and incorporeal things; (2) movable and immovable; (3) res mancipi and res nec mancipi; (4) things real and things personal; (5) things in possession and choses (i.e., things) in action; (6) fungible things and things not fungible, (fungibles vel non fungibles); and (7) res singulares (i.e., individual objects) and universitates rerum, (i.e., aggregates of things). Also persons are for some purposes and in certain respects regarded as things. Brown.

**In medias res.** In the civil law. An accessory thing, that which belongs to a principal thing, or is in connection with it. — *Res adjudicata.* A common but indefensible misapplication of the term. The latter term designates a point or question or subject-matter which was in controversy and dispute and has been authoritatively and finally settled by the decision of a court. A matter or question (here there is such a term) could only mean an article or subject of property "awarded to" a given person by the judgment of a court, which might perhaps be the case in regulating and similar actions. — *Res aduena.* In the civil law. A fallen or escheated thing; an escheat. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 2 c. 9, no. 69. — *Res communis.* In the civil law. Things common to all; that is, those things which are used and enjoyed by every one, even in single parts, but can never be exclusively acquired as a whole, e.g., light and air. Inst. 2, 1, 12; 1 Bl. Comm. 301. — *Res corone.* In old English law. Things of the crown; such as ancient manors, homages of the king, liberties, etc. Flita, lib. 5, c. 6, § 3.

**Res communis.** In the civil law. A thing concerning which no man is entitled to an exclusive possession, or which may be disposed of by the authority of the law, as a body of goods purchased, for example, so many bushels of wheat or so many dollars; but a particular horse or a particular jewel would not be of this character. Cabot.

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Res mobiles. In the civil law. Movable things; things which may be transported from one place to another, without injury to their substance and form. Things corresponding with the chattels personal of the common law. 2 Kent, Comm. 347.—Res nova. A new matter; a new case; a question not before decided.—

Res nullius. The property of nobody. A thing which has no owner, either because a former owner has finally abandoned it, or because it has never been appropriated by any person, or because (in the Roman law) it is not susceptible of private ownership.—Res perit domino. A phrase used to express that, when a thing is lost or destroyed, it is lost to the person who was the owner of it at the time. Broom, Max. 230.—Res privata. In the civil law. Things the property of one or more individuals. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 157.—Res publicae. Things belonging to the public; public property; such as the sea, navigable rivers, highways, etc.—Res quotidianae. Every-day matters; familiar points or questions.—Res religiosae. Things pertaining to religion. In Roman law, especially, burial-places, which were regarded as sacred, and could not be the subjects of commerce.—Res sacrae. In the civil law. Sacred things. Things consecrated by the pontiffs to the service of God; such as sacred edifices, and gifts or offerings. Inst. 2, 1, 8. Chalices, crosses, censers. Bract. fol. 8.—Res sanctae. In the civil law. Holy things; such as the walls and gates of a city. Inst. 2, 1, 10. Walls were said to be holy, because any offense against them was punished capitally. Bract. fol. 8.—Res universitatis. In the civil law. Things belonging to a community, (as, to a municipality,) the use and enjoyment of which, according to their proper purpose, is free to every member of the community, but which cannot be appropriated to the exclusive use of any individual; such as the public buildings, streets, etc. Inst. 2, 1, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 170.


Res accessoria sequitur rem principalem. Broom, Max. 491. The accessory follows the principal.

Res denominatur a principal part. 9 Coke, 47. The thing is named from its principal part.

Res est misera ubi jus est vagum et incertum. 2 Salk. 512. It is a wretched state of things when law is vague and mutable.

Res generalis habet significacionem quia tam corporea quam incorpora, cujuscumque sunt genera, naturae, sive species, comprehendit. 3 Inst. 182. The word "thing" has a general significacion, because it comprehends corporeal and incorporeal objects, of whatever nature, sort, or species.

Res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debet. Things done between strangers ought not to injure those who are not parties to them. Co. Litt. 132; Broom, Max. 954, 957.

Res inter alios judicata nullum allis prejudicium faciunt. Matters adjudged in a cause do not prejudice those who were not parties to it. Dig. 44, 2, 1.

Res judicata facta ex albo nigrum; ex nigrro, album; ex recto, rectum; ex curvo, curvum. A thing adjudged [the solemn judgment of a court] makes white, black; black, white; the crooked, straight; the straight, crooked. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 840.

Res judicata pro veritate asceptitur, et non pectorum per rem. 9 Coke, 76. The value of a thing is estimated according to its worth in money, but the value of money is not estimated by reference to a thing.

Res propria est que communis non est. A thing is private which is not common. LeBreton v. Miles, 8 Palge (N. Y.) 261, 270.

Res qui intra presidia perductae nondum sunt, quanquam ab hostibus occupata, ideo postliminiit non est, quia dominium nondum mutatur ex gentium jure. Things which have not yet been introduced within the enemy's lines, although held by the enemy, do not need the fiction of postliminy on this account, because their ownership by the law of nations has not yet changed. Gro. de Jure B. l, c. 9, § 16; Id. l, 3, c. 6, § 3.

Res sacra non recipit estimationem. A sacred thing does not admit of valuation. Dig. 1, 8, 9, 5.

Res sua nemini servit. 4 Macq. H. L Cas. 151. No one can have a servitude over his own property.

Res transit cum suo onere. The thing passes with its burden. Where a thing has been incumbered by mortgage, the incumbrance follows it wherever it goes. Bract. fols. 479, 48.

RESALE. Where a person who has sold goods or other property to a purchaser sells them again to some one else. Sometimes a vendor reserves the right of reselling if the purchaser commits default in payment of the purchase money, and in some cases (e. g., on a sale of perishable articles) the vendor may do so without having reserved the right.

SWEET. In old English practice. An admission or receiving a third person to plead his right in a cause formerly com-
menced between two others; as, in an action by tenant for life or years, he in the reversion might come in and pray to be received to defend the land, and to plead with the demandant. Cowell.

—Resceit of homage. The lord's receiving homage of his tenant at his admission to the land. Kitch. 148.


RESCISSIO. Lat. In the civil law. An annulling; avoiding, or making void; abrogation; rescission. Cod. 4, 44.

RESCISSION. Rescission, or the act of rescinding, is where a contract is canceled, annulled, or abrogated by the parties, or one of them.

In Spanish law, nullity is divided into absolute and relative. The former is that which arises from a cause, whether civil or criminal, the principal motive for which is the public interest; and the latter is that which affects only certain individuals. "Nullity" is not to be confounded with "rescission." Nullity takes place when the act is affected by a radical vice, which prevents it from producing any effect; as where an act is in contravention of the laws or of good morals, or where it has been executed by a person who cannot be supposed to have any will, as a child under the age of seven years, or a madman. (un nino o demente.) Rescission is where an act, valid in appearance, nevertheless conceals a defect, which may make it null, if demanded by any of the parties; as, for example, mistake, force, fraud, deceit, want of sufficient age, etc. Nullity relates generally to public order, and cannot therefore be made good either by ratification or prescription; so that the tribunals ought, for this reason alone, to decide that the null act can have no effect, without stopping to inquire whether the parties to it have or have not received any injury. Rescission, on the contrary, may be made good by ratification or by the silence of the parties; and now both of the parties can demand it, unless he can prove that he has received some prejudice or sustained some damage by the act. Sunol v. Hepburn, 1 Cal. 281, citing Escriche.

RESCRIPT. In canon law. A term including any form of apostolical letter emanating from the pope. The answer of the pope in writing. Dinct. Droit Can.

In the civil law. A species of imperial constitutions, being the answers of the prince Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—65

in individual cases, chiefly given in response to inquiries by parties in relation to litigated suits, or to inquiries by the judges, and which became rules for future litigated or doubtful legal questions. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 46.

At common law. A counterpart, duplicate, or copy.


The written statement by an appellate court of its decision in a case, with the reasons therefor, sent down to the trial court.

RESCRIPTION. In French law. A rescription is a letter by which one requests some one to pay a certain sum of money, or to account for him to a third person for it. Poth. Cont. de Change, no. 225.

RESCRIPTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A species of imperial constitution, in the form of an answer to some application or petition; a rescript. Calvin.

RESCUE. The act of forcibly and intentionally delivering a person from lawful arrest or imprisonment, and setting him at liberty. 4 Bl. Comm. 131; Code Ga. § 4478; Robinson v. State, 82 Ga. 535, 9 S. E. 528.

The unlawfully or forcibly taking back goods which have been taken under a distress for rent, damage feasant, etc. Hamlin v. Mack, 33 Mich. 108.

In admiralty and maritime law. The deliverrance of property taken as prize, out of the hands of the captors, either when the captured party retake it by their own efforts, or when, pending the pursuit or struggle, the party about to be overpowered receive reinforcements, and so escape capture.

RESCUSSOR. In old English law. A rescuer; one who commits a rescous. Cro. Jac. 419; Cowell.

RESCYT. L. Fr. Resceit; receipt; the receiving or harboring a felon, after the commission of a crime. Britt. c. 23.

RESEALING WRIT. In English law. The second sealing of a writ by a master so as to continue it, or to cure it of an irregularity.


Reservatio non debet esse de proficuis ipsis, quia ea conceduntur, sed de reditu novo extra proficua. A reservation ought not to be of the profits themselves, because they are granted, but from the new rent, apart from the profits. Co. Litt. 142.

RESERVATION. A clause in a deed or other instrument of conveyance by which the
grantor creates, and reserves to himself, some right, interest, or profit in the estate granted, which had no previous existence as such, but is first called into being by the instrument reserving it; such as rent, or an easement. Stephens v. Reynolds, 6 N. Y. 458; Re Narragansett Indians, 20 R. I. 715, 40 Atl. 347; Miller v. Lapham, 44 Vt. 435; Engel v. Ayer, 85 Me. 448, 27 Atl. 352; Smith v. Cornell University, 21 Mlce. Rep. 220, 45 N. Y. Supp. 642; Wilson v. Higbee (C. C.) 62 Fed. 728; Hurd v. Curtis, 7 Mete. (Mass.) 110.

A "reservation" should be carefully distinguished from an "exception," the difference between the two being this: By an exception, the grantor withdraws from the effect of the grant some part of the thing itself which is in esse, and included under the terms of the grant, as one acre from a certain field, a shop or mill standing within the limits of the granted premises, and the like; whereas, a reservation, though made to the grantor, lessor, or the one creating the estate, is something arising out of the thing granted not then in esse, or some new thing created or reserved, issuing or coming out of the thing granted, and not a part of the thing itself, nor of anything issuing out of another thing. 3 Washb. Real Prop. 649.

In public land laws of the United States, a reservation is a tract of land, more or less considerable in extent, which is by public authority withdrawn from sale or settlement, and appropriated to specific public uses; such as parks, military posts, Indian lands, etc. Jackson v. Wilcox, 2 Ill. 344; Meehan v. Jones (C. C.) 70 Fed. 456; Cahn v. Barnes (C. C.) 5 Fed. 351.

In practice, the reservation of a point of law is the act of the trial court in setting it aside for future consideration, allowing the trial to proceed meanwhile as if the question had been settled one way, but subject to alteration of the judgment in case the court in banc should decide it differently.

RESET. The receiving or harboring an outlawed person. Cowell.

—Reset of theft. In Scotch law. The receiving and keeping stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen, with a design of feloniously retaining them from the real owner. Alia. Crim. Law, 1328.

RESETTER. In Scotch law. A receiver of stolen goods knowing them to have been stolen.

RESIDENCE. Residence, abode, or continuance.

RESIDENT. In old English law. Continually dwelling or abiding in a place; resident; a resident. Kitchin, 33; Cowell.

—Resident rolls. Those containing the residents in a tithing, etc., which are to be called over by the steward on holding courts leet.

RESIDENCE. Living or dwelling in a certain place permanently or for a considerable length of time. The place where a man makes his home, or where he dwells permanently or for an extended period of time.

The difference between a residence and a domicile may not be capable of easy definition; but every one can see at least this distinction: A person domiciled in one state may, for temporary reasons, such as health, stay in another state a year or more years in some other place deemed more favorable. He does not, by so doing, forfeit his domicile in the first state, or, in any proper sense, become a non-resident of it, unless some intention, manifested by some act, of abandoning his residence in the first state is shown. Walker v. Walker, 1 Mo. App. 404.

"Residence" means a fixed and permanent abode or dwelling-place for the time being, as contradistinguished from a mere temporary locality of existence. So does "inhabiting," and the two are distinguishable in this respect from "domicile." In re Wrigley, 8 Wend. (N. Y.) 134.

As they are used in the New York Code of Procedure, the terms "residence" and "resident" mean legal residence; and legal residence is the place or the habitation of a person, whose political rights are to be exercised, and where he is liable to taxation. Houghton v. Ault, 16 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 77.

A distinction is recognized between legal and actual residence. A person may be a legal resident of one place and an actual resident of another. He may have a residence in one state or country without surrendering his legal residence in another, if he so intends. His legal residence may be merely ideal, but his actual residence must be substantial. He may not actually abide at his legal residence at all, but his actual residence must be his abiding place. Tipton v. Tipton, 87 Ky. 273, 8 S. W. 440; Eells v. Hinds, 1 Iowa, 36; Fitzgerald v. Arel, 63 Iowa, 104, 18 N. W. 713, 50 Am. Rep. 733; Ludlow v. Szold, 90 Iowa, 175, 57 N. W. 676.

RESIDENT. One who has his residence in a place.

"Resident" and "inhabitant" are distinguishable in meaning. The word "inhabitant" implies a more fixed and permanent abode than does "resident," and a resident may not be entitled to all the privileges or subject to all the duties of an inhabitant. Frost v. Brisbin, 19 Wend. (N. Y.) 11, 32 Am. Dec. 423.

Also a tenant, who was obliged to reside on his lord's land, and not to depart from the same; called, also, "homme levant et couchant," and in Normandy, "ressaient du fief."


RESIDUAL. Relating to the residue; relating to the part remaining.

RESIDUARY. Pertaining to the residue; constituting the residue; giving or bequeathing the residue; receiving or entitled to the residue. Riker v. Cornwall, 113 N. Y. 115, 20 N. E. 622; Kerr v. Dougerty, 79 N. Y. 359; Lamb v. Lamb, 60 Hun, 577, 14 N. Y. Supp. 206.

—Residuary account. In English practice. The account which every executor and admini-
tator, after paying the debts and particular legacies of the deceased, and before paying over the residuum, must pass before the board of inland revenue. Monley & Whitley.—Residuary clause. The clause in a will by which that part of the property is disposed of which remains after satisfying previous bequests and devises. Residuary devise and devisee. See Devise.—Residuary estate. The remaining part of a testator's estate and effects, after payment of debts and legacies; or that portion of his estate which has not been particularly devised or bequeathed. See Wetmore v. St. Luke's Hospital, 66 Hun, 313, 9 N. Y. Supp. 753.—Residuary legacy. See Legacy.

RESIDUE. The surplus of a testator's estate remaining after all the debts and particular legacies have been discharged. 2 Bl. Comm. 514.

The "residue" of a testator's estate and effects means what is left after all liabilities are discharged, and all the purposes of the testator, specifically expressed in his will, are carried into effect. Giaves v. Howard, 56 N. Q. 302.

RESIDIUM. That which remains after any process of separation or deduction; a residue or balance. That which remains of a decedent's estate, after debts have been paid and legacies deducted. See Parsons v. Colgate (C. C.) 15 Fed. 603; Robinson v.illard, 133 Mass. 239; United States Trust Co. v. Black, 9 Misc. Rep. 653, 30 N. Y. Supp. 453.

Resignatio est juris proprii spontanea refutatio. Resignation is a spontaneous relinquishment of one's own right. Godb. 284.

RESIGNATION. The act by which an officer renounces the further exercise of his office and returns the same into the hands of those from whom he received it.

In ecclesiastical law. Resignation is where a parson, vicar, or other beneficed clergyman voluntarily gives up and surrenders his charge and preferment to those from whom he received the same. It is usually done by an instrument attested by a notary. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 517.

In Scotch law. The return of a fee into the hands of the superior. Bell.

—Resignation bond. A bond or other engagement in writing taken by a patron from the clergyman presented by him to a living, to resign the benefice at a future period. This is allowable in certain cases under St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 94, passed in 1828. 2 Steph. Comm. 721.

RESIGNEE. One in favor of whom a resignation is made. 1 Bell, Commit. 125a.

RESILIRE. Lat. In old English law. To draw back from a contract before it is made binding. Bract. fol. 33.

RESIST. To oppose. This word properly describes an opposition by direct action and quasi forcible means. State v. Welch, 37 Wis. 196.


RESISTING AN OFFICER. In criminal law, the offense of obstructing, opposing, and endeavoring to prevent (with or without actual force) a peace officer in the execution of a writ or in the lawful discharge of his duty while making an arrest or otherwise enforcing the peace. See Davis v. State, 76 Ga. 722; Woodworth v. State, 26 Ohio St. 200; Jones v. State, 60 Ala. 99.

RESOLUCION. In Spanish colonial law. An opinion formed by some superior authority on matters referred to its decision, and forwarded to inferior authorities for their instruction and government. Schm. Civil Law, 93, note L.

RESOLUTION. The determination or decision, in regard to its opinion or intention, of a deliberative or legislative body, public assembly, town council, board of directors or the like. Also a motion or formal proposition offered for adoption by such a body.

In legislative practice. The term is usually employed to denote the adoption of a motion, the subject-matter of which would not properly constitute a statute; such as a mere expression of opinion; an alteration of the rules; a vote of thanks or of censure, etc. See City of Cape Girardeau v. Fugeau, 30 Mo. App. 556; McDowell v. People, 204 Ill. 499, 65 N. E. 379.

In practice. The judgment of a court. 5 Mod. 438; 10 Mod. 209.

In the civil law. The cancellation or annulling, by the act of parties or judgment of a court, of an existing contract which was valid and binding, in consequence of some cause or matter arising after the making of the agreement, and not in consequence of any inherent vice or defect, which, invalidating the contract from the beginning, would be ground for rescission. 7 Toullier, no. 551.

RESOLUTIVE. In Scotch conveyancing. Having the quality or effect of resolving or extinguishing a right. Bell.

Resoluto jure concedentis resolvitur jus concessum. The right of the grantor being extinguished, the right granted is extinguished. Mackeild. Rom. Law, 179; Broom, Max. 467.

RESOLUTORY CONDITION. See Condition.

RESORT, v. To go back. "It resorted to the line of the mother." Hale, Com. Law, c. 11.
RESORT. a. A court whose decision is final and without appeal is, in reference to the particular case, said to be a "court of last resort."

RESOURCES. Money or any property that can be converted into supplies; means of raising money or supplies; capabilities of raising wealth or to supply necessary wants; available means or capability of any kind. Ming v. Woolfolk, 3 Mont. 386; Sacry v. Lobre, 54 Cal. 41, 23 Pac. 1083; Shelby County v. Tennessee Centennial Exposition Co., 96 Tenn. 336, 36 S. W. 694, 33 L. R. A. 717.

RESPICUII COMPUTI VICECOMITIS HABENDO. A writ for respite a sheriff's address to the treasurer and barons of the exchequer. Reg. Orig. 139.

RESPECTUS. In old English and Scotch law. Respite; delay; continuance of time; postponement.

Respiciendum est judicanti ne quid aut durium aut remissium constitutur quam causa depositit; nec enim aut severitatias aut elementiae gloria affectanda est. The judge must see that no order be made or judgment given or sentence passed either more harshly or more mildly than the case requires; he must not seek renown, either as a severe or as a tender-hearted judge.

RESPITE. The temporary suspension of the execution of a sentence; a reprieve; a delay, forbearance, or continuation of time. 4 Bl. Comm. 394; Mishler v. Com., 62 Pa. 55, 1 Am. Rep. 377.

Continuance. In English practice, a jury is said, on the record, to be "respiteed" till the next term. 3 Bl. Comm. 354.

In the civil law. A respite is an act by which a debtor, who is unable to satisfy his debts at the moment, transacts (compromises) with his creditors, and obtains from them time or delay for the payment of the sums which he owes to them. The respite is either voluntary or forced. It is voluntary when all the creditors consent to the proposal, which the debtor makes, to pay in a limited time the whole or a part of the debt. It is forced when a part of the creditors refuse to accept the debtor's proposal, and when the latter is obliged to compel them by judicial authority to consent to what the others have determined, in the cases directed by law. Civ. Code La. arts. 3084, 3085.

—Respite of appeal. Adjourning an appeal to some future time. Brown—Respite of homage. To dispense with the performance of homage by tenants who held their lands in consideration of performing homage to their lords. Cowell.

RESPOND. 1. To make or file an answer to a bill, libel, or appeal, in the character of a respondent, (q. v.)

2. To be liable or answerable; to make satisfaction or amends; as, to "respond in damages."

RESPONDE BOOK. In Scotch practice. A book kept by the directors of chancery, in which are entered all non-entry and relief duties payable by heirs who take precepts from chancery. Bell.

RESPONDENTIA. The hypothecation of the cargo or goods on board a ship as security for the repayment of a loan, the term "bottomry" being confined to hypothecations of the ship herself; but now the term "respondentia" is seldom used, and the expression "bottomry" is generally employed, whether the vessel or her cargo or both be the security. Maude & P. Shipp. 433; Smith, Merc. Law, 416. See Maitland v. The Atlantic, 16 Fed. Cas. 522.

Respondentia is a contract by which a
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cargo, or some part thereof, is hypothecated as security for a loan, the repayment of which is dependent on maritime risks. Civ. Code Cal. § 3036; Civ. Code Dak. § 1796.

RESPONDERA SON SOVERAIGNE. His superior or master shall answer. Articulli sup. Chart. c. 18.

RESPONDERE NON DEBET. Lat. In pleading. The prayer of a plea where the defendant insists that he ought not to answer, as when he claims a privilege; for example, as being a member of congress or a foreign ambassador. 1 Chit. Pl. *433.

RESPONSA PRUDENTUM. Lat. Answers of jurists; responses given upon cases or questions of law referred to them, by certain learned Roman jurists, who, though not magistrates, were authorized to render such opinions. These responsa constituted one of the most important sources of the earlier Roman law, and were of great value in developing its scientific accuracy. They held much the same place of authority as our modern precedents and reports.

RESPONSALIS. In old English law. One who appeared for another.

In ecclesiastical law. A proctor.

RESPONSALIS AD LUCRANDUM VEL PETENDUM. He who appears and answers for another in court at a day assigned; a proctor, attorney, or deputy. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 169.

RESPONSIBILITY. The obligation to answer for an act done, and to repair any injury it may have caused.

RESPONSIBLE. To say that a person is "responsible" means that he is able to pay a sum for which he is or may become liable, or to discharge an obligation which he may be under. Farley v. Day, 26 N. H. 531; People v. Kent, 160 Ill. 625, 43 N. E. 760; Com. v. Mitchell, 82 Pa. 349. A promise to be "responsible" for the contract of another is a guaranty rather than a suretyship. Bickel v. Auner, 9 Phila. (Pa.) 499.

—Responsible government. This term generally designates that species of governmental system in which the responsibility for public measures or acts of state rests upon the ministry or executive council, who are under an obligation to resign when disapprobation of their course is expressed by a vote of want of confidence in the legislative assembly, or by the defeat of an important measure advocated by them.

Responsio unius non omnia audiatur. The answer of one witness shall not be heard at all. A maxim of the Roman law of evidence. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 250.

RESPONSIVE. Answering; constituting or comprising a complete answer. A "responsive allegation" is one which directly answers the allegation it is intended to meet.

RESSEISER. The taking of lands into the hands of the crown, where a general liv­ery or ouster le main was formerly misused.

REST, v. In the trial of an action, a party is said to "rest," or "rest his case," when he intimates that he has produced all the evidence he intends to offer at that stage, and submits the case, either finally, or subject to his right to afterwards offer rebutting evidence.

REST, n. Rests are periodical balancings of an account, (particularly in mortgage and trust accounts,) made for the purpose of converting interest into principal, and charging the party liable thereon with compound interest. Mozley & Whitley.

RESTAMPING WRIT. Passing it a second time through the proper office, whereupon it receives a new stamp. 1 Chit. Arch. Pr. 212.

RESTAUR, or RESTOR. The remedy or recourse which marine underwriters have against each other, according to the date of their assurances, or against the master, if the loss arise through his default, as through ill loading, want of caulking, or want of having the vessel tight; also the remedy or recourse a person has against his guarantor or other person who is to indemnify him from any damage sustained. Enc. Lond.

RESTAURANT. This term, as currently understood, means only, or chiefly, an eating-house; but it has no such fixed and definite legal meaning as necessarily to exclude its being an “inn” in the legal sense. Lewis v. Hitchcock (D. C.) 10 Fed. 4.

RESTITUTIO IN INTEGRUM. Lat. In the civil law. Restoration or restitution to the previous condition. This was effected by the praetor on equitable grounds, at the prayer of an injured party, by rescinding or nullifying a contract or transaction valid by the strict law, or annulling a change in the legal condition produced by an omission, and restoring the parties to their previous situation or legal relations. Dig. 4, 1; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 220.

The restoration of a cause to its first state, on petition of the party who was cast, in order to have a second hearing. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 9, no. 49.

RESTITUTION. In maritime law. When a portion of a ship’s cargo is lost by jettison, and the remainder saved, and the articles so lost are replaced by a general contribution among the owners of the cargo, this is called “restitution.”

In practice. The return of something to the owner of it or to the person entitled to
RESTITUTION


If, after money has been levied under a writ of execution, the judgment be reversed by writ of error, or set aside, the party against whom the execution was sued out shall have restitution. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1033; 1 Burrill, Pr. 292. So, on conviction of a felon, immediate restitution of such of the goods stolen as are brought into court will be ordered to be made to the several prosecutors. 4 Steph. Comm. 454.

In equity. Restitution is the restoration of both parties to their original condition, (when practicable,) upon the rescission of a contract for fraud or similar cause.

—Restitution of conjugal rights. In English ecclesiastical law. A species of matrimonial cause or suit which is brought whenever either a husband or wife is guilty of the injury of subtraction, or lives separate from the other without any sufficient reason; in which case the ecclesiastical jurisdiction will compel them to come together again, if either party be weak enough to desire it, contrary to the inclination of the other. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.—Restitution of minors. In Scotch law. A minor on attaining majority may obtain relief against a restraint of trade, or of the exercise of a power by the donor thereof. 2 Tidd, Pr. 1030.

RESTRICTIONS TEMPORALIUM. A writ addressed to the sheriff, to restore the temporalities of a bishopric to the bishop elected and confirmed. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 109.

RESTRICION. To limit, confine, abridge, narrow down, or restrict. To prohibit from action; to put compulsion upon; to restrict; to hold or press back. To enjoin, (in equity.)

RESTRICION ORDER. An order in the nature of an injunction. See ORDER.

RESTRICION POWER. Restrictions or limitations imposed upon the exercise of a power by the donor thereof.

RESTRICION STATUTE. A statute which restrains the common law, where it is too lax and luxuriant. 1 Bl. Comm. 87. Statutes restraining the powers of corpora-

tions in regard to leases have been so called in England. 2 Bl. Comm. 319, 320.

RESTRAINT. Confinement, abridgment, or limitation. Prohibition of action; holding or pressing back from action. Hindrance, confinement, or restriction of liberty.

"What, then, according to a common understanding, is the meaning of the term 'restraint'? Does it imply that the limitation, restriction, or confinement? Does it imply that those who are in possession of the person or thing which is limited, restricted, or confined, or is the term satisfaction of another person's construction created by the application of external force? If, for example, a town be besieged, and the inhabitants confined within its walls by the besieging army, if, in attempting to come out, they are forced back, would it be inaccurate to say that they are restrained within those limits? The court believes that it would not; and, if it would not, then with equal propriety may it be said, when a port is blockaded, that the vessels within are confined, or restrained from coming out. The blockading force is a species of restraint of the action of those in the harbor, but it acts upon and restrains them. It is a vis major, applied directly and effectually to them, which prevents them from coming out; hence the term 'restraint,' in law to be, in correct language, 'a restraint,' by the power imposing the blockade; and when a ves-

sels, after being held and turned back, this restraining force is practical-

ly applied to such vessel." Olivera v. Union Ins. Co., 3 Wheat. 189, 4 L. Ed. 305.

The term "restraint" and "detention of prince," as used in policies of marine insurance, have the same meaning,—that of the effect of superior force, operating directly upon the vessel. So, in cases of detention, the term "restraint," so long she is detained; and, whenever she is detained, she is under restraint. Richardson v. Insur-

ance Co., 6 Mass. 102, 4 Am. Dec. 92.

—Restraint of marriage. A contract, cov-
nenant, bond, or devise is "in restraint of marriage" when its conditions unreasonably hamper or restrict the party's freedom to marry, or his choice, or impair his enjoyment of the exercise of his marriage. "Restraint of trade. Contracts or combinations in restraint of trade are such as tend or are designed to eliminate or stifle competition, effect a monopoly, artificially main-

tain prices, or otherwise hamper or obstruct the course of trade and commerce as it would be carried on if left to the control of natural and economic forces. See U. S. v. Trans-Missouri Freight Ass'n, 166 U. S. 290, 17 Sup. Ct. 540, 41 L. Ed. 1007; Hodge v. Sloan, 107 N. Y. 244, 31 N. E. 835; 1 Am. St. Rep. 316. With reference to contracts between individuals, a re-

straint of trade is said to be "general" or "spe-
cial." A contract which forbids a person to employ his talents, industry, or capital in any undertaking within the limits of the state or country is in "general" restraint of trade; if it forbids him to employ himself in a designated trade or business, either for a limited time or within a prescribed area or district, it is in "special." See Holbrook v. Waters, 9 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 337.—Restraint on alienation is where property is given to a married woman to her separate use, without power of alienation.

RESTRICTION. In the case of land reg-

istered under the English land transfer act, 1875, a restriction is an entry on the register made on the application of the registered proprietor of the land, the effect of which is to prevent the transfer of the land or the creation of any charge upon it, unless notice of the application for a transfer or charge is
sent by post to a certain address, or unless the consent of a certain person or persons to the transfer or charge is obtained, or unless some other thing is done. Sweet.

**RESTRICTIVE INDOREMENT.** An indorsement may be so worded as to restrict the further negotiability of the instrument, and it is then called a "restrictive indorsement." Thus, "Pay the contents to J. S. only," or "to J. S. for my use," are restrictive indorsements, and put an end to the negotiability of the paper. 1 Daniel, Neg. Inst. § 698.

**RESULT.** In law, a thing is said to result when, after having been ineffectually or only partially disposed of, it comes back to its former owner or his representatives. Sweet.

---Resulting trust. See Trust.—Resulting use. See Use.

**RESUMMONS.** In practice. A second summons. The calling a person a second time to answer an action, where the first summons is defeated upon any occasion; as the death of a party, or the like. Cowell.

**RESUMPTION.** In old English law. The taking again into the king's hands such lands or tenements as before, upon false suggestion, or other error, he had delivered to the heir, or granted by letters patent to any person. Cowell.

**RESURRENDER.** Where copyhold land has been mortgaged by surrender, and the mortgagee has been admitted, then, on the mortgage debt being paid off, the mortgagor is entitled to have the land reconveyed to him, by the mortgagee surrendering it to the lord to his use. This is called a "resurrender." 2 Dav. Conv. 1832n.


---Retailer of merchandise. A merchant who buys articles in gross or merchandise in large quantities, and sells the same by single articles or in small quantities.

**RETAI.** In practice. To engage the services of an attorney or counsellor to manage a cause. See Retainer, 2.

---Retaining a cause. In English practice. The act of one of the divisions of the high court of justice in retaining jurisdiction of a cause wrongly brought in that division instead of another. Under the judicature acts of 1873 and 1875, this may be done, in some cases, in the discretion of the court or a judge.—Retaining fee. A fee given to counsel on engaging his services for the trial of the cause.—Retaining lien. See Lien.

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---Retail. To sell by small parcels, and not in the gross. To sell in small quantities. State v. Lowenhaught, 11 Lea (Tenn.) 13; Bridges v. State, 37 Ark. 224; McArthur v. State, 69 Ga. 444; Com. v. Kimball, 7 Metc. (Mass.) 308.

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---Retainer. 1. The right of retainer is the right which the executor or administrator of a deceased person has to retain out of the assets sufficient to pay any debt due to him from the deceased in priority to the other creditors whose debts are of equal degree. 3 Steph. Comm. 203. Miller v. Irby, 63 Ala. 483; Taylor v. Deblos, 23 Fed. Cas. 765.

---Retain. In practice. To engage the services of an attorney or counsellor to manage a cause. See Retainer, 2.

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RETOURNA BREVİUM. The return of writs. The indorsement by a sheriff or other officer of his doings upon a writ.

RETORNINO HABENDO. A writ that lies for the distrainor of goods (when, on replevin brought, he has proved his distress to be a lawful one) against him who was so distrained, to have them returned to him according to law, together with damages and costs. Brown.

RETORSION. In international law. A species of retaliation, which takes place where a government, whose citizens are subjected to severe and stringent regulation or harsh treatment by a foreign government, employs measures of equal severity and harshness upon the subjects of the latter government found within its dominions. See Vattel, lib. 2, c. 18, § 341.

RETOUR. In Scotch law. To return a writ to the office in chancery from which it issued.

RETOUR OF SERVICE. In Scotch law. A certified copy of a verdict establishing the legal character of a party as heir to a deceased.

RETOUR SANS FRAIS. Fr. In French law. A formula put upon a bill of exchange to signify that the drawer waives protest, and will not be responsible for costs arising thereon. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 675.

RETOUR SANS PROTÉT. Fr. Return without protest. A request or direction by a drawer of a bill of exchange that, should the bill be dishonored by the drawee, it may be returned without protest.

RETRACT. To take back. To retract an offer is to withdraw it before acceptance, which the offerer may always do.

RETRACTATION, in probate practice, is a withdrawal of a renunciation, (q. v.)

RETRACTO O TANTEO. In Spanish law. The right of revoking a contract of sale; the right of redemption of a thing sold. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 13, c. 2, § 4.

RETRACTUS AQUÆ. Lat. The ebb or return of a tide. Cowell.

RETRACTUS FEUDALIS. L. Lat. In old Scotch law. The power which a superior possessed of paying off a debt due to an adjudging creditor, and taking a conveyance to the adjudication. Bell.

RETRAIT. Fr. In old French and Canadian law. The taking back of a fief by the seignior, in case of alienation by the vassal. A right of pre-emption by the seignior, in case of sale of the land by the grantee.

RETRAXIT. Lat. In practice. An open and voluntary renunciation by a plaintiff of his suit in court, made when the trial is called on, by which he forever loses his action, or is barred from commencing another action for the same cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 296; 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 250.

A retraxit is the open, public, and voluntary renunciation by the plaintiff, in open court, of his suit or cause of action, and if this is done by the plaintiff, and a judgment entered thereon by the defendant, the plaintiff's right of action is forever gone. Code Ga. 1882, § 3445. And see U. S. v. Parker, 120 U. S. 59, 7 Sup. Ct. 454, 30 L. Ed. 601; Pechtel v. McCullough, 49 W. Va. 520, 39 S. E. 196; Westby v. Gray, 116 Cal. 660, 48 Fac. 800; Russell v. Rolf, 50 Ala. 57; Lowry v. McMillan, 8 Pa. 163, 4 Am. Dec. 601; Broward v. Roche, 21 Fla. 477.

RETRÊT TO THE WALL. In the law relating to homicide in self-defense, this phrase means that the party must avail himself of any apparent and reasonable avenues of escape by which his danger might be averted, and the necessity of slaying his assailant avoided. People v. Iams, 57 Cal. 120.

RETRIBUTION. This word is sometimes used in law, though not commonly in modern times, as the equivalent of "recompense," or a payment or compensation for services, property, use of an estate, or other value received.

RETRÉSO. Lat. Back; backward; behind. Retrocedum, a refreef, or carrière fief. Spelman.

RETROACTIVE has the same meaning as "retrospective," (q. v.)

RETROCESSION. In the civil law. When the assignee of heritable rights conveys his rights back to the cedent, it is called a "retrocession." Ersk. Inst. 3, 5, 1.

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RETROACTIVE. Looking back; contemplating what is past.

—Retrospective law. A law which looks backward or contemplates the past; one which is made to affect acts or facts transpiring, or rights accruing, before it came into force. Every statute which takes away or impairs vested rights acquired under existing laws, or creates a new obligation, imposes a new duty, or attaches a new disability in respect to transactions or considerations already past, must be deemed retrospective. See Ex Potr Facto, And see Deland v. Platte Co., (C. C.) 54 Fed. 832; Poole v. Seger, 11 Pet. 192, 9 L. Ed. 680; Sturges v. Carter, 114 U. S. 511, 5 Sup. Ct. 1014, 29 L. Ed. 240; Merrill v. Sherburne,
RETURN. The act of a sheriff, constable, or other ministerial officer, in delivering back to the court a writ, notice, or other paper, which he was required to serve or execute, with a brief account of his doings under the mandate, the time and mode of service or execution, or his failure to accomplish it, as the case may be. Also the indorsement made by the officer upon the writ or other paper, stating what he has done under it, the time and mode of service, etc.

The report made by the court, body of magistrates, returning board, or other authority charged with the official counting of the votes cast at an election.

In English practice, the election of a member of parliament is called his "return."

False return. A return to a writ, in which the officer charged with it falsely reports that he served it, when he did not, or makes some other false or incorrect statement, whereby injury results to a person interested. State v. Jenkins, 170 Mo. 10, 70 S. W. 132—General return-day. The day for the general return of all writs of summons, subpoena, etc., running to a particular term of the court.—Return-book. The book containing the list of members returned to the house of commons. May, Parl. Pr.—Return-day. The day named in a writ or process, upon which the officer is required to return it.—Return irrepleivable. A writ allowed by the statute of Westm. 2, c. 2, to a defendant who had had judgment upon verdict or demurrer in an action of reaplief, or after the plaintiff had, on a writ of second deliverance, become a second time nonsuit in such action. By this writ the goods were returned to the defendant, and the plaintiff was restrained from suing out a fresh reapleif. Previously to this statute, an unsuccessful plaintiff might bring actions of reapleif in infinitum, in reference to the same matter. 3 Bl. Comm. 150.—Return of premium. The repayment of the whole or a ratable part of the premium paid for a policy of insurance, upon the cancellation of the contract before the time fixed for its expiration.—Return of writs. In practice. A short account, in writing, made by the sheriff, or other ministerial officer, of the manner in which he has executed a writ. Steph. Pl. 24.

RETURNABLE. In practice. To be returned, requiring a return. When a writ is said to be "returnable" on a certain day, it is meant that on that day the officer must return it.

RETURNING BOARD. This is the official title in some of the states of the board of canvassers of elections.

RETURNING FROM TRANSPORTATION. Coming back to England before the term of punishment is determined.


RETURNUM AVERIORM. A judicial writ, similar to the returno habendo. Cowell.

RETURNUM IRREPLEGIABILE. A judicial writ addressed to the sheriff for the final restitution or return of cattle to the owner when unjustly taken or distrained, and so found by verdict. It is granted after a nonsuit in a second deliverance. Reg. Jud. 27.

REUS. Lat. In the civil and canon law. The defendant in an action or suit.

A person judicially accused of a crime; a person criminally proceeded against. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 13, no. 7.

A party to a suit, whether plaintiff or defendant; a litigant. This was the ancient sense of the word. Calvin.

A party to a contract. Reus stipulandi, a party stipulating; the party who asked the question in the form prescribed for stipulations. Reus promittendi, a party promising; the party who answered the question.

Reus excipiendo sit actor. The defendant, by excepting or pleading, becomes a plaintiff; that is, where, instead of simply denying the plaintiff's action, he sets up some new matter in defense, he is bound to establish it by proof, just as a plaintiff is bound to prove his cause of action. Boulier, Tr. des Preuves, §§ 152, 320; Best, Ev. p. 294, § 252.

Reus esse majestatis punitur ut per eat unus ne pereant omnes. A traitor is punished that one may die lest all perish. 4 Coke, 124.

REVE. In old English law. The bailiff of a franchise or manor; an officer in parishes within forests, who marks the commonable cattle. Cowell.

REVE MOTE. In Saxon law. The court of the reve, reeve, or shire reeve. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 6.

REVEL. A criminal complaint charged that the defendant did "revel, quarrel, commit mischief, and otherwise behave in a disorderly manner." Held, that the word "revel" has a definite meaning; i. e., "to behave in a noisy, boisterous manner, like a bacchanal." In re Began, 12 R. I. 309.

REVELAND. The land which in Domesday is said to have been "thane-land," and afterwards converted into "reveoland." It seems to have been land which, having reverted to the king after the death of the thane, who had it for life, was not granted out to any by the king, but rested in charge
upon the account of the reve or bailiff of the manor. Spel. Feuds, c. 24.

REVELS. Sports of dancing, masking, etc., formerly used in princes' courts, the inns of court, and noblemen's houses, commonly performed by night. There was an officer to order and supervise them, who was entitled the "master of the revels." Cowell.

REVENDEICATION. In the civil law. The right of a vendor to reclaim goods sold out of the possession of the purchaser, where the price was not paid. Story, Confl. Laws, § 401. See Benedict v. Schaettle, 12 Ohio St. 529; Ellis v. Davis, 109 U. S. 485, 3 Sup. Ct. 327, 27 L. Ed. 1006.

REVENUE. As applied to the income of a government, this is a broad and general term, including all public moneys which the state collects and receives, from whatever source and in whatever manner. U. S. v. Bromley, 12 How. 99, 13 L. Ed. 905; State v. School Fund Com'rs, 4 Kan. 268; Fletcher v. Oliver, 25 Ark. 265.

It also designates the income of an individual or private corporation.

-Public revenue. The revenue of the government of the state or nation; sometimes, perhaps, that of a municipality.—Revenue law. Any law which provides for the assessment and government of the state or nation; sometimes, perjocularly, the public revenue. The revenue of the government is called the "revenue law." Section 768; 2 Bl. Comm. 175. And see Barber v. Brundage, 50 App. Div. 123, 63 N. Y. Supp. 347; Payn v. Beal, 4 Denio (N. Y.) 411; Powell v. Railroad Co., 16 Or. 33, 16 Pac. 683, 8 Am. St. Rep. 251; Wingate v. James, 121 Ind. 69, 22 N. E. 735; Byrne v. Weller, 61 Ark. 366, 33 S. W. 421.

When a person has an interest in lands, and grants a portion of that interest, or, in other terms, a less estate than he has in himself, the possession of those lands shall, on the determination of the granted interest or estate, return or revert to the grantor. This interest is what is called the "grantor's reversion," or, more properly, his "right of reverter," which, however, is deemed an actual estate in the land. Wark Conv. 18.

Where an estate is derived, by grant or otherwise, out of a larger one, leaving in the original owner an interest immediately expectant on that which is so derived, the ulterior interest is called the "reversion." 1 Steph. Comm. 290. A reversion is the residue of an estate left in the grantor, to commence in possession after the determination of some particular estate; while a remainder is an estate limited to take effect in the possession of the grantor after he dies. In the former case, it is called "reversionary;" and the period of seven years allowed for redemption is called the "legal." 1 Steph. Comm. 290.

-In personality. "Reversion" is also used to denote a reversionary interest; e. g., an interest in personal property subject to the life interest of some other person.

In Scotch law. A reversion is a right of redeeming landed property which has been either mortgaged or adjudicated to secure the payment of a debt. In the former case, the reversion is called "conventional;" in the latter case, it is called "legal;" and the period of seven years allowed for redemption is called the "legal." Bell; Paterson.

LEGAL reversion. In Scotch law. The period within which a proprietor is at liberty to redeem land adjudged from him for debt.

REVERSIONARY. That which is to be enjoyed in reversion.

-Reversionary interest. The interest which a person has in the reversion of lands or other property. A right to the future enjoy-
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REVERSIONER. A person who is entitled to an estate in reversion. By an extension of its meaning, one who is entitled to any future estate or any property in expectancy.

REVEXT. To revert is to return. Thus, when the owner of an estate in land has granted a smaller estate to another person, on the determination of the latter estate, the land is said to "revert" to the grantor. Sweet.

REVENSIONER. Reversion. A possibility of revert is that species of reversionary interest which exists when the grant is so limited that it may possibly terminate. 1 Washb. Real Prop. 63. See FORMEDON IN THE REVERTER.

REVEST. To vest again. A seisin is said to revest, where it is acquired a second time by the party out of whom it has been divested. 1 Rop. Husb. & Wife, 353.

REVISING ASSESSORS. In English law. Two officers elected by the burgesses of non-parliamentary municipal boroughs for the purpose of assisting the mayor in revising the parish burgess lists. Wharton.

REVISING BARRISTERS. In English law. Barristers appointed to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament, and who hold courts for that purpose throughout the county. St 6 Vict c. 18.

REVISING BARRISTERS' COURTS. In English law. Courts held in the autumn throughout the country, to revise the list of voters for county and borough members of parliament.

REVIVAL. The process of renewing the operative force of a judgment which has remained dormant or unexecuted for so long a time that execution cannot be issued upon it without new process to reanimate it. See Brier v. Traders' Nat. Bank, 24 Wash. 695, 64 Pac. 831; Havens v. Sea Shore Land Co., 57 N. J. Eq. 142, 41 Atl. 755.

REVIVE. To renew, revivify; to make one's self liable for a debt barred by the statute of limitations by acknowledging it; or for a matrimonial offense, once condoned, by committing another. See Lindsey v. Lyman, 37 Iowa, 207.

REVIVOR. WRIT OF. In equity practice. A bill filed for the purpose of reviving or calling into operation the proceedings in a suit when, from some circumstance, (as the death of the plaintiff,) the suit had abated.

REVIVOR, BILL OF. In equity practice. A bill filed for the purpose of reviving or calling into operation the proceedings in a suit when, from some circumstance, (as the death of the plaintiff,) the suit had abated.

REVIVOR, WRIT OF. In English practice. Where it became necessary to revive a
Judgment, by lapse of time, or change by death, etc., of the parties entitled or liable to execution, the party alleging himself to be entitled to execution might sue out a writ of revivor in the form given in the act, or apply to the court for leave to enter a suggestion upon the roll that it appeared that he was entitled to have and issue execution of the judgment, such leave to be granted by the court or a judge upon a rule to show cause, or a summons, to be served according to the then present practice. C. L. P. Act, 1852, § 129.

REVOCABLE. Subjective of being revoked.

REVOCATION. The recall of some power, authority, or thing granted, or destroying or making void of some deed that had existence until the act of revocation made it void. It may be either general, of all acts and things done before; or special, to revoke a particular thing. 5 Coke, 90. See Wilmington City Ry. Co. v. Wilmington & B. S. Ry. Co., 8 Del. Ch. 408, 46 Atl. 12. Revocation by act of the party is an intentional or voluntary revocation. The principal instances occur in the case of authorities and powers of attorney and wills. A revocation in law, or constructive revocation, is produced by a rule of law, irrespective of the intention of the parties. Thus, a power of attorney is in general revoked by the death of the principal. Sweet.

REVOCATION OF PROBATE is where probate of a will, having been granted, is afterwards recalled by the court of probate, on proof of a subsequent will, or other sufficient cause.—Revocation of will. The recalling, annulling, or rendering inoperative an existing will, by some subsequent act of the testator, which may be by the making of a new will inconsistent with the terms of the first, or by destroying the old will, or by disposing of the property to which it related, or otherwise. See Roudnitz v. Bradford, 2 Dall. 268, 1 L. Ed. 375; Lathrop v. Dunlop, 4 Hun (N. Y.) 215; Carter v. Thomas, 4 Me. 342; Langdon v. Astor, 3 Duer (N. Y.) 561; Graham v. Burch, 47 Minn. 171, 39 N. W. 697, 28 Am. St. Rep. 339; Gardner v. Gardiner, 65 N. H. 230, 19 Atl. 651, 8 L. R. A. 383; Cutler v. Cutler, 130 N. C. 1, 40 S. E. 689, 67 L. R. A. 209, 59 Am. St. Rep. 854.

REVOCATIONE PARLIAMENTI. An ancient writ for recalling a parliament. 4 Inst. 44.

REVOCATUR. Lat. It is recalled. This is the term, in English practice, appropriate to signify that a judgment is annulled or set aside for error in fact; if for error in law, it is then said to be reversed.

REVOKE. To call back; to recall; to annul an act by calling or taking it back.

REVOLT. The endeavor of the crew of a vessel, or any one or more of them, to overthrow the legitimate authority of her commander, with intent to remove him from his command, or against his will to take possession of the vessel by assuming the government and navigation of her, or by transferring their obedience from the lawful commander to some other person. United States v. Kelly, 11 Wheat. 417, 6 L. Ed. 508.

REWARD. A recompense or premium offered by government or an individual in return for special or extraordinary services to be performed, or for special attainments or achievements, or for some act resulting to the benefit of the public; as, a reward for useful inventions, for the discovery and apprehension of criminals, for the restoration of lost property. See Kline v. First Nat. Bank, 118 Wis. 537, 95 N. W. 969, 99 Am. St. Rep. 1012; Campbell v. Mercer, 108 Ga. 103, 33 S. E. 871.

REWME. In old records. Realm, or kingdom.

REX. Lat. The king. The king regarded as the party prosecuting in a criminal action; as in the form of entitling such actions, "Rex v. Doe."

Rex debet esse sub lege quia lex facit regem. The king ought to be under the law, because the law makes the king. 1 Bl. Comm. 239.

Rex est legallis et politicus. Lane, 27. The king is both a legal and political person.

Rex est lex vivens. Jenk. Cent. 17. The king is the living law.

Rex est major singulis, minor universis. Bract. l. 1, c. 8. The king is greater than any single person, less than all.

Rex hoc solum non potest facere quod non potest injuste agere. 11 Coke, 72. The king can do everything but an injustice.

Rex non debit esse sub homine, sed sub Deo et sub lege, quia lex facit regem. Bract. fol. 5. The king ought to be under no man, but under God and the law, because the law makes a king. Broom, Max. 47.


Rex nunquam moritur. The king never dies. Broom, Max. 50; Branch, Max. (5th Ed.) 197; 1 Bl. Comm. 249.

RHANDIR. A part in the division of Wales before the Conquest; every township
comprehended four gavels, and every gavel had four rhondirs, and four houses or tenements constituted every rhondir. Tayl. Hist. Gav. 69.

RHODIAN LAWS. This, the earliest code or collection of maritime laws, was formulated by the people of the island of Rhodes, who, by their commercial prosperity and the superiority of their navies, had acquired the sovereignty of the seas. Its date is very uncertain, but is supposed (by Kent and others) to be about 900 B.C. Nothing of it is now extant except the article on jettison, which has been preserved in the Roman collections. (Dig. 14, 2, "Lex Rhodia de Jactu.") Another code, under the same name, was published in more modern times, but is generally considered, by the best authorities, to be spurious. See Schomberg, Mar. Laws Rhodes, 37, 38; 3 Kent, Comm. 3, 4; Azunl, Mar. Law, 265-296.

RIAL. A piece of gold coin current for 10s., in the reign of Henry VI., at which time there were half-rials and quarter-rials or rial-farthings. In the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign, golden rials were coined at 15s. a piece; and in the time of James I. there were rose-rials of gold at 30s. and spur-rials at 15s. Lown. Essay Coins, 33.

RIBAUD. A rogue; vagrant; whoremonger; a person given to all manner of wickedness. Cowell.

RIBBONMEN. Associations or secret societies formed in Ireland, having for their object the dispossessions of landlords by murder and fire-raising. Wharton.

RICHARD ROE, otherwise TROUBLESOME. The casual ejector and fictitious defendant in ejectment, whose services are no longer invoked.

RICOHOME. Span. In Spanish law. A nobleman; a count or baron. 1 White, Rep. 36.

RIDER. A rider, or rider-roll, signifies a schedule or small piece of parchment annexed to some part of a roll or record. It is frequently familiarly used for any kind of a schedule or writing annexed to a document which cannot well be incorporated in the body of such document. Thus, in passing bills through a legislature, when a new clause is added after the bill has passed through committee, such new clause is termed a "rider." Brown. See, also, Cowell; Blount; 2 Tidd, Pr. 730; Com. v. Barnett, 199 Pa. 161, 45 Atl. 976, 55 L. R. A. 882.

RIDER-ROIL. See RIDER.

RIDGING THE MARKET. A term of the stock-exchange, denoting the practice of inflating the price of given stocks, or enhancing their quoted value, by a system of pretended purchases, designed to give the air of an unusual demand for such stocks. See L. R. 13 Eq. 447.

RIGHT. As a noun, and taken in an abstract sense, the term means justice, ethical correctness, or consonance with the rules of law or the principles of morals. In this sig-
nification it answers to one meaning of the Latin "jus," and serves to indicate law in the abstract, considered as the foundation of all rights, or the complex of underlying moral principles which impart the character of justice to all positive law, or give it an ethical content.

As a noun, and taken in a concrete sense, a right signifies a power, privilege, faculty, or demand, inherent in one person and incident upon another. "Rights" are defined generally as "powers of free action." And the primal rights pertaining to men are undoubtedly enjoyed by human beings purely as such, being grounded in personality, and existing antecedently to their recognition by positive law. But leaving the abstract moral sphere, and giving to the term a juristic content, a "right" is well defined as "a capacity residing in one man of controlling, with the assent and assistance of the state, the actions of others." Holl. Jur. 69.

The noun substantive "a right" signifies that which jurists denominate a "faculty," that which resides in a determinate person, by virtue of and under law, and which avails against all persons (or answers to a duty lying on a person) other than the person in whom it resides. And the noun substantive "rights" is the plural of the noun substantive "a right." But the expression "right," when it is used as an adjective, is equivalent to the adjective "just," and the adverb "rightly" is equivalent to the adverb "justly." And, when used as the abstract name corresponding to the adjective "right," the noun substantive "right" is synonymous with the noun substantive "justice." Aust. Jur. § 264, note.

In a narrower signification, the word denotes an interest or title in an object of property; a just and legal claim to hold, use, or enjoy it, or to convey or donate it, as he may please. See Co. Litt. 345a.

The term "right," in civil society, is defined to mean that which a man is entitled to have, or to do, or to receive from others within the limits prescribed by law. Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 6 Neb. 40, 29 Am. Rep. 356.

That which one person ought to have or receive from another, it being withheld from him, or not in his possession. In this sense, "right" has the force of "claim," and is properly expressed by the Latin "jus." Lord Coke considers this to be the proper signification of the word, especially in writs and pleadings, where an estate is turned to a right; as by discontinuance, dellsin, etc. Co. Litt. 345a.

Classification. Rights may be described as perfect or imperfect, according as their action or scope is clear, settled, and determinate, or is vague and undefined.

Rights are either in personam or in rem. A right in personam is one which imposes an obligation on a definite person. A right in rem is one which imposes an obligation on persons generally; i.e., either on all the world or on all the world except certain determinate persons. Thus, if I am entitled to exclude all persons from a given piece of land, I have a right in rem in respect of that land; and, if there are one or more persons, A., B., and C., whom I am not entitled to exclude from it, my right is still a right in rem. Sweet.

Rights may also be described as either primary or secondary. Primary rights are those which can be created without reference to rights already existing. Secondary rights can only arise for the purpose of protecting or enforcing primary rights. They are either preventive (protective) or remedial (reparative). Sweet.

Preventive or protective secondary rights exist in order to prevent the infringement or loss of primary rights. They are judicial when they require the assistance of a court of law for their enforcement, and extrajudicial when they are capable of being exercised by the party himself. Remedial or reparative secondary rights are also either judicial or extrajudicial. They may further be divided into (1) rights of restitution or restoration, which entitle the person injured to be replaced in his original position; (2) rights of enforcement, which entitle the person injured to the performance of an act by the person bound; and (3) rights of satisfaction or compensation. Id.

With respect to the ownership of external objects of property, rights may be classed as absolute and qualified. An absolute right gives to the person in whom it inheres the uncontrolled dominion over the object at all times and for all purposes. A qualified right gives the possessor a right to the object for certain purposes or under certain circumstances only. Such is the right of a baillee to recover the article bailed when it has been unlawfully taken from him by a stranger.

Rights are also either legal or equitable. The former is the case where the person seeking to enforce the right for his own benefit has the legal title and a remedy at law. The latter are such as are enforceable only in equity; as, at the suit of cestui que trust.

In constitutional law. There is also a classification of rights, with respect to the constitution of civil society. Thus, according to Blackstone, "the rights of persons, considered in their natural capacities, are of two sorts,—absolute and relative; absolute, which are such as appertain and belong to particular men, merely as individuals or single persons; relative, which are incident to them as members of society, and standing in various relations to each other." 1 Bl. Comm. 123. And see In re Jacobs, 33 Hun (N. Y.) 374; Atchison & N. R. Co. v. Baty, 6 Neb. 37, 29 Am. Rep. 356; Johnson v. Johnson, 32 Ala. 637; People v. Berberrich, 20 Barb. (N. Y.) 254.

Rights are also classified in constitutional law as natural, civil, and political, to which there is sometimes added the class of "personal rights."

Natural rights are those which grow out of the nature of man and depend upon personality, as distinguished from such as are
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created by law and depend upon civilized society; or they are those which are plainly assured by natural law (Horden v. State, 11 Ark. 519, 44 Am. Dec. 217); or those which, by fair deduction from the present physical, moral, social, and religious characteristics of man, he must be invested with, and which he ought to have realized for him in a juridical society, in order to fulfill the ends to which his nature calls him. 1 Woolsey, Politi. Science, p. 26. Such are the rights of life, liberty, privacy, and good reputation. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) 523.

Civil rights are such as belong to every citizen of the state or country, or, in a wider sense, to all its inhabitants, and are not connected with the organization or administration of government. They include the rights of property, marriage, protection by the laws, freedom of contract, trial by jury, etc. See Winnett v. Adams, 71 Neb. 817, 99 N. W. 651. Or, as otherwise defined, civil rights are rights appertaining to a person in virtue of his citizenship in a state or community. Rights capable of being enforced or redressed in a civil action. Also a term applied to certain rights secured to citizens of the United States by the thirteenth and fourteenth amendments to the constitution, and by various acts of congress made in pursuance thereof. Iowa v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 37 Fed. 498, 3 L. R. A. 554; State v. Powers, 51 N. J. Law, 432, 17 Atl. 969; Bowles v. Habermann, 95 N. Y. 247; People v. Washington, 36 Cal. 658; Fletcher v. Tuttle, 151 111. 41, 37 N. E. 95 N. Y. 247; People v. Washington, 36 Cal. 658, 25 L. R. A. 143, 42 Am. St Rep. 220; Hornek v. People, 134 Ill. 139, 24 N. E. 861, 6 L. R. A. 857, 25 Am. St. Rep. 652.

Political rights consist in the power to participate, directly or indirectly, in the establishment or administration of government, such as the right of citizenship, that of suffrage, the right to hold public office, and the right of petition. See Black Const. Law (3d Ed.) 524; Winnett v. Adams, 71 Neb. 817, 99 N. W. 651. Personal rights are a term of rather vague import, but generally it may be said to mean the right of personal security, comprising those of life, limb, body, health, reputation, and the right of personal liberty.

As an adjective, the term "right" means just, morally correct, consonant with ethical principles or rules of positive law. It is the opposite of wrong, unjust, illegal.

"Right" is used in law, as well as in ethics, as opposed to "wrong." Thus, a person may acquire a title by wrong.

In old English law. The term denoted an accusation or charge of crime. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 66 E. See, also, Daunt; Just; Right.

Other compound and descriptive terms.

—Base right. In Scotch law, a subordinate right; the right of a subvassal in the lands held by him. Bell.—Bill of rights. See BILL. 6.—Common right. See COMMON.—Declaratory of rights. See Declar of Rights, under BILL.—Marital rights. See MARITAL.—Mere right. In the law of real estate, the mere right of property in land; the right of a proprietor, but without possession or even the right of possession; the abstract right of property.—Patent right. See PATENT.—Petition of right. See PETITION.—Private rights. These rights which appertain to a particular individual or individuals, and relate either to the person, or to personal or real property. 1 Chit. Gen. Pr. 3.—Real right. In Scotch law. That which entitles him who is vested with it to possess the subject as his own, and, if in the possession of another, to demand from him its actual possession. Real rights affect the subject itself; personal rights are founded on obligation. Erskine, Inst. 3, 1, 2.—Right heir. See HEIR.—Riparian rights. See RIPARIAN.—Vested rights. See VESTED.

And see also the following titles.

RIGHT CLOSE, WRIT OF. An abolished writ which lay for tenants in ancient demesne, and others of a similar nature, to try the right of their lands and tenements in the court of the lord exclusively. 1 Steph. Comm. 224.

RIGHT IN ACTION. This is a phrase frequently used in place of chose in action, and having an identical meaning.

RIGHT IN COURT. See RECTUS IN CURIA.

RIGHT OF ACTION. The right to bring suit; a legal right to maintain an action, growing out of a given transaction or state of facts and based thereon. Hibbard v. Clark, 56 N. H. 155, 22 Am. Rep. 442; Webster v. County Com'rs, 63 Me. 28.

By the old writers, "right of action" is commonly used to denote that a person has lost a right of entry, and has nothing but a right of action left. Co. Litt. 363b.

RIGHT OF DISCUSSION. In Scotch law. The right which the cautioner (surety) has to insist that the creditor shall do his best to compel the performance of the contract by the principal debtor, before he shall be called upon. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF DIVISION. In Scotch law. The right which each of several cautioners (sureties) has to refuse to answer for more than his own share of the debt. To entitle the cautioner to this right the other cautioners must be solvent, and there must be no words in the bond to exclude it. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. A right of entry is the right of taking or resuming possession of land by entering on it in a peaceable manner.

RIGHT OF HABITATION. In Louisiana. The right to occupy another man's house as a dwelling, without paying rent or other compensation. Civ. Code La. art. 623.
RIGHT OF POSSESSION

RIGHT OF POSSESSION. The right to possession which may reside in one man, while another has the actual possession, being the right to enter and turn out such actual occupant; e.g., the right of a disseisee. An apparent right of possession is one which may be defeated by a better; an actual right of possession, one which will stand the test against all opponents. 2 Bl. Comm. 196.

RIGHT OF PROPERTY. The mere right of property in land; the abstract right which remains to the owner after he has lost the right of possession, and to recover which the writ of right was given. United with possession, and the right of possession, this right constitutes a complete title to lands, tenements, and hereditaments. 2 Bl. Comm. 197.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION. The right to disincumber property or to free it from a claim or lien; specifically, the right (granted by statute only) to free property from the incumbrance of a foreclosure or other judicial sale, or to recover the title passing thereby, by paying what is due, with interest, costs, etc. Not to be confounded with the "equity of redemption," which exists independently of statute but must be exercised before sale. See Mayer v. Farmers' Bank, 44 Iowa, 216; Millett v. Mullen, 36 Me. 400, 49 Atl. 574; Case v. Spelter Co., 62 Kan. 69, 61 Pac. 406.

RIGHT OF RELIEF. In Scotch law. The right of a cautioner (surety) to demand reimbursement from the principal debtor when he has been compelled to pay the debt. 1 Bell, Comm. 347.

RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION AND PERFORMANCE. By the acts 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 15, and 5 & 6 Vict. c. 45, the author of a play, opera, or musical composition, or his assignee, has the sole right of representing or causing it to be represented in public at any place in the British dominions during the same period as the copyright in the work exists. The right is distinct from the copyright, and requires to be separately registered. Sweet.

RIGHT OF SEARCH. In international law. The right of one vessel, on the high seas, to stop a vessel of another nationality and examine her papers and (in some cases) her cargo. Thus, in time of war, a vessel of either belligerent has the right to search a neutral ship, encountered at sea, to ascertain whether the latter is carrying contraband goods.

RIGHT OF WAY. The right of passage or of way is a servitude imposed by law or by convention, and by virtue of which one has a right to pass on foot, or horseback, or in a vehicle, to drive beasts of burden or carts, through the estate of another. When this servitude results from the law, the exercise of it is confined to the wants of the person who has it. When it is the result of a contract, its extent and the mode of using it is regulated by the contract. Civ. Code La. art. 722.

"Right of way," in its strict meaning, is the right of passage over another man's ground; and in its legal and generally accepted meaning, in reference to a railway, it is a mere easement in the lands of others, obtained by lawful condemnation to public use or by purchase. It would be using the term in an unusual sense, by applying it to an absolute purchase of the fee-simple of lands to be used for a railway or any other kind of a way. Williams v. Western Union Ry. Co., 50 Wis. 70, 5 N. W. 482. And see Krapp v. Curtis, 71 Cal. 63, 11 Pac. 579; Johnson v. Lewis, 47 Ark. 66, 2 S. W. 329; Bodfish v. Bodfish, 105 Mass. 517; New Mexico v. United States Trust Co., 172 U. S. 117, 19 Sup. Ct. 123, 43 L. Ed. 407; Stuyvesant v. Woodruff, 21 N. J. Law, 136, 57 Am. Dec. 168.

RIGHT OF PATENT. An absolute writ, which was brought for lands and tenements, and not for an advowson, or common, and lay only for an estate in fee-simple, and not for him who had a lesser estate; as tenant in tail, tenant in frank marriage, or tenant for life. Fitzh. Nat Brev. 1.

RIGHT TO BEGIN. On the hearing or trial of a cause, or the argument of a demurrer, petition, etc., the right to begin is the right of first addressing the court or jury. The right to begin is frequently of importance, as the counsel who begins has also the right of replying or having the last word after the counsel on the opposite side has addressed the court or jury. Sweet.

RIGHT TO REDEEM. The term "right of redemption," or "right to redeem," is familiarly used to describe the estate of the debtor when under mortgage, to be sold at auction, in contradistinction to an absolute estate, to be set off by appraisement. It would be more consonant to the legal character of this interest to call it the "debtor's estate subject to mortgage." White v. Whitney, 3 Metc. (Mass.) 86.

RIGHT, WRIT OF. A procedure for the recovery of real property after not more than sixty years' adverse possession; the highest writ in the law, sometimes called, to distinguish it from others of the droitural class, the "writ of right proper." Abolished by 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27. 3 Steph. Comm. 362.

RIGHTS OF PERSONS. Rights which concern and are annexed to the persons of men. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.

RIGHTS OF THINGS. Such as a man may acquire over external objects, or things unconnected with his person. 1 Bl. Comm. 122.
RIGHTS, PETITION OF. See Petition.

RIGOR JURIS. Lat. Strictness of law. Latch, 150. Distinguished from gratia curiae, favor of the court.

RIGOR MORTIS. In medical jurisprudence. Cadaveric rigidity; a rigidity or stiffening of the muscular tissue and joints of the body, which sets in at a greater or less interval after death, but usually within a few hours, and which is one of the recognized tests of death.

RING. A clique; an exclusive combination of persons for illegitimate or selfish purposes; as to control elections or political affairs, distribute offices, obtain contracts, control the market or the stock-exchange, etc. Schomberg v. Walker, 132 Cal. 224, 64 Pac. 290.

RING-DROPPING. A trick variously practiced. One mode is as follows, the circumstances being taken from 2 East, P. C. 678: The prisoner, with accomplices, being with their victim, pretend to find a ring wrapped in paper, appearing to be a jeweler's receipt for a "rich, brilliant diamond ring." They offer to leave the ring with the victim if he will deposit some money and his watch as a security. He lays down his watch and money, is beckoned out of the room by one of the confederates, while the others take away his watch, etc. This is a larceny.

RINGING THE CHANGE. In criminal law. A trick practised by a criminal, by which, on receiving a good piece of money in payment of an article, he pretends it is not for purchase, or reciprocally cancel such contracts, adjust differences of price between exchange merchants and brokers (not unlike the clearing-house system) by which they exchange contracts for sale against contracts for purchase, or reciprocally cancel such contracts, adjust differences of price between themselves, and surrender margins. See 2 Leach, 786; Bouvier.

RINGING UP. A custom among commission merchants and brokers (not unlike the clearing-house system) by which they exchange contracts for sale against contracts for purchase, or reciprocally cancel such contracts, adjust differences of price between themselves, and surrender margins. See Ward v. Yosburgh (C. C) 31 Fed. 12; Willifor v. Irwin, 30 Fed. Cas. 38; Partridge v. Cutler, 68 Ill. App. 573; Samuels v. Oliver, 130 Ill. 75, 22 N. E. 499.

RINGS, GIVING. In English practice. A custom observed by serjeants at law, on being called to that degree or order. The rings are given to the judges, and bear certain mottoes, selected by the serjeant about to take the degree. Brown.

RIOT. In criminal law. A tumultuous disturbance of the peace by three persons or more, assembling together of their own authority, with an intent mutually to assist each other against any who shall oppose them, in the execution of some enterprise of a private nature, and afterwards actually executing the same in a violent and turbulent manner, to the terror of the people, whether the act intended were of itself lawful or unlawful. Hawk. P. C. c. 65, § 1. And see State v. Stalcup, 23 N. G. 30, 35 Am. Dec. 732; Dixon v. State, 105 Ga. 787, 31 S. E. 750; State v. Brazil, Rice (S. C.) 200; Marshall v. Buffalo, 50 App. Div. 149, 64 N. Y. Supp. 411; Aron v. Wausau, 98 Wis. 592, 74 N. W. 354, 40 L. R. A. 733; Lycoming F. Ins. Co. v. Schwenk, 95 Pa. 96, 40 Am. Rep. 629.

When three or more persons together, and in a violent or tumultuous manner, assemble together to do an unlawful act, or together do a lawful act in an unlawful, violent, or tumultuous manner, to the disturbance of others, they are guilty of a riot. Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4067.

Any use of force or violence, disturbing the public peace, or any threat to use such force or violence, if accompanied by immediate power of execution, by two or more persons acting together, and without authority of law, is a riot. Pen. Code Cal. § 404.

—Riot act. A celebrated English statute, which provides that if any twelve persons or more are unlawfully assembled and disturbing the peace, any sheriff, under-sheriff, justice of the peace, or mayor may, by proclamation, command them to disperse, (which is familiarly called "reading the riot act," ) and that if they refuse to obey and remain together for the space of one hour after such proclamation, they are all guilty of felony. The act is 1 Geo. I. St. 2. c. 5.

RIOTOSE. L. Lat. Riotously. A formal and essential word in old indictments for riots. 2 Strange, 634.

RIOTOUS ASSEMBLY. In English criminal law. The unlawful assembling of twelve persons or more, to the disturbance of the peace, and not dispersing upon proclamation. 4 Bl. Comm. 142; 4 Steph. Comm. 273. And see Madisonville v. Bishop, 113 Ky. 106, 67 S. W. 269, 57 L. R. A. 130.

RIOTOUSLY. A technical word, properly used in indictments for riot. It of itself implies force and violence. 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 489.

RIPA. Lat. The banks of a river, or the place beyond which the waters do not in their natural course overflow.

RIPARIAN. A medieval Latin word, which Lord Coke takes to mean water running between two banks; in other places it is rendered "bank."

RIPARIAN. Belonging or relating to the bank of a river; of or on the bank. Land lying beyond the natural watershed of a stream is not "riparian," Bathgate v. Irvine, 126 Cal. 135, 58 Pac. 442, 77 Am. St. Rep. 158. The term is sometimes used as re-
lating to the shore of the sea or other tidal water, or of a lake or other considerable body of water not having the character of a water-course. But this is not accurate. The proper word to be employed in such connection is "littoral." See Com. v. Roxbury, 9 Gray (Mass.) 621, note.


Riparum usus publicus est jure gentium, sicut ipsius fluminis. The use of river-banks is by the law of nations public, like that of the stream itself. Dig. 1, 8, 5, pr.; Fleta, 1, 3, c. 1, § 5.

RIPE. A suit is said to be "ripe for judgment" when it is so far advanced, by verdict, default, confession, the determination of all pending motions, or other disposition of preliminary or disputed matters, that nothing remains for the court but to render the appropriate judgment. See Hosmer v. Holt, 161 Mass. 173, 36 N. E. 835.

RIPTOWELL, or REAPTOWEL. A gratuity or reward given to tenants after they had reaped their lord's corn, or done other customary duties. Cowell.

RIPUARIAN LAW. An ancient code of laws by which the Ripuarii, a tribe of Franks who occupied the country upon the Rhine, the Meuse, and the Scheldt, were governed. They were first reduced to writing by Theodor. Spelman.

RIPUARIAN PROPRIETORS. Owners of lands bounded by a river or water-course.

RISCUS. L. Lat. In the civil law. A chest for the keeping of clothing. Calvin.

RISING OF COURT. Properly the final adjournment of the court for the term, though the term is also sometimes used to express the cessation of judicial business for the day or for a recess; it is the opposite of "sitting" or "session." See State v. Weaver, 11 Neb. 163, 8 N. W. 385.

RISK. In insurance law; the danger or hazard of a loss of the property insured; the casualty contemplated in a contract of insurance; the degree of hazard; and, colloquially, the specific house, factory, ship, etc., covered by the policy.

—Risks of navigation. It is held that this term is not the equivalent of "perils of navigation," but is of more comprehensive import than the latter. Pitcher v. Hennessy, 48 N. Y. 419.

RISTOURNE. Fr. In insurance law; the dissolution of a policy or contract of insurance for any cause. Emerig. Traité des Assur. c. 18.

RITE. Lat. Duly and formally; legally; properly; technically.

RIVAGE. In French law. The shore, as of the sea.

In English law. A toll anciently paid to the crown for the passage of boats or vessels on certain rivers. Cowell.

RIVEARE. To have the liberty of a river for fishing and fowling. Cowell.

RIVER. A natural stream of water, of greater volume than a creek or ruisselet, flowing in a more or less permanent bed or channel, between defined banks or walls, with a current which may either be continuous in one direction or affected by the ebb and flow of the tide. See Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 581, 14 L. Ed. 189; Alabama v. Georgia, 23 How. 513, 16 L. Ed. 556; The Garden City (D. C.) 26 Fed. 772; Berlin Mills Co. v. Wentworth's Location, 60 N. H. 156; Dud­ den v. Guardians of Clifton Union, 1 Hurl. & N. 627; Chamberlain v. Hemingway, 63 Conn. 1, 27 Atl. 298, 22 L. R. A. 45, 38 Am. St. Rep. 33.

Rivers are public or private; and of public rivers some are navigable and others not. The common-law distinction is that navigable rivers are those only wherein the tide ebbs and flows. But, in familiar usage, any river is navigable which affords passage to ships and vessels, irrespective of its being affected by the tide.

—Public river. A river where there is a common navigation exercised; otherwise called a "navigable river." 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 111, § 106.

RIXA. Lat. In the civil law. A quarrel; a strife of words. Calvin.

RIXATRIX. In old English law. A scold; a scolding or quarrelsome woman. 4 Bl. Comm. 108.

ROAD. A highway; an open way or public passage; a line of travel or communication extending from one town or place to another; a strip of land appropriated and used for purposes of travel and communication between different places. See Stokes v. Scott
In maritime law. An open passage of the sea that receives its denomination commonly from some part adjacent, which, though it lie out at sea, yet, in respect of the situation of the land adjacent, and the depth and wideness of the place, is a safe place for the common riding or anchoring of ships; as Dover road, Kirkley road, etc. Hale de Jure Mar. pt. 2, c. 2.

—Law of the road. See Law.—Private road. This term has various meanings: (1) A road, the soil of which belongs to the owner of the land which it traverses, but which is burdened by rights of way. Mesmer v. Livingston, 6 Mart. O. S. (La.) 231. (2) A neighborhood way, not commonly used by others than the people of the neighborhood, though it may be used by any one having occasion. State v. Mobley, 1 McMull. (S. C.) 44. (3) A road intended for the use of one or more private individuals, and not wanted nor intended for general public use, which may be opened across the lands of other persons by statutory authority in some states. Witham v. Osburn, 4 Or. 518, 19 Am. Rep. 287; Sherman v. Bulek, 32 Cal. 222, 91 Am. Dec. 577; Madera County v. Raymond Granite Co., 139 Cal. 128, 72 Pac. 915. (4) A road which is open for the benefit of the individuals to whom it is and to their homes for the service of their lands and for the use of some estates exclusively. Civ. Code La. 1890, art. 706.—Public road. A highway: a road or way established and adopted (or accepted as a duty) by the proper authorities for the use of the general public, and over which every person has a right to pass and to use it for all purposes of travel or transportation to which it is adapted and devoted. Cincinnati R. Co. v. Com., 80 Ky. 135; Sheppard County v. Castetter, 390, 33 N. E. 968; Abbott v. Duluth (C. C.) 104 Fed. 587; Hening v. Penry, 102 Va. 596, 47 S. E. 331. (1) Highway, villages, and municipal corporations organized or authorized by statutory authority in many of the states for the special purpose of establishing, maintaining, and caring for public roads and highways within their limits, sometimes invested with powers of local taxation, and generally having elective officers styled “overseers” or “commissioners” of roads. See Farmer v. Myles, 106 La. 333, 30 South. 855; San Bernardino County v. Southern Pac. R. Co., 137 Cal. 659, 70 Pac. 722; Madden v. Yuba County, 56 Fed. 191, 12 C. C. A. 996.—Road tax. A tax for the maintenance and repair of the public roads within the particular jurisdiction, levied either in money or in the form of so many days' labor on the public roads exacted of all the inhabitants of the district. See Lewin v. State, 77 Ala. 46.

Roadstead. In maritime law. A known general station for ships, notoriously used as such, and distinguished by that name; and not any spot where an anchor will find bottom and fix itself. 1 C. Rob. Adm. 232.


Robber. One who commits a robbery. The term is not in law synonymous with “thief,” but applies only to one who steals with force or open violence. See De Rothschild v. Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., 7 Exch. 742; The Manitoba (D. C.) 104 Fed. 151.


Robbery is the wrongful, fraudulent, and violent taking of money, goods, or chattels, from the person of another by force or intimidation, without the consent of the owner. Code Ga. 1882, § 4580.

Robbery is where a person, either with violence or with threats of injury, and putting the person robbed in fear, takes and carries away a thing which is on the body, or in the immediate presence of the person from whom it is taken, under such circumstances that, in the absence of violence or threats, the act committed would be a theft. Steph. Crlm. Dig. 208; 2 Russ. Crimes, 78.

And see, further, State v. Osborne, 116 Iowa, 473, 99 N. W. 1077; In re Coffey, 123 Cal. 592, 56 Pac. 448; Matthews v. State, 4 Ohio St. 540; Benson v. McMahon, 127 U. S. 457, 8 Sup. Ct. 1240, 32 L. Ed. 234; State v. McGinnis, 155 Mo. 105, 59 S. W. 83; State v. Burke, 73 N. C. 87; Reardon v. State, 4 Tex. App. 610; Houston v. Com., 87 Va. 257, 22 S. E. 385; Thomas v. State, 91 Ala. 38, 9 South. 81; Hickey v. State, 23 Ind. 22.

—Highway robbery. In criminal law. The crime of robbery committed upon or near a public highway. State v. Brown, 113 N. C. 645, 18 S. E. 51. In England, by St. 25 Hen. VIII. c. 1, this was made felony without benefit of clergy, while robbery committed elsewhere was less severely punished. The distinction was abolished by St. 3 & 4 W. & M. c. 9, and in this country it has never prevailed generally.

Robe. Fr. A word anciently used by sailors for the cargo of a ship. The Italian "roba" had the same meaning.

Robersmen. In old English law. Persons who, in the reign of Richard I., committed great outrages on the borders of England and Scotland. Said to have been the followers of Robert Hood, or Robin Hood. 4 Bl. Comm. 246.

Rode. A lineal measure of sixteen feet and a half, otherwise called a "perch."

Rod Knights. In feudal law. Certain servitors who held their land by serving their lords on horseback. Cowell.
ROGARE. Lat. In Roman law. To ask or solicit. Rogare legem, to ask for the adoption of a law, i.e., to propose it for enactment, to bring in a bill. In a derivative sense, to vote for a law so proposed; to adopt or enact it.

ROGATIO. Lat. In Roman law. An asking for a law; a proposal of a law for adoption or passage. Derivatively, a law passed by such a form.

ROGATIO TESTIUM. In making a nuncupative will, is where the testator formally calls upon the persons present to bear witness that he has declared his will. Williams' Ex'rs, 116; Browne, Prob. Pr. 59.

ROGATION WEEK. In English ecclesiastical law. The second week before Whitsunday, thus called from three fasts observed therein, the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, called "Rogation Days" because of the extraordinary prayers then made for the fruits of the earth, or as a preparation for the devotion of Holy Thursday. Wharton.

Rogationes, questiones, et positiones debent esse simplices. Hob. 143. Demands, questions, and claims ought to be simple.

ROGATOR. Lat. In Roman law. The proposer of a law or rogation.

ROGATORY LETTERS. A commission from one judge to another requesting him to examine a witness. See Letter.


ROGUE. In English criminal law. An idle and disorderly person; a trickster; a wandering beggar; a vagrant or vagabond. 4 Bl. Comm. 169.

ROLE D'ÉQUIPAGE. In French mercantile law. The list of a ship's crew; a muster roll.

ROLL. A schedule of parchment which may be turned up with the hand in the form of a pipe or tube. Jacob.

A schedule or sheet of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll of parchment on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll on which legal proceedings are entered. Thus, in English practice, the roll on which legal proceedings are entered.

So the rolls of a manor, wherein the names, rents, and services of the tenants are copied and enrolled, are termed the "court rolls." There are also various other rolls; as those which contain the records of the court of chancery, those which contain the registers of the proceedings of old parliaments, called "rolls of parliament," etc. Brown.

In English practice, there were formerly a great variety of these rolls, appropriated to the different proceedings; such as the warrant of attorney roll, the process roll, the recognizance roll, the impalement roll, the plea roll, the issue roll, the judgment roll, the scire facias roll, and the roll of proceedings on writs of error. 2 Tidd, Pr. 728, 730.

In modern practice, the term is sometimes used to denote a record of the proceedings of a court or public office. Thus, the "judgment roll" is the file of records comprising the pleadings in a case, and all the other proceedings up to the judgment, arranged in order. In this sense the use of the word has survived its appropriateness; for such records are no longer prepared in the form of a roll.

Assessment roll. In taxation, the list or roll of taxable persons and property, completed, verified, and deposited by the assessors. Bank v. Genoa, 28 Misc. Rep. 71, 50 N. Y. Supp. 829; Adams v. Brennan, 72 Misc. 894, 18 South. 172. —Roll of judgment roll. See supra.—Roll of Master of the rolls. See supra.—Rolls of parliament. The manuscript registers of the proceedings of old parliaments; in these rolls are likewise great many decisions of difficult points of law, which were frequently, in former times, referred to the determination of this supreme court by the judges of both benches, etc. —Rolls of the chancery. There are several in this court relating to the revenue of the country.—Rolls of the temple. In English law. In each of the two Temples is a roll called the "calves-head roll," wherein every bencher, barrister, and student is taxed yearly; also meals to the cook and other officers of the house, in consideration of a dinner of calves-head, provided in Easter term. Orig. Jour. 199. —Rolls office of the chancery. In English law. An office in Chancery Lane, London, which contains rolls and records of the high court of chancery, the master whereof is the second person in the chancery, etc. The rolls court was there held, the master of the rolls sitting as judge; and that judge still sits there as a judge of the chancery division of the high court of justice. Wharton.—Tax roll. A schedule of the amount of the persons and property subject to the payment of a particular tax, with the amounts severally due, prepared and authenticated in the form to be collected by the collecting officers to proceed with the enforcement of the tax. Babcock v. Beaver Creek Tp., 64 Mich. 601, 31 N. W. 423; Smith v. Scully, 66 Kan. 139, 71 Pac. 249.

ROLLING STOCK. The portable or movable apparatus and machinery of a railroad, particularly such as moves on the road, viz., engines, cars, tenders, coaches, and trucks. See Beardsley v. Ontario Bank, 31 Barb. (N. Y.) 651; Ohio & M. R. Co. v. Weber, 96 Ill. 448; Pittsburgh, etc., R. Co. v. Backus, 154 U. S. 421, 14 Sup. Ct. 1114, 38 L. Ed. 1034.

—Rolling stock protection act. The act of 35 & 36 Vict. c. 50, passed to protect the rolling stock of railways from distress or sale in certain cases.

ROMA PEDITE. Lat. Pilgrims that traveled to Rome on foot.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHARITIES ACT. The statute 23 & 24 Vict. c. 134, providing a method for enjoying estates given upon
trust for Roman Catholics, but invalidated by reason of certain of the trusts being superstitious or otherwise illegal. 3 Steph. Comm. 76.

**ROMAN LAW.** This term, in a general sense, comprehends all the laws which prevailed among the Romans, without regard to the time of their origin, including the collections of Justinian.

In a more restricted sense, the Germans understand by this term merely the law of Justinian, as adopted by them. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 18.

In England and America, it appears to be customary to use the phrase, indifferently with "the civil law," to designate the whole system of Roman Jurisprudence, including the *Corpus Juris Civilis;* or, if any distinction is drawn, the expression "civil law" denotes the system of jurisprudence obtaining in those countries of continental Europe which have derived their juridical notions and principles from the Justinian collection, while "Roman law" is reserved as the proper appellation of the body of law developed under the government of Rome from the earliest times to the fall of the empire.

**ROME-SCOT, or ROME-PENNY.** Peter-pence, (q. v.) Cowell.

**ROMNEY MARSH.** A tract of land in the county of Kent, England, containing twenty-four thousand acres, governed by certain ancient and equitable laws of sewers, composed by Henry de Bathe, a venerable judge in the reign of King Henry III.; from which laws all commissioners of sewers in England may receive light and direction. 3 Bl. Comm. 73, note t; 4 Inst 276.

**ROOD OF LAND.** The fourth part of an acre in square measure, or one thousand two hundred and ten square yards.

**ROOT OF DESCENT.** The same as "stock of descent."

**ROOT OF TITLE.** The document with which an abstract of title properly commences is called the "root" of the title. Sweet.

**ROS.** A kind of rushes, which some tenants were obliged by their tenure to furnish their lords withal. Cowell.

**ROSALAND.** Heathy ground, or ground full of ling; also watery and moorish land. 1 Inst. 8.

**ROSTER.** A list of persons who are to perform certain legal duties when called upon in their turn. In military affairs it is a table or plan by which the duty of officers is regulated. See Matthews v. Bowman, 25 Me. 106.

**ROTA.** L. Lat. Succession; rotation. "Rota of presentations;" "rota of the terms." 2 W. Bl. 772, 773.

The name of two ancient courts, one held at Rome and the other at Genoa.


**ROTHER-BEASTS.** A term which includes oxen, cows, steers, helters, and such like horned animals. Cowell.

**ROTEN BOROUGHS.** Small boroughs in England, which prior to the reform act, 1832, returned one or more members to parliament.

**ROTTEN CLAUSE.** A clause sometimes inserted in policies of marine insurance, to the effect that "if, on a regular survey, the ship shall be declared unseaworthy by reason of being rotten or unsound," the insurers shall be discharged. 1 Phil. Ins. § 849. See Steinmetz v. United States Ins. Co., 2 Serg. & R. (Pa.) 296.

**ROTTLE WINTONIE.** The roll of Winton. An exact survey of all England, made by Alfred, not unlike that of Domesday; and it was so called because it was kept at Winchester, among other records of the kingdom; but this roll time has destroyed. Ingulph. Hist. 516.

**ROTURE.** Fr. In old French and Canadian law. A free tenure without the privilege of nobility; the tenure of a free commoner.

**ROTURIER.** Fr. In old French and Canadian law. A free tenant of land on services exigible either in money or in kind. Steph. Lect. 229. A free commoner; one who held of a superior, but could have no inferior below him.

**ROUND-ROBIN.** A circle divided from the center, like Arthur's round table, whence its supposed origin. In each compartment is a signature, so that the entire circle, when filled, exhibits a list, without priority being given to any name. A common form of round-robin is simply to write the names in a circular form. Wharton.

**ROUP.** In Scotch law. A sale by auction. Bell.

**ROUT.** A rout is an unlawful assembly which has made a motion towards the execution of the common purpose of the persons assembled. It is, therefore, between an unlawful assembly and a riot. Steph. Crim. Dig. 41.

Whenever two or more persons, assembled and acting together, make any attempt or
advance toward the commission of an act which would be a riot if actually committed, such assembly is a riot. Penn. Code Civ. § 406. And see People v. Judson, 11 Daly (N. Y.) 22; Pullis v. State, 37 Tex. Cr. R. 535, 40 S. W. 277.

ROUTE. Fr. In French insurance law. The way that is taken to make the voyage insured. The direction of the voyage assured.

ROUTOUSLY. In pleading. A technical word in indictments, generally coupled with the word "riotously." 2 Chit. Crim. Law, 488.

ROY. L. Fr. The king.

Roy est l'original de tous franchises. Kellw. 183. The king is the origin of all franchises.

Roy n'est lie per aucune statutte si il ne soit expressment nomme. The king is not bound by any statute, unless expressly named. Jenk. Cent. 307; Broom, Max. 72.

Roy poet dispenser ove malum prohibitum, mais non malum per se. Jenk. Cent. 307. The king can grant a dispensation for a malum prohibitum, but not for a malum per se.

ROYAL. Of or pertaining to or proceeding from the king or sovereign in a monarchical government.

—Royal assent. The royal assent is the last form through which a bill goes previously to becoming an act of parliament. It is, in the words of Lord Hale, "the complement and perfection of a law." The royal assent is given either by the queen in person or by royal commission by the queen herself, signed with her own hand. It is rarely given in person, except when at the end of the session the queen attends to prorogue parliament, if she should do so. Brown.—Royal burghs. Boroughs incorporated in Scotland by royal charter. Bell.—Royal courts of justice. Concentration of courts of justice (site) act, 1865, (28 & 29 Vict. c. 49.) Brown.—Royal fish. See FISH.—Royal grants. Conveyances of record in England. They are of two kinds: (1) Letters patent; and (2) letters close, or writings close. 1 Steph. Comma. 615-618.—Royal honours. In the language of diplomacy, this term designates the privilege enjoyed by every empire or kingdom in Europe, by the pope, the grand duchies of Germany, and the Germanic and Swiss confederations, to precedence over all others who do not enjoy the same rank, with the exclusive right of sending to other states public ministers of the first rank, as ambassadors, together with other distinctive titles and ceremonies. Wheat. Int. Law, pt. 2, c. 3, § 2.—Royal mines. Mines of silver and gold belonging to the king of England, as part of his prerogative of coinage, to furnish him with material. 1 Bl. Comm. 294.

ROYALTIES. Regalities; royal property.

ROYALTY. A payment reserved by the grantor of a patent, lease of a mine, or similar right, and payable proportionately to the use made of the right by the grantee. See Raynolds v. Hanna (C. C.) 55 Fed. 50; Hubenthal v. Kennedy, 76 Iowa, 707, 39 N. W. 694; Western Union Tel. Co. v. American Bell Tel. Co., 125 Fed. 342, 60 C. C. A. 220. Royalty also sometimes means a payment which is made to an author or composer by an assignee or licensee in respect of each copy of his work which is sold, or to an inventor in respect of each article sold under the patent. Sweet.

RUBRIC. Directions printed in books of law and in prayer-books, so termed because they were originally distinguished by red ink.

—Rubric of a statute. Its title, which was anciently printed in red letters. It serves to show the object of the legislature, and thence affords the means of interpreting the body of the act; hence the phrase, of an argument, "a rubro ad marginem." Wharton.

RUDENESS. Roughness; incivility; violence. Touching another with rudeness may constitute a battery.

RUINA. Lat. In the civil law. Ruin, the falling of a house. Dig. 47, 9.

RULE. v. This verb has two significations: (1) to command or require by a rule of court; as, to rule the sheriff to return the writ, to rule the defendant to plead. (2) To settle or decide a point of law arising upon a trial at nisi prius; and, when it is said of a judge presiding at such a trial that he "ruled" so and so, it is meant that he laid down, settled, or decided such and such to be the law.

RULE. n. 1. An established standard, guide, or regulation; a principle or regulation set up by authority, prescribing or directing action or forbearance; as, the rules of a legislative body, of a company, court, public office, of the law of ethics.

2. A regulation made by a court of justice or public office with reference to the conduct of business therein.

3. An order made by a court, at the instance of one of the parties to a suit, commanding a ministerial officer, or the opposite party, to do some act, or to show cause why some act should not be done. It is usually upon some interlocutory matter, and has not the force or solemnity of a decree or judgment.

4. "Rule" sometimes means a rule of law. Thus, we speak of the rule against perpetuities; the rule in Shelley's Case, etc.

—Cross-rules. These were rules where each of the opposite litigants obtained a rule nisi, as the plaintiff to increase the damages, and the defendant to enter a nonsuit. Wharton.—General rules. General or standing orders of a
court, in relation to practice, etc.—Rule absolute. One which commands the subject-matter of the rule to be forthwith enforced. It is usual, when the party has failed to show sufficient cause against it, to say the party is compelled to show cause. See Rule nisi, ibid. See Cook v. Cook, 18 Fla. 637.—Rule in Shelley's Case. A celebrated rule in English law, propounded in Lord Coke's reports in the following form, viz.—'In time of peace, nothing in any gift or conveyance, takes an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited, or is made to issue or terminate to his heirs in fee or in tail, the word "heirs" is a word of limitation and not of purchase. In other words, it is to be understood as expressing the quantity of estate which the party is to take, and not as conferring any distinct estate on the persons who may become his representatives.'—1 Coke, 104a; 1 Steph. Comm. 308. See Zabriskie v. Wood, 23 N. J. Eq. 944; Duffy v. Jarvis (C. C.) 84 Fed. 733; Hampton v. Ratcher, 30 Miss. 203; Hancock v. Butler, 32 Miss. 101; Talbot v. Rogers, 24 Ala. 511, 29 Am. Dec. 718; Smith v. Smith, 24 S. C. 314.—Rule nisi. A rule which becomes imperative and final unless cause be shown against it. This rule commands the party to show cause why he should not be compelled to do the act required, or why the object of the rule should not be accomplished. See Rule of international law, first practically established in 1756, by which neutrals, in time of war, are prohibited from carrying on with a belligerent a trade which is not open to them in time of peace. 1 Kent. Comm. 82.—Rule of course. There are some rules which the courts authorize their officers to grant as a matter of course, without any formal application being made to a judge in open court, and these are technically termed, in English practice, "side-bar rules," because formerly they were moved for to a judge at the side bar in court. They are now generally termed "rules of course." Brow.—Rules of court. The rules for regulating the practice of the different courts, which the judges are empowered to frame and put in force as occasion may require, are termed "rules of court." See Goodlett v. Chilton, 108 Fed. 763.—Rule of the road. English name for the regulations governing the navigation of vessels in public waters, with a view to preventing collisions. Sweet.—Rule to plead. A rule of court, taken by a plaintiff as of course, requiring the defendant to plead within a given time, on pain of having judgment taken against him by default.—Rule to show cause. A rule commanding the party to appear and show cause why he should not be compelled to do the act required, or why the object of the rule should not be enforced, is called a rule nisi, (q. v.)—Special rule. Rules granted without any motion in court, or when the motion is only assumed to have been made, and is not actually made, are called "common" rules; while the rules granted upon motion actually made to the court in term, or upon a judge's order in vacation, are termed "special" rules. Brown. The term may also be understood as opposed to "general rule," in which case it means a particular direction, in a matter of practice, made for the purposes of a particular case.

RULES. In American practice. This term is sometimes used, by metonymy, to denote a time or season in the judicial year when motions may be made and rules taken, as special terms or argument-days, or even the vacations, as distinguished from the regular terms of the courts for the trial of causes; and, by a further extension of its meaning, it may denote proceedings in an action taken out of court. Thus, "an irregularity committed at rules may be corrected at the next term of the court." Southall's Adm'r v. Exchange Bank, 12 Grat. (Va.) 312.

RULES OF A PRISON. Certain limits without the walls, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving sufficient security to the marshal not to escape.—Rules of the king's bench prison. In English practice. Certain limits beyond the walls of the prison, within which all prisoners in custody in civil actions were allowed to live, upon giving security by bond, with two sufficient sureties, to the marshal, not to escape, and pay the costs and the amount of the debts for which they were detained. Holthouse.

RUMOR. Flying or popular report; a current story passing from one person to another without any known authority for the truth of it. Webster. It is not generally admissible in evidence. State v. Culler, 82 Mo. 623; Smith v. Moore, 74 Vt. 51, 52 Atl. 320.

RUN, v. To have currency or legal validity in a prescribed territory; as, the writ runs throughout the county. To have applicability or legal effect during a prescribed period of time; as, the statute of limitations has run against the claim. To follow or accompany; to be attached to another thing in pursuance of a prescribed course or direction; as, the covenant runs with the land.


RUNCARIA. In old records. Land full of brambles and briars. 1 Inst. 5a.
RUNCINUS. In old English law. A load-horse; a sumpter-horse or cart-horse.

RUNDLET, or RUNLET. A measure of wine, oil, etc., containing eighteen gallons and a half. Cowell.

RUNNING ACCOUNT. An open unsettled account, as distinguished from a stated and liquidated account. "Running accounts mean mutual accounts and reciprocal demands between the parties, which accounts and demands remain open and unsettled." Brackenridge v. Baltzell, 1 Ind. 335; Leonard v. U. S., 18 Ct. Cl. 385; Picker v. Fitzelle, 28 App. Div. 519, 51 N. Y. Supp. 206.

RUNNING AT LARGE. This term is applied to wandering or straying animals.

RUNNING DAYS. Days counted in their regular succession on the calendar, including Sundays and holidays. Brown v. Johnson, 10 Mees. & W. 334; Crowell v. Barreda, 16 Gray (Mass.) 472; Davis v. Pendergast, 7 Fed. Cas. 162.

RUNNING LEASE. Where a lease provided that the tenancy should not be confined to any portion of the land granted, but allowed the tenant the use of all the land he could clear, it was called in the old books a "running lease," as distinguished from one confined to a particular division, circumscribed by metes and bounds, within a larger tract. Cowan v. Hatcher (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 691.

RUNNING OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. A metaphorical expression, by which is meant that the time mentioned in the statute of limitations is considered as passing. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 861.

RUNNING POLICY. A running policy is one which contemplates successive insurances, and which provides that the object of the policy may be from time to time defined, especially as to the subjects of insurance, by additional statements or indorsements. Clv. Code Cal. § 2297. And see Corporation of London Assurance v. Paterson, 106 Ga. 533, 32 S. E. 650.

RUNNING WITH THE LAND. A covenant is said to run with the land when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that land. Brown.

RUNNING WITH THE REVERSION. A covenant is said to "run with the reversion" when either the liability to perform it or the right to take advantage of it passes to the assignee of that reversion. Brown.

RUNRIG LANDS. Lands in Scotland where the ridges of a field belong alternatively to different proprietors. Anciently this kind of possession was advantageous in giving a united interest to tenants to resist inroads. By the act of 1695, c. 23, a division of these lands was authorized, with the exception of lands belonging to corporations. Wharton.

RUPEE. A silver coin of India, rated at 2s. for the current, and 2s. 3d. for the Bombay, rupee.

RUPTUM. Lat. In the civil law. Broken. A term applied to a will. Inst. 2, 17, 5.

RURAL DEANERY. The circuit of an archdeacon's and rural dean's jurisdictions. Every rural deanery is divided into parishes. See 1 Steph. Comm. 117.

RURAL DEANS. In English ecclesiastical law. Very ancient officers of the church, almost grown out of use, until about the middle of the present century, about which time they were generally revived, whose deaneries are as an ecclesiastical division of the diocese or archdeaconry. They are deputies of the bishop, planted all round his diocese, to inspect the conduct of the parochial clergy, to inquire into and report dilapidations, and to examine candidates for confirmation, armed in minister matters with an inferior degree of judicial and coercive authority. Wharton.

RURAL SERVITUDE. In the civil law. A servitude annexed to a rural estate, (prædium rusticum.)

RUSE DE GUERRE. Fr. A trick in war; a stratagem.

RUSTICI. Lat. In feudal law. Natives of a conquered country.

In old English law. Inferior country tenants, churls, or chorls, who held cottages and lands by the services of plowing, and other labors of agriculture, for the lord. Cowell.

RUSTICUM FORUM. Lat. A rude, unlearned, or unlettered tribunal; a term sometimes applied to arbitrators selected by the parties to settle a dispute. See Underhill v. Van Cortlandt, 2 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 339; Dickinson v. Chesapeake & O. R. Co., 7 W. Va. 429.

RUSTICUM JUDICUM. Lat. In maritime law. A rough or rude judgment or decision. A judgment in admiralty dividing
the damages caused by a collision between the two ships. 3 Kent, Comm. 231; Story, Balim. § 608a. See The Victory, 68 Fed. 400, 15 C. C. A. 490.

**RUTA.** Lat. In the civil law. Things extracted from land; as sand, chalk, coal, and such other matters,

—**Ruta et cesa.** In the civil law. Things dug, (as sand and lime,) and things cut, (as wood, coal, etc.) Dig. 19, 1, 17, 6. Words used in conveyancing.

**RYOT.** In India. A peasant, subject, or tenant of house or land. Wharton,

—**Ryot-tenure.** A system of land-tenure where the government takes the place of landowners and collects the rent by means of tax gatherers. The farming is done by poor peasants, (ryots,) who find the capital, so far as there is any, and also do the work. The system exists in Turkey, Egypt, Persia, and other Eastern countries, and in a modified form in British India. After slavery, it is accounted the worst of all systems, because the government can fix the rent at what it pleases, and it is difficult to distinguish between rent and taxes.
S. As an abbreviation, this letter stands for “section,” “statute,” and various other words of which it is the initial.

S. B. An abbreviation for “senate bill.”

S. C. An abbreviation for “same case.” Inserted between two citations, it indicates that the same case is reported in both places. It is also an abbreviation for “supreme court,” and for “select cases;” also for “South Carolina.”

S. D. An abbreviation for “southern district.”

S. F. S. An abbreviation in the civil law for “sine fraude sua” (without fraud on his part.) Galvin.

S. I*. An abbreviation for “session or statute laws.”

S. P. An abbreviation of “sine prole,” without issue. Also an abbreviation of “same principle,” or “same point,” indicating, when inserted between two citations, that the second involves the same doctrine as the first.

S. V. An abbreviation for “sub voce,” under the word; used in references to dictionaries, and other works arranged alphabetically.

SABBATH. One of the names of the first day of the week; more properly called “Sunday,” (q. v.) See State v. Drake, 64 N. C. 591; Gunn v. State, 89 Ga. 341, 15 S. E. 458.


SACCABURTH, SACABERE, SAKABERE. In old English law. He that is robbed, or by theft deprived of his money or goods, and puts in surety to prosecute the felon with fresh suit. Bract. fol. 154b.

SACCABOR. In old English law. The person from whom a thing had been stolen, and by whom the thief was freshly pursued. Bract. fol. 154b. See SACABURTH.


SACCUS CUM BROCHIA. L. Lat. In old English law. A service or tenure of finding a sack and a broach (pitcher) to the sovereign for the use of the army. Bract. l. 2, c. 16.

SACQUIER. In maritime law. The name of an ancient officer, whose business was to load and unload vessels laden with salt, corn, or fish, to prevent the ship's crew defrauding the merchant by false tale, or cheating him of his merchandise otherwise. Laws Oleron, art. 11; 1 Pet. Adm. Append. 25.

SACRA. Lat. In Roman law. The right to participate in the sacred rites of the city. Butl. Hor. Jur. 27.

SACRAMENTALES. L. Lat. In feudal law. Compurgators; persons who came to purge a defendant by their oath that they believed him innocent.

SACRAMENTI ACTIO. Lat. In the older practice of the Roman law, this was one of the forms of “leips actio,” consisting in the deposit of a stake or juridical wager. See SACRAMENTUM.

SACRAMENTUM. Lat. In Roman law. An oath, as being a very sacred thing; more particularly, the oath taken by soldiers to be true to their general and their country. Ainsw. Lex.

In one of the formal methods of beginning an action at law (leges actiones) known to the early Roman jurisprudence, the sacramentum was a sum of money deposited in court by each of the litigating parties, as a kind of wager or forfeit, to abide the re-
suit of the suit. The successful party received back his stake; the losing party forfeited his, and it was paid into the public treasury, to be expended for sacred objects, (in sacr is rebus) whence the name. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 203.

In common law. An oath. Cowell.

—Sacramentum decisionis. The voluntary or decisive oath of the civil law, where one of the parties to a suit, not being able to prove his case, offers to refer the decision of the cause to the oath of his adversary, who is bound to accept or make the same offer on his part, or the whole is considered as confessed by him. 3 Bl. Comm. 342.—Sacramentum amittitatis. In old English law. The oath of fealty. Reg. Orig. 203.

Sacramentum habet in se tres comites,—veritatem, justitiam, et judicium; veritas habenda est in jurato; justitia et justicium in iudice. An oath has in it three component parts,—truth, justice, and judgment; truth in the party swearing, justice and judgment in the judge administering the oath. 3 Inst 160.

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In old English law. The desecration of anything considered holy; the alienation to lay-men or to profane or common purposes of what was given to religious persons and to pious uses. Cowell.

SACRILEGIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The stealing of sacred things, or things dedicated to sacred uses; the taking of things out of a holy place. Calvin.

SACRILEGUS. Lat. In the civil and common law. A sacrilegious person; one guilty of sacrilege.

SACRILEGUS omnium prædonum cupiditàtem et scelerà superat. 4 Coke, 100. A sacrilegious person transcends the cupidity and wickedness of all other robbers.

SACRISTAN. A sexton, anciently called "sagerson," or "sagiston," the keeper of things belonging to divine worship.

SADBERGE. A denomination of part of the county palatine of Durham. Wharton.

SEMEND. In old English law. An umpire, or arbitrator.

Saepi violarem nova, non vetus, orbita fallit. 4 Inst. 34. A new road, not an old one, often deceives the traveler.

Saepenumero ubi proprietas verborum attenditur, sensus veritatis amittitur. Oftentimes where the propriety of words is attended to, the true sense is lost. Branch, Princ.; 7 Coke, 27.

SAEVITIA. Lat. In the law of divorce. Cruelty; anything which tends to bodily harm, and in that manner renders cohabitation unsafe. 1 Hagg. Const. 455.

SAFE-CONDUCT. A guaranty or security granted by the king under the great seal to a stranger, for his safe coming into and passing out of the kingdom. Cowell.

One of the papers usually carried by vessels in time of war, and necessary to the safety of neutral merchantmen. It is in the nature of a license to the vessel to proceed on a designated voyage, and commonly contains the name of the master, the name, description, and nationality of the ship, the voyage intended, and other matters.

SAFE-PLEDGE. A surety given that a man shall appear upon a certain day. Bract. l. 4, c. 1.

SAFEGUARD. In old English law. A special privilege or license, in the form of a writ, under the great seal, granted to strangers seeking their right by course of law within the king's dominions, and apprehending violence or injury to their persons or property from others. Reg. Orig. 26.

SAGAMAN. A tale-teller; a secret accuser.

SAGES DE LA LEY. L. Fr. Sages of the law; persons learned in the law. A term applied to the chancellor and justices of the king's bench.

SAGIBARO. In old European law. A judge or justice; literally, a man of causes, or having charge or supervision of causes. One who administered justice and decided causes in the malium, or public assembly. Spelman.

SAID. Before mentioned. This word is constantly used in contracts, pleadings, and other legal papers, with the same force as "aforesaid." See Shattuck v. Balcom, 170 Mass. 245, 49 N. E. 87; Cubine v. State, 44 Tex. Cr. R. 596, 73 S. W. 396; Hinrichsen v. Hinrichsen, 172 Ill. 462, 50 N. E. 135; Wilkinson v. State, 10 Ind. 373.

SAIGA. In old European law. A German coin of the value of a penny, or of three pence.
SAIL. In Insurance law. To put to sea; to begin a voyage. The least locomotion, with readiness of equipment and clearance, satisfies a warranty to sail. Pittegrew v. Pringlue, 3 Barn. & Adol. 514.

SAILING. When a vessel quits her moorings, in complete readiness for sea, and it is the actual and real intention of the master to proceed on the voyage, and she is afterwards stopped by head winds and comes to anchor, still intending to proceed as soon as wind and weather will permit, this is a sailing on the voyage within the terms of a policy of insurance. Bowen v. Hope Ins. Co., 20 Pick. (Mass.) 278, 32 Am. Dec. 213.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS. Written or printed directions, delivered by the commanding officer of a convoy to the several masters of the ships under his care, by which they are enabled to understand and answer his signals, to know the place of rendezvous appointed for the fleet in case of dispersion by storm, by an enemy, or otherwise. Without sailing instructions no vessel can have the protection and benefit of convoy.

SAILORS. Seamen; mariners.

SAINT MARTIN LE GRAND, COURT OF. An ancient court in London, of local importance, formerly held in the church from which it took its name.

SAINT SIMONISM. An elaborate form of non-communistic socialism. It is a scheme which does not contemplate an equal, but an unequal, division of the produce. It does not propose that all should be occupied alike, but differently, according to their vocation or capacity; the function of each being assigned, like grades in a regiment, by the choice of the directing authority, and the remuneration being by salary, proportioned to the importance, in the eyes of that authority, of the function itself, and the merits of the person who fulfills it. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 258.

SAIO. In Gothic law. The ministerial officer of a court or magistrate, who brought parties into court and executed the orders of his superior. Spelman.

SAISIE. Fr. In French law. A judicial seizure or sequestration of property, of which there are several varieties. See infra. —Saisie-arrêt. An attachment of property in the possession of a third person. —Saisie-exécution. A writ resembling that of fieri facias; defined as that species of execution by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) his debtor's movable property liable to seizure, in order to have it sold, so that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-forainae. A species of foreign attachment; that which a creditor, by a permission of a tribunal of first instance or a juge de paix, may exercise, without preliminary process, upon the effects, found within the commune where he lives, belonging to his foreign debtor. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-gagerie. A conservatory act of execution, by which the owner or principal lessee of a house or farm causes the furniture of the house or farm leased, and on which he has a lien, to be seized; similar to the distress of the common law. Dalloz, Dict.—Saisie-immobilière. The proceeding by which a creditor places under the hand of justice (custody of the law) the immovable property of his debtor, in order that the same may be sold, and that he may obtain payment of his debt out of the proceeds. Dalloz, Dict.


SALADINE TENTH. A tax imposed in England and France, in 1188, by Pope Innocent III., to raise a fund for the crusade undertaken by Richard I. of England and Philip Augustus of France, against Saladin, sultan of Egypt, then going to besiege Jerusalem. By this tax every person who did not enter himself a crusader was obliged to pay a tenth of his yearly revenue and of the value of all his moveables, except his wearing apparel, books, and arms. The Carthusians, Bernardines, and some other religious persons were exempt. Gibbon remarks that when the necessity for this tax no longer existed, the church still clung to it as too lucrative to be abandoned, and thus arose the tithing of ecclesiastical benefices for the pope or other sovereigns. Enc. Loud.

SALARlUM. Lat. In the civil law. An allowance of provisions. A stipend, wages, or compensation for services. An annual allowance or compensation. Calvin.

SALARY. A recompense or consideration made to a person for his pains and industry in another person's business; also wages, stipend, or annual allowance. Cowell. A fixed periodical compensation to be paid for services rendered; a stated compensation, amounting to so much by the year, month, or other fixed period, to be paid to public officers and persons in some private employments, for the performance of official duties or the rendering of services of a particular kind, more or less definitely described, involving professional knowledge or skill, or at least employment above the grade of menial or mechanical labor. See State v. Speed, 183 Mo. 186, 81 S. W. 1269; Dane v. Smith, 54 Ala. 50; Fidelity Ins. Co. v. Shenandoah Iron Co. (C. C.) 42 Fed. 376; Cowdin v. Huff, 10 Ind. 85; in re Chancellor, 1 Bland (Md.) 596; Houser v. Umatilla County, 30 Or. 458, 49 Pac. 867; Thompson v. Phillips, 12 Ohio
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SALE. A contract between two parties, called, respectively, the “seller” (or vendor) and the “buyer,” (or purchaser) by which the former, in consideration of the payment or promise of payment of a certain price in money, transfers to the latter the title and the possession of an object of property. See Pard. Droit Commer. § 6; 2 Kent, Comm. 363; Poith. Cont. Sale, § 1.

Sale is a contract by which, for a pecuniary consideration called a “price,” one transfers to another an interest in property. Civil Code Cal. § 1721.

The contract of sale is an agreement by which one gives a thing for a price in current money, and the other gives the price in order to have the thing itself. Three circumstances concur to the perfection of the contract, to-wit, the thing sold, the price, and the consent. Civil Code La. art. 2439.

A transmutation of property from one man to another, in consideration of some price or recompense in value. 2 Bl. Comm. 446.

“Sale” is a word of precise legal import, both at law and in equity. It means, at all times, a contract between parties to give and to pass rights of property for money, which the buyer pays or promises to pay to the seller for the thing bought and sold. See Butler v. Thompson, 92 U. S. 414, 23 L. Ed. 694; Ward v. State, 40 Ark. 353; Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 544, 12 L. Ed. 1170; White v. Treat (C. C.) 100 Fed. 291; Iowa v. McFarland, 110 U. S. 471, 4 Sup. Ct. 210, 28 L. Ed. 106; Goodwin v. Kerr, 80 Mo. 281; State v. Wentworth, 35 N. H. 443; Com. v. Packard, 5 Gray (Mass.) 105; Clemens v. Davis, 7 Pa. 294; Tompkins v. Hunter, 149 N. Y. 117, 43 N. E. 532.

SYNONYMS. The contract of “sale” is distinguished from “barter” (which applies only to goods) and “exchange,” (which is used of both land and goods,) in that both the latter terms denote a commutation of property for property; i. e., the price or consideration is always paid in money if the transaction is a sale, but, if it is a barter or exchange, it is paid in specific property susceptible of valuation. “Sale” differs from “gift” in that the latter transaction involves no return or recompense for the thing transferred. But an onerous gift sometimes approaches the nature of a sale, at least where the charge it imposes is a payment of money. “Sale” is also to be distinguished from “bailment;” and the difference is to be found in the fact that the contract of bailment always contemplates the return to the bailor of the specific article delivered, either in its original form or in a modified or altered form, or the return of an article which, though not identical, is of the same class, and is equivalent. But sale never involves the return of the article itself, but only a consideration in money. This contract differs also from “accord and satisfaction;” because in the latter the object of transferring the property is to compromise and settle a claim, while the object of a sale is the price given.

—Absolute and conditional sales. An absolute sale is one where the property in chattels passes to the buyer upon the delivery of the bargain between the parties. Truax v. Parvis, 7 Houst. (Del.) 330, 32 Atl. 227. A conditional sale is one in which the transfer of title is made to depend on the performance of a condition; or a purchase for a price paid or to be paid to become absolute on a particular event, or a purchase accompanied by an agreement to resell upon particular terms. Poirier v. McComb, 16 N. C. 373, 18 Am. Dec. 691; Crimp v. McCormick Const. Co., 72 Fed. 365, 18 C. C. A. 593; 167 Mo. 110, 51 Atl. 254; Van Allen v. Francis, 123 Cal. 574, 56 Pac. 339. Conditional sales are distinguishable from mortgages. They are to be taken strictly as dealings between strangers. A mortgage is a security for a debt, while a conditional sale is a purchase for a price paid or to be paid, to become absolute on a particular event; or a purchase accompanied by an agreement to resell upon particular terms. Turner v. Kerr, 44 Mo. 429; Crane v. Bonnell, 22 L. Ed. 264; Weatherly v. Hopkins, 40 Miss. 462, 90 Am. Dec. 344; Hopper v. Smyser, 90 Md. 303, 35 Atl. 206.—Bill of sale. See BILL.—Executed and executory sales. An executed sale is one which is complete in all its particulars and details, nothing remaining to be done by either party to effect an absolute transfer of the property of the thing sold. An executory sale is an incomplete sale; one which has been definitely agreed on as to terms and conditions, but which has not yet been carried into full effect in respect to one of its terms or details, as where it remains to determine the price, quantity, or identity of the thing sold, or to pay installments of purchase-money. See Butler v. Thomson, 128 Ala. 221, 29 South. 640; People v. Henderson, 128 Ala. 221, 29 South. 640; Fogel v. Brubaker, 122 Pa. 7, 15 Atl. 692; Smith v. Barron County Sup'rs, 44 Wis. 691.—Foreclosed sale. A sale made without the consent or concurrence of the owner of the property, but by virtue of judicial process, such as a writ of fieri facias or an order under a decree of foreclosure.—Fraudulent sale. One made for the purpose of defrauding the creditors of the owner of the property, by covering up or removing from the eyes of the creditors and consignees all property which would be subject to the satisfaction of their claims.—Judicial sale. A judicial sale is one made under the process of a court having jurisdiction to sell the property of an owner, by an officer duly appointed and commissioned to sell, as distinguished from a sale by an owner in the virtue of his own property. Williamson v. Berry, 8 How. 544, 12 L. Ed. 1170; Terry v. Cole, 80 Va. 701; Black v. Caldwell (C. C.) 83 Fed. 889; Woodward v. Dillworth, 75 Fed. 415, 21 C. C. A. 417.—Memorandum sale. A name sometimes applied to that form of conditional sale in which the goods are placed in the possession of the purchaser subject to his approval, the title remaining in the seller until they are either accepted or rejected by the vendee.—Private sale. One negotiated and concluded privately between buyer and seller, and not made by advertisement and public outcry or auction. See Barcello v. Hapgood, 118 N. C. 712, 24 S. E. 124.—Public sale. A sale made in pursuance of a statute, by auction, by public outcry, or by sale by advertisement. Robins v. Bellas, 4 Watts (Pa.) 258.

—Sale and return. This is a species of contract by which the seller (usually a manufacturer or vendor) offers a quantity of goods to the buyer, on the understanding that, if the latter should desire to retain or use or resell any portion of such goods, he will consider such part as having been bought by him, at the usual price, and the balance he will return to the seller, or hold them, as bailee, subject to his order.
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“Saloon” has not acquired the legal significance of a house kept for retailing intoxicating liquor. It may mean a room for the reception of company, for exhibition of works of art, etc. State v. Mansker, 36 Tex. 394.

SALOON-KEEPER. This expression has a definite meaning, namely, a retailer of cigars, liquors, etc. Cahill v. Campbell, 105 Mass. 40.

SALT DUTY IN LONDON. A custom in the city of London called “granage,” formerly payable to the lord mayor, etc., for salt brought to the port of London, being the twentieth part. Wharton.

SALT SILVER. One penny paid at the feast day of St. Martin, by the tenants of some manors, as a commutation for the service of carrying their lord’s salt from market to his larder. Paroch. Antiq. 496.

SALUS. Lat. Health; prosperity; safety.

Salus populi suprema lex. The welfare of the people is the supreme law. Bac. Max. reg. 12; Broom, Max. 1–10; Montesq. Esprit des Lois, lib. 26, c. 23; 13 Coke, 139.

Salus reipublicae suprema lex. The welfare of the state is the supreme law. Inhabitants of Springfield v. Connecticut River R. Co., 4 Cush. (Mass.) 71; Cochituate Bank v. Colt, 1 Gray (Mass.) 386; Broom, Max. 366.

Salus ubi multi consalutari. 4 Inst. 1. Where there are many counselors, there is safety.

SALUTE. A gold coin stamped by Henry V. in France, after his conquests there, whereon the arms of England and France were stamped quarterly. Cowell.


SALVAGE. In maritime law. A compensation allowed to persons by whose assistance a ship or its cargo has been saved, in whole or in part, from impending danger, or recovered from actual loss, in cases of shipwreck, derelict, or recapture. 5 Kent, Comm. 245. Cope v. Vallette Dry-Dock Co., 119 U. S. 625, 7 Sup. Ct. 336, 30 L. Ed. 601; The Rita, 62 Fed. 763, 10 C. C. A. 629; The Lyman M. Law (D. C.) 122 Fed. 822; The Blackwall, 10 Wall. 11, 19 L. Ed. 870; The Spokane (D. C.) 67 Fed. 256.

In the older books of the law, (and sometimes in modern writings,) the term is also used to denote the goods or property saved.

—Equitable salvage. By analogy, the term “salvage” is sometimes also used in cases which have nothing to do with maritime perils, but in which property has been preserved from loss by the last of several advances by different persons.
In such a case, the person making the last advance is frequently entitled to priority over the others, on the ground ... in saving property on the sea, or wrecked on the coast of the sea. The Emulous, 1 Sumn. 210, Fed. Cas. No. 4,480.

—Salvage charges. This term includes all the expenses and costs incurred in the work of saving and preserving the property which was in danger. The salvage charges ultimately fall upon the insurers.—Salvage loss. See Losses.

—Salvage service. In maritime law. Any service rendered in saving property on the sea, or wrecked on the coast of the sea. The Emulous, 1 Sumn. 210, Fed. Cas. No. 4,480.

SALVIAN INTERDICT. See Interdictum Salvianum.

SALVO. Lat. Saving; excepting; without prejudice to.

Salvo me et heredibus meis, except me and my heirs.

Salvo jure cujuslibet, without prejudice to the rights of any one.

SALVOR. A person who, without any particular relation to a ship in distress, offers useful service, and gives it as a volunteer adventurer, without any pre-existing covenant that connected him with the duty of employing himself for the preservation of that ship. The Clara, 23 Wall. 16, 23 L. Ed. 150; The Dumper, 129 Fed. 99, 63 C. C. A. 600; Central Stockyard Co. v. Mears, 89 App. Div. 452, 85 N. Y. Supp. 795.

SALVUS PLEGIUS. L. Lat. A safe pledge; called, also, "certus plegius," a sure pledge. Bract fol. 160&.

SAME. The word "same" does not always mean "identical," not different or other. It frequently means of the kind or species, not the specific thing. Crapo v. Brown, 40 Iowa, 487, 493.

SAMPLE. A specimen; a small quantity of any commodity, presented for inspection or examination as evidence of the quality of the whole; as a sample of cloth or of wheat.

SAMPLE, sale by. A sale at which only a sample of the goods sold is exhibited to the buyer.

SANŒ MENTIS. Lat. In old English law. Of sound mind. Fleta, lib. 8, c. 7, 1 L.

SANCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. That part of a law by which a penalty was ordained against those who should violate it. Inst. 2, 1, 10.

SANCTION. In the original sense of the word, a "sanction" is a penalty or punishment provided as a means of enforcing obedience to a law. In jurisprudence, a law is said to have a sanction when there is a state which will intervene if it is disobeyed or disregarded. Therefore international law has no legal sanction. Sweet.

In a more general sense, a "sanction" has been defined as a conditional evil annexed to a law to produce obedience to that law; and, in a still wilder sense, a "sanction" means simply an authorization of anything. Occasionally, "sanction" is used (e. g., in Roman law) to denote a statute, the part (penal clause) being used to denote the whole. Brown.

The vindictory part of a law, or that part which ordains or denounces a penalty for its violation. 1 Bl. Comm. 56.

SANCTUARY. In old English law. A consecrated place which had certain privileges annexed to it, and to which offenders were accustomed to resort for refuge, because they could not be arrested there, nor the laws be executed.

SAND-GAVEL. In old English law. A payment due to the lord of the manor of Rodley, in the county of Gloucester, for liberty granted to the tenants to dig sand for their common use. Cowell.

SANÆ. Of natural and normal mental condition; healthy in mind.

—Sanæ memory. Sound mind, memory, and understanding. This is one of the essential elements in the capacity of contracting; and the absence of it in lunatics and idiots, and its immaturity in infants, is the cause of their respective incapacities or partial incapacities to bind themselves. The like circumstance is their ground of exemption in cases of crime. Brown.

SANG, or SANC. In old French. Blood.

SANGUINE, or MURREY. An heraldic term for "blood-color," called, in the arms of princes, "dragon's tail," and, in those of lords, "sardonyx." It is a tincture of very infrequent occurrence, and not recognized by some writers. In engraving, it is denoted by numerous lines in saltire. Wharton.

SANGUINEM EMERE. Lat. In feudal law. A redemption by villeins, of their blood or tenure, in order to become freemen.


SANGUIS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Blood; consangunility. The right or power which the chief lord of the fee had to judge and determine cases where blood was shed. Mon. Aug. t. 1. 1024.

SANIS. A kind of punishment among the Greeks; inflicted by binding the malefactor fast to a piece of wood. Enc. Lond.
SANITARY AUTHORITIES. In English law. Bodies having jurisdiction over their respective districts in regard to sewerage, drainage, scavenging, the supply of water, the prevention of nuisances and offensive trades, etc., all of which come under the head of "sanitary matters" in the special sense of the word. Sanitary authorities also have jurisdiction in matters coming under the head of "local government." Sweet.

SANITY. Sound understanding; the reverse of insanity. (q. v.)

SANS CEO QUE. L. Fr. Without this. See ABSENCE HOC.

SANS FRAIS. Fr. Without expense. See RETOUR SANS PRO TÉR.

SANS IMPEACHMENT DE WAST. L. Fr. Without impeachment of waste. Litt. § 152. See ABSENCE IMPETITIONE VASTI.

SANS JOUR. Fr. Without day; sine die.

SANS NOMBRE. Fr. A term used in relation to the right of putting animals on a common. The term "common sans nombre" does not mean that the beasts are to be innumerable, but only indefinite; not certain. Willes, 227.

SANS RECURS. Fr. Without recourse. See INDOSSEMENT.

Sapiens incipit a fine, et quod primum est in intentione, ultimum est in executione. A wise man begins with the last, and what is first in intention is last in execution. 10 Coke, 25.

Sapiens omnia agit cum consilio. A wise man does everything advisedly. 4 Inst. 4.


Sapientis judicis est cogitare tantum sibi esse permittum, quantum commissum et creditum. It is the part of a wise judge to think that a thing is permitted to him, only so far as it is committed and intrusted to him. 4 Inst. 165. That is, he should keep his jurisdiction within the limits of his commission.


SART. In old English law. A piece of woodland, turned into arable. Cowell.


SASINE. In Scotch law. The symbolic delivery of land, answering to the delivery of seisin of the old English law. 4 Kent, Comm. 459.

SASSE. In old English law. A kind of wear with flood-gates, most commonly in cut rivers, for the shutting up and letting out of water, as occasion required, for the more ready passing of boats and barges to and fro; a lock; a turnpike; a sluice. Cowell.

SASSONS. The corruption of Saxons. A name of contempt formerly given to the English, while they affected to be called "Angles;" they are still so called by the Welsh.

SATISDARE. Lat. In the civil law. To guaranty the obligation of a principal.

SATISDATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Security given by a party to an action, as by a defendant, to pay what might be adjudged against him. Inst. 4, 11; 3 Bl. Comm. 291.

SATISFACTION. The act of satisfying a party by paying what is due to him, (as on a mortgage, lien, or contract,) or what is awarded to him, by the judgment of a court or otherwise. Thus, a judgment is satisfied by the payment of the amount due to the party who has recovered such judgment, or by his levying the amount. See Miller v. Bock, 106 Iowa, 575, 79 N. W. 344; Rivers v. Blom, 163 Mo. 442, 63 S. W. 812; Mazyck v. Coll, 3 Rich. Law (S. C.) 236; Green v. Green, 49 Ind. 425; Bryant v. Fairfield, 31 Me. 152; Armour Bros. Banking Co. v. Addington, 1 Ind. T. 304, 37 S. W. 100.

In practice. An entry made on the record, by which a party in whose favor a judgment was rendered declares that he has been satisfied and paid.

In equity. The doctrine of satisfaction in equity is somewhat analogous to performance in equity, but differs from it in this respect: that satisfaction is always something given either in whole or in part as a substitute or equivalent for something else, and not (as in performance) something that may be construed as the identical thing cov enanted to be done. Brown.

—Satisfaction piece. In practice. A memorandum in writing, entitled in a cause, stating that satisfaction is acknowledged between the parties, plaintiff and defendant. Upon this being duly acknowledged and filed in the office where the record of the judgment is, the judgment becomes satisfied, and the defendant discharged from it. 1 Archb. Pr. 722.

Satisfaction should be made to that fund which has sustained the loss. 4 Bouv. Inst. no 3731.

SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE. See EVIDENCE.
SATISFIED TERM. A term of years in land is thus called when the purpose for which it was created has been satisfied or executed before the expiration of the set period.

Satisfied terms act. The statute 8 & 9 Vict. c. 112, passed to abolish satisfied outstanding terms of years in land. By this act, terms which shall henceforth become attendant upon the inheritance, either by express declaration or construction of law, are to cease and determine. This, in effect, abolishes outstanding terms. 1 Steph. Comm. 380-382; Williams, Real Prop. pt 4, c. 1.

SATISFY, in technical use, generally means to comply actually and fully with a demand; to extinguish, by payment or performance.

Satius est petere fontes quam sectari rivulos. Lofft, 606. It is better to seek the source than to follow the streamlets.

SATURDAY'S STOP. In old English law. A space of time from even-song on Saturday till sun-rising on Monday, in which it was not lawful to take salmon in Scotland and the northern parts of England. Oowell.

SAUNKEFIN. L. Fr. End of blood; failure of the direct line in successions. Spelman; Cowell.

SAUVAGINE. L. Fr. Wild animals.

SAUVEMENT. L. Fr. Safely.

SAVE. To except, reserve, or exempt; as where a statute "saves" vested rights. To toll, or suspend the running or operation of; as to "save" the statute of limitations.

SAVER DEFAULT. L. Fr. In old English practice. To excuse a default. Termes de la Ley.

SAVING CLAUSE. A saving clause in a statute is an exception of a special thing out of the general things mentioned in the statute; it is ordinarily a restriction in a repealing act, which is intended to save rights, pending proceedings, penalties, etc., from the annihilation which would result from an unrestricted repeal. State v. St Louis, 174 Mo. 125, 73 S. W. 623, 61 L. R. A. 593; Clark Thread Co. v. Kearney Tp., 55 N. J. Law, 50, 25 Atl. 327.

SAVING THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. A creditor is said to "save the statute of limitations" when he saves or preserves his debt from being barred by the operation of the statute. Thus, in the case of a simple contract debt, if a creditor commence an action for its recovery within six years from the time when the cause of action accrued, he will be in time to save the statute. Brown.

SAVINGS BANK. See BANK.

SAVOY. One of the old privileged places, or sanctuaries. 4 Steph. Comm. 227n.

SAXON LAGE. The laws of the West Saxons. Cowell.

SAVOIR. To partake the nature of; to bear affinity to.

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SCANDALOUS MATTER. In equity pleading. See SCANDAL.

SCANDALUM MAGNATUM. In English law. Scandal or slander of great men or nobles. Words spoken in derogation of a peer, a judge, or other great officer of the realm, for which an action lies, though it is now rarely resorted to. 3 Bl. Comm. 123; 3 Steph. Comm. 473. This offense has not existed in America since the formation of the United States. State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 78 S. W. 79, 99 Am. St. Rep. 824.

SCAPEEXARE. In old European law. To chop; to chip or haggle. Spelman.

SCAPHA. In Roman law. A boat; a lighter. A ship's boat.

SCAVAGE, SCHEVAGE, SCHEWAGE, or SHEWAGE. A kind of toll or custom, exacted by mayors, sheriffs, etc., of merchant strangers, for wares showed or offered for sale within their liberties. Prohibited by 19 Hen. VII. c. 7. Cowell.

SCAVAIDUS. The officer who collected the scavage money. Cowell.

SCETTA. A Saxon coin of less denomination than a shilling. Spelman.

SCEP SALIS. An ancient measure of salt, the quantity of which is now not known. Wharton.

SCHEN-FENNY, SCHARN-FENNY, or SCHORN-FENNY. A small duty or compensation. Cowell.

SCHEDULE. A sheet of paper or parchment annexed to a statute, deed, answer in equity, deposition, or other instrument exhibiting in detail the matters mentioned or referred to in the principal document. A list or inventory; the paper containing an inventory.

In practice. When an indictment is returned from an inferior court in obedience to a writ of certiorari, the statement of the previous proceedings sent with it is termed the “schedule.” 1 Saund. 309a, n. 2.

In constitutional law. A schedule is a statement annexed to a constitution newly adopted by a state, in which are described at length the particulars in which it differs from the former constitution, or which contains provisions for the adjustment of matters affected by the change from the old to the new constitution.

SCHEME. In English law, a scheme is a document containing provisions for regulating the management or distribution of property, or for making an arrangement between persons having conflicting rights. Thus, in the practice of the chancery division, where the execution of a charitable trust in the manner directed by the founder is difficult or impracticable, or requires supervision, a scheme for the management of the charity will be settled by the court. Tud. Char Trusts, 257; Hunt, Eq. 248; Daniell, Ch. Pr 1765.

SCHETES. Usury. Cowell.

SCHIREMAN. In Saxon law. An officer having the civil government of a shire, or county; an earl. 1 Bl. Comm. 388.

SCHIRRENS-GELD. In Saxon law. A tax paid to sheriffs for keeping the shire or county court. Cowell.

SCHISM. In ecclesiastical law. A division or separation in a church or denomination of Christians, occasioned by a diversity of faith, creed, or religious opinions. Nelson v. Benson, 69 Ill. 29; McKinney v. Griggs, 5 Bush (Ky.) 407, 96 Am. Dec. 360.

—Schism-bill. In English law. The name of an act passed in the reign of Queen Anne, which restrained Protestant dissenters from educating their own children, and forbade all tutors and schoolmasters to be present at any conventicle or dissenting place of worship. The queen died on the day when this act was to have taken effect, (August 1, 1714,) and it was repealed in the fifth year of Geo. I. Wharton.

SCHOOL. An institution of learning of a lower grade, below a college or a university. A place of primary instruction. The term generally refers to the common or public schools, maintained at the expense of the public. See American Asylum v. Phenix Bank, 4 Conn. 177, 10 Am. Dec. 112; In re Sanders, 53 Kan. 191, 36 Pac. 348, 23 L. R. A. 608; Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277.

—Common schools. Schools maintained at the public expense and administered by a bureau of the state, district, or municipal government, for the gratuitous education of the children of all citizens without distinction. Jenkins v. Andover, 105 Mass. 95; People v. Board of Education, 13 Barb. (N. Y.) 410; Le Couteulx v. Buffalo, 33 N. Y. 337; Rosch v. Board of Directors, 7 Mo. App. 507.—District school. A common or public school for the education at public expense of the children residing within a given district; a public school maintained by a "school district." See infra.—High school. A school in which higher branches of learning are taught than in the common schools. 123 Mass. 306. A school in which such instruction is given as will prepare the students to enter a college or university. Attorney General v. Butler, 123 Mass. 306; State v. School Dist., 31 Neb. 535, 48 N. W. 395; Whitlock v. State, 30 Neb. 526, 44 Atl. 338.—Normal school. A training school for teachers; one in which instruction is given in the theory and practice of teaching; particularly, in the system of schools generally established throughout the United States, a school for the training and instruction of those who are already teachers in the public schools or those who desire and expect
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to become such. See Gordon v. Cornes, 47 N. Y. 616; Board of Regents v. Painter, 102 Mo. 464, 14 S. W. 935, 10 L. R. A. 458.—Private school. One maintained by private individuals or corporations, not at public expense, and open only to pupils selected and admitted by the proprietors or governors, or to pupils of a certain class possessing certain qualifications (racial, religious, or otherwise,) and generally supported, in part at least, by tuition fees or charges. See Quigley v. State, 5 Ohio Ct. R. 633.—Public schools. Schools established under the laws of the state, (and usually regulated in matters of detail by the local authorities,) in the various cities, towns, and counties of the state, or maintained at the public expense by taxation, and open without charge to the children of all the residents of the town or other district. Jenkins v. Andover, 103 Mass. 97; St. Joseph's Church v. Assessors of Taxes, 12 R. I. 19, 54 Am. Rep. 567; Merrick v. Amerhart, 12 Allen (Mass.) 506.

A public school is one belonging to the public and established and conducted under public authority; not one owned and conducted by private parties, though it may be open to the public generally and though tuition may be free. Gerke v. Purcell, 25 Ohio St. 223.—School board. A board of municipal officers charged with the management of the affairs of the public school. They are commonly organized under the general laws of the state, and fall within the class of quasi corporations, sometimes coexistent with a county or borough, but not necessarily so. The members of the school board are sometimes termed "school directors," or the official style may be "the board of school directors." The circuit of their territorial jurisdiction is called a "school district," and each school district is usually a separate taxing district for school purposes.—School directors. See School Board.—School district. A public and quasi municipal corporation, organized by legislative authority or direction, comprising a defined territory, for the erection, maintenance, government, and support of the public schools within its territory in accordance with and in subordination to the general school laws of the state. Invested, for these purposes only, with powers of local self-government and generally of local taxation, and administered by a board of officers, usually elected by the voters of the district, who are variously styled "school directors," or "trustees," "commissioners," or "supervisors" of schools. See Hamilton v. San Diego County, 217 Cal. 273, 326 Pac. 308; Landis v. Ashworth, 57 N. J. Law, 506. Atl. 1017; Travelers' Ins. Co. v. Oswego Tp., 59 Fed. 64, 7 C. C. A. 669; Board of Education v. Sinton, 41 Ohio St. 511.—School land. School-master. One employed in teaching a school.

SCOUT. In Dutch law. An officer of a court whose functions somewhat resemble those of a sheriff.

SCI. FA. An abbreviation for "scire facias, (q. v.)

SCIENDUM. Lat. In English law. The name given to a clause inserted in the record by which it is made "known that the justice here in court, in this same term, delivered a writ thereupon to the deputy-sheriff of the county aforesaid, to be executed in due form of law." Lee, Dict. "Record."

SCIENDUM EST. Lat. It is to be known; be it remarked. In the books of the civil law, this phrase is often found at the beginning of a chapter or paragraph, by way of introduction to some explanation, or directing attention to some particular rule.

SCIENTER. Lat. Knowingly. The term is used in pleading to signify an allegation (or that part of the declaration or indictment which contains it) setting out the defendant's previous knowledge of the cause which led to the injury complained of, or rather his previous knowledge of a state of facts which it was his duty to guard against, and his omission to do which has led to the injury complained of. The insertion of such an allegation is called "laying the action (or indictment) with a scienter." And the term is frequently used to signify the defendant's guilty knowledge.

Scienti et volenti non sit injuria. Bract. fol. 20. An injury is not done to one who knows and wills it.

Scientia scoliorum est mixta ignorantia. 8 Coke, 159. The knowledge of smatterers is diluted ignorance.

Scientia utrimque par pares contrahentes facit. Equal knowledge on both sides makes contracting parties equal. 3 Burrows, 1905. An insured need not mention what the underwriter knows, or what he ought to know. Broom, Max. 772.

SCOMET. Lat. To-wit; that is to say. A word used in pleadings and other instruments, as introductory to a more particular statement of matters previously mentioned in general terms. Hob. 171, 172.

SCINTILLA. Lat. A spark; a remaining particle; the least particle.

—Scintilla juris. In real property law. A spark of right or interest. By this figurative expression was denoted the small particle of interest which, by a fiction of law, was supposed to remain in the grantee, sufficient to support contingent uses afterwards coming into existence, and thereby enable the statute of uses (27 Hen. VIII. c. 10) to execute them. See 2 Washb. Real Prop. 125; 4 Kent, Comm. 228.

—Scintilla of evidence. A spark, glimmer, or faint show of evidence. A metaphorical expression to describe a very insignificant or trifling item or particle of evidence; used in the statement of the common-law rule that if there is any evidence at all in a case, even a mere scintilla, tending to support a material issue, the case cannot be taken from the jury, but must be left to their decision. See Offutt v. World's Columbian Exposition, 175 Ill. 472, 51 N. E. 551.

Sciire debeus cum quo contrahis. You ought to know with whom you deal. 11 Mees. & W. 405, 632; 12 Mees. & W. 171.

Sciire et sciire debere equi parsantur in jure. To know a thing, and to be bound to know it, and regarded in law as equivalent. Tray. Leg. Max. 551.

SCIRE FACIAS. Lat. In practice. A judicial writ, founded upon some record, and
requiring the person against whom it is brought to show cause why the party bringing it has not saved a copy of such record, or (in the case of a scire facias to repeat letters patent) why the record should not be annulled and vacated. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 86; Pub. St. Mass. p. 1295.

The most common application of this writ is as a process to revive a judgment, after the lapse of a certain time, or on a change of parties, or otherwise to have execution of the judgment, in which cases it is merely a continuation of the original action. It is used more rarely as a mode of proceeding against special bail on their recognizance, and as a means of repealing letters patent, in which cases it is an original proceeding.


—Scire facias ad audiendum errores. The name of a writ which is sued out after the plaintiff in error has assigned his errors. Fitzh. Nat. Brer. 20.—Scire facias ad disprobandum debitum. The name of a writ in use in Pennsylvania, which lies by a defendant in foreign attachment against the plaintiff, in order to enable him, within a year and a day next ensuing the time of payment to the plaintiff in the original suit, to disprove or avoid the debt recovered against him. Bouvier.—Scire facias ad reahabendam terram. A scire facias ad reahabendam terram lies to enable a judgment debtor to recover back his lands taken under an ejectment when the judgment creditor has satisfied or been paid the amount of his judgment. Chit. 622; Post. on Scl. Fa. 58.—Scire facias for the crown. In English law. The summary proceeding by extent is only resorted to when a crown debtor is insolvent or there is a good ground for supposing that the debt may be lost by delay. In ordinary cases where a debt or duty appears by record to be owing to the crown, the process for the crown is a writ of scire facias for the crown, in which cases it is merely a continuation of the original action. It is used more rarely as a mode of proceeding against special bail on their recognizance, and as a means of repealing letters patent, in which cases it is an original proceeding. 2 Archb. Pr. K. B. 86; Pub. St. Mass. p. 1295.


—Scot. In English law. A tax, or tribute; one's share of a contribution.

—Scot and lot. In English law. The name of a customary contribution, laid upon all subjects according to their ability. Brown.—Scot and lot voters. In English law. Voters in certain boroughs entitled to the franchise in virtue of their paying this contribution. 2 Step. Comm. 360.

—Scotal. In Old English law. An extinguotive practice by officers of the forest who kept ale-houses, and compelled the people to drink at their houses for fear of their displeasure. Prohibited by the charter of the forest, c. 7. Wharton.

—Scotch marriages. See GASTON GREEN.

—Scotch Peers. Peers of the kingdom of Scotland; of these sixteen are elected to parliament by the rest and represent the whole body. They are elected for one parliament only.
SCOT. In English law. Assessments by commissioners of sewers.

SCOTTARE. To pay scot, tax, or customary dues. Cowell.

SCOUNDREL. An approbious epithet, implying rascality, villainy, or a want of honor or integrity. In slander, this word is not actionable per se. 2 Bouv. Inst. 2250.

SCRAMBLING POSSESSION. See Possession.

SCRAWL. A word used in some of the United States for scrawl or scroll. "The word 'seal,' written in a scrawl attached to the name of an obligor, makes the instrument a specialty." Comerford v. Cobb, 2 Flia. 418.

SCRAIN. Certificates of ownership, either absolute or conditional, of shares in a public company, corporate profits, etc. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1295.

A scrip certificate (or shortly "scrip") is an acknowledgment by the projectors of a company or the issuers of a loan that the person named therein (or more commonly the holder for the time being of the certificate) is entitled to a certain specified number of shares, debentures, bonds, etc. It is usually given in exchange for the letter of allotment, and in its turn is given up for the shares, debentures, or bonds which it represents. Lindl. Partn. 127; Sweet.

The term has also been applied in the United States to warrants or other like orders drawn on a municipal treasury (Alma v. Guaranty Sav. Bank, 60 Fed. 207, 8 C. C. A. 584,) to certificates showing the holder to be entitled to a certain portion or allotment of public or state lands, (Wait v. State Land Office Com'r, 87 Mich. 353, 49 N. W. 600,) and to the fractional paper currency issued by the United States during the period of the Civil War.

Scrip dividend. See Dividend.

SCRIPT. Where instruments are executed in part and counterpart, the original or principal is so called.

In English probate practice. A will, codicil, draft of will or codicil, or written instructions for the same. If the will is destroyed, a copy or any paper embodying its contents becomes a script, even though not made under the direction of the testator. Browne, Prob. Fr. 290.

SCREED. Obligationes scriptae tolluntur, et audis consensus obligatio contrario consensus dissolvitur. Written obligations are superseded by writings, and an obligation of naked assent is dissolved by assent to the contrary.

SCRIBER. Lat. A scribe; a secretary. Scriba regis, a king's secretary; a chancellor. Spelman.

Scribere est agere. To write is to act. Treasonable words set down in writing amount to overt acts of treason. 2 Rolle, 89; 4 Bl. Comm. 80; Broom, Max. 512, 967.

SCRIP. A writing; some¬thing written. Fleta, l. 2, c. 60, § 25.

—Scriptum indentatum. A writing indentured; an indenture or deed.—Scriptum obligatorium. A writing obligatory. The technical name of a bond in old pleadings. Any writing under seal.

SCRIVENER. A writer; scribe; conveyancer. One whose occupation is to draw contracts, write deeds and mortgages, and prepare other species of written instruments. Also an agent to whom property is intrusted by others for the purpose of lending it out at an interest payable to his principal, and for a commission or bonus for himself, whereby he gains his livelihood.

—Money scrivener. A money broker. The name was also formerly applied in England to a person (generally an attorney or solicitor) whose business was to find investments for the money of his clients, and see to perfecting the securities, and who was often intrusted with the custody of the securities and the collection of the interest and principal. See Williams v. Walker, 2 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 525.

SCROLL. A mark intended to supply the place of a seal, made with a pen or other instrument of writing. A paper or parchment containing some writing, and rolled up so as to conceal it.

SCROOP'S INN. An obsolete law society, also called "Serjeants' Place," opposite to St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London.

SCRUTATOR. Lat. In old English law. A searcher or bailiff of a river; a water-bailiff, whose business was to look to the king's rights, as his wrecks, his flotsam, jetsam, water-strays, royal fishes. Hale, de Jure Mar. pars 1, c. 5.

SCUSSUS. In old European law. Shaken or beaten out; threshed, as grain. Spelman.

SCUTAGE. In feudal law. A tax or contribution raised by those that held lands by knight's service, towards furnishing the king's army, at the rate of one, two or three marks for every knight's fee.

A pecuniary composition or commutation
made by a tenant by knight-service in lieu of actual service. 2 Bl. Comm. 74.

A pecuniary aid or tribute originally reserved by particular lords, instead of or in lieu of personal service, varying in amount according to the expenditure which the lord had to incur in his personal attendance upon the king in his wars. Wright, Ten. 121-134.

SCUTAGIO HABENDO. A writ that anciently lay against tenants by knight's service to serve in the wars, or send sufficient persons, or pay a certain sum. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 83.

SCUTE. A French coin of gold, coined A. D. 1427, of the value of 3s. 4d.

SCUTELLA. A scuttle; anything of a flat or broad shape like a shield. Cowell.

-Scutella eleemosynaria. An alms-basket.

SCUTIFER. In old records. Esquire; the same as "armiger." Spelman.

SCUTUM ARMORUM. A shield or coat of arms. Cowell.

SCYRA. In old English law. Shire; county; the inhabitants of a county.

SCYREGEMOTE. In Saxon law. The court or meeting of the shire. This was the most important court in the Saxon polity, having jurisdiction of both ecclesiastical and secular causes. Its meetings were held twice in the year. Its Latin name was "curia comitatis."

SE DEFENDENDO. Lat. In defending himself; in self-defense. Homicide committed se defendendo is excusable.


-Beyond sea. In England, this phrase means beyond the limits of the British Isles; in America, outside the limits of the United States or of the particular state, as the case may be.

-High seas. The ocean; public waters. According to the English doctrine, the high sea begins at the distance of three miles from the coast of any country; according to the American view, at low-water mark, except in maritime towns and places who took care of the maritime rights of the lord of the manor, and who kept a watchful eye upon it, and collected duties of all the lord. Tomlins, Sea rovers. Pirates and robbers at sea.

-Sea-shore. The margin of the sea, either high-water mark or low-water mark. The sea-shore is therefore all the ground between the high-water mark and low-water mark. It cannot be considered as including any ground always covered by the sea, for then it would have no definite limit on the sea-board. Neither can it include any part of the upland, for the same reason. Storer v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 439, 4 Am. Dec. 155; Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 424. That space of land over which the waters of the sea are spread in the highest water during the winter season. Civ. Code La. art. 542.

-Seaworthy, Seaworthiness. See those titles.


A seal is a particular sign, made to attest in the most formal manner, the execution of an instrument. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1390.

Merlin defines a seal to be a plate of metal with a flat surface, on which is engraved the arms of a prince or nation, or private individual, or other device, with which an impression may be made on wax or other substance on paper or parchment in order to authenticate them. The impression thus made is also called a "seal." Répért. né "Sceau."

-Common seal. A seal adopted and used by a corporation for authenticating its corporate acts and executing legal instruments. Corporate seal. The official or common seal of an incorporated company or association. Great seal. In English law. A seal by virtue of which a great part of the royal authority is exercised. The office of the lord chancellor, or lord keeper, is created for the purpose of the delivery of the great seal in the custody. There is one great seal for all public acts of state which concern the United Kingdom. Mozley & Whitley. In American law, the United States seal, or great seal, is the seal that has and uses a seal, always carefully described by law, and sometimes officially called the "great" seal, though in some instances known
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simply as "the seal of the United States," or "the seal of the state."—Private seal. The seal (however made) of a private person or corporation, as distinguished from a seal employed by a state or government or a of its bureaus or departments.—Privy seal. In English law. A seal used in making grants or letters patent, preparatory to their passing under the great seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 347.—Public seal. A seal belonging to and used by one of the bureaus or departments of government; for authenticating or attesting documents, process, or records. An impression made of some device, by means of a piece of metal or other hard substance, kept and used by public authority. R. v. Kinahan, 984, 374, 375. Am. Dec. 722.—Quarter seal. In Scotch law. A seal kept by the director of the chancery; in shape and impression the fourth part of the great seal, and called in statutes the "testimonial" of the great seal. Bell.—Seal days. In English practice. Motion days in the court of chancery, so called because every motion had to be stamped with the seal, which did not lie in court in the ordinary sittings out of term. Wharton.—Seal office. In English practice. An officer of the sealing of judicial writs.—Seal-paper. In English law. A document issued by the lord chancellor, previously to the commencement of the sittings, detailing the business to be done for each day in his court, and in the courts of the lords justices and vice-chancellors. The master of the rolls in like manner compounded seal-paper for the business to be heard before him. Smith, Ch. Pr. 9.

SEALED. Authenticated by a seal; executed by the affixing of a seal. Also fastened up in any manner so as to be closed against inspection of the contents.——Sealed and delivered. These words, followed by the signatures of the witnesses, constitute the usual formula for the attestation of conveyances.—Sealed instrument. An instrument of writing to which the party to be bound has affixed, not only his name, but also his seal, or (in those jurisdictions where it is allowed) a scroll, (q v.)—Sealed verdict. When the jury have agreed upon a verdict, if the court is not in session at the time, they are permitted to seal up the rolls in like manner issued a seal-paper in respect of the business to be heard before him. Smith, Ch. Pr. 9.

SEALING. By seals, in matters of succession, is understood the placing, by the proper officer, of seals on the effects of a deceased person, for the purpose of preserving them, and for the interest of third persons. The seals are affixed by order of the judge having jurisdiction. Clv. Code La. art. 1075.

SEALING UP. Where a party to an action has been ordered to produce a document part of which is either irrelevant to the matters in question or is privileged from production, he may, by leave of the court, seal up that part, if he makes an affidavit stating that it is irrelevant or privileged. Dannel, Ch. Pr. 1881. The sealing up is generally done by fastening pieces of paper over the part with gum or wafers. Sweet.

SEALS. In Louisiana. Seals are placed upon the effects of a deceased person, in certain cases, by a public officer, as a method of taking official custody of the succession. See Sealing.

SEAMEN. Sailors; mariners; persons whose business is navigating ships. Commonly exclusive of the officers of a ship.

SEANCE. In French law. A session; as of some public body.

SEARCH. In international law. The right of search is the right on the part of ships of war to visit and search merchant vessels during war, in order to ascertain whether the ship or cargo is liable to seizure. Resistance to visitation and search by a neutral vessel makes the vessel and cargo liable to confiscation. Numerous treaties regulate the manner in which the right of search must be exercised. Man. Int. Law, 433; Sweet.

In criminal law. An examination of a man's house or other buildings or premises, or of his person, with a view to the discovery of contraband or illicit or stolen property, or some evidence of guilt to be used in the prosecution of a criminal action for some crime or offense with which he is charged.

In practice. An examination of the official books and dockets, made in the process of investigating a title to land, for the purpose of discovering if there are any mortgages, judgments, tax-liens, or other incumbrances upon it.

SEARCH-WARRANT. A search-warrant is an order in writing, issued by a justice or other magistrate, in the name of the state, directed to a sheriff, constable, or other officer, commanding him to search a specified house, shop, or other premises, for personal property alleged to have been stolen, or for unlawful goods, and to bring the same, when found, before the magistrate, and usually also the body of the person occupying the premises, to be dealt with according to law. Pen. Code Cal. § 1523; Code Ala. 1886, § 4727; Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4629.

SEARCHER. In English law. An officer of the customs, whose duty it is to examine and search all ships outward bound, to ascertain whether they have any prohibited or uncustomed goods on board, and to bring the same, when found, before the magistrate, and usually also the body of the person occupying the premises, to be dealt with according to law. Pen. Code Cal. § 1523; Code Ala. 1886, § 4727; Rev. Code Iowa 1880, § 4629.

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SEATED LAND. See LAND.

SEAWAN. The name used by the Algonquin Indians for the shell beads (or wampum) which passed among the Indians as money. Webster.

SEAWORTHINESS. In marine insurance. A warranty of seaworthiness means that the vessel is competent to resist the
ordinary attacks of wind and weather, and is competently equipped and manned for the voyage, with a sufficient crew, and with sufficient means to sustain them, and with a captain of general good character and nautical skill. 3 Kent, Comm. 287.

A warranty of seaworthiness extends not only to the condition of the structure of the ship itself, but requires that it be properly laden, and provided with a competent master, a sufficient number of competent officers and seamen, and the requisite appurtenances and equipments, such as ballast, cables and anchors, cordage and sails, food, water, fuel, and lights, and other necessary or proper stores and implements for the voyage. Civil Code Cal. § 2684.

The term "seaworthy" is somewhat equivocal. In its more literal sense, it signifies capable of navigating the sea; but, more exactly, it implies a condition to be and remain in safety, in the condition she is in, whether at sea, in port, or on a railway, stripped and under repairs. If, when the policy attaches, she is in a suitable place, and capable, when repaired and equipped, of navigating the sea, she is seaworthy. But where a vessel is warranted seaworthy for a special voyage, the place and usual length being given, something more is implied than mere physical strength and capacity; she must be suitably officered and manned, supplied with provisions and water, and furnished with charts and instruments, and, especially in time of war, with documents necessary to her security against hostile capture. The term 'seaworthy,' as used in the law and practice of insurance, does not mean, as the term would seem to imply, capable of going to sea or of being navigated on the sea; it imports something very different, and much more, viz., that she is sound, staunch, and strong, in all respects, and equipped, furnished, and provided with officers and men, provisions and documents, for a certain service. In a policy for a definite voyage, the term 'seaworthy' means "sufficient for such a vessel and voyage." Capen v. Washington Ins. Co., 12 Cush. (Mass.) 517, 536.

SEAWORTHINESS. This adjective, applied to a vessel, signifies that she is properly constructed, prepared, manned, equipped, and provided, for the voyage intended. See SEAWORTHINESS.

SECRET. Concealed; hidden; not made public; particularly, in law, kept from the knowledge or notice of persons liable to be affected by the act, transaction, deed, or other thing spoken of.


SECRETARY. The secretary of a corporation or association is an officer charged with the direction and management of that part of the business of the company which is concerned with keeping the records, the official correspondence, with giving and receiving notices, countersigning documents, etc.

The name "secretary" is also given to several of the heads of executive departments in the government of the United States; as the "Secretary of War," "Secretary of the Interior," etc. It is also the style of some of the members of the English cabinet; as the "Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs." There are also secretaries of embassies and legations.

SECRETARY of decrees and injunctions. An officer of the English court of chancery. The office was abolished by St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 83. —Secretary of embassy. A diplomatic officer appointed as secretary or assistant to an ambassador or minister plenipotentiary.—Secretary of legation. An officer employed to attend a foreign mission and to perform certain duties as clerk.—Secretary of state. In American law. This is the title of the chief of the executive bureau of the United States called the "Department of State." He is a member of the cabinet, and is charged with the general administration of the international and diplomatic affairs of the government. In many of the state governments there is an executive officer bearing the same title and performing important functions. In English law. The secretaries of state are cabinet ministers attending the sovereign for the receipt and dispatch of letters, grants, petitions, and many of the most important affairs of the king.
SECRETE. To conceal or hide away. Particularly, to put property out of the reach of creditors, either by corporeally hiding it, or putting the title in another's name, or otherwise hindering creditors from levy ing on it or attaching it. Pearre v. Hawkins, 62 Tex. 437; Gulle v. McNanny, 14 Minn. 522 (Gil. 391) 100 Am. Dec. 244; Sturs v. Fischer, 15 Misc. Rep. 410, 36 N. Y. Supp. 894.

SECT. "A religious sect is a body or number of persons united in tenets, but constituting a distinct organization or party, by holding sentiments or doctrines different from those of other sects or people." State v. Hallock, 16 Nev. 385.

SECTA. In old English law. Suit; attendance at court; the plaintiff's suit or following, i.e., the witnesses whom he was required, in the ancient practice, to bring with him and produce in court, for the purpose of confirming his claim, before the defendant was put to the necessity of answering the declaration. See 3 Bl. Comm. 233, 344; Brain ft. 214a. A suit was a writ which lay for the service, place where such mill is situated, for not doing hindering of creditors from levying suit to the plaintiff's mill; that is, not having their corn ground there. Brown.—Secta ad molendinum. A writ which lay for a man's public oven or bake-house. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.—Secta ad justicilam faecundam. In old English law. A service which a man is bound to perform by his fee.—Secta ad justiciam faciendam. A suit so called by which the plaintiff is armed with actions, and, as it were, girded with swords, so the defendants are fortified with pleas, and are defended, as it were, by shields.

Secta que scripto nittitur a scripto variari non debet. Jenk. Cent. 65. A suit which is based upon a writing ought not to vary from the writing.

SECTARIERS. Suitors of court who, among the Saxons, gave their judgment or verdict in civil suits upon the matter of fact and law. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 22.

SECTION. In text-books, codes, statutes, and other juridical writings, the smallest distinct and numbered subdivisions are commonly called "sections," sometimes "articles," and occasionally "paragraphs."

SECTION OF LAND. In American land law. A division or parcel of land, on the government survey, comprising one square mile or 640 acres. Each "township" (six miles square) is divided by straight lines into thirty-six sections, and these are again divided into half-sections and quarter-sections.

The general and proper acceptance of the terms "section," "half," and "quarter section," as well as their construction by the general land department, denotes the land in the sectional and subdivisional lines, and not the exact quantity which a perfect admeasurement of an unobstructed surface would declare. Brown v. Hardin, 21 Ark. 327.

SECTIS NON FACIENDIS. A writ which lay for a dowress, or one in wardship, to be free from suit of court. Cowell.

SECTORES. Lat. In Roman law. Purposers of court who, in order that the people might be bound by oath to bear true allegiance to the public peace. It was so called because the sheriff's tourn was the king's leet, and the tourn was the king's court. The service, attendance at court; the plaintiffs suit or following is seen in the formula still used at the end of declarations, "and therefore he brings his suit." (et inde product sectam.)

This word, in its secondary meaning, signifies suit in the courts; lawsuit.

Secta ad curiam. A writ that lay against him who refused to perform his suit either to the county court or the court-baron, Cowell.

Secta ad forum. In old English law. Suit due to a man's public oven or bake-house. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.—Secta ad justicilam faciendam. In old English law. A service which a man is bound to perform by his fee.—Secta ad molendinum. A writ which lay for the owner of a mill against the inhabitants of a place where such mill is situated, for not doing suit to the plaintiff's mill; that is, for not having their corn ground at it. Brown.—Secta ad torrale. In old English law. Suit due to a man's kiln or malthouse. 3 Bl. Comm. 235.—Secta curiae. In old English law. Suit of court; attendance at court. The service, incumbent upon feudal tenants, of attending the lord at his court, both to form a jury when required, and also to answer for their own actions when complained of.—Secta fidei publicorum. A writ to compel the heir, who has the elder's hue, 35 Conn. 217; Allen v. Deming, 14 N. H. 189, 46 Am. Dec. 157; Finn v. Donahue, 35 Conn. 217; Allen v. Deming, 14 N. H. 189, 46 Am. Dec. 157; Smith v. Foster, 41 N. H. 227.—Secular clergy. In ecclesiastical law, this term is applied to the parochial clergy, who perform their ministry in seculo (in the world), and who are thus distinguished from the monastic or "regular" clergy. Steph, Comm. 651, note.

SECONDUM. Lat. In the civil and common law. According to. Occurring in many phrases of familiar use, as follows:—Secondum sequam et bonum. According to what is just and right.—Secondum alle-
1 Sumn. 375, Fed. Cas. No. 2,907.— Secundum according to the rule of law; by the intendment and 50, 17, 10. must be construed According to the subject-matter. tam materiam. According to the com­ legem communem. Secundum according to the form of the statute.— Secundum MEDON.— Ac­ tom of the manor.— Secundum formam doni. According to the form of the gift or grant. According to what is al­ if the matter will bear it. 2 Mod. 80, arg. ited and proved; according to the allegations a mortgage, pledge, or other security, to be cures" his creditor by giving him lien, etc., given by a debtor in order to make debt, by furnishing the creditor with a re­ source to be used in case of failure in the principal obligation. The name is also some­ times given to one who becomes surety or guarantor for another. See First Nat. Bank v. Hollinsworth, 78 Iowa, 575, 43 N. W. 535, 6 L. R. A. 92; Storm v. Waddell, 2 Sandf. Ch. (N. Y.) 507; Goggins v. Jones, 115 Ga. 596, 41 S. E. 695; Jennings v. Davis, 31 Conn. 139; Mace v. Buchanan (Tenn. Ch.) 52 S. W. 507. Collateral security. See COLLATERAL.— Counter security. See COUNTER.— Mar­ shaling securities. See MARSHALLING.— Personal security. (1) A person's legal and uninterrupted enjoyment of his life, his limbs, his body, his health, and his reputation. 1 Bl. Oomm. 229. All agreements According to the form of the charter, chartse. •uetudinem manerii. According to good usages; according to established accordance to the rule; by rule.— Secundum subjec­ tum materiam. According to the subject-matter. 1 Bl. Comm. 229. All agreements must be construed secundum subjectam materi­ um if the matter will bear it. 2 Mod. 80, arg. Secundum naturam est commoda cu­ jusque rei cum sequi, sequentur incommoda. It is according to nature that the advantages of anything should attach to him to whom the disadvantages attach. Dig. 50, 17, 10. SECURE. To give security; to assure of payment, performance, or indemnity; to guaranty or make certain the payment of a debt or discharge of an obligation. One "se­ cures" his creditor by giving him a lien, mortgage, pledge, or other security, to be used in case the debtor fails to make pay­ ment. See Pennell v. Rhodes, 9 Q. B. 114; Ex parte Reynolds, 52 Ark. 330, 12 S. W. 570; Foot v. Webb, 59 Barb. (N. Y.) 52. SECURED CREDITOR. A creditor who holds some special pecuniary assurance of payment of his debt, such as a mortgage or lien. SECURITAS. In old English law. Security; surety. In the civil law. An acquittance or re­ lease. Spelman; Calvin. SECURITATEM INVENIENDI. An ancient writ, lying for the sovereign, against any of his subjects, to stay them from going out of the kingdom to foreign parts; the ground whereof is that every man is bound to serve and defend the commonwealth as the crown shall think fit. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 115. SECURITATIS PACIS. In old English law. Security of the peace. 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SED VIDE. Lat. But see. This remark, followed by a citation, directs the reader's attention to an authority or a statement which conflicts with or contradicts the statement or principle laid down.

SEDATO ANIMO. Lat. With settled purpose. 5 Mod. 291.

SEDE PLENA. Lat. The see being filled. A phrase used when a bishop's see is not vacant.

SEDENTE CURIA. Lat. The court sitting; during the sitting of the court.

SEDERUNT, ACTS OF. In Scotch law. Certain ancient ordinances of the court of session, conferring upon the courts power to establish general rules of practice. Bell.

SEDES. Lat. A see; the dignity of a bishop. 3 Steph. Comm. 65.

SEDGE FLAT, like "sea-shore," imports a tract of land below high-water mark. Church v. Meeker, 34 Conn. 421.

SEDITION. An insurrectionary movement tending towards treason, but wanting an overt act; attempts made by meetings or speeches, or by publications, to disturb the tranquillity of the state.

The distinction between "sedition" and "treason" consists in this: that though the ultimate object of sedition is a violation of the public peace, or at least such a course of measures as evidently engenders it, yet it does not aim at direct and open violence against the laws or the subversion of the constitution. Alis. Crim. Law, 580.

In Scotch law. The raising commotions or disturbances in the state. It is a revolt against legitimate authority. Ersk. Inst. 4, 14.

In English law. Sedition is the offense of publishing, verbally or otherwise, any words or document with the intention of exciting disaffection, hatred, or contempt against the sovereign, or the government and constitution of the kingdom, or either house of parliament, or the administration of justice, or of exciting his majesty's subjects to attempt, otherwise than by lawful means, the alteration of any matter in church or state, or of exciting feelings of ill will and hostility between different classes of his majesty's subjects. Sweet. And see State v. Shepherd, 177 Mo. 205, 76 S. W. 79, 69 Am. St. Rep. 624.

SEIGNIOR, in its general signification, means "lord," but in law it is particularly applied to the lord of a fee or of a manor; and the fee, dominions, or manor of a seignior is thence termed a "seigniory," i.e., a lordship. He who is a lord, but of no manor, and therefore unable to keep a court, is termed a "seignior in gross." Kitch. 206; Cowell.

SEIGNIORAGE. A royalty or prerogative of the sovereign, whereby an allowance of gold and silver, brought in the mass to be exchanged for coin, is claimed. Cowell. Mintage; the charge for coining bullion into money at the mint.

SEIGNIORESS. A female superior.

SEIGNIORY. In English law. A lordship; a manor. The rights of a lord, as such, in lands.

SEISED IN DEMESNE AS OF FEE. This is the strict technical expression used to describe the ownership in "an estate in fee-simple in possession in a corporeal hereditament." The word "seised" is used to express the "seisin" or owner's possession of a freehold property; the phrase "in desmesne," or "in his desmesne," (in domino suo) signifies that he is seised as owner of the land itself, and not merely of the seigniory or services; and the concluding words, "as of fee," import that he is seised of an estate of inheritance in fee-simple. Where...
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the subject is incorporeal, or the estate expectant on a precedent freehold, the words “in his demesne” are omitted. (Co Litt. 142; Plata. I. 5. c. 5. § 13; Bract. I. 4. tr. 5. c. 2. § 2) Brown.

SEISL. In Old English law. Seised; possessed.


Upon the introduction of the feudal law into England, the word “seisin” was applied only to the possession of an estate of freehold, in contradistinction to that precarious kind of possession which tenants in villeinage held their lands, which was considered to be the possession of those in whom the freehold continued. This possession, so far as possession alone is involved, may be shown by parol; but, if it is intended to show possession under a legal title, then the title must be shown by proper conveyance for that purpose. Ford v. Garner. 49 Ala. 603.

Every person in whom a seisin is required by any proper conveyance of this chapter has been deemed to have been seised, if he may have had any right, title, or interest in the inheritance. Code N. C. 1883. § 1251, rule 12.

—Actual seisin means possession of the freehold by the personal posito of one’s self or one’s tenant or agent, or by construction of law, as in the case of a state grant or a conveyance under the power of grant or devise where there is no actual adverse possession; it means actual possession as distinguished from constructive possession or possession in law. Carpenter v. Garrett. 75 Va. 129. 135; Carr v. Anderson. 6 App. Div. 6. 39 N. Y. Supp. 746. —Constructive seisin. Seisin in law where there is no seisin in fact; as where the state issues a patent to a person who never takes any sort of possession of the lands granted, he has constructive seisin of all the lands in his grant, though another person has at the time in actual possession. Garrett v. Ramsay. 26 W. Va. 351. —Covenant of seisin. See Covenant. —Equitable seisin. A seisin which is analogous to legal seisin; that is, seisin of an equitable estate in land. Thus a mortgagee is said to have equitable seisin of the land in reversion of the rent. Sweet. —Delivery of seisin. Delivery of possession; called, by the feudalists, “investiture.” —Primer seisin. In English law. The right which the king had, when any of his tenants died seised of a knight’s fee, to receive of the heir, provided he were of full age, one whole year’s profits of the stock. If the tenant died intestate, the heir, after incurring one half a year’s profits, if the lands were in reversion, expectant on an estate for life, 2 Bl. Comm. 66. —Quasi seisin. A term applied to the possession which a copyholder has of the land to which he has been admitted. The freehold in copyhold lands being in the lord, the copyholder cannot have seisin of them in the proper or strict sense of the word, but he has a customary or quasi seisin analogous to that of a freeholder. Williams, Seis. 126; Sweet. —Seisin in deed. Actual possession of the freehold; if it is intended to show possession under a legal title, then the title must be shown by proper conveyance for that purpose. Backus v. McCoy. 3 Ohio, 221; 17 Am. Dec. 555; late v. Jay. 31 Ark. 592. —Seisin in fact. Possession with intent on the part of him who holds it to claim a freehold interest; the same as actual seisin. Selm v. O’Grady. 42 W. Va. 77. 24 S. E. 964; Savage v. Savage. 19 Or. 112, 23 Pac. 890, 20 Am. St. Rep. 786. —Seisin in law. A right of immediate possession according to the nature of the estate. Martin v. Trail. 142 Mo. 85. 43 S. W. 655; Savage v. Savage. 19 Or. 112, 23 Pac. 890, 20 Am. St. Rep. 786. As the old doctrine of corporeal investiture is no longer in force, the delivery of a deed gives seisin in law. Watkins v. Nugen. 118 Ga. 372. 45 S. E. 262. —Seisin of the soil. In Scotch law. A permission formerly given to the sheriff when he gave possession to an heir holding crown lands. It was long since converted into a payment in money, proportioned to the value of the estate. Ball.

SEISINA. L. Lat. Seisin.

Seisina factit stipitem. Seisin makes the stock. 2 Bl. Comm. 209; Broom, Max. 526, 528.

SEISINAHABENDA. A writ for delivery of seisin to the lord, of lands and tenements, after the sovereign, in right of his prerogative, had had the year, day, and waste on a felony committed, etc. Reg. Orig. 165.

SEIZIN. See Seisin.

SEIZING OF HERIOTS. Taking the best beast, etc., where an heirlot is due, on the death of the tenant. 2 Bl. Comm. 422.

SEIZUR. In practice. The act performed by an officer of the law, under the authority and exigence of a writ, in taking into the custody of the law the property, real or personal, of a person against whom the judgment of a competent court has passed, condemning him to pay a certain sum of money, in order that such property may be sold, by authority and due course of law, to satisfy the judgment. Or the act of taking possession of goods in consequence of a violation of public law. See Carey v. Insurance Co. 54 Wis. 80. 54 N. W. 18. 20 L. R. A. 267. 36 Am. St. Rep. 907; Goubeau v. Railroad Co. 6 Rob. (La.) 348; Fluker v. Bullard. 2 La. Ann. 328; Pelham v. Rose. 19 Wall. 692; 21 L. Ed. 602; The Jerome Segunda. 10 Wheat. 326. 6 L. Ed. 329.

Seizure, even though hostile, is not necessarily capture, though such is its usual and probable result. The ultimate act or adjudication of the state, by which the seizure has been made, assigns the proper and conclusive quality and denomination to the original proceeding. A condemnation asserts a capture de seiso; an award
of restitution pronounces upon the act as having been not a valid act of capture, but an act of temporary seizure only. Appleton v. Crown-in-shield, 3 Mass. 443.

In the law of copyholds. Seizure is where the lord of copyhold lands takes possession of them in default of a tenant. It is either seizure _quousque_ or absolute seizure.

SEELA. A shop, shed, or stall in a market; a wood of sallows or willows; also a sawpit. Co. Litt. 4.

SELECT COUNCIL. The name given, in some states, to the upper house or branch of the council of a city.

SELECTI JUDICES. Lat. In Roman law. Judges who were selected very much like our juries. They were returned by the praetor, drawn by lot, subject to be challenged, and sworn. 3 Bl. Comm. 366.

SELECTMEN. The name of certain municipal officers, in the New England states, elected by the towns to transact their general public business, and possessing certain executive powers. See Felch v. Weare, 69 N. H. 617, 45 Atl. 591.

SELF-DEFENSE. In criminal law. The protection of one's person or property against some injury attempted by another. The right of such protection. An excuse for the use of force in resisting an attack on the person, and especially for killing an assailant. See Whart Crim. Law, §§ 1019, 1026.

SELF-MURDER, or SELF-SLAUGHTER. See _Felo de se_; Suicide.

SELF-REGARDING EVIDENCE. Evidence which either serves or diserves the party is so called. This species of evidence is either self-serving (which is not in general receivable) or self-disserving, which is invariably receivable, as being an admission against the party offering it, and that either in court or out of court. Brown.

SEISON OF LAND. In old English law. A ridge of ground rising between two furrows, containing no certain quantity, but sometimes more and sometimes less. Termes de la Ley.

SELL. To dispose of by sale, (q. v.)

SELLER. One who sells anything; the party who transfers property in the contract of sale. The correlative is "buyer," or "purchaser." Though these terms are not applicable to the persons concerned in a transfer of real estate, it is more customary to use "vendor" and "rendee" in that case.

SEMAYNE'S CASE. This case decided, in 1694, that "every man's house [meaning his dwelling-house only] is his castle," and that an officer executing civil process may not break open outer doors in general, but only inner doors, but that (after request made) he may break open even outer doors to find goods of another wrongfully in the house. Brown. It is reported in 5 Coke, 91.

SEMBLE. L. Fr. It seems; it would appear. This expression is often used in the reports to preface a statement by the court upon a point of law which is not directly decided, when such statement is intended as an intimation of what the decision would be if the point were necessary to be passed upon. It is also used to introduce a suggestion by the reporter, or his understanding of the point decided when it is not free from obscurity.


Semel malus semper presumitur esse malus in eodem genere. Whoever is once bad is presumed to be so always in the same kind of affairs. Cro. Car. 317.

SEMESTRIA. Lat. In the civil law. The collected decisions of the emperors in their councils.


SEMI-PLENA PROBATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Half-full proof; half-proof. 3 Bl. Comm. 370. See HALF-PROOF.

SEMINARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. A nursery of trees. Dig. 7, 1, 9, 6.

SEMINARY. A place of education. Any school, academy, college, or university in which young persons are instructed in the several branches of learning which may qualify them for their future employments. Webster.


SEMINAUSAUGRATIO. Lat. In maritime law. Half-shipwreck, as where goods are cast overboard in a storm; also where a ship has been so much damaged that her repair costs more than her worth. Wharton.

SEMPER. Lat. Always. A word which introduces several Latin maxims, of which some are also used without this prefix.

Semper in dubiis benigniora præferenda sunt. In doubtful cases, the more favorable constructions are always to be preferred. Dig. 50, 17, 56.

Semper in dubiis id agendum est, ut quam tissimo loco res sit bona fide contracta, nisi quomque contra legis scriptum est. In doubtful cases, such a course should always be taken that a thing contracted bona fide should be in the safest condition, unless when it has been openly made against law. Dig. 34, 5, 21.

Semper in obscuris, quod minimum est sequimur. In obscure constructions we always apply that which is the least obscure. Dig. 50, 17, 9; Broom, Max. 687n.

Semper in stipulationibus, et in österis contractibus, id sequimur quod actu est. In stipulations and in other contracts we follow that which was done, [we are governed by the actual state of the facts.] Dig. 50, 17, 34.

Semper ita fiat ratio ut valeat disposition. Reference [of a disposition in a will] should always be so made that the disposition may have effect. 6 Coke, 76b.

Semper necessitas probandi incumbit ei qui agit. The claimant is always bound to prove, [the burden of proof lies on the actor.]

SEMPER PARATUS. Lat. Always ready. The name of a plea by which the defendant alleges that he has always been ready to perform what is demanded of him. 5 Bl. Comm. 303.

Semper præsumitur pro legitimatione puorum. The presumption always is in favor of the legitimacy of children. 5 Coke, 98b; Co. Litt. 126a.

Semper præsumitur pro matrimonio. The presumption is always in favor of the validity of a marriage.

Semper præsumitur pro negante. The presumption is always in favor of the one who denies. See 10 Clark & F. 534; 3 Bl. & Bl. 723.

Semper præsumitur pro sententia. The presumption always is in favor of a sentence. 3 Bulst. 42; Branch, Princ.

Semper qui non prohibet pro se interventire, mandare creditur. He who does not prohibit the intervention of another in his behalf is supposed to authorize it. 2 Kent, Comm. 616; Dig. 14, 6, 16; Id. 46, 3, 12, 4.

Semper sexus masculinus etiam femininum sexum continet. The masculine sex always includes the feminine. Dig. 32, 62.

Semper specialia generalibus insunt. Specials are always included in generals. Dig. 50, 17, 147.

SEN. This is said to be an ancient word, which signified "justice." Co. Litt. 61a.

SENAGE. Money paid for synodals.

SENATE. In American law. The name of the upper chamber, or less numerous branch, of the congress of the United States. Also the style of a similar body in the legislatures of several of the states.

In Roman law. The great administrative council of the Roman commonwealth.

SENAOR. In Roman law. A member of the senatus.

In old English law. A member of the royal council; a king's councillor.

In American law. One who is a member of an senate, either of the United States or of a state.

Senatores sunt partes corporis regis. Senators are part of the body of the king. Staunef. 72, E.; 4 Inst. 53, in marg.

SENATORS OF THE COLLEGE OF JUSTICE. The judges of the court of session in Scotland are called "Senators of the College of Justice."

SENAUS. Lat. In Roman law. The senate; the great national council of the Roman people.

The place where the senate met. Calvin.

SENAUS CONSULTUM. In Roman law. A decision or decree of the Roman senate, having the force of law, made without the concurrence of the people. These enactments began to take the place of laws enacted by popular vote, when the commons had grown so great in number that they could no longer be assembled for legislative purposes. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 33; Hunter, Rom. Law, xlvii; Inst. 1, 2, 5.

—Senatus consultum Marcellum. A decree of the senate, in relation to the celebration of the Bacchanalian mysteries, enacted in the consulate of Q. Marcus and S. Postumus.

—Senatus consultum Orficanum. An enactment of the senate (Orficus being one of the consuls and Marcus Antoninus emperor) for admitting both sons and daughters to the succession of a mother dying intestate. Inst. 3, 4, pr.—Senatus consultum Pegasianum. The Pegasian decree of the senate. A decree
enacted in the consulship of Pegasus and Pusio, in the reign of Vespasian, by which an heir, who was requested to restore an inheritance, was allowed to retain one-fourth of it for himself. Inst. 2, 23, 5.—Senatus consultum Trebillianum. A decree of the senate (named from Trebilius, in whose consulate it was enacted) by which it was provided that, if an inheritance was restored under a trust, all actions which, by the civil law, might be brought by or against the heir should be given to and against him to whom the inheritance was restored. Inst. 2, 23, 4; Dig. 36, 1.—Senatus consultum ultima necessitatis. A decree of the senate of the last necessity. The name given to the decree which usually preceded the nomination of a dictator. 1 Bl. Comm. 136.—Senatus consultum Velleianum. The Velleian decree of the senate. A decree enacted in the consulate of Velleius, by which married women were prohibited from making contracts. Story, Conf. Laws, § 425.

SENATUS DECRETA. Lat. In the civil law. Decisions of the senate. Private acts concerning particular persons merely.

SENDA. In Spanish law. A path; the right of a path. The right of foot or horse path. White, New Recop. b. 2, tit. 6, § 1.

SENECTUS. Lat. Old age. In the Roman law, the period of senectus, which relieved one from the charge of public office, was officially reckoned as beginning with the completion of the seventieth year. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 138.

SENECALLUS. In old English law. A seneschal; a steward; the steward of a manor. Fleta, l. 2, c. 72.

SENESCHAL. In old European law. A title of office and dignity, derived from the middle ages, answering to that of steward or high steward in England. Seneschals were originally the lieutenants of the dukes and other great feudatories of the kingdom, and sometimes had the dispensing of justice and high military commands.

SENESCHALLO ET MARESHALLO QUOD NON TENEAT PLACITA DE LIBERO TENEMENTO. A writ addressed to the steward and marshal of England, inhibiting them to take cognizance of an action in their court that concerns freehold. Reg. Orig. 185. Abolished.

SENESCUCIA. In old records. Widowhood. Cowell.

SENILE DEMENTIA. That peculiar decay of the mental faculties which occurs in extreme old age, and in many cases much earlier, whereby the person is reduced to second childhood, and becomes sometimes wholly incompetent to enter into any binding contract, or even to execute a will. It is the recurrence of second childhood by mere decay. 1 Redf. Will, 63. See INSANITY.

SENILITY. Incapacity to contract arising from the impairment of the intellectual faculties by old age.

SENIOR. Lord; a lord. Also the elder. An addition to the name of the elder of two persons having the same name.

Senior counsel. Of two or more counsel retained on the same side of a cause, he is the "senior" who is the elder, or more important in rank or estimation, or who is charged with the more difficult or important parts of the management of the case. Senior judge. Of several judges composing a court, the "senior" judge is the one who holds the oldest commission, or who has served the longest time under his present commission.

SENIORES. In old English law. Seniors; ancients; elders. A term applied to the great men of the realm. Spelman.

SENORIO. In Spanish law. Dominion or property.

SENSUS. Lat. Sense, meaning, signification. Malo sensu, in an evil or derogatory sense. Mitiori sensu, in a milder, less severe, or less stringent sense. Sensu honesto, in an honest sense; to interpret words sensu honesto is to take them so as not to impute impropriety to the persons concerned.

Sensus verborum est anima legis. 5 Coke, 2. The meaning of the words is the spirit of the law.

Sensus verborum est duplex,—mitis et asper; et verba semper accepta sunt in mitiori sensu. 4 Coke, 13. The meaning of words is two-fold,—mild and harsh; and words are always to be received in their milder sense.

Sensus verborum ex causa dicendi accepienda est; et sermones semper accepdi sunt secundum subjectam materiam. The sense of words is to be taken from the occasion of speaking them; and discourses are always to be interpreted according to the subject-matter. 4 Coke, 132. See 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

SENTENCE. The judgment formally pronounced by the court or judge upon the defendant after his conviction in a criminal prosecution, awarding the punishment to be inflicted. The word is properly confined to this meaning. In civil cases, the terms "judgment," "decision," "award," "finding," etc., are used. See Featherstone v. People, 194 Ill. 536, 62 N. E. 684; State v. Barnes, 24 Fla. 153, 4 South. 560; Pennington v. State, 11 Tex. App. 281; Com. v. Bishop, 13 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 503; People v. Adams, 95 Mich. 541, 55 N. W. 461; Bugbee v. Boyce, 68 Vt. 311, 35 Atl. 330.

Ecclesiastical. In ecclesiastical procedure, "sentence" is analogous to "judgment" (q. v.) in an ordinary action. A definite sen-
tence is one which puts an end to the suit, and regards the principal matter in ques-
tion. An interlocutory sentence determines only some incidental matter in the proceed-

—Cumulative sentences. Separate sentences (each additional to the others) imposed up-
on a defendant who has been convicted upon an indictment containing several counts, each of such sentences charging a distinct offense, or who is under conviction at the same time for several distinct offenses; one of such sentences being made to begin at the expiration of an-
other. Carter v. McClaughry, 185 U. S. 365, 22 Sup. Ct. 181, 46 L. Ed. 236; State v. Ham-
by, 126 N. C. 1066, 35 S. E. 614.—Final sen-
tence. One which puts an end to a case. Dis-
tinguished from interlocutory.—Indetermi-
nate sentence. A form of sentence to imprison-
ment upon conviction of crime, now author-
ized by statute in several states, which, in-
stead of fixing rigidly the duration of the im-
prisonment, declares that it shall be for a pe-
riod "not less than" so many years "nor more than" so many years, or not less than the
minimum period prescribed by statute as the
punishment for the particular offense nor more than the minimum period, the exact length of
the term being afterwards fixed, within the
limits assigned by the court or the statute, by
any. Kaup v. United States, (the pardon or ex-
pardons, etc.) on consideration of the previous
record of the convict, his behavior while in
prison or while out on parole, the apparent
prospect of reformation, and other such con-
siderations.—Interlocutory sentence. In the
civil law. A sentence on some indirect
question arising from the principal cause.
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trinax, Civil Law, b. 3, ch. 9, no. 40.—Sentence
of death recorded. In English practice. The
recording of a sentence of death, not actu-
ally pronounced, on the understanding that it
will not be executed. Such a record has the
same effect as if the judgment had been pro-
nounced and the offender reprieved by the court.
Moxley & Whiteley. The practice is now dis-
used.—Suspension of sentence. This term
may mean either a withholding or postponing
the sentencing of a prisoner after the conviction,
or a postponing of the execution of the sen-
tence after it has been pronounced. In the
latter case, it may, for reasons addressing them-
self to the discretion of the judge, suspend the
sentence as to such cause of action; or the case
may be made to begin at the expiration of an-
other. See People v. Webster, 14 Misc. Rep.
617, 621; 6 N. Y. 106, 112; In re Buchanan, 146
N. Y. 264, 40 N. E. 883.

SENTENTIA. Lat. In the civil law. (1) Sense; import; as distinguished from
mere words. (2) The deliberate expression
of one's will or intention. (3) The sentence
of a judge or court.

Sententia a non judice lata nemini de-
et noccere. A sentence pronounced by one
who is not a judge should not harm any one.
Fleta, l. 6, c. 6, § 7.

Sententia contra matrimonium nun-
quam transit in rem judicatam. 7 Coke, 43.
A sentence against marriage never be-
comes a matter finally adjudged, & c., res
judicata.

Sententia facit jus, et legis interpre-
Judgment creates right, and the Inter-
pretation of the law has the force of law.

SENTENÇE

Sententia facit jus, et res judicata pre-
Judgment creates right, and what is adjudi-
cated is taken for truth.

Sententia interlocutoria revocari po-
test, definitiva non potest. Bac. Max. 20.
An interlocutory judgment may be recalled,
but not a final.

Sententia non furtur de rebus non li-
quidis. Sentence is not given upon matters

SEPARABLE CONTROVERSY. In the
acts of congress relating to the removal of
causes from state courts to federal courts,
this phrase means a separate and distinct
cause of action existing in the suit, on which
a separate and distinct suit might properly
have been brought and complete relief afforded
as to such cause of action; or the case
must be one capable of separation into parts,
so that, in one of the parts, a controversy
will be presented, wholly between citizens
of different states, which can be fully deter-
mined without the presence of any other
parties to the suit as it has been begun.
Fraser v. Jennison, 106 U. S. 191, 1 Sup. Ct.
171, 27 L. Ed. 131; Gudger v. Western N.
C. R. Co. (C. C.) 21 Fed. 81; Security Co. v.
Pratt (C. C.) 64 Fed. 405; Seaborne Air
Line Ry. v. North Carolina R. Co. (C. C.) 123
Fed. 629.

SEPARALITER. Lat. Separately. Us-
ed in indictments to indicate that two or
more defendants were charged separately,
and not jointly, with the commission of the
offense in question. State v. Edwards, 60
Mo, 400.

SEPARATE. Individual; distinct; par-
ticular; disconnected. Generally used in law
as opposed to "joint," though the more usu-
al antithesis of the latter term is "several." Either of these words implies division, dis-
bution, disconnection, or aloofness. See
Merrill v. Pepperdine, 9 Ind. App. 416, 36
N. E. 921; Larzelere v. Starkweather, 38
Mich. 104.

Separate action. As opposed to a joint
action, this term signifies an action brought
for himself alone by each of several complain-
ants who are all concerned in the same trans-
action, but cannot legally join in the suit.—
Separate demise in ejectment. A demise
in a declaration in ejectment used to be termed
"separate demise" when made by the lessor
separately for himself, as distinguished from
a demise made jointly by two or more persons,
which was termed a "joint demise." No such
demise, either separate or joint, is now neces-
sary in this action. Brown.—Separate es-
te. The individual property of one of two
persons who stand in a social or business rela-
tion, as distinguished from that which they own
jointly or are jointly interested in. Thus, "se-
parate estate" within the meaning of the bank-
ruptcy law, is that in which each partner is
separately interested at the time of the bank-
ruptcy. The term can only be applied to such
property as belonged to one or more of the par-
Separate

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Separate. To the exclusion of the rest. In re Lowe, 11 Nat. Bankr. Rep. 221, Fed. Cas. No. 8,564. The separate estate of a married woman is that which belongs to her, and over which her husband has no right in equity. It may consist of lands or chattels. Williams v. King, 29 Fed. Cas. 1,365.—Separate maintenance. An allowance made to a woman by her husband on their agreement to live separately. This must not be confused with “alimony,” which is judicially awarded upon granting a divorce. See Mitchell v. Mitchell, 21 Colo. 206, 72 Pac. 1054.—Separate trial. The separate and individual trial of each of several persons jointly accused of a crime.

As to separate “Acknowledgment,” “Covenant,” and “Examination,” see those titles.

Separated. Lat. In old conveyancing. Severally. A word which made a several covenant. 5 Coke, 23a.


—Separation a mensa et thoro. A partial dissolution of the marriage relation.—Separation order. In England, where a husband is convicted of an aggravated assault upon his wife, the court or magistrate may order that the wife shall be no longer bound to cohabit with him. Such an order has the same effect as a judicial decree of separation on the ground of cruelty. It may also provide for the payment of a weekly sum by the husband to the wife and for the custody of the children. Sweet.

Separation of Patrimony. In Louisiana probate law. The creditors of the succession may demand, in every case and against every creditor of the heir, a separation of the property of the succession from that of the heir. This is what is called the “separation of patrimony.” The object of a separation of patrimony is to prevent property out of which a particular class of creditors have a right to be paid from being confounded with other property, and by that means made liable to the debts of another class of creditors. Civ. Code La. art. 1444.

Separatists. Seceders from the Church of England. They, like Quakers, solemnly affirm, instead of taking the usual oath, before they give evidence.

Sepes. Lat. In old English law. A hedge or inclosure. The inclosure of a trench or canal. Dig. 43, 21, 4.

Septennial Act. In English law. The statute 1 Geo. I. St. 2, c. 38. The act by which a parliament has continued for seven years, and no longer, unless sooner dissolved; as it always has, in fact, been since the passing of the act. Wharton.

Septuagesima. In ecclesiastical law. The third Sunday before Quadragesima Sunday, being about the seventieth day before Easter.

Septum. Lat. In Roman law. A division of the as, containing seven uoces, or duodecimal parts; the proportion of seventwelfths. Tayl. Civ. Law, 492.

Sepulchre. A grave or tomb. The place of interment of a dead human body. The violation of sepulchres is a misdemeanor or at common law.


Sequestration. In the civil law. To deposit a thing which is the subject of a controversy in the hands of a third person, to hold for the contending parties. To take a thing which is the subject of a controversy out of the possession of the contending parties, and deposit it in the hands of a third person. Calvin.

In equity practice. To take possession of the property of a defendant, and hold it
In the custody of the court, until he purges himself of a contempt.

**In English ecclesiastical practice.** To gather and take care of the fruits and profits of a vacant benefice, for the benefit of the next incumbent.

**In international law.** To confiscate; to appropriate private property to public use; to seize the property of the private citizens of a hostile power, as when a belligerent nation sequestrers debts due from its own subjects to the enemy. See 1 Kent, Comm. 62.

**SEQUESTER, n.** Lat. In the civil law. A person with whom two or more contending parties deposited the subject-matter of the controversy.

**SEQUESTRARI FACIAS.** In English ecclesiastical practice. A process in the nature of a _levant facias_, commanding the bishop to enter into the rectory and parish church, and to take and sequester the same, and hold them until, of the rents, tithes, and profits thereof, and of the other ecclesiastical goods of a defendant, he have levied the plaintiff's debt. 3 Bl. Comm. 418; 2 Archb. Pr. 1284.

**SEQUESTRATIO.** Lat. In the civil law. The separating or setting aside of a thing in controversy, from the possession of both parties that contend for it. It is two-fold,— _voluntary_, done by consent of all parties; and _necessary_, when a judge orders it. Brown.

**SEQUESTRATION.** In equity practice. A writ authorizing the taking into the custody of the law of the real and personal estate (or rents, issues, and profits) of a defendant who is in contempt, and holding the same until he shall comply. It is sometimes directed to the sheriff, but more commonly to four commissioners nominated by the complainant. 3 Bl. Comm. 444; Ryan v. Kingsbery, 88 Ga. 361, 14 S. E. 596.

In Louisiana. A mandate of the court, ordering the sheriff, in certain cases, to take in his possession, and to keep, a thing of which another person has the possession, until after the decision of a suit in order that it may be delivered to him who shall be adjudged to have the property or possession of it. Baldwin v. Black, 119 U. S. 643, 7 Sup. Ct. 326, 30 L. Ed. 530.

**SEQUESTRATOR.** One to whom a sequestration is made. One appointed or chosen to perform a sequestration, or execute a writ of sequestration.

**SEQUESTRO HABENDO.** In English ecclesiastical law. A judicial writ for the discharging a sequestration of the profits of a church benefice, granted by the bishop at the sovereign's command, thereby to compel the parson to appear at the suit of another. Upon his appearance, the parson may have this writ for the release of the sequestration. Reg. Jud. 36.

Sequi debet potentia justitiam non precedere. 2 Inst. 454. Power should follow justice, not precede it.

**SERF.** In the feudal polity, the serfs were a class of persons whose social condition was servile, and who were bound to labor and onerous duties at the will of their lords. They differed from slaves only in that they were bound to their native soil, instead of being the absolute property of a master.

**SERGEANT.** In military law. A non-commissioned officer, of whom there are several in each company of infantry, troop of cavalry, etc. The term is also used in the organization of a municipal police force. 

—Sergeant at arms. See SERJEANT.—Sergeant at law. See SERJEANT.—Town sergeant. In several states, an officer having the powers and duties of a chief constable or head of the police department of a town or village.
SERIATIM. Lat. Severally; separately; individually; one by one.

SERIOUS. Important; weighty; momentous; and not trifling; as in the phrases "serious bodily harm," "serious personal injury," etc. Lawlor v. People, 74 Ill. 231; Union Mut. L. Ins. Co. v. Wilkinson, 13 Wall. 293, 20 L. Ed. 617.

SERJEANT. The same word etymologically with "sergeant," but the latter spelling is more commonly employed in the designation of military and police officers, (see SERJEANT,) while the former is preferred when the term is used to describe certain grades of legal practitioners and certain officers of legislative bodies. See infra.

—Common serjeant. A judicial officer attached to the corporation of the city of London, who assists the recorder in disposing of the criminal business at the Old Bailey sessions, or central criminal court. Brown.—Serjeant at arms. In executive officer appointed by, and attending on, a legislative body, whose principal duties are to execute its warrants, preserve order, and arrest offenders.—Serjeant at law. A member of the common-law courts of high standing, and of much the same rank as a doctor of law is in the ecclesiastical courts. These serjeants seem to have derived their title from the old knights templar, (among whom there existed a peculiar class under the denomination of "freres sergens," or "fratres servientes," and to have continued as a separate fraternity from a very early period in the history of the legal profession. The ... to the bench, used to be created a serjeant at law; but since the judicature act this is no longer necessary. Brown.—Serjeant of the mace. See infra. —Comest quod servitium. The same word etymologically with "serjeant," but the latter spelling is more commonly employed in the designation of military and police officers, (see SERJEANT,) while the former is preferred when the term is used to describe certain grades of legal practitioners and certain officers of legislative bodies. See infra.

SERJEANTY. A species of tenure by knight service, which was due to the king only, and was distinguished from grand and petit serjeanty. The tenant holding by grand serjeanty was bound, instead of attending the king generally in his wars, to do some honorary service to the king in person, as to carry his banner or sword, or,to be his butler, champion, or other officer at his coronation. Pett serjeanty differed from grand serjeanty, in that the service rendered to the king was not of a personal nature, but consisted in rendering him annually some small implement of war, as a bow, sword, arrow, lance, or the like. Cowell; Brown.

SERMENT. In old English law. Oath; an oath.
SERVE. In Scotch practice. To render a verdict or decision in favor of a person claiming to be an heir; to declare the fact of his heirship judicially. A jury are said to serve a claimant heir, when they find him to be heir, upon the evidence submitted to them. Bell.

As to serving papers, etc., see Service of Process.

SERVI. Lat. In old European law. Slaves; persons over whom their masters had absolute dominion.

In old English law. Bondmen; servile tenants. Cowell.

SERV I REDEMPTIONE. Criminal slaves in the time of Henry I. 1 Kemble, Sax. 197, (1849.)

SERVICE. In contracts. The being employed to serve another; duty or labor to be rendered by one person to another. The term is used also for employment in one of the offices, departments, or agencies of the government; as in the phrases “civil service,” “public service,” etc.

In feudal law. Service was the consideration which the feudal tenants were bound to render to the lord in recompense for the lands they held of him. The services, in respect of their quality, were either free or base services, and, in respect of their quantity and the time of exacting them, were either certain or uncertain. 2 Bl. Comm. 60.

In practice. The exhibition or delivery of a writ, notice, injunction, etc., by an authorized person, to a person who is thereby officially notified of some action or proceeding in which he is concerned, and is thereby advised or warned of some action or step which he is commanded to take or to forbear. See Walker v. State, 52 Ala. 103; U. S. v. McMahon, 104 U. S. 81, 17 Sup. Ct. 23, 41 L. Ed. 357; Sanford v. Dick, 17 Oinn. 213; Cross v. Barber, 16 R. I. 266, 15 Atl. 69.

Civil service. See that title.—Constructive service of process. Any form of service other than actual personal service; notification of an action or of some proceeding therein, given to a person affected by sending it to him in the mails or causing it to be published in a newspaper.—Personal service. Personal service of a writ or notice is made by delivering it to the person named, in person, or handing him a copy and informing him of the nature and terms of the original. Leaving a copy at his place of abode is not personal service. Moyer v. Cook, 12 Wis. 326.—Salvage service. See SALVAGE.—Secular service. Worldly employment or service, as contrasted with spiritual or ecclesiastical.—Service by publication. Service of a summons or other process upon an absent or non-resident defendant, by publishing the same as an advertisement in a designated newspaper, with such other efforts to give him actual notice as the particular statute may prescribe.—Service of an heir. An old form of Scotch law, fixing the right and character of an heir to the estate of his ancestor. Bell.—Service of process. The service of writs, summonses, rules, etc., signifies the delivering to or leaving them with the party to whom or with whom they ought to be delivered or left; and, when they are so delivered, they are then said to have been served. Usually a copy only is served and the original is shown. Brown.—Special service. In Scotch law. That form of service by which the heir is served to the ancestor who was feudally vested in the lands. Bell.—Substituted service. This term generally denotes any form of service of process other than personal service, such as service by mail or by publication in a newspaper; but it is sometimes employed to denote service of a writ or notice on some person other than the one directly concerned, for example, his attorney of record, who has authority to represent him or to accept service for him.

SERVICES FONCIERS. Fr. These are, in French law, the easements of English law. Brown.

SERVIDUMBRE. In Spanish law. A servitude. The right and use which one man has in the buildings and estates of another, to use them for the benefit of his own. Las Partidas, 3, 31, 1.

SERVIENS AD CLAVAM. Serjeant at mace. 2 Mod. 58.

SERVIENS AD LEGEM. In old English practice. Serjeant at law.

SERVIENS DOMINI REGIS. In old English law. King's serjeant; a public officer, who acted sometimes as the sheriff's deputy, and had also judicial powers. Bract. fols. 1459, 1509, 330, 338.

SERVENT. Serving; subject to a service or servitude. A servient estate is one which is burdened with a servitude.

—Servient tenement. An estate in respect of which a service is owing, as the dominant tenement is that to which the service is due.

Servite est explicationis crimine; sola innocentia libera. 2 Inst. 573. The crime of theft is slavery; innocence alone is free.

Servitia personalia sequuntur personam. 2 Inst. 374; Personal services follow the person.

SERVITIIS ACQUIETANDIS. A judicial writ for a man distrained for services to one, when he owes and performs them to
another, for the acquittal of such services. Reg. Jud. 27.

**SERVITIUM.** Lat. In feudal and old English law. The duty of obedience and performance which a tenant was bound to render to his lord, by reason of his fee. Speelman.

—Servitiu m feodale et preediale. A personal service, but due only by reason of lands which were held in fee. Bract. 1. c. 16.—Servitium forinsecum. Forinsec, foreign, or extra service; a kind of service that was due to the king, over and above the service due to the lord.—Servitium intrinsecum. Intrinsec, or ordinary service; the ordinary service due the chief lord, from tenants within the fee. Bract. fol. 36, 36b.—Servitium libernum. A service to be done by feudatory tenants, who were called "liberi homines," and distinguished from vassals, as was their service, for they were not bound to any of the base services of plowing the lord's land, etc., but were to find a man and horse, viz., to serve the lord into the army, or to attend the court, etc. Cowell.—Servitium militare. Knight-service; military service. 2 Bl. Com. 162.—Servitium regale. Royal service, or the rights and prerogatives of manors which belong to the king as lord of the same, and which were generally reckoned to be six, viz.: Power of justiciary, in matters of property; power of life and death, in felonies and murder; a right to waifs and strays; assessements; mining of money; and assise of bread, beer, weights, and measures. Cowell.—Servitium senti. Service of the shield; that is, knight-service.—Servitium soke. Service of the plow; that is, socage.

Servitium, in lege Anglise, regulariter accipitur pro servitio quod per tenentes dominis suis debetur ratione feodi sui. Co. Litt. 65. Service, by the law of England, means the service which is due from the tenants to the lords, by reason of their fee.

**SERVITOR.** A serving-man; particularly applied to students at Oxford, upon the foundation, who are similar to sizars at Cambridge. Wharton.

**SERVITORS OF BILLS.** In old English practice. Servants or messengers of the marshal of the king's bench, sent out with bills or writs to summon persons to that court. Now more commonly called "tip-staves." Cowell.

**SERVITUDE.** 1. The condition of being bound to service; the state of a person who is subjected, voluntarily or otherwise, to another person as his servant.

—Involuntary servitude. See INVOLUN
tary.—Penal servitude. In English criminal law, a punishment which consists in keeping the offender in confinement and compelling him to labor.

2. A charge or burden resting upon one estate for the benefit or advantage of another; a species of incorporeal right derived from the civil law (see Servium) and closely corresponding to the "esasement" of the common-law, except that "servitude" rather has relation to the burden or the estate burdened, while "esasement" refers to the benefit or advantage of the estate to which it accrues. See Nellis v. Munson, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 576; Rowe v. Nally, 81 Md. 367, 32 Atl. 198; Los Angeles Terminal Land Co. v. Muir, 136 Cal. 36, 68 Pac. 308; Laumier v. Francils, 23 Mo. 184, 54 Am. Dec. 744; Kieffer v. Imhoff, 26 Pa. 438.

The term "servitude," in its original and popular sense, signifies the duty of service, or rather the condition of one who is liable to the performance of services. The word, however, in its legal sense, is applied figuratively to things. When the freedom of ownership in land is fettered or restricted, by reason of some person, other than the owner thereof, having some right therein, the land is said to "serve" such person. The restricted condition of the ownership or the right which forms the subject-matter of the restriction is termed a "servitude," and the land so burdened with another's right is termed a "servient tenement," while the land belonging to the person enjoying the right is called the "dominant tenement." The word "servitude" may be said to have both a positive and a negative signification; in the former sense denoting the restrictive right belonging to thebuilding party; in the latter, the restrictive duty entailed upon the proprietor or possessor of the servient land. Brown.

**Classification.** All servitudes which affect lands may be divided into two kinds,—personal and real. Personal servitudes are those attached to the person for whose benefit they are established, and terminate with his life. This kind of servitude is of three sorts,—usufruct, use, and habitation. Real servitudes, which are also called "predial" or "landed" servitudes, are those which the owner of an estate enjoys on a neighboring estate for the benefit of his own estate. They are called "predial" or "landed" servitudes because, being established for the benefit of an estate, they are rather due to the estate than to the owner personally. Civ. Code La. art. 646.

Real servitudes are divided, in the civil law, into rural and urban servitudes. Rural servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of a landed estate; such, for example, as a right of way over the servient tenement, or of access to a spring, a coal-mine, a sand-pit, or a wood that is upon it. Urban servitudes are such as are established for the benefit of one building over another. (But the buildings need not be in the city, as the name would apparently imply.) They are such as the right of support, or of view, or of drip or sewer, or the like. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 316, et seq.

Servitudes are also classed as positive and negative. A positive servitude is one which obliges the owner of the servient estate to permit or suffer something to be done on his property by another. A negative servitude is one which does not bind the servient proprietor to permit something to be done upon his property by another, but merely restricts him from making a certain use of his property which would impair the easement en-
Servitus est constitutio jure gentium qua quis domino alieno contra naturam subjiciatur. Slavery is an institution by the law of nations, by which a man is subjected to the dominion of another, contrary to nature. Inst. 1, 3, 2; Co. Litt. 119.

Servus. Lat. In the civil law. A slave; a bondman. Inst. 1, 3, pr.; Bract. fol. 49.


Session. The sitting of a court, legislature, council, commission, etc., for the transaction of its proper business. Hence, the period of time, within any one day, during which such body is assembled in form, and engaged in the transaction of business, or, in a more extended sense, the whole space of time from its first assembling to its progradation or adjournment sine die.

Synonyms. Strictly speaking, the word "session" is applicable to a court of justice, and is not synonymous with the word "term." The "session" of a court is the time during which it actually sits for the transaction of judicial business. A "term" of court is the period fixed by law, usually embracing many days or weeks, during which it shall be open for the transaction of judicial business and during which it may hold sessions from day to day. But this distinction is not always observed, many authorities using the two words interchangeably. See Lipari v. State, 19 Tex. App. 433; Stefani v. State, 124 Ind. 3, 24 N. E. 658; Mansfield v. Mutual Ben. L. Ins. Co., 63 Conn. 579, 20 Atl. 137; Helm v. Brammer, 145 Ind. 605, 44 N. E. 638; Cresap v. Cresap, 54 Iowa, 651, 657, 660, 38, 382; U. S. v. Dietrich (C. C.) 126 Fed. 660.

Court of session. The supreme civil court of Scotland, instituted A. D. 1532, consisting of thirteen (formerly fifteen) judges, viz., the chief justice of the supreme court—ordinary lords—general sessions. A court of record, in England, held by two or more justices of the peace, for the execution of the authority given them by the commissions of the peace and certain statutes. General sessions held at certain times in the four quarters of the year pursuant to St. 2 Hen. V. are properly called "quarter sessions," (q. v.) but intermediate general sessions may also be held. Sweet—Great session of Wales. A court which was abolished by St. 1 Wm. IV. c. 70. The proceedings now issue out of the courts at Westminster, and two of the judges of the supreme court hold the circuits in Wales and Cheshire, as in other English counties. Wharton—Joint session. In parliamentary practice, a meeting together and conninging of the two houses of parliament, two or more neighboring houses, or two or more bodies of pages and acting together as one body, instead of separately in their respective houses. Snow v. Hudson (C. C.) 43 U. S. 433; 10 How. 433; 20 L. Ed. 433; 13 pet. 568; 4 pet. 1132. In English law. A special or petty session is sometimes kept in corporations and counties at large by a few justices, for disposing of small business in both sessions held in separate session. An ordinary, general, or stated session, (as of
a legislative body) as distinguished from a special or extra session.—Session laws. The name commonly given to the body of laws enacted by a state legislature at one of its annual or biennial sessions. So called to distinguish them from the "compiled laws" or "revised statutes" of the state.—Session of the peace, in English law, is a sitting of judges of the peace for the taking of theULSE of their powers. There are four kinds,—petty, special, quarter, and general sessions.—Sessional orders. Certain resolutions which are agreed to by both houses at the commencement of every session of the English parliament, and have relation to the business and convenience thereof; but they are not intended to continue in force beyond the session in which they are adopted. They are principally of use as directing the order of business. Brown.—Sessions. A sitting of justices in court upon their commission, or by virtue of their appointment, and most commonly for the trial of criminal cases. The title of several courts in England and the United States, chiefly those of criminal jurisdiction. Burrill.—Special sessions. In English law, a meeting of two or more justices of the peace held for a special purpose, such as the licensing of alehouses, either as required by statute or when specially convoked, which can only be convened after notice to all the other magistrates of the division, to give them an opportunity of attending. Stone, J. Pr. 52, 55.

SET. This word appears to be nearly synonymous with "lease." A lease of mines is frequently termed a "mining set." Brown.

SET ASIDE. To set aside a judgment, decree, award, or any proceedings is to cancel, annul, or revoke them at the instance of a party unjustly or irregularly affected by them. State v. Primm, 61 Mo. 171; Brandt v. Brandt, 40 Or. 477, 67 Pac. 508.

SET DOWN. To set down a cause for trial or hearing at a given term is to enter its title in the calendar, list, or docket of causes which are to be brought on at that term.

SET OF EXCHANGE. In mercantile law. Foreign bills are usually drawn in duplicate or triplicate, the several parts being respectively "first of exchange," "second of exchange," etc., and these parts together constitute a "set of exchange." Any one of them being paid, the others become void.

SET-OFF. A counter-claim or cross-demand; a claim or demand which the defendant in an action sets off against the claim of the plaintiff to counterbalance his in whole or in part. Code Ga. 1882, § 43. For the distinction between set-off and recoupment, see Recoupment.

"Set-off" differs from a "lien," inasmuch as the former belongs exclusively to the remedy, and is merely a right to insist, if the party think proper to do so, when sued by his creditor on a counter-demand, which can only be enforced through the medium of judicial proceedings; while the latter is, in effect, a substitute for a suit. 2 Op. Atts. Gen. 677.

SET OUT. In pleading. To recite or narrate facts or circumstances; to allege or aver; to describe or to incorporate; as, to set out a deed or contract. First Nat. Bank v. Engelbercht, 58 Neb. 439, 79 N. W. 656; U. S. v. Watkins, 28 Fed. Cas. 436.

SET UP. To bring forward or allege, as something relied upon or deemed sufficient; to propose or interpose, by way of defense, explanation, or justification; as, to set up the statute of limitations, i. e., offer and rely upon it as a defense to a claim.

SETTER. In Scotch law. The granter of a tack or lease. 1 Forb. Inst. pt 2, p. 153.

SETTLE. To adjust, ascertain, or liquidate; to pay. Parties are said to settle an account when they go over its items and ascertain and agree upon the balance due from one to the other. And, when the party indebted pays such balance, he is also said to settle it. Auzerais v. Naglee, 74 Cal. 60, 15 Pac. 371; Jackson v. Ely, 27 Ohio St. 400, 49 N. E. 762; People v. Green, 5 Daly (N. Y.) 201; Lynch v. Nugent, 80 Iowa, 422, 46 N. W. 61.

To settle property is to limit it, or the income thereof, to several persons in succession, so that the person for the time being in the possession or enjoyment of it has no power to deprive the others of their right of future enjoyment. Sweet.

To settle a document is to make it right in form and in substance. Documents of difficulty or complexity, such as mining leases, settlements by will or deed, partnership agreements, etc., are generally settled by counsel. Id.

The term "settle" is also applied to pavers.

Settle up. A term, colloquial rather than legal, which is applied to the final collection, adjustment, and distribution of the estate of a decedent, a bankrupt, or an insolvent corporation. It includes the processes of collecting the property, paying debts and charges, and turning over the balance to those entitled to receive it.—Settled estate. See Estate.—Settling a bill of exceptions. When the bill of exceptions prepared for an appeal is not accepted as correct by the respondent, it is settled (i. e., adjusted and finally made conformable to the truth) by being taken before the judge who presided at the trial, and by him put into a form
agreeing with his minutes and his recollection. See Railroad Co. v. Cone, 57 Kan. 567, 15 Pac. 465. In re John's Estate (S) 11 N. Y. Supp. 160.—Settling day. The day on which transactions for the "account" are made up on the English stock exchange and accounts prepared and adjusted for the month; or for every other investment, twice in the month.—Settling interrogatories. The determination by the court of objections to interrogatories and cross-interrogatories prepared to be used in taking a deposition.—Settling issues. In English practice. Arranging or determining the form of the issues in a cause. Where, in any action, it appears to the judge that the statement of claim or defense or reply does not sufficiently disclose the issues of fact between the parties, he may direct the parties to prepare issues; and such issues shall, if the parties differ, be settled by the judge." Judicature Act 1875, schedule, art. 19.

SETTLEMENT. In conveyancing. A disposition of property by deed, usually through the medium of a trustee, by which its enjoyment is limited to several persons in succession, as a wife, children, or other relatives.

In contracts. Adjustment or liquidation of mutual accounts; the act by which parties who have been dealing together arrange their accounts and strike a balance. Also full and final payment or discharge of an account.

In poor laws. The term signifies a right acquired by a person, by continued residence for a given length of time in a town or district, to claim aid or relief under the poor-laws in case of his becoming a pauper. See Westfield v. Coventry, 71 Vt. 175, 44 Atl. 66; Jefferson v. Washington, 19 Me. 300; Jackson County v. Hillsdale County, 124 Mich. 17, 83 N. W. 408.

In probate practice. The settlement of an estate consists in its administration by the executor or administrator carried so far that all debts and legacies have been paid and the individual shares of distributees in the corpus of the estate, or the residuary portion, as the case may be, definitely ascertained and determined, and accounts filed and passed, so that nothing remains but to make final distribution. See Calkina v. Smith, 41 Mich. 409, 1 N. W. 1048; Forbes v. Harrington, 171 Mass. 289, 50 N. E. 641; Appeal of Mathews, 72 Conn. 555, 45 Atl. 170.

—Act of settlement. The statute 12 & 13 Wm. III, c. 2, by which the crown of England was limited to the house of Hanover, and some new provisions were added at the same time for the better securing the religion, laws, and liberties.—Deed of settlement. A deed made for the purpose of settling property, i.e., arranging the mode and extent of the enjoyment thereof. The party who settles property is called the "settlor;" and usually his wife and children or his creditors or his near relations are the beneficiaries taking interests under the settlement. Brown.—Equity of settlement. The equitable right of a wife, when her husband sues in equity for the reduction of her equitable estate to his own possession, to have the whole or a portion of such estate settled upon herself and her children. Also a similar right now recognized in equity courts, as an issue being asserted against the husband. Also called the "wife's equity."—Final settlement. This term, as applied to the administration of an estate, is usually understood to have reference to the order of court approving the account which closes the business of the estate, and which finally discharges the executor or administrator from the duties of his trust. Porter v. Spooner, 112 Ind. 85, 18 N. E. 129; Sims v. Warters, 65 Ala. 445.—Strict settlement. This phrase was formerly used to denote a settlement where by law was limited to a parent for life, and, after his death to his first and other sons or children in tail, with trustees interposed to preserve contingent remainders. 1 Steph. Comm. 332, 333.—Voluntary settlement. A settlement of property upon a wife or other beneficiary, made gratuitously or without valuable consideration.

SETTLER. A person who, for the purpose of acquiring a pre-emption right, has gone upon the land in question, and is actually resident there. See Hume v. Gracy, 86 Tex. 671, 27 S. W. 584; Davis v. Young, 2 Dana (Ky.) 290; McIntyre v. Sherwood, 82 Cal. 139, 22 Pac. 387.

SETTLOR. The grantor or donor in a deed of settlement.

SEVER. To separate. When two joint defendants separate in the action, each pleading separately his own plea and relying upon a separate defense, they are said to sever.

SEVERABLE. Admitting of severance or separation, capable of being divided; capable of being severed from other things to which it was joined, and yet maintaining a complete and independent existence.

SEVERAL. Separate; individual; independent. In this sense the word is distinguished from "joint." Also exclusive; individual; appropriated. In this sense it is opposed to "common."

—Several actions. Where a separate and distinct action is brought against each of two or more persons who are all liable to the plaintiff in respect to the same subject-matter, the actions are said to be "several." If all the persons are joined as defendants in one and the same action, it is called a "joint" action.— Several inheritance. An inheritance conveyed so as to descend to two persons severally, by moieties, etc.—Several issues. This occurs where there is more than one issue involved in a case. 3 Steph. Comm. 590.


SEVERALITY. A state of separation. An estate in severality is one that is held by a person in his own right only, without any other person being joined or connected with him, in point of interest, during his estate therein. 2 Bl. Comm. 179.

The term "severality" is especially applied, in England, to the case of adjoining meadows undivided from each other, but belonging, either permanently or in what are called "shifting severalities," to separate owners, and held in severality until the crops have been carried, when the whole is thrown open
SEWER. A fresh-water trench or little river, encompassed with banks on both sides, to drain off surplus water into the sea. Cowell. Properly, a trench artificially made for the purpose of carrying water into the sea, (or a river or pond.) Crabb, Real Prop. § 113.

In its modern and more usual sense, a "sewer" means an under-ground or covered channel used for the drainage of two or more separate buildings, as opposed to a "drain," which is a channel used for carrying off the drainage of one building or set of buildings in one curtilage. Sweet. See Valparaiso v. Parker, 148 Ind. 379, 47 N. E. 330; Fuchs v. St. Louis, 167 Mo. 620, 67 S. W. 610, 57 L. R. A. 136; State Board of Health v. Jersey City, 55 N. J. Eq. 116, 35 Atl. 835; Aldrich v. Palme, 106 Iowa, 461, 76 N. W. 812.

—Commissioners of sewers. In English law. The court of commissioners of sewers is a temporary tribunal erected by virtue of a commission under the common law, to drain off surplus water into the sea, and is confined to such county or particular district as the commission expressly names. Brown.

SEX. The distinction between male and female; or the property or character by which an animal is male or female. Webster.

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. In ecclesiastical law. The second Sunday before Lent, being about the sixtieth day before Easter.

SEXHINDEN. In Saxon law. The middle thanes, valued at 600s.

SEXTANS. Lat. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing two unciae; the proportion of two-twelfths, or one-sixth. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note.

SEXTARY. In old records. An ancient measure of liquids, and of dry commodities; a quarter or seam. Spelman.

SEXTERY LANDS. Lands given to a church or religious house for maintenance of a sexton or sacristan. Cowell.

SEXTUS DECRETALIUM. Lat. The sixth (book) of the decretals; the sext, or sixth decretal. So called because appended, in the body of the canon law, to the five books of the decretals of Gregory IX.; it consists of a collection of supplementary decre­ tals, and was published A. D. 1298. Butl. Hor. Jur. 172; 1 Bl. Comm. 82.

SEXUAL INSTINCT, INVERSION AND PERVERSION OF. See INSANITY; PERVERSITY; SODOMY.


SHACK. In English law. The straying and escaping of cattle out of the lands of their owners into other uninclosed land; an intercomming of cattle. 2 H. Bl. 418. It sometimes happens that a number of adjacent fields, though held in severalty, 6. c., by separate owners, and cultivated separately, are, after the crop on each parcel has been carried in, thrown open as pasture to the cattle of all the owners. "Arable lands cultivated on this plan are called 'shack fields,' and the right of each owner of a part to feed cattle over the whole during the autumn and winter is known in law as 'common of shack,' a right which is distinct in its nature from common because of vicinage, though sometimes said to be nearly identical with it." Elton, Commons, 30; Sweet.

SHALL. As used in statutes and similar instruments, this word is generally imperative or mandatory; but it may be construed as merely permissive or directory, (as equivalent to "may," to carry out the legislative intention and in cases where no right or benefit to any one depends on its being taken. when imperitive sense, and where no public or private right is impaired by its interpretation in the other sense. Also, as against the government, "shall" is to be construed as "may," unless a contrary intention is manifest. See Wheeler v. Chicago, 24 Ill. 105, 76 Am. Dec. 736; People v. Chicago Sanitary Dist., 184 Ill. 597, 56 N. E. 953; Madison v. Daley (C. C.) 58 Fed. 763; Calro & F. R. Co. v. Hecht, 95 U. S. 170, 24 L. Ed. 423.

SHAM PLEA. See pleæ.
SHARE. A portion of anything. When a whole is divided into shares, they are not necessarily equal.

In the law of corporations and joint-stock companies, a share is a definite portion of the capital of a company.

—SHARE and SHARE ALIKE. In equal shares or proportions. A share-certificate is an instrument under the seal of the company, certifying that the person therein named is entitled to a certain number of shares; it is prima facie evidence of his title thereto. Lindl. Partn. 150, 1137. —SHARE-WARRANT. A share-warrant to bearer is a warrant or certificate under the seal of the company, stating that the bearer of the warrant is entitled to a certain number or amount of fully paid up shares or stock. Coupons for payment of dividends may be annexed to it. Delivery of the share-warrant operates as a transfer of the shares or stock. Sweet.

SHAREHOLDER. In the strict sense of the term, a "shareholder" is a person who has agreed to become a member of a corporation or company, and with respect to whom all the required formalities have been gone through; e. g., signing of deed of settlement, registration, or the like. A shareholder by estoppel is a person who has acted and been treated as a shareholder, and consequently has the same liabilities as if he were an ordinary shareholder. Lindl. Partn. 130. See Beal v. Essex Sav. Bank, 67 Fed. 816, 15 C. C. A. 128; State v. Mitchell, 104 Tenn. 336, 58 S. W. 365.

SHARP. A "sharp" clause in a mortgage or other security (or the whole instrument described as "sharp") is one which empowers the creditor to take prompt and summary action upon default in payment or breach of other conditions.

SHARPING CORN. A customary gift of corn, which, at every Christmas, the farmers in some parts of England give to their smith for sharpening their plow-irons, harrow-tines, etc. Blount.

SHASTER. In Hindu law. The instrument of government or instruction; any book of instructions, particularly containing Divine ordinances. Wharton.

SHAVE. While "shave" is sometimes used to denote the act of obtaining the property of another by oppression and extortion, it may be used in an innocent sense to denote the buying of existing notes and other securities for money, at a discount. Hence to charge a man with using money for shares or stock as a basis of his title thereto, is not libelous per se. See Stone v. Cooper, 2 Denio (N. Y.) 301; Tremthen v. Moore, 111 Tenn. 346, 76 S. W. 904; Brunson v. Wiman, 10 Barb. (N. Y.) 428.

SHAW. In old English law. A wood. Co. Litt. 49.

SHAWATORES. Soldiers. Cowell.

SHEADING. A riding, titling, or division in the Isle of Man, where the whole island is divided into six sheadings, in each of which there is a coroner or chief constable appointed by a delivery of a rod at the Tinewald court or annual convention. King, Isle of Man, 7.

SHEEP. A wether more than a year old. Rex v. Birken, 4 Car. & P. 216.

SHEEP-SILVER. A service turned into money, which was paid in respect that anciently the tenants used to wash the lord's sheep. Wharton.

SHEEP-SKIN. A deed; so called from the parchment it was written on.

SHEEP-WALK. A right of sheep-walk is the same thing as a fold-course, (q. e.) Elton, Commons, 44.

SHELLEY'S CASE, RULE IN. "When the ancestor, by any gift or conveyance, taketh an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limited, either mediately or immediately, to his heirs in fee or in tail, the 'heirs' are words of limitation of the estate, and not words of purchase." 1 Coke, 104.

Intimately connected with the quantity of estate which a tenant may hold in reality is the antique feudal doctrine generally known as the "Rule in Shelley's Case," which is reported by Lord Coke in 1 Coke, 233, (23 Eliz. in C. B.) This rule was not first laid down or established in that case, but was then simply admitted in argument as a well-founded and settled rule of law, and has always since been quoted as the "Rule in Shelley's Case." Wharton.

SHEEPWAY, COURT OF. A court held before the lord warden of the Cinque Ports. A writ of error lay from the mayor and jurats of each port to the lord warden in this court, and thence to the queen's bench. The civil jurisdiction of the Cinque Ports is abolished by 18 & 19 Vict. c. 48.

SHEREFFE. The body of the lordship of Cardiff in South Wales, excluding the members of it. Powel, Hist. Wales, 123.

SHERIFF. In American law. The chief executive and administrative officer of a county, being chosen by popular election.
His principal duties are in aid of the criminal courts and civil courts of record; such as serving process, summoning juries, executing judgments, holding judicial sales, and the like. He is also the chief conservator of the peace within his territorial jurisdiction. See State v. Finn, 4 Mo. App. 352; Com. v. Martin, 9 Kulp (Pa.) 69; In re Executive Communication, 13 Fla. 687; Pearce v. Stephens, 18 App. Div. 101, 45 N. Y. Supp. 422; Denson v. Sledge, 13 N. C. 140; Hockett v. Alston, 110 Fed. 912, 49 C. C. A. 180.

In English law. The sheriff is the principal officer in every county, and has the transacting of the public business of the county. He is an officer of great antiquity, and was also called the 'shire-reeve,' "reeve," or "balliff." He is called in Latin "vicarius," as being the deputy of the earl or comes, to whom anciently the custody of the shire was committed. The duties of the sheriff principally consist in executing writs, precepts, warrants from justices of the peace for the apprehension of offenders, etc. Brown.

In Scotch law. The office of sheriff differs somewhat from the same office under the English law, being, from ancient times, an office of important judicial power, as well as ministerial. The sheriff exercises a jurisdiction of considerable extent, both of civil and criminal character, which is, in a proper sense, judicial, in addition to powers resembling those of an English sheriff. Tomlin. Bell.

Deputy sheriff. See DEPUTY.—High sheriff. One holding the office of sheriff, as distinguished from his deputies or assistants or under sheriffs.—Pocket sheriff. In English law. A sheriff appointed by the sole authority of the crown, without the usual form of nomination by the judges in the exchequer. 1 Bl. Comm. 342; 8 Steph. Comm. 23.—Sheriff elect. The sheriff of the county in Scotland.—Sheriff depute. In Scotch law. The principal sheriff of a county, who is also a judge.—Sheriff-geld. A rent formerly paid by the sheriff, and it is prayed that the sheriff in his account may be discharged thereof. Rot. Pari.

In Scotch law. The sheriff clerk in Scotland.—Sheriff's court. The court held before the sheriff's deputy, that is, the under-sheriff, and wherein actions are brought for recovery of debts under £20. Writs of inquiry are also brought here to be executed. The sheriff's court for the county of Middlesex is that wherein damages are assessed in proper cases after trial at Westminster. Brown.—Sheriff's jury. In practice. A jury composed of no determinate number, but which may be more or less than twelve, summoned by the sheriff for the purposes of an inquisition or inquest of office. 3 Bl. Comm. 258.—Sheriff's officers. Baileys, who are either bailiffs of hundreds of hundreders, or "bailiffs in the course."—Sheriff's sale. See SALE.—Sheriff's tourn. A court of record in England, to be held every year, within a month after Easter and Michaelmas, before the sheriff, in different parts of the county. It is, indeed, only the turn or rotation of the sheriff to keep a court in each of the four quarters or "shires" as the great court-least of the county, as the county court is the court-leven; for out of this, for the case of the sheriff, was taken the court-leven or view of frank-pledge. 4 Bl. Comm. 273.

Sheriffalty. The time of a man's being sheriff. Cowell. The term of a sheriff's office.


Sherrerie. A word used by the authorities of the Roman Church, to specify contemptuously the technical parts of the law, as administered by non-clerical lawyers. Wharton.

Shewer. In the practice of the English high court, when a view by a jury is ordered, persons are named by the court to show the property, and are hence called "shewers." There is usually a shewer on behalf of each party. Archib. Pr. 339, et seq.

Shewing. In English law. To be quit of attachment in a court, in plaints shewed and not avowed. Obsolete.

Shifting. Changing; varying; passing from one person to another by substitution. "Shifting the burden of proof" is transferring it from one party to the other, or from one side of the case to the other, when he upon whom it rested originally has made out a prima facie case or defense by evidence, of such a character that it becomes incumbent upon the other to rebut it by contradictory or defensive evidence.

Shifting clause. A shifting clause in a settlement is a clause by which some other mode of devolution is substituted for that primarily prescribed. Examples of shifting clauses are: The ordinary name and arms clause, and the clause of less frequent occurrence by which a settled estate is destined as the foundation of a second family, in the event of the elder branch becoming otherwise enriched. These shifting clauses take effect under the statute of uses. Sweet.—Shifting risk. In insurance, a risk created by a contract of insurance on a stock of merchandise, or other similar property, which is kept for sale, or is subject to change in items by purchase and sale; the policy being conditioned to cover the goods in the stock at any and all times and not to be affected by changes in its composition. Farmers', etc., Ins. Ass'n v. Kryder, 5 Ind. App. 459, 31 E. 351, 51 Am. St. Rep. 284.—Shifting severality. See SEVERALITY.—Shifting use. See USE.

Shilling. In English law. The name of an English coin, of the value of one-twentieth part of a pound. This denomination of money was also used in America, in colonial times, but was not everywhere of uniform value.

Shin-plaster. Formerly, a jocose term for a bank-note greatly depreciated in value; also for paper money of a denomina-
tion less than a dollar. Webster. See Madison Ins. Co. v. Forsythe, 2 Ind. 453.

SHIP, v. In maritime law. To put on board a ship; to send by ship.

To engage to serve on board a vessel as a seaman.

SHIP, n. A vessel of any kind employed in navigation. In a more restricted and more technical sense, a three-masted vessel navigated with sails.

The term "ship" or "shipping," when used in this Code, includes steam-boats, sailing vessels, canal-boats, barges, and every structure adapted to be navigated from place to place for the transportation of merchandise or persons. Civ. Code Cal. § 900.

Nautical men apply the term "ship" to distinguishing the coasting or trading class, consisting of a lower mast, a top mast, and a top-gallant mast, with their appropriate rigging. In familiar language, it is usually employed to distinguish any large vessel whatever rigged. It is also frequently used as a general designation for all vessels navigated with sails; and this is the sense in which it is employed in this Code. Valley Forge Dry-Dock Co. v. United States, 119 U. S. 625, 7 Sup. Ct. 326, 30 L. Ed. 501; U. S. v. Open Boat, 27 Fed. Cases 347; Raft of Congress Logs, 20 Fed. Cases 170; Tucker v. Alexanderoff, 138 U. S. 424, 22 Sup. Ct. 195, 46 L. Ed. 264; King v. Greenway, 71 N. Y. 417; U. S. v. Dewey, 188 U. S. 286, 23 Sup. Ct. 415, 47 L. Ed. 461; Swan v. U. S., 19 Ct. Cl. 62.

—General ship. Where a ship is not chartered wholly to one person, but the owner offers her generally to carry the goods of all comers, or where, if chartered to one person, he offers her to several subfreighters for the conveyance of their goods. The ship is called a "general" ship, as opposed to a "chartered" one. Brown. A vessel in which the master or owners engage separately with a number of persons unconnected with each other to convey their respective goods to the place of their destination. Ward v. Green, 6 Cow. (N. Y.) 173, 16 Am. Dec. 437.—Ship-breaking. In Scotch law. The offense of breaking into a ship or vessel in order to furnish her equipment for sale in order to make her free from her national character, the nature and destination of the cargo, and of compliance with the navigation laws. The ship's papers are of two sorts: Those required by the law of a particular country; such as the certificate of registry, license, charter-party, bills of lading and of health, required by the law of England to be on board all British ships. Those required by the law of nations to be on board neutral ships, to vindicate their title to that character; these are the pass port, sea-brief, or sea-letter, proofs of property, the master-roll or rôle d'équipage, the charter-party, the bills of lading and invoices, the log-book or ship's journal, and the bill of health. 1 Marsh. Ins. c. 8, § 6.

SHIPPED. This term, in common maritime and commercial usage, means "placed on board of a vessel for the purchaser or consignee, to be transported at his risk." Fisher v. Minot, 10 Gray (Mass.) 262.

SHIPPER. 1. The owner of goods who consigns them on board a vessel for delivery abroad, by charter-party or otherwise. 2. Also, a Dutch word, signifying the master of a ship. It is mentioned in some of the statutes; is now generally called "skipper." Tomlins.

SHIPPING. Ships in general; ships or vessels of any kind intended for navigation. Relating to ships; as, shipping interest, shipping affairs, shipping business, shipping concerns. Putting on board a ship or vessel, or receiving on board a ship or vessel. Webster; Worcester.

The "law of shipping" is a comprehensive term for all that part of the maritime law which relates to ships and the persons employed in or about them. It embraces such subjects as the building and equipment of vessels, their registration and nationality, their ownership and inspection, their employment, (including charter-parties, freight, demurrage, towage, and salvage,) and their sale, transfer, and mortgage; also, the employment, rights, powers, and duties of mas-

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ters and mariners; and the law relating to ship-brokers, ship-agents, pilots, etc.

Shipping articles. A written agreement between the master of a vessel and the mariners, specifying the voyage or term for which the latter are shipped, and the rate of wages.—Shipping commissioner. An officer of the United States, appointed by the several circuit courts, with reference to their respective jurisdictions, for each port of entry (the same being also a port of ocean navigation) which, in the judgment of such court, may require the same; his duties being to supervise the engagement and discharge of seamen; to see that men engaged as seamen report on board at the proper time; to facilitate the apprenticing of persons to the marine service; and other similar duties, such as may be required by law. Rev. St. U. S. §§ 4501-4508 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 3061-3067).

Shipwreck. The demolition or shattering of a vessel, caused by her driving ashore or on rocks and shoals in the mid-seas, or by the violence of winds and waves in tempests. 2 Arn. Ins. p. 734.

Shire. In English law. A county. So called because every county or shire is divided and parted by certain metes and bounds from another. Co. Litt. 50a.

—Knights of the shire. See Knight.—Shire-clerk. He that keeps the county court.—Shire-man, or Scythe-man. Before the Conquest, the judge of the county, by whom trials for land, etc., were determined.Tomlins;Moxley & Whitley—Shire-mote. The assize of the shire, or the assembly of the people, was so called by the Saxons. It was nearly if not exactly, the same as the sceapagemote, and in most respects corresponded with what were afterwards called the "county courts." Brown—Shire-reeve. In Saxon law. The reeve or bailiff of the shire. The viscount of the Anglo-Normans, and the sheriff of later times. Co. Litt. 168a.

Shock. In medical jurisprudence. A sudden and severe depression of the vital functions, particularly of the nerves and the circulation, due to the nervous exhaustion following trauma, surgical operation, or sudden and violent emotion, resulting (if not in death) in more or less prolonged prostration; it is spoken of as being either physical or psychical, according as it is caused by disturbance of the bodily powers and functions or of the mind. See Maynard v. Oregon R. Co., 43 Or. 63, 72 Pac. 590.

Shoofaa. In Mohammedan law. Pre-emption, or a power of possessing property which has been sold, by paying a sum equal to that paid by the purchaser. Wharton.

Shop. A building in which goods and merchandise are sold at retail, or where mechanics work, and sometimes keep their products for sale. See State v. Morgan, 98 N. C. 641, 3 S. E. 927; State v. O'Connell, 26 Ind. 287; State v. Sprague, 149 Mo. 409, 50 S. W. 901.

Strictly, a shop is a place where goods are sold by retail, and a store a place where goods are deposited; but, in this country, shops for the sale of goods are frequently called "stores." Com. v. Annis, 15 Gray (Mass.) 197.

—Shop-books. Books of original entry kept by tradesmen, shop-keepers, mechanics, and the like, in which are entered their accounts and charges for goods sold, work done, etc.

Shoopa. In old records, a shop. Cowell.

Shore. Land on the margin of the sea, or a lake or river.

In common parlance, the word "shore" is understood to mean the line that separates the tide-water from the land about it, wherever that line may be, and in whatever stage of the tide. The word "shore," in its legal and technical sense, indicates the lands adjacent to navigable waters, where the tide flows and reflows, which at high tides are submerged, and at low tides are bare. Shively v. Bowlby, 132 U. S. 1, 14 Sup. Ct. 548, 38 L. Ed. 331; Mather v. Chapman, 40 Conn. 400, 16 Am. Rep. 46; U. S. v. Pacheco, 2 Wall. 590, 17 L. Ed. 365; Harlan & Hollingsworth Co. v. Paschall, 5 Del. Ch. 463; Lacy v. Green, 54 Pa. 519; Axline v. Shaw, 35 Fla. 306, 17 South. 391.

Sea-shore is that space of land over which the waters of the sea spread in the highest water, during the winter season. Civ. Code La. art. 451.

When the sea-shore is referred to as a boundary, the meaning must be understood to be the margin of the sea in its usual and ordinary state; the ground between the ordinary high-water mark and low-water mark is the shore. Hence a deed of land bounded at or by the "shore" will convey the flats as appurtenant. Storer v. Freeman, 8 Mass. 435, 4 Am. Dec. 165.

Short cause. A cause which is not likely to occupy a great portion of the time of the court, and which may be entered on the list of "short causes," upon the application of one of the parties, and will then be heard more speedily than it would be in its regular order. This practice obtains in the English chancery and in some of the American states.

Short entry. A custom of bankers of entering on the customer's pass-book the amount of notes deposited for collection, in such a manner that the amount is not carried to the latter's general balance until the notes are paid. See Giles v. Perkins, 9 East, 12; Blaine v. Bourne, 11 R. I. 121, 23 Am. Rep. 429.

Short lease. A term applied colloquially, but without much precision, to a lease for a short term, (as a month or a year,) as distinguished from one running for a long period.

Short notice. In practice. Notice of less than the ordinary time; generally of half that time. 2 Tidd, Pr. 737.
SHORT SUMMONS. A process, authorized in some of the states, to be issued against an absconding, fraudulent, or non-resident debtor, which is returnable within a less number of days than an ordinary writ of summons.

SHORTFORD. An old custom of the city of Exeter. A mode of foreclosing the right of a tenant by the chief lord of the fee, in cases of non-payment of rent. Cowell.

SHOW. Although the words "show" and "indicate" are sometimes interchangeable in popular use, they are not always so. To "show" is to make apparent or clear by evidence; to prove; while an "indication" may be merely a symptom; that which points to or gives direction to the mind. Coyle v. Com., 104 Pa. 133.

SHOW CAUSE. To show cause against a rule nisi, an order, decree, execution, etc., is to appear as directed, and present to the court such reasons and considerations as one has to offer why it should not be confirmed, take effect, be executed, or as the case may be.

SHRIEVALTY. The office of sheriff; the period of that office.


SI a jure discedas, vagus eris, et erunt omnia omnibus incerta. If you depart from the law, you will go astray, and all things will be uncertain to everybody. Co. Litt. 227b.

SI ACTIO. Lat. The conclusion of a plea to an action when the defendant demands judgment, if the plaintiff ought to have his action, etc. Obsolete.

SI alienus rei societas sit et finis negotio impositus est, situr societas. If there is a partnership in any matter, and the business is ended, the partnership ceases. Griswold v. Waddington, 16 Johns. (N. Y.) 438, 489.

SI aliquid ex solemnibus deficiat, cum sequitas poscit, subveniendum est. If any one of certain required forms be wanting, where equity requires, it will be aided. 1 Kent, Comm. 157. The want of some of a neutral vessel's papers is strong presumptive evidence against the ship's neutrality, yet the want of any one of them is not absolutely conclusive. Id.

SI ALIQUID SAPIT. Lat. If he knows anything; if he is not altogether devoid of reason.

SI assuetis moderi possis, nova sem sunt tentanda. If you can be relieved by accustomed remedies, new ones should not be tried. 10 Coke, 142b. If an old wall can be repaired, a new one should not be made. Id.

SI CONSTET DE PERSONA. Lat. If it be certain who is the person meant.

SI CONTINGAT. Lat. If it happen. Words of condition in old conveyances. 10 Coke, 42a.

SI FECERIT TE SECURUM. Lat. If [he] make you secure. In practice. The initial and emphatic words of that description of original writ which directs the sheriff to cause the defendant to appear in court, without any option given him, provided the plaintiff gives the sheriff security effectually to prosecute his claim. 3 Bl. Comm. 274.

Si ingratum dixeris, omnia dixeris. If you affirm that one is ungrateful, in that you include every charge. A Roman maxim. Tray. Lat. Max.

SI ITA EST. Lat. If it be so. Emphatic words in the old writ of mandamus to a judge, commanding him, if the fact alleged be truly stated, (si ita est,) to affix his seal to a bill of exceptions. Ex parte Crane, 5 Pet. 192, 8 L. Ed. 92.

Si meliores sunt quos ducti amor, plures sunt quos corrigit timor. If those are better who are led by love, those are the greater number who are corrected by fear. Co. Litt. 392.

SI non appareat quid actum est, erit consequens ut id sequamur quod in regione in qua actum est frequentatur. If it does not appear what was agreed upon, the consequence will be that we must follow that which is the usage of the place where the agreement was made. Dig. 50, 17, 34.

SI NON OMNES. Lat. In English practice. A writ of association of justices whereby, if all in commission cannot meet at the day assigned, it is allowed that two or more may proceed with the business. Cowell; Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 111 C.

Si nulla sit conjectura quae ducat allo, verba intelligentia sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica sed populari ex usu. If there be no inference which leads to a different result, words are to be understood according to their proper meaning, not in a
grammatical, but in a popular and ordinary, sense. 2 Kent, Comm. 555.

SI PARET. Lat. If it appears. In Roman law. Words used in the formula by which the praetor appointed a judge, and instructed him how to decide the cause.

Si plures sint fidejussores, quotquot erunt numero, singuli in solidum tenentur. If there are more sureties than one, how many soever they shall be, they shall each be held for the whole. Inst. 3, 20, 4.

SI PRIUS. Lat. In old practice. If before. Formal words in the old writs for summoning juries. Fleta, 1. 2, c. 65, § 12.

Si quid universitati debetur singulis non debetur, nec quod debet universitas singuli debent. If anything be owing to an entire body, it is not owing to the individual members; nor do the individuals owe that which is owing by the entire body. Dig. 8, 4, 7, 1.

Si quis in nomine, cognomine, praeconine legatarii testator erraverit, ram de persona constat, nihilominus validum est legatum. Although a testator may have mistaken the nomen, cognomen, or praenomen of a legatee, yet, if it be certain who is the person meant, the legacy is valid. Inst. 2, 20, 29; Broom, Max. 645.

SI QUIS. Lat. In the civil law. If any one. Formal words in the pretorian edicts. The words “quis,” though masculine in form, was held to include women. Dig. 50, 16, 1.

Si quis custos fraudem pupillo fecerit, a tutela removendus est. Jenk. Cent. 39. If a guardian do fraud to his ward, he shall be removed from his guardianship.

Si quis navigatum uxorem relinquit, non videtur sine liberis decessisse. If a man leave his wife pregnant, he shall not be considered to have died without children. A rule of the civil law.

Si quis unum percussit, cum altum percutere vellet, in felony tentetur. 3 Inst. 51. If a man kill one, meaning to kill another, he is held guilty of felony.

SI RECOGNOSCAT. Lat. If he acknowledge. In old practice. A writ which lay for a creditor against his debtor for money numbered. (pecunia numerata) or counted; that is, a specific sum of money, which the debtor had acknowledged in the county court, to owe him, as received in pecunia numerata. Cowell.

Si suggestio non sit vera, litterae patentex vacue sunt. 10 Coke, 113. If the suggestion be not true, the letters patent are void.

SIB. Sax. A relative or kinsman. Used in the Scotch tongue, but not now in English.

SIC. Lat. Thus; so; in such manner.

Sic enim debere quem meliorem agnum suum facere ne vicini deteriorem faciat. Every one ought so to improve his land as not to injure his neighbor’s. 3 Kent, Comm. 441. A rule of the Roman law.

Sic interpretandum est ut verba acceptantium cum effectu. 3 Inst. 80. [A statute] is to be so interpreted that the words may be taken with effect.

SIC SUBSCRIBITUR. Lat. In Scotch practice. So it is subscribed. Formal words at the end of depositions, immediately preceding the signature. 1 How. State Tr. 1379.

Sic utere tuo ut alienum non lasdas. Use your own property in such a manner as not to injure that of another. 9 Coke, 59; 1 Bl. Comm. 306; Broom, Max. 305.

SICH. A little current of water, which is dry in summer; a water furrow or gutter. Cowell.

SICIUS. A sort of money current among the ancient English, of the value of 2d.

SICKNESS. Disease; malady; any morbid condition of the body (including insanity) which, for the time being, hinders or prevents the organs from normally discharging their several functions. L. R. 8 Q. B. 238.

SICUT ALIAS. Lat. As at another time, or heretofore. This was a second writ sent out when the first was not executed. Cowell.

SICUT ME DEUS ADJUVET. Lat. So help me God. Fleta, 1. 1, c. 18, § 4.

Sicut natura nihil facit per saltus, ita nec lex. Co. Litt. 238. In the same way as nature does nothing by a bound, so neither does the law.

SIDE. The same court is sometimes said to have different sides; that is, different provinces or fields of jurisdiction. Thus, an admiralty court may have an “instance side,” distinct from its powers as a prize court; the “crown side,” (criminal jurisdiction) is to be distinguished from the “plea side,” (civil jurisdiction;) the same court may have an “equity side” and a “law side.”

SIDE-BAR RULES. In English practice. There are some rules which the courts authorize their officers to grant as a matter of course without formal application being made to them in open court, and these are technically termed “side-bar rules,” because
formerly they were moved for by the attorneys at the side bar in court; such, for instance, was the rule to plead, which was an order or command of the court requiring a defendant to plead within a specified number of days. Such also were the rules to reply, to rejoin, and many others, the granting of which depended upon settled rules of practice rather than upon the discretion of the courts, all of which are rendered unnecessary by recent statutory changes. Brown, voc. "Rule."

SIDE LINES. In mining law, the side lines of a mining claim are those which measure the extent of the claim on each side of the middle of the vein at the surface. They are not necessarily the side lines as laid down on the ground or on a map or plat; for if the claim, in its longer dimension, crosses the vein, instead of following it, the platted side lines will be treated in law as the end lines, and vice versa. See Argentine Min. Co. v. Terrible Min. Co., 122 U. S. 478, 7 Sup. Ct. 1356, 30 L. Ed. 1140; Del Monte Min. Co. v. Last Chance Min. Co., 171 U. S. 55, 18 Sup. Ct. 895, 43 L. Ed. 72.

SIDE REPORTS. A term sometimes applied to unofficial volumes or series of reports, as contrasted with those prepared by the official reporter of the court, or to collections of cases omitted from the official reports.

SIDESMEN. In ecclesiastical law. These were originally persons whom, in the ancient episcopal synods, the bishops were wont to summon out of each parish to give information of the disorders of the clergy and people, and to report heretics. In process of time they became standing officers, under the title of "synodsmen," "sidesmen," or "questmen." The whole of their duties seems now to have devolved by custom upon the churchwardens of a parish. 1 Burn, Ecc. Law, 399.


SIEN. An obsolete form of the word "scion," meaning offspring or descendant. Co. Litt 123a.


SIETE PARTIDAS. Span. Seven parts. See Las Partidas.

SIGHT. When a bill of exchange is expressed to be payable "at sight," it means on presentment to the drawee. See Campbell v. French, 6 Term, 212.

SIGIL. In old English law, a seal, or a contracted or abbreviated signature used as a seal.

SIGILLUM. Lat. In old English law. A seal; originally and properly a seal impressed upon wax.

Sigillum est cera impressa, quia cera sine impressione non est sigillum. A seal is a piece of wax impressed, because wax without an impression is not a seal. 3 Inst. 169.

SIGILIA. Lat. In Roman law. Marks or signs of abbreviation used in writing. Cod. 1, 17, 11, 13.

SIGN. To affix one's name to a writing or instrument, for the purpose of authenticating it, or to give it effect as one's act. To "sign" is merely to write one's name on paper, or declare assent or attestation by some sign or mark, and does not, like "subscribe," require that one should write at the bottom of the instrument signed. See Sheehan v. Kearney, 82 Misc. 658, 21 South. 41, 35 L. R. A. 105; Robbins v. Coryell, 27 Barb. (N. Y.) 650; James v. Patten, 6 N. Y. 9, 55 Am. Dec. 376.

SIGN-MANUAL. In English law. The signature or subscription of the king is termed his "sign-manual." There is this difference between what the sovereign does under the sign manual and what he or she does under the great seal, viz., that the former is done as a personal act of the sovereign; the latter as an act of state. Brown.

SIGNATORIUS ANNUUS. Lat. In the civil law. A signet-ring; a seal-ring. Dig. 50, 16, 74.

SIGNATURE. In ecclesiastical law. The name of a sort of rescript, without seal, containing the supposition, the signature of the pope or his delegate, and the grant of a pardon.

In contracts. The act of writing one's name upon a deed, note, contract, or other instrument, either to identify or authenticate it, or to give it validity as one's own act. The name so written is also called a "signature."

SIGNET. A seal commonly used for the sign manual of the sovereign. Wharton. The signet is also used for the purpose of civil justice in Scotland. Bell.

SIGNIFICATION. In French law. The notice given of a decree, sentence, or other judicial act.

SIGNIFICAVIT. In ecclesiastical law. When this word is used alone, it means the
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bishop's certificate to the court of chancery in order to obtain the writ of excommunication; but, where the words “writ of significati” are used, the meaning is the same as “writ de excomunicato capiendo.” Shelf. Mar. & Div. 502. Obsolete.

SIGNING JUDGMENT. In English practice. The signature or allowance of the proper officer of a court, obtained by the party entitled to judgment in an action, expressing generally that judgment is given in his favor, and which stands in the place of its actual delivery by the judges themselves. Steph. Pl. 110, 111; French v. Pease, 10 Kan. 54.

In American practice. Signing judgment means a signing of the judgment record itself, which is done by the proper officer, on the margin of the record, opposite the entry of the judgment. 1 Burrill, Pr. 268.

SIGNUM. Lat. In the Roman and civil law. A sign; a mark; a seal. The seal of an instrument. Calvin.

A species of proof. By “signa” were meant those species of indicia which come more immediately under the cognizance of the senses; such as stains of blood on the person of the accused. Best, Pres. 13, note f.

In Saxon law. The sign of a cross prefixed as a sign of assent and approbation to a charter or deed.


Silent leges inter arantia. The power of law is suspended during war. Bacon.

SILENTIARIUS. In English law. One of the privy council; also an usher, who sees good rule and silence kept in court. Wharton.

SILK GOWN. Used especially of the gowns worn in England by king's counsel; hence, “to take silk” means to attain the rank of king's counsel. Mozley & Whitley.

SILVA. Lat. In the civil law. Wood; a wood.

SILVA CEDUA. In the civil law. That kind of wood which was kept for the purpose of being cut.

In English law. Under wood; coppice wood. 2 Inst. 642; Cowell. All small wood

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and under timber, and likewise timber when cut down, under twenty years' growth; titheable wood. 3 Salk. 347.

SIMILAR. This word is often used to denote a partial resemblance only; but it is also often used to denote sameness in all essential particulars. Thus, a statutory provision in relation to “previous conviction of a similar offense” may mean conviction of an offense identical in kind. Com. v. Fontain, 127 Mass. 454.

SIMILITER. Lat. In pleading. Likewise; the like. The name of the short formula used either at the end of pleadings or by itself, expressive of the acceptance of an issue of fact tendered by the opposite party; otherwise termed a “joinder in issue.” Steph. Pl. 57, 237. See Solomons v. Chesley, 57 N. H. 163.

Similitudo legals est casuum diversorum inter se collatorum similis ratio; quod in uno similium valet, valebit in altero. Dissimilium, dissimilis est ratio. Legal similarity is a similar reason which governs various cases when compared with each other; for what avails in one similar case will avail in the other. Of things dissimilar, the reason is dissimilar. Co. Litt 191.

Simonia est voluntas sive desiderium emendi vel vendendi spiritualia vel spiritualibus adherentia. Contractus ex turpi causa et contra bonos mores. Hob. 167. Simony is the will or desire of buying or selling spiritualities, or things pertaining thereto. It is a contract founded on a bad cause, and against morality.

SIMONY. In English ecclesiastical law. The corrupt presentation of any one to an ecclesiastical benefice for money, gift, or reward. 2 Bl. Comm. 275. An unlawful contract for presenting a clergyman to a benefice. The buying or selling of ecclesiastical preferments or of things pertaining to the ecclesiastical order. Hob. 167. See State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 158, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 68.

SIMPLA. Lat. In the civil law. The single value of a thing. Dig. 21, 2, 37, 2.

SIMPLE. Pure; unmixed; not compounded; not aggravated; not evidenced by sealed writing or record.


SIMPLEX. Lat. Simple; single; pure; unqualified.

—Simplex beneficium. In ecclesiastical law. A minor dignity in a cathedral or collegi-
ate church, or any other ecclesiastical benefice, as distinguished from a cure of souls. It may therefore be held with any parochial cure, without coming under the prohibitions against pluralities. Wharton—Simplex dictum. In old English practice. Simple averment; mere assertion without proof.—Simplex justitiarii, us. In old records. Simple justice. A name sometimes given to a puisne justice. Cowell.


Simplex commendatio non obligat. Mere recommendation [of an article] does not bind, [the vendor of it.] Dig. 4, 3, 37; 2 Kent, Comm. 455; Broom, Max. 781.

Simplex et pura donatio dicit potest, ubi nulla est adjecta conditio nec modus. A gift is said to be pure and simple when no condition or qualification is annexed. Bract. 1.

Simplicitas legibus amica; et nimirum subtillitas in jure repromatur. 4 Coke, 8. Simplicity is favorable to the laws; and too much subtlety in law is to be repromated.

SIMPLICITER. Lat. Simply; without ceremony; in a summary manner. Directly; immediately; as distinguished from inferentially or indirectly.

By itself; by its own force; per se.

SIMUL CUM. Lat. Together with. In actions of tort and in prosecutions, where several persons united in committing the act complained of, some of whom are known and others not, it is usual to allege in the declaration or indictment that the persons therein named did the injury in question, "together with (simul cum) other persons unknown."

SIMUL ET SEMEL. Lat. Together and at one time.

SIMULATE. To feign, pretend, or counterfeit. To engage, usually with the co-operation or connivance of another person, in an act or series of acts, which are apparently transacted in good faith, and intended to be followed by their ordinary legal consequences, but which in reality conceal a fraudulent purpose of the party to gain thereby some advantage to which he is not entitled, or to injure, delay, or defraud others. See Cartwright v. Hamberger, 90 Ala. 400, 5 South. 284.

—Simulated fact. In the law of evidence. A fabricated fact; an appearance given to things by human device, with a view to deceive and mislead. Burrill, Circ. Ev. 131.—Simulated presentation. One which is apparently rendered in good faith, upon an actual debt, and intended to be collected by the usual process of law, but which in reality is entered by the fraudulent contrivance of the parties, for the purpose of giving to one of them an advantage to which he is not entitled, or of defrauding or delaying third persons.—Simulated sale. One which has all the appearance of an actual sale in good faith, intended to transfer the ownership of property for a consideration, but which in reality covers a collusive design of the parties to put the property beyond the reach of creditors, or proceeds from some other fraudulent purpose.

SIMULATIO LATENS. Lat. A species of flegned disease, in which disease is actually present, but where the symptoms are falsely aggravated, and greater sickness is pretended than really exists. Beck, Med. Jur. 3.

SIMULATION. In the civil law. Misrepresentation or concealment of the truth; as where parties pretend to perform a transaction different from that in which they really are engaged. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 181.

In French law. Collusion; a fraudulent arrangement between two or more persons to give a false or deceptive appearance to a transaction in which they engage.

SINDERESIS. "A natural power of the soul, set in the highest part thereof, moving and stirring it to good, and adhorring evil. And therefore sinderesitis never sinneth nor erreth. And this sinderesitis our Lord put in man, to the intent that the order of things might be according to his pleasure." Fleta, lib. 2, c 47, § 13.—Sine decreto. Without authority of a judge. 2 Kames, Eq. 115.—Sine dece. Without day; without assigning a day for a further meeting or hearing. Hence, a final adjournment; final dismissal of a cause. Quod est sine aet, that he go without day; the old form of a judgment for the defendant, i. e. a judgment discharging the defendant from further appearance in court.—Sine hoo quod. Without which not. A technical phrase in old pleading, of the same import with the phrase "abaque hoo quod."—Sine numero. Without an additional form applied to common. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 19, § 8.—Sine prole. Without issue. Used in genealogical tables, and often abbreviated into "s. p."—Sine qua non. Without which not. That without which the thing cannot be. An indispensable requisite or condition.
SINE POSSESSIONE

Sine possessione usucapio procedere non potest. There can be no prescription without possession.

SINCERE. In ecclesiastical law. When a rector of a parish neither resides nor performs duty at his benefice, but has a vicar under him endowed and charged with the cure thereof, this is termed a “sincere.” Brown.

An ecclesiastical benefice without cure of souls.

In popular usage, the term denotes an office which yields a revenue to the incumbent, but makes little or no demand upon his time or attention.

SINGLE. Unitary; detached; individual; affecting only one person; containing only one part, article, condition, or covenant.


SINGULAR. Each; as in the expression “all and singular.” Also, individual.

As to singular “Successor,” and “Title,” see those titles.

SINKING FUND. See FUND.

SIPESOCUA. In old English law. A franchise, liberty, or hundred.


SIST, n. In Scotch practice. A stay or suspension of proceedings; an order for a stay of proceedings. Bell.

SISTER. A woman who has the same father and mother with another, or has one of them only. The word is the correlative of “brother.”

SIT. To hold a session, as of a court, grand jury, legislative body, etc. To be formally organized and proceeding with the transaction of business. See Allen v. State, 102 Ga. 619, 29 S. E. 470; Cock v. State, 8 Tex. App. 659.

SITUS. Lat. Site; position; location; the place where a thing is, considered, for example, with reference to jurisdiction over it, or the right or power to tax it. See Boyd v. Selma, 96 Ala. 144, 11 South. 393, 18 L. R. A. 729; Bullock v. Guilford, 59 Vt 516, 9 Atl. 360; Fenton v. Edwards, 126 Cal. 43, 58 Pac. 320, 46 L. R. A. 352, 77 Am. St. Rep. 141.

Sive tota res evincatur, sive pars, habet regressum emptor in venditorem. The purchaser who has been evicted in whole or in part has an action against the vendor. Dig. 21, 2, 1; Broom, Max. 768.

Six ACTS, THE. The acts passed in 1819, for the pacification of England, are so called. They, in effect prohibited the training of persons to arms; authorized general searches and seizure of arms; prohibited meetings of more than fifty persons for the discussion of public grievances; repressed with heavy penalties and confiscations seditious and blasphemous libels; and checked pamphleteering by extending the newspaper stamp duty to political pamphlets. Brown.

SIX ARTICLES, LAWS OF. A celebrated act entitled “An act for abolishing diversity of opinion,” (31 Hen. VIII. c. 14,) enforcing conformity to six of the strongest points in the Roman Catholic religion, under the severest penalties; repealed by St 1 Eliz. c. 1. 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 378.

SIX CLERKS. In English practice. Officers of the court of chancery, who received and filed all bills, answers, replications, and other papers, signed office copies of pleadings, examined and signed docket of decrees, etc., and had the care of all records in their office. Holtthouse; 3 Bl. Comm. 443. They were abolished by St. 5 Vict. c. 5.

SIX-DAY LICENSE. In English law. A liquor license, containing a condition that the premises in respect of which the license is granted shall be closed during the whole of Sunday, granted under section 49 of the licensing act, 1872 (35 & 36 Vict. c. 94.)

SIXHINDI. Servants of the same nature as rod knights, (q. v.) Anc. Inst. Eng.
SKELETON BILL. One drawn, indorsed, or accepted in blank.

SKILL. Practical and familiar knowledge of the principles and processes of an art, science, or trade, combined with the ability to apply them in practice in a proper and approved manner and with readiness and dexterity. See Dole v. Johnson, 50 N. H. 454; Akrigde v. Noble, 114 Ga. 949, 41 S. E. 78; Graham v. Gautier, 21 Tex. 119; Haworth v. Severs Mfg. Co., 87 Iowa, 765, 51 N. W. 68.

—Reasonable skill. Such skill as is ordinarily possessed and exercised by persons of common capacity, engaged in the same business or employment. Mechanics' Bank v. Merchants' Bank, 6 Metc. (Mass.) 26. —Skilled witnesses. Witnesses who are allowed to give evidence on matters of opinion and abstract fact.

SLADE. In old records. A long, flat, and narrow piece or strip of ground. Paroch. Antiq. 465.

SLAINS. See LETTERS OF SLAINS.


—Slander of title. This is a statement of something tending to cut down the extent of title to some estate vested in the plaintiff. Such statement, in order to be actionable, must be false and malicious; 4. e., both untrue and done on purpose to injure the plaintiff. Damage must also have resulted from the statement. Brown. See Burket v. Griffith, 90 Cal. 522, 27 Pac. 527, 13 L. R. A. 707, 25 Am. St. Rep. 151; Carbondale Inv. Co. v. Burdick, 67 Kan. 329, 72 Pac. 781; Butts v. Long, 94 Mo. App. 887, 68 S. W. 754.

SLANDERER. One who maliciously and without reason imputes a crime or fault to another of which he is innocent. See SLANDER.

SLAVE. A person who is wholly subject to the will of another; one who has no freedom of action, but whose person and services are wholly under the control of another. Webster.

One who is under the power of a master, and who belongs to him; so that the master may sell and dispose of his person, of his industry, and of his labor, without his being able to do anything, have anything, or acquire anything, but what must belong to his master. Civ. Code La. art. 35.

SLAVE-TRADE. The traffic in slaves, or the buying and selling of slaves for profit.

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SLAVES. The condition of a slave; that civil relation in which one man has absolute power over the life, fortune, and liberty of another.

SLAY. This word, in an indictment, adds nothing to the force and effect of the word "kill," when used with reference to the taking of human life. It is particularly applicable to the taking of human life in battle; and, when it is not used in this sense, it is synonymous with "kill." State v. Thomas, 32 La. Ann. 351.

SLEDGE. A hurdle to draw traitors to execution. 1 Hale, P. C. 82.

SLEEPING PARTNER. A dormant partner; one whose name does not appear in the firm, and who takes no active part in the business, but who has an interest in the concern, and shares the profits, and thereby becomes a partner, either absolutely, or as respects third persons.

SLEEPING RENT. In English law. An expression frequently used in coal-mines and agreements for the same. It signifies a fixed or dead, 4. e., certain, rent, as distinguished from a rent or royalty varying with the amount of coals gotten, and is payable although the mine should not be worked at all, but should be sleeping or dead, whence the name. Brown.

SLIGHT. As to slight "Care," "Evidence," "Fault," and "Negligence," see those titles.

SLIP. 1. In negotiations for a policy of insurance. In the agreement, the insurance is in practice concluded between the parties by a memorandum called the "slip," containing the terms of the proposed insurance, and initialed by the underwriters. Sweet.

2. Also that part of a police court which is divided off from the other parts of the court, for the prisoner to stand in. It is frequently called the "dock." Brown.

3. The intermediate space between two wharves or docks; the opening or vacant space between two piers. See Thompson v. New York, 11 N. Y. 120; New York v. Scott, 1 Caines (N. X.) 543.

SLIPPA. A stirrup. There is a tenure of land in Cambridgeshire by holding the sovereign's stirrup. Wharton.

SLOUGH. An arm of a river, flowing between islands and the main-land, and separating the islands from one another. Sloughs have not the breadth of the main river, nor does the main body of water of the stream flow through them. Dunlith & D. Bridge Co. v. Dubuque County, 55 Iowa, 565, 8 N. W. 443.
SLOUTH SILVER. A rent paid to the castle of Wigmore, in lieu of certain days' work in harvest, heretofore reserved to the lord from his tenants. Cowell.

SLUICWAY. An artificial channel into which water is let by a sluice. Specifically, a trench constructed over the bed of a stream, so that logs or lumber can be floated down to a convenient place of delivery. Webster. See Anderson v. Munch, 29 Minn. 416, 13 N. W. 192.

SMAKA. In old records. A small, light vessel; a smack. Cowell.

SMALL DEBTS COURTS. The several county courts established by St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 95, for the purpose of bringing justice home to every man's door.

SMALL TITHES. All personal and mixed tithes, and also hops, flax, saffrons, potatoes, and sometimes, by custom, wood. Otherwise called "privy tithes." 2 Steph. Comm. 726.


SMOKE-FARTHINGS. In old English law. An annual rent paid to cathedral churches; another name for the pentecostals or customary oblations offered by the dissipated inhabitants within a diocese, when they made their processions to the mother cathedral church. Cowell.

SMOKE-SILVER. In English law. A sum paid to the ministers of divers parishes as a modus in lieu of tithe-wood. Blount.

SMUGGLE. The act, with intent to defraud, of bringing into the United States, or with like intent, attempting to bring into the United States, dutiable articles, without passing the same, or the package containing the same, through the custom-house, or submitting them to the officers of the revenue for examination. 18 U. S. St. at Large, 186 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2018).

"The word is a technical word, having a known and accepted meaning. It implies something illegal, and is inconsistent with an innocent intent. The idea conveyed by it is that of a secret introduction of goods, with intent to avoid payment of duties." U. S. v. Claffin, 13 Blatchf. 184, Fed. Cas. No. 14,798.

SMUGGLING. The offense of importing prohibited articles, or of defrauding the revenue by the introduction of articles into consumption, without paying the duties chargeable upon them. It may be committed indifferently either upon the excise or customs revenue. Wharton.

SNOTTERING SILVER. A small duty which was paid by servile tenants in Wales to the abbot of Colchester. Cowell.

SO. This term is sometimes the equivalent of "hence," or "therefore," and it is thus understood whenever what follows is an illustration of, or conclusion from, what has gone before. Clem v. State, 33 Ind. 431.

SO HELP YOU GOD. The formula at the end of a common oath.

SOMBRE. Span. Above; over; upon. Ruis v. Chambers, 15 Tex. 586, 592.

SOMBRE-JUEZES. In Spanish law. Superior judges. Las Partidas, pt. 8, tit. 4, l. 1.

SOBRINI and SOBRINE. Lat. In the civil law. The children of cousins german in general.

SOCA. A seigniory or lordship, enfranchised by the king, with liberty of holding a court of his socmen or socagers; i. e., his tenants.

SOCAGE. Socage tenure, in England, is the holding of certain lands in consideration of certain inferior services of husbandry to be performed by the tenant to the lord of the fee. "Socage," in its most general and extensive signification, seems to denote a tenure by any certain and determinate service. And in this sense it is by the ancient writers constantly put in opposition to tenure by chivalry or knight-service, where the render was precarious and uncertain. Socage is of two sorts,—free socage, where the services are not only certain, but honorable; and villein socage, where the services, though certain, are of baser nature. Such as hold by the former tenure are also called in Glanvil and other authors by the name of "liberi sokemanni," or tenants in free socage. By the statute 12 Car. 2, c. 24, all the tenures by knight-service were, with one or two immaterial exceptions, converted into free and common socage. See Cowell; Bract. 1. 2, c. 35; 2 Bl. Comm. 79; Fleta, lib. 8, c. 14, § 9; Litt. § 117; Glan. 1. 8, c. 7.

SOCAGER. A tenant by socage.

Socagium idem est quod servitum socce; et soca, idem est quod caruca. Co. Litt. 86. Socage is the same as service of the soc; and soc is the same thing as a plow.
SOCER. Lat. In the civil law. A wife's father; a father-in-law. Calvin.

SOCIALISM. A scheme of government aiming at absolute equality in the distribution of the physical means of life and enjoyment. It is on the continent employed in a larger sense; not necessarily implying communism, or the entire abolition of private property, but applied to any system which requires that the land and the instruments of production should be the property, not of individuals, but of communities or associations or of the government. 1 Mill, Pol. Econ. 248.


—Sociedad anonima. In Spanish and Mexican law. A business corporation. "By the conversion of the shareholders' names are unknown to the world; and, so far as their connection with the corporation is concerned, their purchases may be said to be nameless, that is, nameless. Hence the derivation of the term 'anonymous' as applied to a body of persons associated together in the form of a company to transact any given business under a company name which does not disclose any of their own." Hall, Mex. Law, § 749.

SOCIETAS. Lat. In the civil law. Partnership; a partnership; the contract of partnership. Inst. 3, 26. A contract by which the goods or labor of two or more are united in a common stock, for the sake of sharing in the gain. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 18, no. 12.

—Societas leonina. That kind of society or partnership by which the entire profits belong to some of the partners, in exclusion of the rest. So called in allusion to the fable of the lion, who, having entered into partnership with other animals for the purpose of hunting, appropriated all the prey to himself. It was void. Wharton —Societas navalis. A naval partnership; an association of vessels; a number of ships pursuing their voyage in company, for purposes of mutual protection.

SOCIÉTÉ. Fr. In French law. Partnership. See COMMENDAM.

—Société anonyme. An association where the liability of all the partners is limited. It had in England until lately no other name than that of "chartered company," meaning thereby a joint-stock company whose shareholders, by a charter from the crown or a special enactment of the legislature, stood exempted from any liability for the debts of the concern, beyond the amount of their subscriptions. 2 Mill, Pol. Econ. 482.—Société en commandite, In Louisiana. A partnership formed by a contract by which one person or partnership agrees to furnish another person or partnership a certain amount, either in property or money, to be employed by the person or partnership to whom it is furnished, in his or their own name or firm, on condition of receiving a share in the profits, in the proportion determined by the contract, and of being liable to losses and expenses to the amount furnished and no more. Civ. Code La. art. 2810.

SOCIETY. An association or company of persons (generally not incorporated) unit-
SOIL. The surface, or surface-covering of the land, not including minerals beneath it or grass or plants growing upon it. But in a wider (and more usual) sense, the term is equivalent to "land," and includes all that is below, upon, or above the surface.

SOIT. Fr. Let it be; be it so. A term used in several Law-French phrases employed in English law, particularly as expressive of the will or assent of the sovereign in formal communications with parliament or with private suitors.

—Soit balle aux commons. Let it be delivered to the commons. The form of indorsement on a bill when sent to the house of commons. Dyer, 93a.—Soit balle aux seigneurs. Let it be delivered to the lords. The form of indorsement on a bill in parliament when sent to the house of lords. Hob. 111a.—Soit droit fait al partie. In English law. Let right be done to the party. A phrase written on a petition of right, and subscribed by the king.—Soit fait comme il est desire. Let it be as it is desired. The royal assent to private acts of parliament.

SOJOURNING. This term means something more than "traveling," and applies to a temporary, as contradistinguished from a permanent, residence. Henry v. Ball, 1 Wheat. 5, 4 L. Ed. 21.

SOKE-REEVE. The lord's rent gatherer in the soca. Cowell.

SOKEMANRIES. Lands and tenements which were not held by knight-service, nor by grand serjeancy, nor by petit, but by simple services; being, as it were, lands enfranchised by the king or his predecessors from their ancient demesne. Their tenants were sokemans. Wharton.

SOLEMN. Formal; in regular form; with all the forms of a proceeding. As to solemn "Form," see PRAEBATIONS. As to solemn "Oath" and "War," see the nouns.


SOLEMNITAS ATTACHIAMENTORUM. In old English practice. Solemnity or formality of attachments. The issuing of attachments in a certain formal and regular order. Bract. fol. 439, 440; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 480.

Solemnitates juris sunt observandae. The solemnities of law are to be observed. Jenk. Cent. 13.

SOLE. Single; individual; separate; the opposite of joint; as a sole tenant. Comprising only one person; the opposite of aggregate; as a sole corporation. Unmarried; as a feme sole. See the nouns.

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SOLICITATION. Asking; enticing; urgent request. Thus "solicitation of chastity" is the asking or urging a woman to surrender her chastity. The word is also used in such phrases as "solicitation to leniency," to bribery, etc.

SOLICITOR. In English law. A legal practitioner in the court of chancery. The words "solicitor" and "attorney" are commonly used indiscriminately, although they are not precisely the same, an attorney being a practitioner in the courts of common law, a solicitor a practitioner in the courts of eq-

SOLATIUM. Compensation. Damages allowed for injury to the feelings.

SOLD NOTE. A note given by a broker, who has effected a sale of merchandise, to the buyer, stating the fact of sale, quantity, price, etc. Story, Ag. § 28; Saladin v. Mitchell, 45 III. 83.

SOLDIER. A military man; a private in the army.

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uty. Most attorneys take out a certificate to practice in the courts of chancery, and therefore become solicitors also, and, on the other hand, most, if not all, solicitors take out a certificate to practice in the courts of common law, and therefore become attorneys also. Brown.

-Solicitor general. In English law. One of the principal law officers of the crown, associated in his duties with the attorney general, holding office by patent during the pleasure of the sovereign, and having a right of precedence in the courts. 3 Bl. Comm. 27. In American law, an officer of the department of justice, next in rank and authority to the attorney general, whose principal functions are to represent the United States in all suits in the Supreme Court and in the courts of the various states in which the government is interested or to which it is a party, and to discharge the duties of the attorney general in the absence or disability of that officer or when there is a vacancy in the office. Rev. St. U. S., §§ 347, 350 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, pp. 292, 297). -Solicitor of the supreme court. The solicitors before the supreme courts, in Scotland, are a body of solicitors entitled to practice in the court of session, etc. Their charter of incorporation bears date August 10, 1797. -Solicitor of the treasury. An officer of the United States attached to the department of justice, having general charge of the law business appertaining to the treasury. -Solicitor to the suitors' fund. An officer of the English court of chancery, who is appointed in certain cases guardian ad litem.

SOLIDARY. A term of civil-law origin, signifying that the right or interest spoken of is joint or common. A "solidary obligation" corresponds to a "joint and several" obligation in the common law; that is, one of joint or common. A "solidary obligation" corresponds to a "joint and several" obligation in the common law; that is, one for which several debtors are bound in such a way that each is liable for the entire amount, and not merely for his proportionate share. But in the civil law the term also includes the case where there are several creditors, as against a common debtor, each of whom is entitled to receive the entire debt and give an acquittance for it.

SOLIDUM. Lat. In the civil law. A whole; an entire or undivided thing.

SOLIDUS LEGALIS. A coin equal to 13s. 4d. of the present standard. 4 Steph. Comm. 119 a. Originally the "solidus" was a gold coin of the Byzantine Empire, but in medieval times the term was applied to several varieties of coins, or as descriptive of a money of account, and is supposed to be the root from which "shilling" is derived.

SOLITARIO. In old English law. Two plow-lands, and somewhat less than a half. Co. Litt. 5 a.

SOLI cedit quod solo ineditatur. That which is built upon the soil belongs to the soil. The proprietor of the soil becomes also the proprietor of the seed, the plant, and the tree, as soon as these have taken root. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 275.

SOLITURO. Lat. In civil law. Payment, satisfaction, or release; any species of discharge of an obligation accepted as satisfactory by the creditor. The term refers not so much to the counting out of money as to the substance of the obligation. Dig. 46, 3, 54; id. 50, 16, 176.

SOLITURO indebiti. In the civil law. Payment of what was not due. From the payment of what was not due arises an obligation quasi ex contractu. When one has erroneously given or performed something to or for another, for which he was in no wise bound, he may redeem it, as if he had only lent it. The term "solutio indebiti" is here used in a very wide sense, and includes also the case where one performed labor for another, or assumed to pay a debt for which he was not bound, or relinquished a right or released a debt, under the impression that he was legally bound to do so. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 500.

Solutius pretii emptionis loco habetur. The payment of the price [of a thing] is held to be in place of a purchase, [operates as a purchase.] Jenk. Cent. p. 56, case 2; 2 Kent. Comm. 387.

SOLUTIONE FEODI MILITIS PARLIAMENTI, or FEODI BURGENSIS PARLIAMENTI. Old writs whereby knights of the shire and burgesses might have recovered their wages or allowance if it had been refused. 35 Hen. VIII. c. 11.

SOLUTUS. In the civil law. Loosed; freed from confinement; set at liberty. Dig. 50, 16, 48.

In Scotch practice. Purged. A term used in old depositions.

SOLVENCY. Ability to pay; present ability to pay; ability to pay one's debts out of one's own present means. Marsh v. Dunckel, 25 Hun (N. Y.) 169; Osborne v. Smith (C. C.) 18 Fed. 130; Larkin v. Hapgood, 56 Vt. 601; Sterrett v. Third Nat Bank, 46 Hun (N. Y.) 26; Reid v. Lloyd, 52 Mo. App. 282.


SOLVENDO ESSE. Lat. To be in a state of solvency; i.e., able to pay.

Solvendo esse nemo intelligitur nisi qui solidum potest solvere. No one is considered to be solvent unless he can pay all that he owes. Dig. 50, 16, 114.

SOLVENT. A solvent person is one who is able to pay all his just debts in full out of his own present means. See Dig. 50, 16, 114. And see SOLVENCY.

SOLVERE. Lat. To pay; to comply with one's engagement; to do what one has undertaken to do; to release one's self from obligation, as by payment of a debt. Calvin.

—Solvitur aclinica societas etiam morte socii. A partnership is moreover dissolved by the death of a partner. Inst. 3, 26, 5; Dig. 17, 2.

SOMERSET'S CASE. A celebrated decision of the English king's bench, in 1771, (20 How. St. Tr. 1,) that slavery no longer existed in England in any form, and could not for the future exist on English soil, and that any person brought into England as a slave could not be thence removed except by the legal means applicable in the case of any free-born person.

SOMMATION. In French law. A demand served by a huissier, by which one party calls upon another to do or not to do a certain thing. This document has for its object to establish that upon a certain date the demand was made. Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 574.

SOMNAMBULISM. Sleep-walking. Whether this condition is anything more than a co-operation of the voluntary muscles with the thoughts which occupy the mind during sleep is not settled by physiologists. Wharton.

SOMPNOUR. In ecclesiastical law, an officer of the ecclesiastical courts whose duty was to serve citations or process.

SON. An immediate male descendant; the correlative of "father." Technically a word of purchase, unless explained. Its meaning may be extended by construction to include more remote descendants, such as a grandchild, and also to include an illegitimate male child, though the presumption is against this. See Flora v. Anderson (C. C.) 67 Fed. 155; Lind v. Burke, 56 Neb. 785, 77 N. W. 444; Yarnall's Appeal, 70 Pa. 341; Jamison v. Hay, 46 Mo. 548; Phipps v. Mulgrave, 5 Term, 323.

SON-IN-LAW. The husband of one's daughter.

SONTAGE. A tax of forty shillings annually laid upon every knight's fee. Cowell.

SONTICUS. Lat. In the civil law. Hurtful; injurious; hindering; excusing or justifying delay. Morbus sonticus is any illness of so serious a nature as to prevent a defendant from appearing in court and to give him a valid excuse. Calvin.

SOON. If there is no time specified for the performance of an act, or if it is specified that it is to be performed soon, the law implies that it is to be performed within a reasonable time. Sanford v. Shephard, 14 Kan. 232.

SOREHON, or SORN. An arbitrary action, formerly existing in Scotland and Ireland. Whenever a chief till had a mind to revel, he came down among the tenants with his followers, by way of contempt called "Gilliwifftis," and lived on free quarters. Wharton; Bell.

SORNER. In Scotch law. A person who takes meat and drink from others by force or menaces, without paying for it. Bell.

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SOROR. Lat. In the civil law. Sister; a sister. Inst. 3, 6, 1.

SORORICIDE. The killing or murder of a sister; one who murders his sister. This is not a technical term of the law.

SORS. Lat. In the civil law. Lot; chance; fortune; hazard; a lot, made of wood, gold, or other material. Money borrowed, or put out at interest. A principal sum or fund, such as the capital of a partnership. Ainsworth; Calvin.


SOUTH SEA FUND. The produce of the taxes appropriated to pay the interest of such part of the English national debt as was advanced by the South Sea Company and its annuitants. The holders of South Sea annuities have been paid off, or have received other stock in lieu thereof. 2 Steph. Comm. 578.

SOVEREIGN. A chief ruler with supreme power; a king or other ruler with limited power.

In English law. A gold coin of Great Britain, of the value of a pound sterling.

—Sovereign people. A term familiarly used to describe the political body, consisting of the entire number of citizens and qualified electors, who, in their collegiate capacity, possess the powers of sovereignty and exercise them through their chosen representatives. See Scott v. Sandford, 19 How. 404. 15 L. Ed. 621.—Sovereign Right. A right which the state alone, or some of its governmental agencies, can possess, and which it possesses in the character of a sovereign, for the common benefit, and to enable it to carry out its proper functions; distinguished from such "proprieta-

SOUNDNESS. General health; freedom from any permanent disease. 1 Car. & M. 291.

SOURCES OF THE LAW. The origins from which particular positive laws derive their authority and coercive force. Such are constitutions, treaties, statutes, usages, and customs.

In another sense, the authoritative or reliable works, records, documents, edicts, etc., to which we are to look for an understanding of what constitutes the law. Such, for example, with reference to the Roman law, are the compilations of Justinian and the treatise of Galius; and such, with reference to the common law, are especially the ancient reports and the works of such writers as Bracton, Littleton, Coke, "Fieta," and others.

SOUS SEING PRIVE. Fr. In French law. Under private signature; under the private signature of the parties. A contract or instrument thus signed is distinguished from an "authentic act," which is formally concluded before a notary or judge. Civil Code La. art. 2240.

SOUNDING IN DAMAGES. When an action is brought, not for the recovery of lands, goods, or sums of money, (as is the case in real or mixed actions or the personal action of debt or detinue,) but for damages only, as in covenant, trespass, etc., the action is said to be "sounding in damages." Steph. PI. 116. See Collins v. Greene, 67 Ala. 211; Rosser v. Bunn, 66 Ala. 93.
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ry" rights as a state, like any private person, may have in property or demands which it owns. See St. Paul v. Chicago, etc., R. Co., 45 Minn. 367, 48 N. W. 17.—Sovereign states. States whose subjects or citizens are in the habit of obedience to them, and which are not themselves subject to any other (or paramount) state in any respect. The state is said to be semi-

sovereign only, and not sovereign, when in any respect or respects it is liable to be controlled (like certain of the states in India) by a para-

mount government, (e. g., by the British empire.) Brown. "In the intercourse of nations, certain states have a position of entire independence of others, and can perform all those acts which it is possible for any state to perform in this par-

ticular sphere. These same states have also entire power of self-government; that is, of indепеndence upon all other states as far as their own territory and citizens not living abroad are concerned. No foreign power or law can have control except by convention. This power of independent action in external and internal re-


SOVEREIGNTY. The possession of sovereign power; supreme political author-

ity; paramount control of the constitution and frame of government and its administra-

tion; the self-sufficient source of political power, from which all specific political pow-

ers are derived; the international independence of a state, combined with the right and power of regulating its internal affairs without foreign dictate;

also a political society, or state, which is sovereign and independent. See Chisholm v. Georgia, 2 Dall. 455, 1 L. Ed. 440; Union Bank v. Hill, 3 Cold. (Tenn.) 325; Moore v. Shaw, 17 Cal. 218, 79 Am. Dec. 123.

"The freedom of the nation has its correlate in the sovereignty of the nation. Political sovereignty is the assertion of the determinate will of the organic people, and in this there is the manifestation of its freedom. It is in and through the determination of its sovereignty that the order of the nation is constituted and maintained." Mulford, Nation, p. 129.

If a determinate human superior, not in a habit of obedience to a like superior, receive habitual obedience from the bulk of a given so-

ciety, that determinate superior is sovereign in that society, and the society (including the su-

perior) is a society political and independent." Aust. Jur.

SOVERTY. In old Scotch law. Surety. Skene.

SOWLE6ROVE. February; so called in South Wales. Cowell.

SOWLING AND ROWMING. In Scotch law. Terms used to express the form by which the number of cattle brought upon a common by those having a servitude of pasturage may be justly proportioned to the rights of the different persons possessed of the servitude. Bell.

SOWN. In old English law. To be leviable. An old exchequer term applied to sheriff's returns. 4 Inst. 107; Cowell; Spel-

man.

SPADARIUS. Lat. A sword-bearer. Blunt.

SPADONES. Lat. In the civil law. Im-

potent persons. Those who, on account of their temperament or some accident they have suffered, are unable to procreate. Inst. 1, 11, 9; Dig. 1, 7, 2, 1.

SPARSIM. Lat. Here and there; scatter-

ed; at intervals. For instance, trespass to reality by cutting timber sparsim (here and there) through a tract.

SPATE PLACITUM. In old English law. A court for the speedy execution of justice upon military delinquents. Cowell.

SPEAK. In practice. To argue. "The case was ordered to be spoke to again." 10 Mod. 107. See IMPARLANCE; SPEAKING WITH PROSECUTOR.

SPEAKER. This is the official designation of the president or chairman of certain legislative bodies, particularly of the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, of one or both branches of several of the state legislatures, and of the two houses of the British parliament.

The term "speaker," as used in reference to either of the houses of parliament, signifies the functionary acting as chairman. In the commons his duties are to put questions, to preserve order, and to see that the privileges of the house are not infringed; and, in the event of the numbers being even on a division, he has the privilege of giving the casting vote. The speaker of the lords is the lord chancellor or the lord keeper of the great seal of England, or, if he be absent, the lords may choose their own speaker. The duties of the speaker of the lords are principally confined to putting questions, and the lord chancellor has no more to do with preserving order than any other peer. Brown.

SPEAKING DEMURRER. See DEMURR.

SPEAKING ORDER. See ORDER.

SPEAKING WITH PROSECUTOR. A method of compounding an offense, allowed in the English practice, where the court permits a defendant convicted of a misdemeanor to speak with the prosecutor before judgment is pronounced; if the prosecutor declares himself satisfied, the court may inflict a trivial punishment. 4 Steph. Comm. 261.

SPECIAL. Relating to or designating a species, kind, or sort; designed for a particular purpose; confined to a particular pur-
pose, object, person, or class. The opposite of "general."

_Special act._ A private statute; an act which operates only upon particular persons or private concerns. 1 Bl. Comm. 86; Unity v. which operates only upon particular persons or

—Special case. In English practice. When a trial at nisi prius appears to the judge to turn on a point of law, the jury may find a general verdict, subject to the opinion of the court above, upon what is termed a special case, to be made; that is, upon a written statement of all the facts of the case drawn up for the opinion of the court in banc, by the counsel and attorneys on either side, under correction of the judge at nisi prius. The party for whom the general verdict is so given is in such case not entitled to judgment till the court in banc has decided on the special case; and, according to the result of that decision, the verdict is ultimately entered either for him or his adversary. Brown.—Special claim. In English law. A claim not enumerated in the orders of April 22, 1850, which required the leave of the court of chancery to file it. Such claims are abolished.

—Special commission. In English law. An extraordinary commission of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery, issued by the crown to the judges when it is necessary that offenses should be immediately tried and punished. Wharton.

—Special errors. Special pleas in error are such as, instead of joining in error, allege some extraneous matter as a ground, of defeating the writ of error, e. g., a release of errors, expiration of the time within which error might be brought, or the like. To these, the plaintiff in error may either reply or demur.—Special matter. Under a plea of the general issue, the defendant is allowed to give special matter in evidence, usually after notice to the plaintiff of the nature of such matter, thus sparing him the necessity of pleading it specially. 3 Bl. Comm. 306.—Special paper. A list kept in the English courts of common law, and now in the king's bench, common pleas, and exchequer divisions of the high court, in which list demurrers, special cases, etc., to be argued are set down. It is distinguished from the new trial paper, peremptory paper, crown paper, revenue paper, etc., according to the practice of the particular division. Wharton.


_Specialis generisbus derogat._ Special words derogate from general words. A special provision as to a particular subject-matter is to be preferred to general language, which might have governed in the absence of such special provision. L. R. 1 C. P. 546.

_SPECIALITY._ A writing sealed and delivered, containing some agreement. A writing sealed and delivered, which is given as a security for the payment of a debt, in which such debt is particularly specified. Bac. Abr. "Obligation," A.

A speciality is a contract under seal, and is considered by law as entered into with more solemnity, and, consequently, of higher dignity than ordinary simple contracts. Code Ga. 1882, § 2717.

—Specialty debt. A debt due or acknowledged to be due by deed or instrument under seal. 2 Bl. Comm. 465.


2. When spoken of a contract, the expression "performance in specie" means strictly, or according to the exact terms. As applied to things, it signifies individuality or identity. Thus, on a bequest of a specific picture, the legatee would be said to be entitled to the delivery of the picture in specie; t. e., of the very thing. Whether a thing is due in generi or in specie depends, in each case, on the will of the transacting parties. Brown.

_SPECIES._ Lat. In the civil law. Form; figure; fashion or shape. A form or shape given to materials. A particular thing; as distinguished from "genus."

—Species facti. In Scotch law. The particular criminal act charged against a person.

SPECIFIC. Having a certain form or designation; observing a certain form; particular; precise.

As to specific "Dennal," "Devise," "Legacy," and "Performance," see those titles.

SPECIFICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. Literally, a making of form; a giving of form to materials. That mode of acquiring property through which a person, by transforming a thing belonging to another, especially by working up his materials into a new species, becomes proprietor of the same. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 271.

SPECIFICATION. As used in the law relating to patents and in building contracts, the term denotes a particular or detailed statement of the various elements involved.
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In military law. The clear and particular description of the charges preferred against a person accused of a military offense. Tytler, Mil. Law, 109; Carter v. McClaughry, 183 U. S. 365, 22 Sup. Ct. 181, 46 L. Ed. 236.

In the law of personal property. The acquisition of a title to a thing by working it into new forms or species from the raw material; corresponding to the specificatio of the Roman law. See Lampton v. Preston, 1 J. J. Marsh. (Ky.) 462, 19 Am. Dec. 104.

In practice. A detailed and particular enumeration of several points or matters urged or relied on by a party to a suit or proceeding; as, a "specification of errors," or a "specification of grounds of opposition to a bankrupt's discharge." See Railway Co. v. McArthur, 96 Tex. 65, 70 S. W. 317; In re Glass (D. C.) 119 Fed. 514.

SPECIMEN. A sample; a part of something intended to exhibit the kind and quality of the whole. People v. Freeman, 1 Idaho, 322.

SPECULATION. In commerce. The act or practice of buying lands, goods, etc., in expectation of a rise of price and of selling them at an advance, as distinguished from a regular trade, in which the profit expected is the difference between the retail and wholesale prices, or the difference of price in the place where the goods are purchased, and the place where they are to be carried for market. Webster. See Maxwell v. Burns (Tenn. Ch. App.) 59 S. W. 1067; U. S. v. Detroit Timber & Lumber Co. (C. C.) 124 Fed. 393.

SPECULATIVE DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

SPECULUM. Lat. Mirror or looking-glass. The title of several of the most ancient law-books or compilations. One of the ancient Icelandic books is styled "Speculum Regale."

SPEEDY EXECUTION. An execution which, by the direction of the judge at nisi prius, issues forthwith, or on some early day fixed upon by the judge for that purpose after the trial of the action. Brown.

SPEEDY TRIAL. In criminal law. As secured by constitutional guaranties, a speedy trial means a trial conducted according to fixed rules, regulations, and proceedings of law, free from vexatious, capricious, and oppressive delays manufactured by the ministers of justice. See People v. Hall, 51 App. Div. 57, 64 N. Y. Supp. 433; Nixon v. State, 2 Smedes & M. (Miss.) 507, 41 Am. Dec. 601; Cummins v. People, 4 Colo. App. 71, 34 Pac. 734; Benton v. Com., 91 Va. 732, 21 S. E. 495.

SPELLING. The formation of words by letters; orthography. Incorrect spelling does not vitiate a written instrument if the intention clearly appears.

SPENDTHRIFT. A person who by excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery of any kind shall so spend, waste, or lessen his estate as to expose himself or his family to want or suffering, or expose the town to charge or expense for the support of himself or family. Rev. St. Vt. c. 65, § 9; Appeal of Morey, 57 N. H. 54.

The word "spendthrift," in all the provisions relating to guardians and wards, contained in this or any other statute, is intended to include every person who is liable to be put under guardianship, on account of excessive drinking, gaming, idleness, or debauchery. How. St. Mich. 1892, § 6340.

—Spendthrift trust. A term commonly applied to those trusts which are created with a view of providing a fund for the maintenance of another, and at the same time securing it against his improvidence or incapacity for his protection. Provisions against alienation of the trust fund by the voluntary act of the beneficiary or by his creditors are the usual incidents. Bennett v. Bennett, 66 Ill. App. 28; Guernsey v. Lazear, 51 W. Va. 328, 41 S. E. 405.

SPERATE. That of which there is hope. Thus a debt which one may hope to recover may be called "sperate," in opposition to "desperate." See 1 Chit. Pr. 520.

SPES ACCRESCENDI. Lat. Hope of surviving. 3 Atk. 762; 2 Kent, Comm. 424.

Spes est vigilantis somnium. Hope is the dream of the vigilant. 4 Inst. 203.

Spes impunitatis continuum affectum tribuit deliquendi. The hope of impunity holds out a continual temptation to crime. 3 Inst. 236.

SPES RECUPERANDI. Lat. The hope of recovery or recapture; the chance of regaining property captured at sea, which prevents the captors from acquiring complete ownership of the property until they have definitely precluded it by effectual measures. 1 Kent, Comm. 201.

SPIGURNEL. The sealer of the royal writs.

SPINSTER. The addition given, in legal proceedings, and in conveyancing, to a woman who never has been married.

SPIRITUAL. Relating to religious or ecclesiastical persons or affairs, as distinguished from "secular" or lay, worldly, or business matters.

As to spiritual "Corporation," "Courts," and "Lords," see those titles.

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SPIRITUALITIES OF A BISHOP. Those profits which a bishop receives in his ecclesiastical character, as the dues arising from his ordaining and instituting priests, and such like, in contradistinction to those profits which he acquires in his temporal capacity as a baron and lord of parliament, and which are termed his "temporalities," consisting of certain lands, revenues, and lay fees, etc. Cowell.

SPIRITUALITY OF BENEFICES. In ecclesiastical law. The tithes of land, etc. Wharton.

SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS. These are inflammable liquids produced by distillation, and forming an article of commerce. See Blankenship v. State, 93 Ga. 814, 21 S. E. 130; State v. Munger, 15 Vt. 293; Allred v. State, 89 Ala. 112, 5 S. 56; Clifford v. State, 29 Wis. 329.

The phrase "spirituous liquor," in a penal statute, cannot be extended beyond its exact literal sense. Spirit is the name of an inflammable liquor produced by distillation. Wine is the fermented juice of the grape, or a preparation of other vegetables by fermentation; hence the term does not include wine. State v. Moore, 5 Blackf. (Ind.) 118.

SPITAL, or SPITTLE. A charitable foundation; a hospital for diseased people; a hospital. Cowell.

SPLITTING A CAUSE OF ACTION. Dividing a single cause of action, claim, or demand into two or more parts, and bringing suit for one of such parts only, intending to reserve the rest for a separate action. The plaintiff who does this is bound by his first judgment, and can recover no more. 2 Black, Judgm. § 734.

SPLATLATION. In English ecclesiastical law. An injury done by one clerk or incumbent to another, in taking the fruits of his benefice without any right to them, but under a pretended title. 3 Bl. Comm. 90, 91.

The name of a suit sued out in the spiritual court to recover for the fruits of the church or for the church itself. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 85.

In torts. Destruction of a thing by the act of a stranger, as the erasure or alteration of a writing by the act of a stranger, is called "spoliation." This has not the effect to destroy its character or legal effect. 1 Greenl. Ev. § 566; Medlin v. Platt County, 8 Mo. 229, 40 Am. Dec. 135; Crockett v. Thomason, 5 Sneed (Tenn.) 344.

SPOLIATOR. Lat. A spoiler or destroyer. It is a maxim of law, bearing chiefly on evidence, but also upon the value generally of the thing destroyed, that everything most to his disadvantage is to be presumed against the destroyer, (spoliator) contra spoliatorem omnia praesumuntur. 1 Smith, Lead. Cas. 315.

SPOLETUS DEBIT ANTE OMNIA RESTITUT. A party despooled [forcibly deprived of possession] ought first of all to be restored. 2 Inst. 714; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 18.

SPOLIUM. Lat. In the civil and common law. A thing violently or unlawfully taken from another.

SPONDEO. Lat. In the civil law. I undertake; I engage. Inst. 3, 16, 1.


Spondet peritiam artis. He promises the skill of his art; he engages to do the work in a skillful or workmanlike manner. 2 Kent, Comm. 588. Applied to the engagements of workmen for hire. Story, Bailm. § 428.

SPONSALIA, STIPULATIO SPONSALITIA. Lat. In the civil law. Espousal; betrothal; a reciprocal promise of future marriage.

SPONSIO. Lat. In the civil law. An engagement or undertaking; particularly such as was made in the form of an answer to a formal interrogatory by the other party. Calvin.

An engagement to pay a certain sum of money to the successful party in a cause. Calvin.

—Sponsio judicialis. In Roman law. A judicial wager corresponding in some respects to the "feigned issue" of modern practice.—Sponsio ludicra. A trifling or ludicrous engagement, such as a court will not sustain an action for. 1 Karnes, Eq. Introd. 34. An informal undertaking, or one made without the usual formula of interrogation. Calvin.

S P O N S I O N S. In international law. Agreements or engagements made by certain public officers (as generals or admirals in time of war) in behalf of their governments, either without authority or in excess of the authority under which they purport to be made, and which therefore require an express or tacit ratification.

SPONSOR. A surety; one who makes a promise or gives security for another, particularly a godfather in baptism.

In the civil law. One who intervenes for another voluntarily and without being requested.

SPONTE OBLATA. Lat. A free gift or present to the crown.

Sponte virum mulier fugiens et adultera facta, dote sua careat, nisi sponsi sponte retracta. Co. Lit. 82b. Let a
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A woman leaving her husband of her own accord, and committing adultery, lose her dowry, unless taken back by her husband of his own accord.

SPORTULA. Lat. In Roman law. A largess, dole, or present; a pecuniary donation; an official perquisite; something over and above the ordinary fee allowed by law. Inst. 4, 6, 24.

SPOUSALS. In old English law. Mutual promises to marry.


SPRINGING USE. See Usz.

SPUILLIE. In Scotch law. The taking away or meddling with movables in another's possession, without the consent of the owner or authority of law. Bell.

SPURIOUS. Not proceeding from the true source; not genuine; counterfeited. "A spurious bank-bill may be a legitimate impression from the genuine plate, but it must have the signatures of persons not the officers of the bank whence it purports to have issued, or else the names of fictitious persons. A spurious bill, also, may be an illegitimate impression from a genuine plate, or an impression from a counterfeit plate, but it must have such signatures or names as we have just indicated. A bill, therefore, may be both counterfeit and forged, or both counterfeit and spurious," Kirby v. State, 1 Ohio St. 187.

SPURIES. Lat. In the civil law. A bastard; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation.

SPY. A person sent into an enemy's camp to inspect their works, ascertain their strength and their intentions, watch their movements, and secretly communicate intelligence to the proper officer. By the laws of war among all civilized nations, a spy is punished with death. Webster. See Vattel, 3, 179.

SQUARE. As used to designate a certain portion of land within the limits of a city or town, this term may be synonymous with "block," that is, the smallest subdivision which is bounded on all sides by principal streets, or it may denote a space (more or less rectangular) not built upon, and set apart for public passage, use, recreation, or ornamentation, in the nature of a "park" but smaller. See Caldwell v. Rupert, 10 Bush (Ky.) 179; State v. Natal, 42 La. Ann. 612, 7 South. 781; Rowzee v. Pierce, 75 Miss. 846; 36 South. 867, 40 L. R. A. 402, 65 Am. St. Rep. 625; Methodist Episcopal Church v. Hoboken, 33 N. J. Law, 13, 97 Am. Dec. 696; Rev. Laws Mass. 1902, p. 331, c. 62, § 12.


SQUIRE. A contraction of "esquire."

SS. An abbreviation used in that part of a record, pleading, or affidavit, called the "statement of the venue." Commonly translated or read, "to-wit," and supposed to be a contraction of "scilicet."

Also in ecclesiastical documents, particularly records of early councils, "ss" is used as an abbreviation for "subscript. Occasionally, in Law French, it stands for sans, "without," e. g., "faire feoffment ss son baron." Bendloe, p. 189.

STAB. A wound inflicted by a thrust with a pointed weapon. State v. Cody, 18 Or. 506, 23 Pac. 891; Ward v. State, 56 Ga. 410; Ruby v. State, 7 Mo. 208.

STABILIA. A writ called by that name, founded on a custom in Normandy, that where a man in power claimed lands in the possession of an inferior, he petitioned the prince that it might be put into his hands till the right was decided, whereupon he had this writ. Wharton.

Stabit presumptio doneo probetur in contrarium. A presumption will stand good till the contrary is proved. Hob. 297; Broom, Max. 949.

STABLE-STAND. In forest law. One of the four evidences or presumptions whereby a man was convicted of an intent to steal the king's deer in the forest. This was when a man was found at his standing in the forest with a cross-bow or long-bow bent, ready to shoot at any deer, or else standing close by a tree with grey-hounds in a leash, ready to slip. Cowell; Manwood.

STABULARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. A stable-keeper. Dig. 4, 9, 4, 1.

STACHIA. In old records. A dam or head made to stop a water-course. Cowell.
STAFF-HERDING. The following of cattle within a forest.

STAGE-RIGHT is a word which it has been attempted to introduce as a substitute for "the right of representation and performance," but it can hardly be said to be an accepted term of English or American law. Sweet.

STAGIARIUS. A resident. Cowell.

STAGNUM. In old English law. A pool, or pond. Co. Litt. 5a; Johnson v. Rayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 110.

STAKE. A deposit made to answer an event, as on a wager. See Harris v. White, 81 N. Y. 539; Porter v. Day, 71 Wis. 296, 37 N. W. 259; Mohr v. Miesen, 47 Minn. 228, 49 N. W. 862.

—Stakeholder primarily means a person with whom money is deposited pending the decision of a bet or wager. (q. v.) but it is more often used to mean a person who holds money or property which is claimed by rival claimants, but in which he himself claims no interest. Sweet. And see Oriental Bank v. Tremont Ins. Co., 4 Metc. (Mass.) 10; Fisher v. Hildreth, 117 Mass. 562; Wabash R. Co. v. Flannigan, 95 Mo. App. 477, 75 S. W. 681.


STALE, adj. In the language of the courts of equity, a "stale" claim or demand is one which has not been pressed or asserted for so long a time that the owner or creditor is chargeable with laches, and that changes occurring meanwhile in the relative situation of the parties, or the intervention of new interests or equities, would render the enforcement of the claim or demand against conscience. See The Galloway v. Morris, 2 Abb. U. S. 154, 9 Fed. Cas. 1,111; King v. White, 63 Vt. 155, 21 Atl. 535, 25 Am. St. Rep. 752; Ashurst v. Peck, 101 Ala. 499, 14 South. 541; The Harriet Ann, 11 Fed. Cas. 607.

STALLAGE. The liberty or right of pitching or erecting stalls in fairs or markets, or the money paid for the same. 1 Steph. Comm. 664.

STALLARIUS. In Saxon law. The prefectus stabuli, now master of the horse. Sometimes one who has a stall in a fair or market.

STAMP. An impression made by public authority, in pursuance of law, upon paper or parchment, upon which certain legal proceedings, conveyances, or contracts are required to be written, and for which a tax or duty is exacted.

A small label or strip of paper, bearing a particular device, printed and sold by the government, and required to be attached to mail-matter, and to some other articles subject to duty or excise.

—Stamp acts. In English law. Acts regulating the stamps upon deeds, contracts, agreements, papers in law proceedings, bills and notes, letters, receipts, and other papers. —Stamp duties. Duties imposed upon and raised from stamps upon parchment and paper, and forming a branch of the perpetual revenue of the kingdom. 1 Bl. Comm. 322.

STANCE. In Scotch law. A resting place; a field or place adjoining a drove-road, for resting and refreshing sheep and cattle on their journey. 7 Bell, App. Cas. 53, 57, 58.

STAND. To abide; to submit to; as "to stand a trial.

To remain as a thing is; to remain in force. Pleadings demurred to and held good are allowed to stand.

To appear in court.

—Standing aside jurors. A practice by which, in the drawing of a jury for a criminal trial, the prosecuting officer puts aside a juror, provisionally, until the panel is exhausted, without due cause; for his reasons, instead of being required to challenge him and show cause. The statute 33 Edw. 1. deprived the crown of the power to challenge jurors without showing cause, and the practice of standing aside jurors was adopted, in England, as a method of evading its provisions. A similar practice is in use in Pennsylvania. See Warren v. Com., 37 Pa. 94; Zell v. Com., 94 Pa. 272; Gaines v. Com., 100 Pa. 322. But in Missouri, it is said that the words "stand aside" are the usual formula, used in impaneling a jury, for rejecting a juror. State v. Hults, 106 Mo. 41, 18 S. W. 940.

—Standing by is used in law as implying knowledge, under such circumstances as rendered the duty of the possessor to communicate it; and it is such knowledge, and not the mere fact of "standing by," that lays the foundation of responsibility. The phrase does not import actual personal presence, "but implies knowledge under such circumstances as to render it the duty of the possessor to communicate it." Anderson v. Mobile, 99 Ind. 373, 47 Am. Rep. 394; Gatling v. Rodman, 6 Ind. 292; Richardson v. Chickering, 41 N. H. 380, 77 Am. Dec. 769; Morrison v. Morrison, 2 Dana (Ky.) 16.

—Standing on a conveyance. A person who stands on a conveyance for treason or felony, was said to "stand mute," when he refused to plead, or answered foreign to the purpose, or, after a plea of not guilty, would not put himself upon the country. —Standing orders are rules and forms regulating the procedure of the two houses of parliament, each having its own. They are of equal force in every parliament, except so far as they are altered or suspended from time to time. Cox, Inst. 130; May, Parl. Pr. 185. —Standing sent to use. A covenant to stand seized to use is one by which the owner of an estate covenants to hold the same to the use of another person, usually a relative, and usually in consideration of blood or marriage. It is a species of conveyance depending for its effect on the statute of uses.

STANDARD. An ensign or flag used in war.

STANDARD OF WEIGHT, or MEASURE. A weight or measure fixed and prescribed by law, to which all other weights and measures are required to correspond.
STANNARIES. A district which includes all parts of Devon and Cornwall where some tin work is situated and in actual operation. The tin miners of the stannaries have certain peculiar customs and privileges.

—Stannary courts. Courts in Devonshire and Cornwall for the administration of justice among the miners and tinners. These courts were held before the lord warden and his deputies by virtue of a privilege granted to the owners of the tin-mines there, to sue and be sued in their own courts only, in order that they might not be drawn away from their business by having to attend law-suits in distant courts. Brown.

STAPLE. In English law. A mart or market. A place where the buying and selling of wool, lead, leather, and other articles were put under certain terms. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 393.

In international law. The right of staple, as exercised by a people upon foreign merchants, is defined to be that they may not allow them to set their merchandises and wares to sale but in a certain place. This practice is not in use in the United States. 1 Chit. Com. Law, 103.

—Staple Inn. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.—Statute-staple. In English law. A security for a debt acknowledged to be due, so called from its being entered into before the mayor of the staple, that is to say, the grand mart for the principal commodities or manufactures of the kingdom, formerly held by act of parliament in certain trading towns. In other respects it resembled the statute-merchant, (a. v.,) but like that has now fallen into disuse. 2 Bl. Comm. 160; 1 Steph. Comm. 287.

STARBOARD. In maritime law. The right-hand side of a vessel when the observer faces forward. "Starboard tack," the course of vessel when she has the wind on her starboard bow. Burrows v. Gower (D. C.) 119 Fed. 617.

STAR-CHAMBER was a court which, originally had jurisdiction in cases where the ordinary course of justice was so much obstructed by one party, through writs, combination of maintenance, or overawing influence that no inferior court would find its process obeyed. The court consisted of the privy council, the common-law judges, and (it seems) all peers of parliament. In the reign of Henry VIII. and his successors, the jurisdiction of the court was illegally extended to such a degree (especially in punishing disobedience to the king’s arbitrary proclamations) that it became odious to the nation, and was abolished. 4 Steph. Comm. 310; Sweet.

STARE DECISIS. Lat. To stand by decided cases; to uphold precedents; to maintain former adjudications. 1 Kent, Comm. 477.

STARE IN JUDICIO. Lat. To appear before a tribunal, either as plaintiff or defendant.

STATE, v. To express the particulars of a thing in writing or in words; to set down or set forth in detail. Utica v. Richardson, 6 Hill (N. Y.) 300.

STATE, n. A body politic, or society of men, united together for the purpose of promoting their mutual safety and advantage, by the joint efforts of their combined strength. Cooley, Const. Lim. 1.

One of the component commonwealths or states of the United States of America. The people of a state, in their collective capacity, considered as the party wronged by a criminal deed; the public; as in the title of a cause, "The State vs. A. B." The section of territory occupied by one of the United States.

—Foreign state. A foreign country or nation. The several states are considered "foreign" to each other except as regards their relations as common members of the Union.—State’s evidence. See EVIDENCE.—State officers. Officers whose duties concern the state at large or the general public, or who are authorized to exercise their official functions throughout the entire state, without limitation to any political subdivision of the state. In another sense, officers belonging to or exercising authority under one of the states of the Union, as distinguished from the officers of the United States. See In re Police Comrs., 22 R. I. 654, 49 Atl. 36; State v. Burns, 38 Fla. 378, 21 South. 200; People v. Nixon, 158 N. Y. 221, 52 N. E. 1117.—State paper. A document prepared by, or relating to, the political department of the government of a state or nation, and concerning or affecting the administration of its government or its political or international relations. Also, a newspaper, designated by public authority, as the organ for the publication of public statutes, resolutions, notices, and advertisements.—State tax. A tax the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the expenses of the state, as distinguished from taxation for local or municipal purposes. See Taxation. Sexton, 32 Mich. 413, 20 Am. Rep. 654; State v. Auditor of State, 15 Ohio St. 482.—State trial. A trial for a political offense.—State Trials, A work in thirty-three volumes octavo, containing all English trials for offenses against
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the state and others partaking in some degree of that character, from the ninth year of Hen. II. to the first of Geo. IV.

STATE OF FACTS. Formerly, when a master in chancery was directed by the court of chancery to make an inquiry or investigation into any matter arising out of a suit, and which could not conveniently be brought before the court itself, each party in the suit carried in before the master a statement showing how the party bringing it in represented the matter in question to be; and this statement was technically termed a "state of facts," and formed the ground upon which the evidence was received, the evidence being, in fact, brought by one party or the other, to prove his own or disprove his opponent's state of facts. And so now, a state of facts means the statement made by any one of his version of the facts. Brown.

STATE OF FACTS AND PROPOSAL. In English lunacy practice, when a person has been found a lunatic, the next step is to submit to the master a scheme called a "state of facts and proposal," showing what is the position in life, property, and income of the lunatic, who are his next of kin and heir at law, who are proposed as his committees, and what annual sum is proposed to be allowed for his maintenance, etc. From the state of facts and the evidence adduced in support of it, the master frames his report. Elmer, Lun. 22; Pope, Lun. 79; Sweet.

STATE OF THE CASE. A narrative of the facts upon which the plaintiff relies, substituted for a more formal declaration, in suits in the inferior courts. The phrase is used in New Jersey.

STATED. Settled; closed. An account stated means an account settled, and at an end. Pull. Acc'ts, 33. "In order to constitute an account stated, there must be a statement of some certain amount of money being due, which must be made either to the party himself or to some agent of his." 5 Mees. & W. 667.

--Stated meeting. A meeting of a board of directors, board of officers, etc., held at the time appointed therefor by law, ordinance, by-law, or other regulation; as distinguished from "special" meetings, which are held on call as the occasion may arise, rather than at a regularly appointed time, and from adjourned meetings. See Zulich v. Bowman, 42 Pa. 87. --Stated term. A regular or ordinary term or session of a court for the dispatch of its general business, held at the time fixed by law or rule; as distinguished from a special term, held out of the due order or for the transaction of particular business.

STATEMENT. In a general sense, an allegation; a declaration of matters of fact. The term has come to be used of a variety of formal narratives of facts, required by law in various jurisdictions as the foundation of judicial or official proceedings.

--Statement of affairs. In English bankruptcy practice, a bankrupt or debtor who has presented a petition for liquidation or composition must produce at the first meeting of creditors a statement of his affairs, giving a list of his creditors, secured and unsecured, with the value of the securities, a list of bills discount­ed, and an inventory of his property. Sweet. --Statement of claim. A written or printed statement by the plaintiff in an action in the English high court, showing the facts on which he relies to support his claim against the defendant, and the relief which he claims. It is delivered to the defendant or his solicitor. The delivery of the statement of claim is usually the next step after appearance, and is the commencement of the pleadings. Sweet. --Statement of defense. In the practice of the English high court, where the defendant in an action does not demur to the whole of the plaintiff's claim, he delivers a pleading called a "statement of defense." The statement of defense deals with the allegations contained in the statement of claim, (or the endorsement on the writ, if there is no statement of claim,) admitting or denying them, and, if necessary, stating fresh facts in explanation or avoidance of those alleged by the plaintiff. Sweet. --Statement of particulars. In English practice, when the plaintiff claims a debt or demand, he must state the debt or demand, but has not indorsed the writ specially, (i. e., indorsed on it the particulars of his claim under Order iii. r. 6) and the defendant fails to appear; the plaintiff may file a statement of the particulars of his claim, and after eight days enter judgment for the amount, as if the writ had been specially indorsed. Court Rules, xiii. 5; Sweet.

STATESMAN. A freeholder and farmer in Cumberland. Wharton.

STATIM. Lat. Forthwith; immediately. In old English law, this term meant either "at once," or "within a legal time," i.e., such time as permitted the legal and regular performance of the act in question.

STATING AN ACCOUNT. Exhibiting, or listing in their order, the items which make up an account.

STATING PART OF A BILL. That part of a bill in chancery in which the plaintiff states the facts of his case; it is distinguished from the charging part of the bill and from the prayer.

STATION. In the civil law. A place where ships may ride in safety. Dig. 50, 16, 59.

STATIONERS' HALL. In English law. The hall of the stationers' company, at which every person claiming copyright in a book must register his title, in order to be able to bring actions against persons infringing it. 2 Steph. Comm. 37-39.

STATIONERY OFFICE. In English law. A government office established as a department of the treasury, for the purpose of supplying government offices with stationery and books, and of printing and publishing government papers.

STATIST. A statesman; a politician; one skilled in government.

STATISTICS. That part of political science which is concerned in collecting and ar-
ranging facts illustrative of the condition and resources of a state. The subject is sometimes divided into (1) historical statistics, or facts which illustrate the former condition of a state; (2) statistics of population; (3) of revenue; (4) of trade, commerce, and navigation; (5) of the moral, social, and physical condition of the people. Wharton.

**STATU LIBER.** Lat. In Roman law. One who is made free by will under a condition; one who has his liberty fixed and appointed at a certain time or on a certain condition. Dig. 40, 7.

**STATU LIBERI.** Lat. In Louisiana. Slaves for a time, who had acquired the right of being free at a time to come, or on a condition which was not fulfilled, or in a certain event which had not happened, but who in the mean time remained in a state of slavery. Ctv. Code La. (Ed. 1838) art. 37.

**STATUS.** The status of a person is his legal position or condition. Thus, when we say that the status of a woman is married, it merely means that a decree absolute for the dissolution of her marriage with her husband has been made, but before it has been made absolute, is that of a married woman, we mean that she has the same legal rights, liabilities, and disabilities as an ordinary married woman. The term is chiefly applied to persons under disability, or persons who have some peculiar condition which prevents the general law from applying to them in the same way as it does to ordinary persons. Sweet. See Barney v. Tourtelotte, 138 Mass. 106; De la Montanya v. De la Montanya, 112 Cal. 115, 44 Pac. 348; 32 L. R. A. 82, 53 Am. St. Rep. 165; Dunham v. Dunham, 57 Ill. App. 497.

There are certain rights and duties, with certain capacities and incapacities to take rights and incur duties, by which persons, as subjects of law, are variously determined to certain classes. The rights, duties, capacities, or incapacities which determine a given person to any of these classes, constitute a condition or status with which the person is invested. Aust. Jur. § 973.

---Status de manerio.--- The assembly of the tenants in the court of the lord of a manor, in order to do their customary suit.---Status of irremovability. In English law. The right acquired by a pauper, after one year's residence in any parish, not to be removed therefrom.---Status quo. The existing state of things at any given date. Status quo ante bellum, the state of things before the war.

***Statuta pro publico commodo late interpretantur.*** Jenk. Cent. 21. Statutes made for the public good ought to be liberally construed.

***Statuta suo cladunatur territorio, neo ultra territorium disponunt.*** Statutes are confined to their own territory, and have no extraterritorial effect. Woodworth v. Spring, 4 Allen (Mass.) 324.

**STATUTABLE, or STATUTORY.** Is that which is introduced or governed by statute, as opposed to the common law or equity. Thus, a court is said to have statutory jurisdiction when jurisdiction is given to it in certain matters by act of the legislature.

**STATUTE.** v. In old Scotch law. To ordain, establish, or decree.

**STATUTE.** n. An act of the legislature; a particular law enacted and established by the will of the legislative department of government, expressed with the requisite formalities.

In foreign and civil law. Any particular municipal law or usage, though resting for its authority on Judicial decisions, or the practice of nations. 2 Kent, Comm. 456. The whole municipal law of a particular state, from whatever source arising. Story, Confl. Laws, § 111.

“Statute” also sometimes means a kind of bond or obligation of record, being an abbreviation for “statute merchant” or “statute staple.” See infra.

---Affirmative statute. See AFFIRMATIVE.
---Declaratory statute. See DECLARATORY.
---Enabling statute. See that title.---Expository statute. See that title.---General statute. A statute relating to the whole community, or concerning all persons generally, as distinguished from a private or special statute. 1 Bl. Com. 55, 80; 4 Coke, 753; 3 B. & C. 640; 3 Marsh, 269.---Negative statute. Such a statute as has for its object the interest of some particular locality, as the formation of a road, the alteration of the course of a river, the regulation of a particular district, etc.---Penal statute. A statute expressed in negative terms; a statute which prohibits a thing from being done, or declares what shall not be done.---Penal statute. See PENAL.---Perpetual statute. One which is to remain in force without limitation as to time; one which contains no provision for its repeal, abrogation, or expiration at any future time.---Personal statutes. In foreign and modern civil law. Those statutes which have principally for their object the regulation and treat of property only incidentally. Story, Confl. Laws, § 13. A personal statute, in this sense of the term, is a law, ordinance, regulation, or custom, the disposition of which affects the person, and clothes him with a capacity or incapacity, which he does not change with every change of abode, but which, upon principles of justice and policy, he is assumed to carry with him wherever he goes. 2 Kent, Comm. 456.

The term is also applied to statutes which, instead of being general, are confined in their operation to one person or group of persons. Bank of Columbia v. Walker, 14 Lea (Tenn.) 1908; time v. Creditors, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 591, 16 Am. Dec. 212.---Private statute. A statute which operates only upon particular persons, and private concerns. A statute which is confined to particular classes of persons. Dwar. St. 629; State v. Chambers, 93 N. C. 600.---Public statute. A statute enacting a universal rule which regards the whole community, as distinguished from one which concerns only particular individuals and affects only their private rights. Co. & C. 319; Pro. Co. 641.---Real statutes. In the civil law. Statutes which have principally for their object property, and which do not speak of persons, except in relation to property. Story, Confl. Laws, § 13; Saul v. His Creditors, 5 Mart. N. S. (La.) 555, 16 Am. Dec. 212.---Remedial statute. See REMEDIAL.---Revised statutes. A body

---Statutes, acts, and codes.---Statutes are laws which are made by the legislative department of government. The term is applied, in a loose sense, to laws made by any authority. Tillman v. Green, 9 How. 174.---Statutes pari materia.---Statutes quod ab aliquo ab initio.---Statutes remissionis.---Statutes seigneuriales.---Statutes superiores.---Statutes subsequi.
of statutes which have been revised, collected, arranged in order, and re-enacted as a whole; they are of the compiled laws of several of the states and also of the United States.—Special statute. One which is not general, but which is limited to persons and private concerns. 1 Bl. Comm. 86. Distinguished from a general or public statute. Statute fair. In English law. A fair at which laborers of both sexes stood and offered themselves for hire; sometimes called also 'Mop.' Statute merchant. In English law. A security for a debt acknowledged to be due, created by deed or will, and for which the chief magistrate of some trading town, pursuant to the statute 13 Edw. I. De Mercatoribus, by which not only the body of the debtor might be imprisoned, but his goods seized in satisfaction of the debt, but also his lands might be delivered to the creditor till out of the rents and profits of them the debt be satisfied. 2 Bl. Comm. 190. Now fallen into disuse. 1 Steph. Comm. 287. See Yates v. People, 6 Johns. (N. Y.) 404.—Statute of accumulations. In English law. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 98, forbidding the accumulation, beyond a certain period, of property settled by deed or will.—Statute of allegiance. An act of 11 Hen. VII. c. 1, requiring subjects to give their allegiance to the actual king for the time being, and protecting them in their homage, &c. against any act of contumacy. See Distribution.—Statute of Elizabeth. In English law. The statute 13 Eliz. c. 5, against conveyances made in fraud of creditors.—Statute of frauds. A statute of the 25th year of the reign of Elizabeth 1603.—Statute of Gloucester. In English law. The statute 6 Edw. I. c. 1, A. D. 1278. It takes its name from the place of its enactment, and was the first statute making the actions for all kinds of frauds, and of false promises, statutes in derogation of common law. See USE.—Statute of wills. In English law. The statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 1, which enacted that all persons being seized in fee-simple except to bodies corporate, two-thirds of their lands, tenements, and hereditaments, held in chivalry, and the whole of those held in socage. 3 Bl. Comm. 390.— Statute of laborers. See Laborer.—Statute of limitations. See LIMITATION.—Statute of uses. See USE.—Statute of the United States. A statute passed in the twentieth year of Edw. I., being a sort of constitution for the principality of Wales, which was thereby, in a great measure, put on the footing of England with respect to its laws and the administration of justice. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 93, 94. Statutum affirmativum non derogat communia legi. Jenk. Cent. 24. An affirmative statute does not derogate from the common law. Statutum ex gratia regis dicitur, quando rex dignatur cedere de jure suo regio, pro commodo et quolibet popului salute. 2 Inst. 378. A statute is said to be by the grace of the king, when the king deigns to yield some portion of his royal rights for the good and quiet of his people. Statutum generaliter est intelligendum quando verba statuti sunt specialia, ratio autem generalis. When the words of a statute are special, but the reason of it general, the statute is to be understood generally. 10 Coke, 101. Statutum speciale statuto speciali non derogat. Jenk. Cent. 190. One special statute does not take from another special statute. Statutarum. In old records. A store, or stock of cattle. A term of common occur-
STAY. In practice. A stopping; the act of arresting a judicial proceeding, by the order of a court. See In re Schwarz (D. C.) 14 Fed. 788.

—Stay laws. Acts of the legislature prescribing a stay of execution in certain cases, or a stay of foreclosure of mortgages, or closing the courts for a limited period, or providing that suits shall not be instituted until a certain time after the cause of action arose, or otherwise suspending legal remedies; designed for the relief of debtors, in times of general distress or financial trouble.—Stay of execution. The stopping or arresting of execution on a judgment, that is, of the judgment-creditor's right to issue execution, for a limited period. This is given by statute in many jurisdictions, as a privilege to the debtor, usually on his furnishing bail for the debt, costs, and interest. Or it may take place by agreement of the parties. See National Docks, etc., Co. v. Pennsylvania R. Co. 54 N. J. Eq. 187; 83 Atl. 320.—Stay of proceedings. The temporary suspension of the regular order of proceedings in a cause, by direction of the court, usually to await the action of one of the parties in regard to some omitted step or some act which the court has required him to perform as INCIDENTAL to the suit; as where a non-resident plaintiff has been ruled to give security for costs. See Wallace v. Wallace, 13 Wis. 226; Lewton v. Howar, 19 Fla. 876; Romster v. Etta L. Ins. Co., 96 Wis. 406, 71 N. W. 898.

STEAL. This term is commonly used in indictments for larceny, "(take, steal, and carry away," and denotes the commission of theft. But, in popular usage, "stealing" seems to be a wider term than "larceny," inasmuch as it may include the unlawful appropriation of things which are not technically the subject of larceny, e. g., immovables. See Randall v. Evening News Ass'n, 101 Mich. 561, 60 N. W. 301; People v. Dumars, 42 Hun (N. Y.) 85; Com. v. Kelley, 184 Mass. 320, 68 N. E. 346; Holmes v. Gilman, 64 Hun, 227, 19 N. Y. Supp. 151; Dunell v. Fiske, 11 Metc. (Mass.) 554; Barnhart v. State, 154 Ind. 177, 56 N. E. 212.—Stealing children. See Kidnapping.

STEALTH. Theft is so called by some ancient writers. "Stealth is the wrongful taking of goods without pretense of title." Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 17.

STEELBOW GOODS. In Scotch law. Corns, cattle, straw, and implements of husbandry delivered by a landlord to his tenant, by which the tenant is enabled to stock and labor the farm; in consideration of which he becomes bound to return articles equal in quantity and quality, at the expiry of the lease. Bell.

STELLIONATUS. Lat. In the civil law. A general name for any kind of fraud not falling under any specific class. But the term is chiefly applied to fraud practiced in the sale or pledging of property; as, selling the same property to two different persons, selling another's property as one's own, placing a second mortgage on property without disclosing the existence of the first, etc.

STENOGRAPHER. One who is skilled in the art of short-hand writing; one whose business it is to write in short-hand. See Ryerson v. Allison, 30 S. C. 553; 9 S. E. 656; In re Appointments for Deputy State Officers, 25 Neb. 662, 41 N. W. 643; Chase v. Vandergrift, 88 Pa. 217.

STEP-DAUGHTER. The daughter of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

STEP-FATHER. The man who marries a widow, she having a child by her former marriage, is step-father to such child.

STEP-MOTHER. The woman who marries a widower, he having a child by his former wife, becomes step-mother to such child.

STEP-SON. The son of one's wife by a former husband, or of one's husband by a former wife.

STERBRECHE, or STREBRICH. The breaking, obstructing, or straitening of a way. Termes de la Ley.

STERE. A French measure of solidity, used in measuring wood. It is a cubic meter.

STERILITY. Barrenness; incapacity to produce a child.

STERLING. In English law. Current or standard coin, especially silver coin; a standard of coinage.

STET BILLA. If the plaintiff in a plaint in the mayor's court of London has attached property belonging to the defendant and obtained execution against the garnishee, the defendant, if he wishes to contest the plaintiff's claim, and obtain restoration of his property, must issue a scire facias ad disprobandum debitum; if the only question to be tried is the plaintiff's debt, the plaintiff in appearing to the scire facias prays stet billa "that his bill original," i. e., his original plaint, "may stand, and that the defendant may plead thereto." The action then proceeds in the usual way as if the proceedings in attachment (which are founded on a fictitious default of the defendant in appearing to the plaint) had not taken place. Brand, F. Attachm. 115; Sweet.

STET PROCESSUS. Stet processus is an entry on the roll in the nature of a judg-
ment of a direction that all further proceedings shall be stayed, (i.e., that the process may stand,) and it is one of the ways by which a suit may be terminated by an act of the party, as distinguished from a termination of it by judgment, which is the act of the court. It was used by the plaintiff when he wished to suspend the action without suffering a nonsuit. Brown.


STEWARDS. This word signifies a man appointed in the place or stead of another, and generally denotes a principal officer within his jurisdiction. Brown.

— Land steward. See LAND. — Steward of a manor. An important officer who has the general management of all forensic matters connected with the manor of which he is steward. He stands in much the same relation to the lord of the manor as an under-sheriff does to the sheriff. Cowell. — Steward of all England. In old English law. An officer who was invested with various powers; among others, to preside on the trial of peers. — Steward of Scotland. An officer of the highest dignity and trust. He administered the crown revenues, superintended the affairs of the household, and possessed the privilege of holding the first place in the army, next to the king, in the day of battle. From this office the royal house of Stuart took its name. But the office was sunk on their advancement to the throne, and has never since been revived. Bell.

STEWARTY. In Scotch law, is said to be equivalent to the English "county." See Brown.

STICK. (1) An inferior officer who cuts wood within the royal parks of Clarendon. Cowell. (2) An arbitrator. (3) An obdurate contester about anything.

STICHLER. (1) An inferior officer who cuts wood within the royal parks of Clarendon. Cowell. (2) An arbitrator. (3) An obdurate contester about anything.

STIPULATED DAMAGE. Liquidated damage, (q. v.)

STIPULATIO. Lat. In the Roman law, stipulatio was the verbal contract, (verbis obligatio,) and was the most solemn and formal of all the contracts in that system of jurisprudence. It was entered into by question and corresponding answer thereto, by the parties, both being present at the same time, and usually by such words as "spondest spondeo," "promitto promitto," and the like. Brown.

-Stipulatio Aquiliana. A particular application of the stipulatio, which was used to collect together into one verbal contract all the liabilities of every kind and quality of the debt-

STILLICIDIIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The drip of water from the eaves of a house. The servitude stillicidium consists in the right to have the water drip from one's eaves upon the house or ground of another. The term "flumen" designated the rain-water collected from the roof, and carried off by the gutters, and there is a similar easement of having it discharged upon the adjoining estate. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 317, par. 4.

STINT. In English law. Limit; a limited number. Used as descriptive of a species of common. See COMMON SANS NOMBRE.


In English and Scotch law. A provision made for the support of the clergy.

STIPENDIARY ESTATES. Estates granted in return for services, generally of a military kind. 1 Steph. Comm. 174.

STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES. In English law. Paid magistrates; appointed in London and some other cities and boroughs, and having in general the powers and jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

STIPENDIUM. Lat. In the civil law. The pay of a soldier; wages; stipend. Calvin.

STIPES. Lat. In old English law. Stock; a stock; a source of descent or title. Communis stipes, the common stock. Fleta, lib. 6, c. 2.

STIPITAL. Relating to stipes, roots, or stocks. "Stipital distribution" of property is distribution per stipes; that is, by right of representation.

STIPULATED DAMAGE. Liquidated damage, (q. v.)
STIPULATION. A material article in an agreement.

In practice. An engagement or undertaking in writing, to do a certain act; as to try a case at a certain time. 1 Burrill, Pr. 389.

The name "stipulation" is familiarly given to any agreement made by the attorneys engaged on opposite sides of a cause, (especially if in writing,) regulating any matter incidental to the proceedings or trial, which falls within their jurisdiction. Such, for instance, are agreements to extend the time for pleadings, to take depositions, to waive objections, to admit certain facts, to continue the cause.


In admiralty practice. A recognition of certain persons (called in the old law "fide jussores") in the nature of bail for the appearance of a defendant. 3 Bl. Comm. 108.

STIPULATOR. In the civil law. The party who asked the question in the contract of stipulation; the other party, or he who answered, being called the "promissor." But, in a more general sense, the term was applied to both the parties. Calvin.

STIRPS. Lat. A root or stock of descent or title. Taking property by right of representation is called "succession per stirpes," in opposition to taking in one's own right, or as a principal, which is termed "taking per capita." See Rotman v. Heise, 96 Md. 633, 39 Atl. 415.

STOCK. In mercantile law. The goods and wares of a merchant or tradesman, kept for sale and traffic.

In a larger sense. The capital of a merchant or other person, including his merchandise, money, and credits, or, in other words, the entire property employed in business.

In corporation law. The capital or principal fund of a corporation, or joint-stock company, formed by the contributions of subscribers or the sale of shares, and considered as the aggregate of a certain number of shares severally owned by the members or stockholders of the corporation; also the proportional part of the capital which is owned by an individual stockholder; also the incorporeal property which is represented by the holding of a certificate of stock; and in a wider and more remote sense, the right of a shareholder to participate in the general management of the company and to share proportionally in its net profits or earnings or in the distribution of assets on dissolution. See Thayer v. Wathen, 17 Tex. Civ. App. 382, 44 S. W. 906; Burrall v. Bushwick R. Co., 75 N. Y. 216; State v. Lewis, 118 Wis. 402, 36 N. W. 388; Heller v. National Marine Bank, 29 Md. 602, 45 Atl. 890, 45 L. R. A. 438, 73 Am. St. Rep. 212; Trask v. Maguire, 18 Wall. 402, 21 L. Ed. 938; Harrison v. Vines, 46 Tex. 15.

The funded indebtedness of a state or government, also, is often represented by stocks, shares of which are held by its creditors at interest.

In the law of descent. The term is used, metaphorically, to denote the original progenitor of a family, or the ancestor from whom the persons in question are all descended; such descendants being called "branch-ehes."

Classes of corporate stock. Preferred stock is a separate portion or class of the stock of a corporation, which is accorded, by the charter or by-laws, a preference or priority in respect to dividends, over the remainder of the stock of the corporation, which in that case is called "common" stock.

That is, holders of the preferred stock are entitled to receive dividends at a fixed annual rate, out of the net earnings or profits of the corporation, before any distribution of earnings is made to the common stock. If the earnings applicable to the payment of dividends are not more than sufficient for such fixed annual dividend, they will be entirely absorbed by the preferred stock. If they are more than sufficient for the purpose, the remainder may be given entirely to the common stock (which is the more usual custom) or such remainder may be distributed pro rata to both classes of the stock, in which case the preferred stock is said to "participate" with the common. The word "dividend" on preferred stock may be "cumulative" or "non-cumulative." In the former case, if the stipulated dividend on preferred stock is not earned or paid in any one year, it becomes a charge upon the surplus earnings of the next and succeeding years, and all such accumulated and unpaid dividends on the preferred stock must be paid off before the common stock is entitled to receive dividends. In the case of "non-cumulative" preferred stock, its preference for any given year is extinguished by the failure to earn or pay its dividend in that year. If a corporation has no class of preferred stock, all its stock is common stock. The word "common" in this connection signifies that all the holders of such stock are entitled to an equal pro rata division of profits or net earnings, if any there be, without any preference or priority among themselves. "Deferred" stock is rarely issued by American corporations, though it is not uncommon in England. This kind of stock is distinguished by the fact that the payment of dividends upon it is expressly postponed until some other class of stock has received a dividend, or until some certain liability or obligation of the corporation is
discharged. If there is a class of "preferred" stock, the common stock may in this sense be said to be "deferred," and the term is sometimes used as equivalent to "common" stock. But it is not impossible that a corporation should have three classes of stock: (1) Preferred, (2) common, and (3) deferred; the latter class being postponed, in respect to participation in profits, until both the preferred and the common stock had received dividends at a fixed rate. See Cook, Corp. § 12; State v. Railroad Co., 16 S. C. 528; Scott v. Railroad Co., 93 Md. 475, 49 Atl. 237; Jones v. Railroad Co., 67 N. H. 234, 30 Atl. 614, 68 Am. St. Rep. 650; Lockhart v. Van Alstyne, 31 Mich. 76, 18 Am. Rep. 196; Burt v. Rattle, 31 Ohio St. 116; Storrow v. Mfg. Ass'n, 87 Fed. 616, 31 C. C. A. 139.

—Capital stock. See that title.—Certificate. A certificate of stock is evidence of ownership. The holder thereof is the owner of the stock and all rights appertaining thereto, except as limited by a pre-existing agreement between the corporation and the stockholder. See Field v. Lawson, etc., Mfg. Co., 162 Mass. 388, 38 N. E. 1123; 27 L. R. A. 136.—Public stocks. The funded or bonded debt of a government is evidence of a public stock. The bondholder is a stockholder, and is entitled to receive dividends thereon. See Stockholders Corporation, in Massachusetts, is authorized by statute. It is limited in amount to two-fifths of the actual surplus profits, and subject to redemption by the corporation at par after a fixed time. The corporation is bound to pay a fixed annual dividend on it as a debt. The holders of it are in no way liable for the debts of the corporation beyond their stock; and an issue of special stock makes all the general stockholders liable for all debts and contracts of the corporation until the special stock is fully redeemed. American Tube Works v. Boston Mach. Co., 139 Mass. 5, 29 N. E. 63.—Stock association. A joint-stock company, (q. e.)—Stock-broker. One who buys and sells stock as the agent of others. Banta v. Chicago, 172 Ill. 204, 50 N. E. 253, 40 L. R. A. 611; Little Rock v. Bart- ton & Bright, (Ky.) 91 S. W. 632.—Stock corporation. A corporation having a capital stock divided into shares, and which is authorized by law to distribute to the holders thereof dividends or shares of the surplus profits of the corporation. Buker v. Steele (Co. Ct.) 43 N. Y. Supp. 390.—Stock dividends. See Dividends.—Stock-exchange. A voluntary association of persons (not usually a corporation) who, for convenience in the transaction of business with each other, have associated themselves to provide a common place for the transaction of their business; an association of stock-brokers. Dose Passos, Stock-Brok. 14. The building or room used by an association of stock-brokers for meeting for the transaction of their common business.—Stock-jobber. A dealer in stock: one who buys and sells stock on his own account or on speculation. State v. Deer Park Co., 54 La. 474, 22 South. 600.—Stock-note. The term "stock-note" has no technical meaning, and may as well apply to a note given on the sale of stock which the bank had purchased or taken in the payment of doubtful debts as to a note given on account of an original subscription to stock. Good v. Smith, 12 South. 600.—Watered stock. Stock issued by way of increase or addition to the nominal capital stock of the corporation, without passing into the hands of stockholders either by purchase or in the form of a stock dividend, but which does not represent or correspond to any increase in the actual capital or actual value of all the assets of the corporation. See Appeal of Wiltbank, 64 Pa. 269, 3 Am. Rep. 585.


The owners of shares in a corporation which has a capital stock are called "stockholders." If a corporation has no capital stock, the corporators and their successors are called "members." Civ. Code Dak. § 392.

STOCKS. A machine consisting of two pieces of timber, arranged to be fastened together, and holding fast the legs of a person placed in it. This was an ancient method of punishment.

STOP ORDER. The name of an order grantable in English chancery practice, to prevent drawing out a fund in court to the prejudice of an assignee or lienholder.

STOPPAGE. In the civil law. Compensation or set-off.

STOPPAGE IN TRANSITU. The act by which the unpaid vendor of goods stops their progress and resumes possession of them, while they are in course of transit from him to the purchaser, and not yet actually delivered to the latter.

The right of stoppage in transitus is that which the vendor has, when he sells goods on credit to another, of resuming the possession of the goods while they are in the possession of a carrier or middle-man, in the transit to the consignee or vendor, and before they arrive into his actual possession, or the destination he has appointed for them on his becoming bankrupt and insolvent. 2 Kent, Comm. 702.

Stoppage in transitus is the right which arises to an unpaid vendor to resume the possession, with which he has parted, of goods sold upon credit, before they come into the possession of a buyer who has become insolvent, bankrupt, or pecuniarily embarrassed. Insee v. Lane, 57 N. H. 454.

STORE. Storing is the keeping merchandise for safe custody, to be delivered in the same condition as when received, where the safe-keeping is the principal object of deposit, and not the consumption or sale. O'Neil v. Buffalo F. Ins. Co., 3 N. Y. 122; Hynds v. Schenectady County Mut. Ins. Co., 16 Barb. (N. Y.) 119.

Public store. A government warehouse, maintained for certain administrative purposes, such as the keeping of military supplies, the storing of imported goods under bonds to pay duty, etc.—Stores. The supplies of different articles provided for the subsistence and accommodation of a ship's crew and passengers.

STOUTHRIEFF. In Scotch law. Formerly this word included every species of theft accompanied with violence to the person, but of late years it has become the voa signata for forcible and masterful depredation within or near the dwelling-house; while robbery has been more particularly applied to
STOWAGE


STOWAGE. In maritime law. The storing, packing, or arranging of the cargo in a ship, in such a manner as to protect the goods from friction, bruising, or damage from leakage.

Money paid for a room where goods are laid; housage. Wharton.

STOWEL. In old English law. A valley. Co. Litt. 49.

STRADDLE. In stock-brokers' parlance the term means the double privilege of a "put" and a "call," and secures to the holder the right to demand of the seller at a certain price within a certain time a certain number of shares of specified stock, or to require him to take, at the same price within the same time, the same shares of stock. Harris v. Tumbridge, 38 N. Y. 95, 38 Am. Rep. 398.

STRAMINEUS HOMO. L. Lat. A man of straw, one of no substance, put forward as bail or surety.


STRANDING. In maritime law. The drifting, driving, or running aground of a ship on a shore or strand. Accidental stranding takes place where the ship is driven on shore by the winds and waves. Voluntary stranding takes place where the ship is run on shore either to preserve her from a worse fate or for some fraudulent purpose. Marsh. Ins. bk. 1, c. 12, § 1. See Barrow v. Bell, 4 Barn. & C. 736; Strong v. Sun Mut Ins. Co., 93 Pa- 461.

STRATEGY. A deception either by words or actions, in times of war, in order to obtain an advantage over an enemy.

STRATOCRACY. A military government; government by military chiefs of an army.

STRATOR. In old English law. A surveyor of the highways.

STRAW BAIL. See Bail.

STRAY. See Estray.


—Private stream. A non-navigable creek or water-course, the bed or channel of which is exclusively owned by a private individual. See Adams v. Pease, 2 Conn. 494; Reynolds v. Com., 98 Pa. 401.

STREAMING FOR TIN. The process of working tin in Cornwall and Devon. The right to stream must not be exercised so as to interfere with the rights of other private individuals; e. g., either by withdrawing or by polluting or choking up the water-courses or waters of others; and the statutes 23 Hen. VIII. c. 8, and 27 Hen. VIII. c. 54, impose a penalty of £20 for the offense. Brown.

STREET. An urban way or thoroughfare; a road or public way in a city, town, or village, generally paved, and lined or intended to be lined by houses on each side. See U. S. v. Bain, 24 Fed. Cas. 945; Brace v. New York Cent. R. Co., 27 N. Y. 271; In re Woolsey, 95 N. Y. 125; Debolt v. Carter, 31 Ind. 367; Theobold v. Railway Co., 66 Miss. 279, 6 South. 269, 4 L. R. A. 735, 14 Am. St. Rep. 564.

STREIGHTEN. In the old books. To narrow or restrict. "The habendum should not streighten the devise." 1 Leon. 53.

STREPITUS. In old records. Estrepe- ment or strip; a species of waste or destruction of property. Spelman.
STREPITUS JUDICIALIS. Turbulent conduct in a court of justice. Jacob.

STRICT. As to strict "Construction," "Foreclosure," and "Settlement," see those titles.

STRICTI JURIS. Lat. Of strict right or law; according to strict law. "A license is a thing strict juris; a privilege which a man does not possess by his own right, but it is conceded to him as an indulgence, and therefore it is to be strictly observed." 2 Rob. Adm. 117.

STRICTISSIMI JURIS. Lat. Of the strictest right or law. "Licenses being matter of special indulgence, the application of them was formerly strictissimi juris." 1 Edw. Adm. 328.

STRICTO JURE. Lat. In strict law. 1 Kent, Comm. 65.

STRICTUM JUS. Lat. Strict right or law; the rigor of the law as distinguished from equity.

STRIKE. The act of a body of workmen employed by the same master, in stopping work all together at a prearranged time, and refusing to continue until higher wages, or shorter time, or some other concession is granted to them by the employer. See Farmers' L. & T. Co. v. Northern Pac. R. Co. (C. C.) 60 Fed. 839; Arthur v. Oakes, 63 Fed. 327, 11 C. A. 209, 25 L. R. A. 414; Railroad Co. v. Bowns, 58 N. Y. 582; Longshore Printing Co. v. Howell, 26 Or. 527, 38 Pac. 547, 28 L. R. A. 464, 46 Am. St. Rep. 640.

In mining law. The strike of a vein or lode is its extension in the horizontal plane, or its lengthwise trend or course with reference to the points of the compass; distinguished from its "dip," which is its slope or slant, away from the perpendicular, as it goes downward into the earth, or the angle of its deviation from the vertical plane.

STRIKE OFF. In common parlance, and in the language of the auction-room, property is understood to be "struck off" or "knocked down," when the auctioneer, by the fall of his hammer, or by any other audible or visible announcement, signifies to the bidder that he is entitled to the property on paying the amount of his bid, according to the terms of the sale. Sherwood v. Reade, 7 Hill (N. Y.) 439.

In practice. A court is said to "strike off" a case when it directs the removal of the case from the record or docket, as being one over which it has no jurisdiction and no power to hear and determine it.

STRIKING A DOCKET. In English practice. The first step in the proceedings in bankruptcy, which consists in making affidavit of the debt, and giving a bond to follow up the proceedings with effect. 2 Steph. Comm. 190. When the affidavit and bond are delivered at the bankrupt office, an entry is made in what is called the "docket-book," upon which the petitioning creditor is said to have struck a docket. Eden, Bankr. 61, 52.

STRIKING A JURY. The selecting or nominating a jury of twelve men out of the whole number returned as jurors on the panel. It is especially used of the selection of a special jury, where a panel of forty-eight is prepared by the proper officer, and the parties, in turn, strike off a certain number of names, until the list is reduced to twelve. A jury thus chosen is called a "struck jury."

STRIKING OFF THE ROLL. The disbarring of an attorney or solicitor.

STRIP. The act of spoliating or unlawfully taking away anything from the land, by the tenant for life or years, or by one holding an estate in the land less than the entire fee. Pub. St. Mass. 1882, p. 1295.

STRONG HAND. The words "with strong hand" imply a degree of criminal force, whereas the words vi et armis ("with force and arms") are mere formal words in the action of trespass, and the plaintiff is not bound to prove any force. The statutes relating to forcible entries use the words "with a strong hand" as describing that degree of force which makes an entry or detainer of lands criminal. Brown.

STRUCK. In pleading. A word essential in an indictment for murder, when the death arises from any wounding, beating, or bruising. 1 Bulst. 184; 3 Coke, 122; 3 Mod. 202.

STRUCK JURY. See STRIKING A JURY.

STRUMPET. A whore, harlot, or courtesan. This word was anciently used for an addition It occurs as an addition to the name of a woman in a return made by a jury in the sixth year of Henry V. Wharton.

STUFF GOWN. The professional robe worn by barristers of the outer bar; viz., those who have not been admitted to the rank of king's counsel. Brown.

STULTIFY. To make one out mentally incapacitated for the performance of an act.

STULTILOQUIUM. Lat. In old English law. Vicious pleading, for which a fine was imposed by King John, supposed to be the origin of the fines for beau-pleader. Crabb, Eng. Law, 155.
STUMPAGE. The sum agreed to be paid to an owner of land for trees standing (or lying) upon his land, the purchaser being permitted to enter upon the land and to cut down and remove the trees; in other words, it is the price paid for a license to cut. Blood v. Drummond, 67 Me. 478.

STUPRUM. Lat. In the civil law. Unlawful intercourse with a woman. Distinguished from adultery as being committed with a virgin or widow. Dig. 48, 5, 6.

STURGEON. A royal fish which, when either thrown ashore or caught near the coast, is the property of the sovereign. 2 Steph. Comm. 19n, 540.

STYLE. As a verb, to call, name, or entitle one; as a noun, the title or appellation of a person.

SUA SPONTE. Lat. Of his or its own will or motion; voluntarily; without prompting or suggestion.

SUABLE. That which may be sued.

SUAPTE NATURA. Lat. In its own nature. Suapte natura steritis, barren in its own nature and quality; intrinsically barren. 5 Maule & S. 170.

SUB. Lat. Under; upon.
—Sub colore juris. Under color of right; under a show or appearance of right or rightful power.—Sub conditione. Upon condition. The proper words to express a condition in a conveyance, and to create an estate upon condition. Graves v. Deterling, 120 N. Y. 447, 24 N. E. 655.—Sub disjunction. In the alternative. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 60, § 21.—Sub judice. Under or before a judge or court; under judicial consideration; undetermined. 12 East, 409.—Sub modo. Under a qualification; subject to a restriction or condition.—Sub nomine. Under the name; in the name of; under the title of.—Sub pede sigilli. Under the foot of the seal; under seal. 1 Strange, 521.—Sub postestate. Under, or subject to, the power of another; used of a wife, child, slave, or other person not sui juris.—Sub salvo et seuco conduct. Under safe and secure conduct. 1 Strange, 450. Words in the old writ of habeas corpus.—Sub silencio. Under silence; without any notice being taken. Passing a thing sub silentio may be evidence of consent.—Sub spe reconciliationis. Under the hope of reconciliation. 2 Kent, Comm. 127.—Sub suo periculo. At his own risk. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 5, § 5.

SUB-BALLIVUS. In old English law. An under-bailiff; a sheriff's deputy. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 6, § 2.

SUB-BOIS. Coppice-wood. 2 Inst. 642.

SUBAGENT. An under-agent; a substituted agent; an agent appointed by one who is himself an agent. 2 Kent, Comm. 633.

SUBALTERN. An inferior or subordinate officer. An officer who exercises his authority under the superintendence and control of a superior.

SUBCONTRACT. See CONTRACT.

SUBDICTUS. Lat. In old English law. A vassal; a dependent; any one under the power of another. Spelman.

SUBDIVIDE. To divide a part into smaller parts; to separate into smaller divisions. As, where an estate is to be taken by some of the heirs per stirpes, it is divided and subdivided according to the number of takers in the nearest degree and those in the more remote degree respectively.

SUBDUCT. In English probate practice, to subduct a caveat is to withdraw it.

SUBHASTARE. Lat. In the civil law. To sell at public auction, which was done sub hasta, under a spear; to put or sell under the spear. Calvin.

SUBHASTATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A sale by public auction, which was done under a spear, fixed up at the place of sale as a public sign of it. Calvin.

SUBINFEUDATION. The system which the feudal tenants introduced of granting smaller estates out of those which they held of their lord, to be held of themselves as inferior lords. As this system was proceeding downward ad infinitum, and depriving the lords of their feudal profits, it was entirely suppressed by the statute Qvia Emptores, 18 Edw. I. c. 1., and instead of it alienation in the modern sense was introduced, so that thenceforth the alienee held of the same chief lord and by the same services that his alienor before him held. Brown.

SUBJECT. In logic. That concerning which the affirmation in a proposition is made; the first word in a proposition.

SUBJECT. In constitutional law. One that owes allegiance to a sovereign and is governed by his laws. The natives of Great Britain are subjects of the British government. Men in free governments are subjects as well as citizens; as citizens they enjoy rights and franchises; as subjects they are bound to obey the laws. Webster. The term is little used, in this sense, in countries enjoying a republican form of government. See The Pizarro, 2 Wheat. 245, 4 L. Ed. 226; U. S. v. Wong Kim Ark, 169 U. S. 649, 18 Sup. Ct. 456, 42 L. Ed. 890.

In Scotch law. The thing which is the object of an agreement.
**SUBJECTION**

The obligation of one or more persons to act at the discretion or according to the judgment and will of others.

**SUBJECT-MATTER.** The thing in controversy, or the matter spoken or written about.

Sublata causa tollitnr effectus. Co. Litt. 305. The cause being removed the effect ceases.

Sublata veneratione magistratum, respnblica rait. When respect for magistrates is taken away, the commonwealth falls. Jenk. Cent. p. 43, case 81.

Sublato fundamento cedit opus. Jenk. Cent. 106. The foundation being removed, the superstructure falls.

Sublato principal!, tollitnr adjnnctnxn. When the principal is taken away, the incident is taken also. Co. Litt. 389a.

**SUBLEASE.** A lease by a tenant to another person of a part of the premises held by him; an under-lease.

**SUB-MISSION.** A yielding to authority. A citizen is bound to submit to the laws; a child to his parents.

In practice. A submission is a covenant by which persons who have a lawsuit or difference with one another name arbitrators to decide the matter, and bind themselves reciprocally to perform what shall be arbitrated. Civ. Code La. art 3099; Garr v. Gomez, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 661; District of Columbia v. Bailey, 171 U. S. 161, 18 Sup. Ct. 868, 43 L. Ed. 118; Chorpenning v. U. S., 11 Ct Cl. 628; Shed v. Railroad Co., 67 Mo. 687.

In maritime law. Submission on the part of the vanquished, and complete possession on the part of the victor, transfer property as between belligerents. The Alexander, 1 Gall. 532, Fed. Cas. No. 164.

**SUBMIT.** To propound; as an advocate submits a proposition for the approval of the court. Applied to a controversy, it means to place it before a tribunal for determination.

**SUBMORTGAGE.** When a person who holds a mortgage as security for a loan which he has made, procures a loan to himself from a third person, and pledges his mortgage as security, he affects what is called a “submortgage.”

**SUBNERVARE.** To ham-string by cutting the sinews of the legs and thighs.

It was an old custom meretrices et impudicas mulieres subnervare. Wharton.

**SUBNOTATIONS.** In the civil law. The answers of the prince to questions which had been put to him respecting some obscure or doubtful point of law.

**SUBORN.** In criminal law. To procure another to commit perjury. Steph. Crim. Law, 74.

**SUBORNATION OF PERJURY.** In criminal law. The offense of procuring another to take such a false oath as would constitute perjury in the principal. See Stone v. State, 118 Ga. 705, 45 S. E. 630, 98 Am. St. Rep. 145; State v. Paley, 3 Pennewill (Del.) 594, 54 Atl. 690; State v. Geer, 46 Kan. 528, 26 Pac. 1027.

**SUBORNER.** One who submits or procures another to commit any crime, particularly to commit perjury.

**SUBPENA.** The process by which the attendance of a witness is required is called a “subpoena.” It is a writ or order directed to a person, and requiring his attendance at a particular time and place to testify as a witness. It may also require him to bring with him any books, documents, or other things under his control which he is bound by law to produce in evidence. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 895. See Dishaw v. Wadleigh, 15 App. Div. 265, 44 N. Y. Supp. 207; Alexander v. Harrison, 2 Ind. App. 47, 23 N. E. 119; Bleecker v. Carroll, 2 Abb. Frac. (N. Y.) 62.

In chancery practice. A mandatory writ or process directed to and requiring one or more persons to appear at a time to come and answer the matters charged against him or them.

—Subpoena ad testificandum. Subpoena to testify. The common subpoena requiring the attendance of a witness on a trial, inquisition, or examination. 3 Bl. Comm. 369; In re Straus, 30 App. Div. 610, 52 N. Y. Supp. 322.—Subpoena duces tecum. A subpoena used, not only for the purpose of compelling witnesses to attend in court, but also requiring them to bring with them books or documents which may be in their possession, and which may tend to elucidate the subject-matter of the trial. Brown; 3 Bl. Comm. 322.

**SUBREPTIO.** Lat. In the civil law. Obtaining gifts of escheat, etc., from the king by concealing the truth. Bell; Calvin.

**SUBREPTION.** In French law. The fraud committed to obtain a pardon, title, or grant, by alleging facts contrary to truth.

**SUBROGATION.** The substitution of one thing for another, or of one person into the place of another with respect to rights, claims, or securities. Subrogation denotes the putting a third person who has paid a debt in the place of the creditor to whom he has paid it, so as that he may exercise against the debtor all
the rights which the creditor, if unpaid, might have done. Brown.

The equity by which a person who is secondarily liable for a debt, and has paid it, is put in the place of the creditor, so as to entitle him to make use of all the securities and remedies possessed by the creditor, in order to enforce the right of exonerating as against the principal debtor, or of contribution against others who are liable in the same rank as himself. Bisp. Eq. § 335. And see Fuller v. Davis, 184 Ill. 505, 56 N. E. 791; Chaffe v. Oliver, 39 Ark. 542; Cockrum v. West, 122 Ind. 372, 23 N. E. 140; Mansfield v. New York, 100 N. Y. 268; 58 N. E. 889; Knighton v. Curry, 62 Ala. 404; Gatewood v. Gatewood, 75 Va. 411.

Subrogation is of two kinds, either conventional or legal; the former being where the subrogation is express, by the acts of the creditor and the third person; the latter being (as in the case of sureties) where the subrogation is effected or implied by the operation of the law. See Gordon v. Stewart, 4 Neb. (Unof.) 652, 96 N. W. 628; Connecticut Mut. Ins. Co. v. Cornwell, 72 Hun, 199, 26 N. Y. Supp. 345; Seeley v. Bacon (N. J. Ch.) 54 Atl. 81; Home Sav. Bank v. Bierstadt, 168 Ill. 618, 48 N. E. 161, 61 Am. St. Rep. 149.

Subrogee. A person who is subrogated; one who succeeds to the rights of another by subrogation.

Subscribe. In the law of contracts. To write under; to write the name under; to write the name at the bottom or end of a writing. Wild Cat Branch v. Ball, 45 Ind. 213; Davis v. Shields, 26 Wend. (N. Y.) 341.

Subscriber. One who writes his name under a written instrument; one who affixes his signature to any document, whether for the purpose of authenticating or attesting it, of adopting its terms as his own expressions, or of binding himself by an engagement which it contains.

Subscribing Witness. He who witnesses or attests the signature of a party to an instrument, and in testimony thereof subscribes his own name to the document. A subscribing witness is one who sees a writing executed, or hears it acknowledged, and at the request of the party thereupon signs his name as a witness. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 1935.

Subscription. The act of writing one's name under a written instrument; the affixing one's signature to any document,
are assessed to satisfy a bare legal right.

Wharton.

SUBSTANTIVE LAW. That part of the law which the courts are established to administer, as opposed to the rules according to which the substantive law itself is administered. That part of the law which creates, defines, and regulates rights, as opposed to adjective or remedial law, which prescribes the method of enforcing rights or obtaining redress for their invasion.

SUBSTITUTE. One appointed in the place or stead of another, to transact business for him; a proxy.

A person hired by one who has been drafted into the military service of the country, to go to the front and serve in the army in his stead.

SUBSTITUTED EXECUTOR. One appointed to act in the place of another executor upon the happening of a certain event; e.g., if the latter should refuse the office.

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE. In English practice. Service of process made under authorization of the court upon some other person, when the person who should be served cannot be found or cannot be reached.

In American law. Service of process upon a defendant in any manner, authorized by statute, other than personal service within the jurisdiction; as by publication, by mailing a copy to his last known address, or by personal service in another state.

SUBSTITUTES. In Scotch law. The person first called or nominated in a tailzie (entailment of an estate upon a number of heirs in succession) is called the "institute" or "heir-institute;" the rest are called "substitutes."

SUBSTITUTIO HEREDIS. Lat. In Roman law, it was competent for a testator after instituting a heres (called the "heres institutus") to substitute another (called the "heres substitutus") in his place in a certain event. If the event upon which the substitution was to take effect was the refusal of the instituted heir to accept the inheritance at all, then the substitution was called "vulgarius," (or common); but if the event was the death of the infant (pupillus) after acceptance, and before attaining his majority, (of fourteen years if a male, and of twelve years if a female,) then the substitution was called "pupillarius," (or for minors.) Brown.

SUBSTITUTION. In the civil law. The putting one person in place of another; particularly, the act of a testator in naming a second devisee or legatee who is to take the bequest either on failure of the original devisee or legatee or after him.

In Scotch law. The enumeration or designation of the heirs in a settlement of property. Substitutes in an entail are those heirs who are appointed in succession on failure of others.

SUBSTITUTIONAL, SUBSTITUTIONARY. Where a will contains a gift of property to a class of persons, with a clause providing that on the death of a member of the class before the period of distribution his share is to go to his issue, (if any,) so as to substitute them for him, the gift to the issue is said to be substitutional or substitutionary. A bequest to such of the children of A. as shall be living at the testator's death, with a direction that the issue of such as shall have died shall take the shares which their parents would have taken, if living at the testator's death, is an example. Sweet. See Acken v. Osborn, 45 N. J. Eq. 377, 17 Atl. 1077; In re De Laveaga's Estate, 119 Cal. 651, 51 Pac. 1074.

SUBTRACTION. In French law. The fraudulent appropriation of any property, but particularly of the goods of a decedent's estate.

SUBTENANT. An under-tenant; one who leases all or a part of the rented premises from the original lessee for a term less than that held by the latter. Forrest v. Durnell, 86 Tex. 647, 26 S. W. 481.

SUBTRACTION. The offense of withholding or withdrawing from another man what by law he is entitled to. There are various descriptions of this offense, of which the principal are as follows: (1) Subtraction of suit and services, which is a species of injury affecting a man's real property, and consists of a withdrawal of (or a neglect to perform or pay) the fealty, suit of court, rent, or services reserved by the lessor of the land. (2) Subtraction of tithes is the withholding from the parson or vicar the tithes to which he is entitled, and this is cognizable in the ecclesiastical courts. (3) Subtraction of conjugal rights is the withdrawing or withholding by a husband or wife of those rights and privileges which the law allows to either party. (4) Subtraction of legacies is the withholding or detaining of legacies by an executor. (5) Subtraction of church rates, in English law, consists in the refusal to pay the amount of rate at which any individual parishioner has been assessed for the necessary repairs of the parish church. Brown.

—Subtraction of conjugal rights. The act of a husband or wife living separately from the other without a lawful cause. 3 Bl. Comm. 94.

SUBURBAN. Lat. In old English law. Husbandmen.

SUBYASSORES. In old Scotch law. Base holders; inferior holders; they who held their lands of knights. Skene.
SUCCESSION

SUCCESSION. Lat. In the civil law. A coming in place of another, on his decease; a coming into the estate which a deceased person had at the time of his death. This was either by virtue of an express appointment of the deceased person by his will, (ex testamento,) or by the general appointment of law in case of intestacy, (ab intestato.) Inst. 2, 9, 7; Helnecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 10.

SUCCESSION. In the civil law and in Louisiana. 1. The fact of the transmission of the rights, estate, obligations, and charges of a deceased person to his heirs or heirs.

2. The right by which the heir can take possession of the decedent's estate. The right of the heir to step into the place of the deceased, with respect to the possession, control, enjoyment, administration, and settlement of all the latter's property, rights, obligations, charges, etc.

3. The estate of a deceased person, comprising all kinds of property owned or claimed by him, as well as his debts and obligations, and the rights and duties connected with his person (according to the notion of the Roman law) for certain purposes, such as collecting assets and paying debts. See Davenport v. Adler, 52 La. Ann. 263, 26 South. 836; Adams v. Akerlund, 168 Ill. 632, 48 N. E. 454; Quayles v. Clayton, 87 Tenn. 308, 10 S. W. 505, 3 L. R. A. 170; State v. Payne, 129 Mo. 468, 31 S. W. 797, 33 L. R. A. 576; Blake v. McCarty, 3 Fed. Cas. 596; In re Henden's Estate, 52 Cal. 293.

Succession is the transmission of the rights and obligations of the deceased to the heirs. Succession signifies also the estates, rights, and charges which a person leaves after his death, whether the property exceeds the charges or the charges exceed the property, or whether the latter has died intestate, or leaving a will which is invalid, or nullified or revoked. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 1096. —Irregular succession. That which is established by law in favor of certain persons, or of the state, in the default of heirs, either legal or instituted by testament. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 878. —Legal succession. That which the law establishes as the nearest living relative of a deceased person. —Natural succession. Succession taking place between natural persons, for example, in descent on the death of an ancestor. Thomas v. Dakin, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 100. —Succession duty. In English law. This is a duty, (varying from one to ten per cent,) payable under the statute 16 & 17 Vict. c. 51, in respect chiefly of real estate and leaseholds, but generally in respect of all property (not already chargeable with legacy duty) devolving upon any one in consequence of any death. Brown. —Succession tax. A tax imposed upon the succession to, or devolution of, real property by devise, deed, or intestate succession. See Feith v. Campbell, 110 Iowa, 290, 81 N. W. 604; 50 L. R. A. 92; Scholey v. Rew, 22 Wall. 346. 23 L. Ed. 99; State v. Long, 143 Mo. 287, 45 S. W. 245, 40 L. R. A. 280, 65 Am. St. Rep. 653; Peters v. Lynchburg, 76 Va. 920. —Testamentary succession. That which results from the institution of an heir by testament executed in the form prescribed by law. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 876. —Vacant succession. That which is called vacant when no one claims it, or when all the heirs are unknown, or when all the known heirs to it have renounced it. Civ. Code La. art. 1065. Simons v. Saul, 138 U. S. 458, 13 Sup. Ct. 836, 34 L. Ed. 1064.

SUCCESSION. One who succeeds to the rights or the place of another; particularly, the person or persons who constitute a corporation after the death or removal of those who preceded them as corporators.

One who has been appointed or elected to hold an office after the term of the present incumbent.

—Singular successor. A term borrowed from the civil law, denoting a person who succeeds to the rights of a former owner in a single article of property, (as by purchase,) as distinguished from a universal successor, who succeeds to all the rights and powers of a former owner, as in the case of a bankrupt or intestate estate.

Succurritur minori; facilis est lapsus juventutis. A minor is [to be] aided; a mistake of youth, is easy, [youth is liable to err.] Jenk. Cent. p. 47, case 89.

SUCKEN, SUCHEN. In Scotch law. The whole lands straited to a mill; that is, the lands of which the tenants are obliged to send their grain to that mill. Bell.

SUDDEN HEAT OF PASSION. In the common-law definition of manslaughter, this phrase means an access of rage or anger, suddenly arising from a contemporary provocation. It means that the provocation must arise at the time of the killing, and that the
passion is not the result of a former provocation, and the act must be directly caused by the passion arising out of the provocation at the time of the homicide. It is not enough that the mind is agitated by passion arising from a former or other provocation or a provocation given by some other person. Steil v. State (Tex. Cr. App.) 58 S. W. 75; And see Farrar v. State, 29 Tex. App. 250, 15 S. W. 740; Violetti v. Comm. (Ky.) 72 S. W. 1; State v. Cheatwood, 2 Hill, Law (S. C.) 462.

Sudder. In Hindu law. The best; the fore-court of a house; the chief seat of government, contradistinguished from "mofussil," or interior of the country; the presidency. Wharton.


Sue out. To obtain by application; to petition for and take out. Properly the term is applied only to the obtaining and issuing of such process as is only accorded upon an application first made; but conventionally it is also used of the taking out of process which issues of course. The term is occasionally used of instruments other than writs. Thus, we speak of "suing out" a pardon. See South Missouri Lumber Co. v. Wright, 114 Mo. 325, 21 S. W. 811; Kelley v. Vincent, 8 Ohio St. 420; U. S. v. American Lumber Co., 85 Fed. 830, 29 C. C. A. 481.

Suerete. In Spanish law. A small lot of ground. Particularly, such a lot within the limits of a city or town used for cultivation or planting as a garden, vineyard or orchard. Building lots in towns and cities are called "solaeres." Hart v. Burnett, 15 Cal. 554.

Suffer. To suffer an act to be done, by a person who can prevent it, is to permit or consent to it; to approve of it, and not to hinder it. It implies a willingness of the mind. See In re Rome Planing Mill (C. C.) 96 Fed. 815; Wilson v. Nelson, 183 U. S. 191, 22 Sup. Ct. 74, 46 L. Ed. 147; Selleck v. Selleck, 19 Conn. 505; Gregory v. U. S., 10 Fed. Cas. 1197; In re Thomas (D. C.) 103 Fed. 274.

Sufferance. Tolerance; negative permission by not forbidding; passive consent; license implied from the omission or neglect to enforce an adverse right.

Sufferance wharves. In English law. These are wharves in which goods may be landed before any duty is paid. They are appointed before any duty is paid. They are appointed by the commissioners of the customs. 2 Steph. Comm. 500, note.

Sufferentia pacis. Lat. A grant or sufferance of peace or truce.

Suffering a recovery. A recovery was effected by the party wishing to convey the land suffering a fictitious action to be brought against him by the party to whom the land was to be conveyed, (the defendant,) and allowing the defendant to recover a judgment against him for the land in question. The vendor, or conveying party, in thus assisting or permitting the defendant so to recover a judgment against him, was thence technically said to "suffer a recovery." Brown.

Sufficient. As to sufficient "Consideration" and "Evidence," see those titles.

Suffragan. Bishops who in former times were appointed to supply the place of others during their absence on embassies or other business were so termed. They were consecrated as other bishops were, and were anciently called "chorepiacopi," or "bishops of the country." In contradistinction to the regular bishops of the city or see. The practice of creating suffragan bishops, after having long been discontinued, was recently revived; and such bishops are now permanently "assistant" to the bishops. Brown.

Suffrage. A vote; the act of voting; the right or privilege of casting a vote at public elections. The last is the meaning of the term in such phrases as "the extension of the suffrage," "universal suffrage," etc. See Spitzer v. Fulton, 33 Misc. Rep. 257, 63 N. Y. Supp. 660.

Suffragium. Lat. In Roman law. A vote; the right of voting in the assemblies of the people. Aid or influence used or promised to obtain some honor or office; the purchase of office. Cod. 4, 3.

Suggestio falsi. Lat. Suggestion or representation of that which is false; false representation. To recite in a deed that a will was duly executed, when it was not, is suggestio falsi; and to conceal from the heir that the will was not duly executed is suppressio veri. 1 P. Wms. 240.

Suggestion. In practice. A statement, formally entered on the record, of some fact or circumstance which will materially affect the further proceedings in the cause, or which is necessary to be brought to the knowledge of the court in order to its right disposition of the action, but which, for some reason, cannot be pleaded. Thus, if one of the parties dies after issue and be-
fore trial, his death may be suggested on the record.

**SUGGESTIVE INTERROGATION.** A phrase which has been used by some writers to signify the same thing as "leading question." 2 Benth. Jud. Ev. b. 3, c. 3. It is used in the French law.

**SUI GENERIS.** Lat. Of its own kind or class; i. e., the only one of its own kind; peculiar.

**SUI HERedes.** Lat. In the civil law. One's own heirs; proper heirs. Inst. 2, 19, 2.

**SUI JURIS.** Lat. Of his own right; possessing full social and civil rights; not under any legal disability, or the power of another, or guardianship. Having capacity to manage one's own affairs; not under legal disability to act for one's self. Story, Ag. § 2.

**SUICIDE.** Suicide is the willful and voluntary act of a person who understands the physical nature of the act, and intends by it to accomplish the result of self-destruction.

**SUIT.** In old English law. The witnesses or followers of the plaintiff. 3 Bl. Comm. 230. See Sacra.

**SUITA.** Lat. In the civil law. The condition or quality of a suus heres, or proper heir. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 2, c. 9, no. 11; Calvin.

**SUITE.** Those persons who by his authority follow or attend an ambassador or other public minister.

**SUITOR.** A party to a suit or action in court. In its ancient sense, "sitor" meant one who was bound to attend the county court; also one who formed part of the secta.

**SUITORS' DEPOSIT ACCOUNT.** Formerly suitors in the English court of chancery derived no income from their cash paid into court, unless it was invested at their request and risk. Now, however, it is provided by the court of chancery (funds) act, 1872, that all money paid into court, and not required by the suitor to be invested, shall be placed on deposit and shall bear interest at two per cent, per annum for the benefit of the suitor entitled to it. Sweet.

**SUITORS' FEE FUND.** A fund in the English court of chancery into which the fees
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of suitors in that court were paid, and out of which the salaries of various officers of the court were defrayed. Wharton.

SUITORS' FUND IN CHANCERY. In England. A fund consisting of moneys which, having been paid into the court of chancery, are placed out for the benefit and better security of the suitors, including interest from the same. By St. 32 & 33 Vict. c. 91, § 4, the principal of this fund, amounting to over £3,000,000, was transferred to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt. Mozley & Whitley.

SUMMONS. In practice. A writ, directed to the sheriff or other proper officer, requiring him to notify the person named that an action has been commenced against him in the court whence the writ issues, and that he is required to appear, on a day named, and answer the complaint in such action. Whitney v. Blackburn, 17 Or. 564, 21 Pac. 874, 11 Am. St. Rep. 857; Horton v. Railway Co., 26 Mo. App. 358; Piano Mfg. Co. v. Kaufert 86 Minn. 13, 89 N. W. 1124.

Civil actions in the courts of record of this state shall be commenced by the service of a summons. Code N. Y. § 127.

In Scotch law. A writ passing under the royal signet, signed by a writer to the signet, and containing the grounds and con-
clusions of the action, with the warrant for citing the defender. This writ corresponds to the writ of summons in English procedure.

Bell; Paters. Comp.

—Summons and order. In English practice. In this phrase the summons is the application to a common-law judge at chambers is reference to a pending action, and upon it the judge or master makes the order. Mozley & Whitley.—Summons and severance. The proper name of what is distinguished in the books by the name of "summons and severance" is "severance;" for the summons is only a process which must, in certain cases, issue before judgment of severance can be given; while severance is a judgment by which, where two or more are joined in an action, one or more of these is enabled to proceed in such action without the other or others. Jacob.

SUMMUM JUS. Lat. Strict right; extreme right. The extremity or rigor of the law.

Summum jus, summa injuria; summa lex, summa crux. Extreme law (rigor of law) is the greatest injury; strict law is great punishment. Hob. 125. That is, insistence upon the full measure of a man's strict legal rights may work the greatest injury to others, unless equity can aid.

SUMMNER. See SUMMOUR.

SUMP'TUARY LAWS. Laws made for the purpose of restraining luxury or extravagance, particularly against inordinate expenditures in the matter of apparel, food, furniture, etc.

SUNDAY. The first day of the week is designated by this name; also as the "Lord's Day," and as the "Sabbath."

SUN NomINE. Lat. In his own name.

SUO PERICULO. Lat. At his own peril or risk.

SUPELEEX. Lat. In Roman law. Household furniture. Dig. 33, 10.

SUPER. Lat. Upon; above; over.

—Super altum mare. On the high sea. Hob. 212; 2 Ld. Raym. 1453.—Super prorogativa regis. A writ which formerly lay against the king's tenant's widow for marrying without the royal license. Flane Nat. Brxv. 174.—Super statuto. A writ, upon the statute 1 Edw. III. c. 12, that lay against the king's tenant holding in chief, who alienated the king's land without his license.—Super statuto de articulis cleri. A writ which lay against a sheriff or other officer who distrained in the king's highway, or on lands anciently belonging to the church.—Super statuto facto pour seneschal et marshal de roya, etc. A writ which lay against a steward or marshal for holding plea in his court, or for trespass or contracts not made or arising within the king's household. Wharton.—Super statuto versus servantes et laboratores. A writ which lay against him who kept any servants who had left the service of another contrary to law.—Super visum corporis. Upon view of the body. When an inquest is held over a body found dead, it must be super visum corporis.

Super fidem chartarum, mortuis testimibus, erit ad patriam de necessitate recurrendum. Co. Litt. 6. The truth of charters is necessarily to be referred to a jury, when the witnesses are dead.

SUPER-JURARE. Over-swear. A term anciently used when a criminal endeavored to excuse himself by his own oath or the oath of one or two witnesses, and the crime objected against him was so plain and notorious that he was convicted on the oaths of many more witnesses. Wharton.

SUPERARE RATIONES. In old Scotch law. To have a balance of account due to one; to have one's expenses exceed the receipts.

SUPERCARGO. An agent of the owner of goods shipped as cargo on a vessel, who has charge of the cargo on board, sells the same to the best advantage in the foreign market, buys a cargo to be brought back on the return voyage of the ship, and comes home with it.

SUPERFICICARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. He who has built upon the soil of another, which he has hired for a number of years or forever, yielding a yearly rent. Dig. 43, 18, 1. In other words, a tenant on ground-rent.

SUPERIFICIES. Lat. In the civil law. The alienation by the owner of the surface of the soil of all rights necessary for building on the surface, a yearly rent being generally reserved; also a building or erection. Sanders' Just Inst (5th Ed.) 133.


SUPERFLUOUS LANDS, in English law, are lands acquired by a railway company under its statutory powers, and not required for the purposes of its undertaking. The company is bound within a certain time to sell such lands, and, if it does not, they vest in and become the property of the owners of the adjoining lands. Sweet.

SUPERFETATION. In medical jurisprudence. The formation of a foetus as the result of an impregnation occurring after another impregnation, but before the birth of the offspring produced by it. Webster.

SUPERINDUCTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A species of obliterata. Dig. 28, 4, 1, 1.

SUPERINSTITUTION. The institution of one in an office to which another has been
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previously instituted; as where A. is admitted and instituted to a benefice upon one title, and B. is admitted and instituted on the title or presentment of another. 2 Cro. Eliz. 463.

A church being full by institution, if a second institution is granted to the same church this is a superinstitution. Wharton.

SUPERINTENDENT REGISTRAR. In English law. An officer who superintends the registers of births, deaths, and marriages. There is one in every poor-law union in England and Wales.

SUPERIOR. Higher; more elevated in rank or office. Possessing larger power. Entitled to command, influence, or control over another.

In estates, some are superior to others. An estate entitled to a servitude or easement over another estate is called the "superior" or "dominant," and the other, the "inferior" or "servient." estate. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 1612.

In the feudal law, until the statute quia emptores precluded subinfeudations, (q. v.) the tenant who granted part of his estate to be held of and from himself as lord was called a "superior."

—Superior and vassal. In Scotch law. A feudal relation corresponding with the English "lord and tenant." Bell.—Superior courts. In English law. The courts of the biggest and most extensive jurisdiction, viz., the court of chancery and the three courts of common law, i.e., the queen's bench, the common pleas, and the exchequer, which sit at Westminster, were commonly thus denominated. But these courts are now united in the supreme court of judicature. In American law. Courts of general or extensive jurisdiction, as distinguished from the inferior courts. As the official style of a tribunal, the term "superior court" bears a different meaning in different states. In some it is a court of intermediate jurisdiction between the trial courts and the chief appellate court; elsewhere it is the designation of the ordinary nisi prius courts; in Delaware it is the court of last resort.—Superior fel­low servant. A term recently introduced into the law of human agency, producing results which the person in question could not avoid; equivalent to the Latin phrase "vis major." See Vis.


SUPERNUMERARI. Lat. In Roman law. Advocates who were not registered or enrolled and did not belong to the college of advocates. They were not attached to any local jurisdiction. See Statuti.

SUPERONERATIO. Lat. Surcharging an estate entitled to a servitude or easement over another. In estates, some are superior to others. A term recently introduced into the law of human agency, producing results which the person in question could not avoid; equivalent to the Latin phrase "vis major." See Vis.

SUPERSEDEAS. Lat. In practice. A writ ordering the suspension or superseding of another writ previously issued. It directs the officer to whom it is issued to refrain from executing or acting under another writ which is in his hands or may come to him. By a conventional extension of the term it has come to be used as a designation of the effect of any proceeding or act in a cause which, of its own force, causes a suspension or stay of proceedings. Thus, when we say that a writ of error is a supersedeas, we merely mean that it has the same effect, of suspending proceedings in the court below, which would have been produced by a writ of supersedeas. See Tyler v. Presley, 72 Cal. 290, 13 Pac. 856; Woolfolk v. Bruns, 45 Minn. 96, 47 N. W. 460; Hovey v. McDonald, 109 U. S. 150, 3 Sup. Ct. 136, 27 L. Ed. 883; Ranny v. Bennett, 4 Dana (Ky.) 590, 29 Am. Dec. 431.

SUPERSTITIOUS USE. In English law. When lands, tenements, rents, goods, or chattels are given, secured, or appointed for and towards the maintenance of a priest or chaplain to say mass, for the maintenance of a priest or other man to pray for the soul of any dead man in such a church or elsewhere, to have and maintain perpetual obits, or chaplain to say mass, for the maintenance of a priest or other man to pray for the soul of any dead man in such a church or elsewhere, to have and maintain perpetual obits, lamps, torches, etc., to be used at certain times to help to save the souls of men out of purgatory,—in such cases the king, by force of several statutes, is authorized to direct and appoint all such uses to such purposes as are truly charitable. Bac. Abr. "Charitable Uses." See Methodist Church v. Remington, 1 Watts (Pa.) 225, 26 Am. Dec. 61; Harrison v. Brophy, 59 Kan. 1, 51 Pac. 883, 40 L. R. A. 721.

SUPERVISOR. A surveyor or overseer; a highway officer. Also, in some states, the chief officer of a town; one of a board of county officers.

—Supervisors of election. Persons appointed and commissioned by the judge of the cir-
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SUPPLEMENTAL. Something added to supply defects in the thing to which it is added, or in aid of which it is made.

—Supplemental affidavit. An affidavit made in addition to a previous one, in order to supply some deficiency in it. Callan v. Lukens, 59 Pa. 136.—Supplemental answer. One which was filed in chancery for the purpose of correcting, adding to, and explaining an answer already filed. Smith, Ch. Pr. 524. French v. Edwards, 9 Fed. Cas. 780.—Supplemental bill. A bill filed in addition to an original bill, in order to supply some defect in its original frame or structure. It is the appropriate remedy where the matter sought to be supplied cannot be introduced by amendment. Story, Eq. Pl. §§ 352-353; Bloxham v. Railroad Co., 39 Fla. 242; South v. Schwab, 93 Mo. 522, 49 Atl. 331, 52 L. R. A. 414; Thompson v. Railroad Co. (C. C.) 119 Fed. 634; Butler v. Cunningham, 1 Barb. (N. Y.) 87; Bowie v. Minter, 2 Ala. 411.—Supplemental complaint. Under the codes of practice obtaining in some of the states, this name is given to a complaint filed in an action, for the purpose of supplying some defect or omission in the original complaint, or of adding something to it which could not properly be introduced by amendment. Callan v. Lukens, 59 Pa. 136; Smith, Ch. Pr. 524. French v. Edwards, 9 Fed. Cas. 780.—Supplemental claim. A further claim which was filed when further relief was sought after the bringing of a claim. Smith, Ch. Pr. 635.—Supplemental cross-examination. A cross-examination made in answer to a previous one, in order to supply some defect in the thing to which it is added, or in aid of which it is made.

SUPPLETORY OATH. See OATH.

SUPPLIANT. The actor in, or party preferring, a petition of right.

SUPPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. A petition for pardon of a first offense; also a petition for reversal of judgment; also equivalent to “duplicatio,” which corresponds to the common law rejoinder. Calvin.

SUPPLICAVIT. In English law. The name of a writ issuing out of the king’s bench or chancery for taking sureties of the peace, when they are averse to acting in the affair in their judicial capacity. 4 Bl. Comm. 253.

SUPPLICIUM. Lat. In the civil law. Punishment; corporal punishment for crime. Death was called “ultimum supplicium,” the last or extreme penalty.

SUPPLIES. In English law. The “supplies” in parliamentary proceedings signify the sums of money which are annually voted by the house of commons for the maintenance of the crown and the various public services. Jacob; Brown.

SUPPLY, COMMISSIONERS OF. Persons appointed to levy the land-tax in Scotland, and to cause a valuation roll to be annually made up, and to perform other duties in their respective counties. Bell.

SUPPLY, COMMITTEE OF. In English law. All bills which relate to the public income or expenditure must originate with the house of commons, and all bills authorizing expenditure of the public money are based upon resolutions moved in a committee of supply, which is always a committee of the whole house. Wharton.

SUPPORT, v. To support a rule or order is to argue in answer to the arguments of the party who has shown cause against a rule or order nisi.

SUPPORT, n. The right of support is an easement consisting in the privilege of resting the joists or beams of one’s house upon, or inserting their ends into, the wall of an adjoining house belonging to another owner. It may arise either from contract or prescription. 3 Kent, Comm. 456.

Support also signifies the right to have one’s ground supported so that it will not cave in, when an adjoining owner makes an excavation.

SUPPRESSION VERI. Lat. Suppression or concealment of the truth. “It is a rule of equity, as well as of law, that a suppression veri is equivalent to a suggestio falsi; and where either the suppression of the truth or the suggestion of what is false can be proved, in a fact material to the contract, the party injured may have relief against the contract.” Fleming v. Slocom, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 405, 9 Am. Dec. 224.


SUPRA. Lat. Above; upon. This word occurring by itself in a book refers the reader to a previous part of the book, like “ante;” It is also the initial word of several Latin phrases.

—Supra protest. See PROTEST.—Supra-riparian. Upper riparian; higher up the stream. This term is applied to the estate, rights, or duties of a riparian proprietor whose land is situated at a point nearer the source of the stream than the estate with which it is compared.
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Suprema potestas seipsam dissolvere potest. Supreme power can dissolve itself. Bac. Max.

SUPREMACY. The state of being supreme, or in the highest station of power; paramount authority; sovereignty; sovereign power.

—Act of supremacy. The English statute 1 Edw. c. 6, whereby the supremacy and autonomy of the crown in spiritual or ecclesiastical matters was declared and established.—Oath of supremacy. An oath to uphold the supreme power of the kingdom of England in the person of the reigning sovereign.

SUPREME COURT. A court of high powers and extensive jurisdiction, existing in most of the states. In some it is the official style of the chief appellate court or court of last resort. In others (as New Jersey and Massachusetts) the supreme court is a court of general original jurisdiction, possessing also (in New York) some appellate jurisdiction, but not the court of last resort.

—Supreme court of errors. In American law. An appellate tribunal, and the court of last resort, in the state of Connecticut.—Supreme court of the United States. The court of last resort in the federal judicial system. It is vested by the constitution with original jurisdiction in all cases affecting ambassadors, public ministers, and consuls, and those in which a state is a party, and appellate jurisdiction over all other cases within the jurisdiction of the United States, both as to law and fact, with such exceptions and under such regulations as congress may make. Its appellate powers extend to the subordinate federal courts, and also (in certain cases) to the supreme courts of the several states. The court is composed of a chief justice and eight associate justices.—Supreme judicial court. In American law. An appellate tribunal, and the court of last resort, in the states of Maine, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire.

SUPREME COURT OF JUDICATURE. The court formed by the English judicature act, 1875, (as modified by the judicature act, 1875, the appellate jurisdiction act, 1876, and the judicature acts of 1877, 1879, and 1881,) in substitution for the various superior courts of law, equity, admiralty, probate, and divorce, existing when the act was passed, including the court of appeal in chancery and bankruptcy, and the exchequer chamber. It consists of two permanent divisions, the court of original jurisdiction, called the "high court of justice," and the court of appellate jurisdiction, called the "court of appeal." Its title of "supreme" is now a misnomer, as the superior appellate court or court of last resort, in the state of Connecticut.—Second surcharge. In English law. The surcharge of a common a second time, by the same defendant against whom the common was before admeasured, and for which the writ of second surcharge was given by the statute of Westminster, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 28; Rehill v. McTague, 2 Edw. Ch. (N. Y.) 28; Rehill v. McTague,

SURCHARGE, n. An overcharge; an action, impost, or incumbrance beyond what is just and right, or beyond one's authority or power. "Surcharge" may mean a second or further mortgage. Wharton.

SURCHARGE, v. To put more cattle upon a common than the herbage will sustain or than the party has a right to do. 3 Bl. Comm. 237.

SURCHARGE, in equity practice. To show that a particular item, in favor of the party surcharging, ought to have been included, but was not, in an account which is alleged to be settled or complete.

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SURTÉ. A surety is one who at the request of another, and for the purpose of securing to him a benefit, becomes responsible for the performance by the latter of some act in favor of a third person, or hypothecates property as security therefor. Civ. Code Cal. § 1673. 

SURENCHÈRE. In French law. A party desirous of repurchasing property at auction before the court, can, by offering one-tenth or one-sixth, according to the case, in addition to the price realized at the sale, oblige the property to be put up once more at auction. This bid upon a bid is called a "surenchère." Arg. Fr. Merc. Law, 575. 

SURETY. A surety is one who at the request of another, and for the purpose of securing to him a benefit, becomes responsible for the performance by the latter of some act in favor of a third person, or hypothecates property as security therefor. Civ. Code Cal. § 2831; Civ. Code Dak. § 1673. 

A surety is defined as a person who, being liable to pay a debt or perform an obligation, is entitled, if it is enforced against him, to be indemnified by some other person who ought himself to have made payment or performed before the surety was compelled to do so. Smith v. Sheldon, 35 Mich. 42, 24 Am. Rep. 529. And see Young v. McFadden, 125 Ind. 254, 25 N. E. 284; Wise v. Miller, 45 Ohio St. 388, 14 N. E. 218; O'Conor v. Moree, 112 Cal. 31, 44 Pac. 305, 53 Am. St. Rep. 155; Hall v. Weaver (C. C.) 34 Fed. 106. 

SURETY COMPANY. A company, usually incorporated, whose business is to assume the responsibility of a surety on the bonds of officers, trustees, executors, guardians, etc., in consideration of a fee proportioned to the amount of the security required. —Surety of the peace. A surety of the peace is a species of preventive justice, and consists in obliging those persons whom there is a probable ground to suspect of future misbehavior, to stipulate with, and to give full assurance to, the public that such offense as is apprehended shall not take place, by making pledges or securities for keeping the peace, or for their good behavior. Brown. See Hyde v. Greuch, 62 Md. 582. 

SURETYSHIP. The contract of suretyship is that whereby one obligates himself to pay the debt of another in consideration of credit or indulgence, or other benefit given to his principal, the principal remaining bound therefor. It differs from a guaranty in this: that the consideration of the latter is a benefit flowing to the guarantor. Code Ga. 1882, § 2148. See SURETY. 

Suretyship is an accessory promise by which a person binds himself for another already bound, and agrees with the creditor to satisfy the obligation, if the debtor does not. Civ. Code La. art. 3035. 

A contract of suretyship is a contract whereby one person engages to be answerable for the debt, default, or miscarriage of another. Pittm. Princ. & Sur. 1, 2. 

For the distinctions between "suretyship" and "guaranty," see GUARANTY, n. 

SURFACED WATERS. See WATER. 

SURGEON. One whose profession or occupation is to cure diseases or injuries of the body by manual operation; one whose occupation is to cure local injuries or disorders, whether by manual operation, or by medication and constitutional treatment. Webster. See Smith v. Lane, 24 Hun (N. Y.) 632; Stewart v. Raab, 55 Minn. 20, 56 N. W. 256; Nelson v. State Board of Health, 105 Ky. 750, 57 S. W. 501, 50 L. R. A. 383. 

SURMISE. Formerly where a defendant pleaded a local custom, for instance, a custom of the city of London, it was necessary for him to "surmise," that is, to suggest that such custom should be certified to the court by the mouth of the recorder, and without such a surmise the issue was to be tried by the country. Other issues of fact are: 1. Burrows, 251; Vin. Abr. 246. 

A surmise is something offered to a court to move it to grant a prohibition, audita querela, or other writ grantable thereon. Jacob. 

In ecclesiastical practice, an allegation in a libel is called a "surmise." A collateral surmise is a surmise of some fact not appearing in the libel. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1445. 

SURNAME. The family name; the name over and above the Christian name. The part of a name which is not given in baptism; the last name; the name common to all members of a family. 

SURPLUS FEES. In English ecclesiastical law. Fees payable on ministerial offices of the church; such as baptisms, funerals, marriages, etc. 

SURPLUS. That which remains of a fund appropriated for a particular purpose; the remainder of a thing; the overplus; the residue. See People's Ins. Co. v. Parker, 35 N. J. Law, 877; Towery v. McGaw (Ky.) 56 S. W. 727; Appeal of Coates, 2 Pa. 137. 

—Surplus earnings. See EARNINGS. 

SURPLUSAGE. In pleading. Allegations of matter wholly foreign and impertinent to the cause. All matter beyond the circumstances necessary to constitute the action. See State v. Whitehouse, 95 Me. 179, 49 Atl. 869; Adams v. Capital State Bank, 74 Miss. 307, 20 South. 881; Bradley v. Reynolds, 61 Conn. 271, 23 Atl. 923. 

—Surplusage of accounts. A greater disbursement than the charge of the accountant amounts unto. In another sense, "surplusage" is the remainder or overplus of money left. Jacob. 

Surplusagium non nocet. Surplusage does no harm. 3 Bouv. Inst. no. 2949; Broom, Max. 627. 

SURPRISE. In equity practice. The act by which a party who is entering into a
contract is taken unawares, by which sudden confusion or perplexity is created, which renders it proper that a court of equity should relieve the party so surprised. 2 Brown, Ch. 150.

Anything which happens without the agency or fault of the party affected by it, tending to disturb and confuse the judgment, or to mislead him, and of which the opposite party takes an undue advantage, is in equity a surprise, and one species of fraud for which relief is granted. Code Ga. 1882, § 3180.


The situation in which a party is placed, without any default of his own, which will be injurious to his interests, Rawle v. Skipwith, 8 Mart. N. S. (La.) 407.

There does not seem anything technical or peculiar in the word "surprise," as used in courts of equity. Where a court of equity relieves on the ground of surprise, it does so upon the ground that the party has been taken unawares, and that he has acted without due deliberation, and under confused and sudden impressions. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 120, note.

In law. The general rule is that when a party or his counsel is "taken by surprise," in a material point or circumstance which could have been anticipated, and which wants of skill, care, or attention cannot be justly imputed, and injustice has been done, a new trial should be granted. Hill, New Trials, 521.


Surrender. A yielding up of an estate for life or years to him who has an immediate estate in reversion or remainder, by which the lesser estate is merged in the particular estate continued to exist. Copper v. Wharton.

The giving up by bail of their principal into custody, in their own discharge. 1 Bur. 394.

Of charter. A corporation created by charter may give up or "surrender" its charter to the people, unless the charter was granted under a statute, imposing indefeasible duties on the bodies to which it applies. Grant, Corp. 45.

Surrender by bail. The act, by bail or surrendering the principal, of giving up the principal again into custody. —Surrender by operation of law. This phrase is properly applied to those cases where the tenant for life or years to him who has an undue advantage of which he is by law afterwards stopped from disputing, and which would not be valid if his participation to such estate continued to exist. Copper v. Fretnoransky (Com. Pl.) 16 N. Y. Supp. 866; Ledsinger v. Burke, 113 Ga. 74, 38 S. E. 812; Brown v. Cairns, 107 Iowa, 727, 77 N. W. 478; Lewis v. Angermiller, 89 Hun. 233 N. Y. Supp. 69. —Surrender of copyhold. The mode of conveying or transferring copyhold property from one person to another is by means of a surrender, which consists in the yielding up of the estate by the tenant into the hands of the lord for such purposes as are expressed in the surrender. The process in most manors is for the tenant to come to the steward, either in court or out of court, or else to the bailiffs or other tenants of the same manor, provided there be a custom to warrant it, and there, by delivering up a rod, a glove, or other symbol, as the custom directs, to resign into the hands of the lord, by the hands and acceptance of his steward, or of the said two tenants, all his interest and title to the estate, in trust, to be again granted out by the lord to such persons and for such uses as are named in the surrender, and as the custom of the manor will warrant. Brown.—Surrender of priorities. An act by which the public authorities deliver a person accused of a crime, and who is found in their jurisdiction, to the authority in whose jurisdiction it is alleged the crime has been committed. —Surrender of a preference. In bankruptcy practice. The surrender to the assignee in bankruptcy, by a preferred creditor, of anything he may have received under his preference and any advantage it gives him, which he must do before he can share in the dividend. In re Richter's Estate, 1 Dill. 544, Fed. Cas. No. 11.803.

Surrender of use of will. Formerly a copyhold interest would not pass by will unless the surrender had been made by the will. By St. 55 Geo. III. c. 102, this is no longer necessary. 1 Steph. Comm. 639; Mosley & Whitley.

Surrenderee. The person to whom a surrender is made.

Surrenderor. One who makes a surrender. One who yields up a copyhold estate for the purpose of conveying it.

Surreptitious. Stealthily or fraudulently done, taken away, or introduced.

Surogaye. In English law. One that is substituted or appointed in the room of another, as by a bishop, chancellor, judge, etc.; especially an officer appointed to dispense licenses to marry without banns. 2 Steph. Comm. 247.

In American law. The name given in some of the states to a judge or judicial officer who has the administration of probate matters, guardianships, etc. See Malone v. Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, 172 N. Y. 209, 64 N. E. 961.

Surogaye's court. In the United States. A state tribunal, with similar jurisdiction to...
the court of ordinary, court of probate, etc., relating to matters of probate, etc. 2 Kent, Comm. 409, note b. And see Robinson v. Fair, 128 U. S. 53, 9 Sup. Ct. 30, 32 L. Ed. 415; In re Hawley, 164 N. Y. 250, 10 N. E. 352.

SUSISE. L. Fr. In old English law. Neglect; omission; default; cessation.

SUSIREMREDDE. Lat. A surrender.

SURSUM REDDITIO. Lat. A surrender.

SURVEY. The process by which a parcel of land is measured and its contents ascertained; also a statement of the result of such survey, with the courses and distances and the quantity of the land.

In insurance law, the term "the survey" has acquired a general meaning, inclusive of what is commonly called the "application," which contains the questions propounded on behalf of the company, and the answers of the assured. Albion Lead Works v. Williamsburg City F. Ins. Co. (C. C.) 2 Fed. 484; May v. Buckeye Ins. Co., 25 Wis. 291, 3 Am. Rep. 76.


SURVEYOR. One who makes surveys of land; one who has the overseeing or care of another person's land or works.

—Surveyor of highways. In English law. A person elected by the inhabitants of a parish, in vestry assembled, to survey the highways therein. He must possess certain qualifications in point of property; and, when elected, he is compulsory, unless he can show grounds of exception, to take upon himself the office. Mosley & Whitney—Surveyor of the port.

A revenue officer of the United States appointed for each of the principal ports of entry, whose duties chiefly concern the importation of goods at his station and the determination of their amount and valuation. Rev. St. U. S. § 2627 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1810).

SURVIVOR. One who survives another; one who outlives another; one of two or more persons who lives after the death of the other or others.

SURVIVORSHIP. The living of one of two or more persons after the death of the other or others.

Survivorship is where a person becomes entitled to property by reason of his having survived another person who had an interest in it. The most familiar example is in the case of joint tenants, the rule being that on the death of one of two joint tenants the whole property passes to the survivor. Sweet.

SUS. PER COLL. An abbreviation of "suspendatur per collum," let him be hanged by the neck. Words formerly used in England in signing judgment against a prisoner who was to be executed; being written by the judge in the margin of the sheriff's calendar or list, opposite the prisoner's name. 4 Bl. Comm. 403.

SUSPEND. To interrupt; to cause to cease for a time; to stay, delay, or hinder; to discontinue temporarily, but with an expectation or purpose of resumption. To forbid a public officer, attorney, or ecclesiastical person from performing his duties or exercising his functions for a more or less definite interval of time. See Insurance Co. v. Aiken, 82 Va. 425; Stack v. O'Hara, 98 Pa. 232; Reeside v. U. S., 8 Wall. 42, 19 L. Ed. 318; Williston v. Camp, 9 Mont. 88, 22 Pac. 501; Dyer v. Dyer, 17 R. I. 547, 23 Atl. 910; State v. Melvin, 166 Mo. 566, 66 S. W. 534; Poe v. State, 72 Tex. 625, 10 S. W. 732. See SUSPENSION.

SUSPENDER. In Scotch law. He in whose favor a suspension is made.

SUSPENSE. When a rent, profit à prendre, and the like, are, in consequence of the unity of possession of the rent, etc., of the land out of which they issue, not in esse for a time, they are said to be in suspense, tunc dormiunt; but they may be revived or awakened. Co. Litt 313a.

SUSPENSION. A temporary stop of a right, of a law, and the like. Thus, we speak of a suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, of a statute, of the power of alienating an estate, of a person in office, etc.

Suspension of a right in an estate is a temporary or partial withholding of it from use or exercise. It differs from extinguishment, because a suspended right is susceptible of being revived, which is not the case where the right was extinguished.

In ecclesiastical law. An ecclesiastical censure, by which a spiritual person is either interdicted the exercise of his ecclesiastical function or hindered from receiving the profits of his benefice. It may be partial or total, for a limited time, or forever, when it is called "deprivation" or "amotion." Ayl. Par. 501.

In Scotch law. A stay of execution until after a further consideration of the cause. Ersk. Inst. 4, 3, 5.

—Pleas in suspension, were those which showed some matter of temporary incapacity to proceed with the action or suit. Steph. Pl. 45—Suspension of arms. An agreement between belligerents, made for a short time or for a particular place, to cease hostilities.

SUSPENSIVE CONDITION. See Condition.

SUSPICION. The act of suspecting, or the state of being suspected; imagination, generally of something ill; distrust; mistrust; doubt. McCalla v. State, 66 Ga. 348.
SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER. In the criminal laws of some of the states, a person who is known or strongly suspected to be an habitual criminal, or against whom there is reasonable cause to believe that he has committed a crime or is planning or intending to commit one, or whose actions and behavior give good ground for suspicion and who can give no good account of himself, and who may therefore be arrested or required to give security for good behavior. See McFadin v. San Antonio, 22 Tex. Civ. App. 140, 54 S. W. 48; People v. Russell, 35 Misc. Rep. 765, 72 N. Y. Supp. 1; 4 BL Comm. 252.

SUTHDURE. The south door of a church, where canonical purgation was performed, and plaints, etc., were heard and determined. Wharton.

SUTLER. A person who, as a business, follows an army and sells provisions and liquor to the troops.

SUUM CUIQUE TRIBUERE. Lat. To render to every one his own. One of the three fundamental maxims of the law laid down by Justinian.

SUUS HÆRES. Lat. In the civil law. Those descendants who were under the power of the deceased at the time of his death, and who are most nearly related to him. Calvin.


SUZEREIGN. L. Fr. In French and feudal law. The immediate vassal of the king; a crown vassal.

SWAIN; SWAINMOTE. See SWAIN; SWEINMOTE.

SWAMP LANDS. See LAND.

SWARF-MONEY. Warth-money; or guard-money paid in lieu of the service of castle-ward. Cowell.

SWEAR. 1. To put on oath; to administer an oath to a person.

2. To take an oath; to become bound by an oath duly administered.

3. To use profane language. Swearing, in this sense, is made a punishable offense in many jurisdictions.

SWEARING THE PEACE. Showing to a magistrate that one has just cause to be afraid of another in consequence of his menace, in order to have him bound over to keep the peace.

SWEETING. Comprehensive; including in its scope many persons or objects; as a sweeping objection.

SWEIF. In old English law. A freeman or freeholder within the forest.

SWEINMOTE. In forest law. A court helden before the verderors, as judges, by the steward of the sweinmote, thrice in every year, the sweins or freeholders within the forest composing the jury. Its principal jurisdiction was—First, to inquire into the oppressions and grievances committed by the officers of the forest; and, secondly, to receive and try presentments certified from the court of attachments in offenses against vert and venison. 3 BI Comm. 72.

SWELL. To enlarge or increase. In an action of tort, circumstances of aggravation may "swell" the damages.

SWIFT WITNESS. A term colloquially applied to a witness who is unduly zealous or partial for the side which calls him, and who betrays his bias by his extreme readiness to answer questions or volunteer information.


By the statute, "swindling" is defined to be the acquisition of personal or movable property, money, or instrument of writing conveying or securing a valuable right, by means of some false or deceitful pretense or device, or fraudulent representation, with intent to appropriate the same to the use of the party so acquiring, or of destroying or impairing the rights of the party justly entitled to the same. Pen. Code Tex. art. 790; May v. State, 15 Tex. App. 436.

SWOLING OF LAND. So much land as one's plow can till in a year; a hide of land. Cowell.

SWORN BROTHERS. In old English law. Persons who, by mutual oaths, covenanted to share in each other's fortunes.

SWORN CLERKS IN CHANCERY. Certain officers in the English court of chancery, whose duties were to keep the records, make copies of pleadings, etc. Their offices were abolished by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103.

SYB AND SOM. A Saxon form of greeting, meaning peace and safety.

SYLLABUS. A head-note; a note prefixed to the report of an adjudged case, containing an epitome or brief statement of the rulings of the court upon the point or points decided in the case. See Koonce v. Doolittle, 48 W. Va. 592, 37 S. E. 645.
SYLLOGISM. In logic. The full logical form of a single argument. It consists of three propositions, (two premises and the conclusion,) and these contain three terms, of which the two occurring in the conclusion are brought together in the premises by being referred to a common class.

SYLVA CEDUA. Lat. In ecclesiastical law. Wood of any kind which was kept on purpose to be cut, and which, being cut, grew again from the stump or root. Lynd. Prov. 190; 4 Reeve, Eng. Law, 90.

SYMOLOGIEOGRAPHY. The art or cunning rightly to form and make written instruments. It is either judicial or extrajudicial; the latter being wholly occupied with such instruments as concern matters not yet judicially in controversy, such as instruments of agreements or contracts, and testaments or last wills. Wharton.

SYMBOLIC DELIVERY. The constructive delivery of the subject-matter of a sale, where it is cumbersome or inaccessible, by the actual delivery of some article which is conventionally accepted as the symbol or representative of it, or which renders access to it possible, or which is evidence of the purchaser's title to it.

SYMBOLUM ANIMAE. Lat. A mortuary, or soul-scot.

SYMOND'S INN. Formerly an inn of chancery.

SYNALLAGMATIC CONTRACT. In the civil law. A bilateral or reciprocal contract, in which the parties expressly enter into mutual engagements, each binding himself to the other. Poth. Obl. no. 9.

SYNPCARE. To cut short, or pronounce things so as not to be understood. Cowell.

SYNDIC. In the civil law. An advocate or patron; a burgess or recorder; an agent or attorney who acts for a corporation or university; an actor or procurator; an assignee. Wharton. See Minnesota L. & T. Co. v. Beebe, 40 Minn. 7, 41 N. W. 252, 2 L. R. A. 418; Mobile & O. R. Co. v. Whitney, 39 Ala. 471.

SYNODAL. A tribute or payment in money paid to the bishop or archdeacon by the inferior clergy, at the Easter visitation.

SYNODALES TESTES. L. Lat. Synods-men (corrupted into sidesmen) were the urban and rural deans, now the church-warrens.

SYPHILIS. In medical jurisprudence. A loathsome venereal disease (vulgarly called "the pox") of peculiar virulence, infectious by direct contact, capable of hereditary transmission, and the fruitful source of various other diseases and, directly or indirectly, of insanity.
T. As an abbreviation, this letter usually stands for either "Territory," "Trinity," "term," "tempore," (in the time of,) or "title."

Every person who was convicted of felony, short of murder, and admitted to the benefit of clergy, was at one time marked with this letter upon the brawn of the thumb. The practice is abolished. 7 & 8 Geo. IV. c. 27.

By a law of the Province of Pennsylvania, A. D. 1698, it was provided that a convicted thief should wear a badge in the form of the letter "T." upon his left sleeve, which badge should be at least four inches long and of a color different from that of his outer garment. Linn, Laws Prov. Pa. 275.

T. R. E. An abbreviation of "Tempore Regis Edwardi," (in the time of King Edward,) of common occurrence in Domesday, when the valuation of manors, as it was in the time of Edward the Confessor, is recounted. Cowell.

TABARD. A short gown; a herald's coat; a surcoat.

TABARDER. One who wears a tabard or short gown; the name is still used as the title of certain bachelors of arts on the old foundation of Queen's College, Oxford. Enc. Lond.

TABULA. Lat. In Roman law. A tablet. Used in voting, and in giving the verdict of juries; and, when written upon, commonly translated "ballot." The laws which introduced and regulated the mode of voting by ballot were called "leges tabellarice." Calvin.; 1 Kent, Comm. 232, note.

TABULÆ. Lat. In Roman law. Tables. Writings of any kind used as evidences of a transaction. Brissonius.

TABULARIUS. Lat. A notary, or tabellio. Calvin.

TAG, TAK. In old records. A kind of customary payment by a tenant. Cowell.

TACIT. Silent; not expressed; implied or inferred; manifested by the refraining from contradiction or objection; inferred from the situation and circumstances, in the absence of express matter. Thus, tacit consent is consent inferred from the fact that the party kept silence when he had an opportunity to forbid or refuse.

TACIT acceptance. In the civil law, a tacit acceptance of an inheritance takes place when some act is done by the heir which necessarily supposes his intention to accept and which
he would have no right to do but in his capacity as heir. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 988.—Tact* hypothecation. In the civil law, a species of lien or mortgage which is created by operation of law without any express agreement of the parties. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 343. In admiralty law, this term is sometimes applied to a maritime lien, which is not, strictly speaking, an hypothecation in the Roman sense of the term, though it resembles it. See The Nestor, 1 Summ. 73, 13 Fed. Cas. 9.—Tact* law. A law which derives its authority from the common consent of the people without any legis­lative enactment. 1 Bouv. Inst. no. 120.—Tact* mortgage. In the law of Louisiana, the law alone in certain cases gives to the creditor a mortgage on the property of his debtor, without it being requisite that the parties should stipulate it. This is called "legal mortgage." It is called also "tact mortgage," because it is estab­lished by the law without the aid of any agreement. Civ. Code La. art. 3311.—Tact* relocation. In Scotch law. The tact or implied renewal of a lease, inferred when the landlord, instead of warning a tenant to re­move at the stipulated expiration of the lease, has allowed him to continue without making a new agreement. Bell, "Relocation."—Tact* tack. In Scotch law. An implied tack or lease; inferred from a tacksman's possessing peaceably after his tack is expired. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 153.

Tacita quaedam habentur pro expressis. Coke, 40. Things unexpressed are sometimes considered as expressed.

TACIT. Lat. Silently; impliedly; tacitly.

TACITURNITY. In Scotch law, this sig­nifies laches in not prosecuting a legal claim, or in acquiescing in an adverse one. Moxlay & Whitley.

TACK, v. To annex some junior lien to a first lien, thereby acquiring priority over an intermediate one. See TACKING.

TACK, n. In Scotch law. A term cor­responding to the English "lease," and de­noting the same species of contract.

—Tack duty. Rent reserved upon a lease.

TACKING. The uniting securities given at different times, so as to prevent any inter­mediate purchaser from claiming a title to redeem or otherwise discharge one lien, which is prior, without redeeming or discharging the other liens also, which are subsequent to his own title. 1 Story, Eq. Jur. § 412. The term is particularly applied to the ac­tion of a third mortgagee who, by buying the first lien and uniting it to his own, gets pri­ority over the second mortgagee.

The term is also applied to the process of making out title to land by adverse posses­sion, when the present occupant and claimant has not been in possession for the full statu­tory period, but adds or "tacks" to his own possession that of previous occupants under whom he claims. See J. B. Streeter Co. v. Fredrickson, 11 N. D. 300, 91 N. W. 692.

TACKSMAN. In Scotch law. A tenant or lessee; one to whom a tack is granted. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 153.

TACTIS SACROSANCTIS. Lat. In old English law. Touching the holy evangelists. Fleta, lib. 3, c. 16, § 21. "A bishop may swear visa evangeli, [looking at the Gosp­els], and not tactis, and it is good enough." Freem. 133.


TAIL. Limited; abridged; reduced; cur­tailed, as a fee or estate in fee, to a certain order of succession, or to certain heirs.

TAIL, ESTATE IN. An estate of in­heritance, which, instead of descending to heirs generally, goes to the heirs of the donee's body, which means his lawful issue, his children, and through them to his grand­children in a direct line, so long as his pos­terity endures in a regular order and course of descent, and upon the death of the first owner without issue, the estate determines. 1 Washb. Real Prop. *72.

An estate tail is a freehold of inheritance, limited to a person and the heirs of his body, general or special, male or female, and is the creature of the statute de Donis. The es­tate, provided the entail be not barred, re­verts to the donor or reverserlon, if the donee die without leaving descendants an­swering to the condition annexed to the es­tate upon its creation, unless there be a limita­tion over to a third person on default of such descendants, when it vests in such third person or remainder-man. Wharton.

—Several tail. An entail severally to two; as if land is given to two men and their wives, and to the heirs of their bodies begotten; here the donees have a joint estate for their two lives, but, after their death, still have a sev­eral estate because the issue of the one shall have his moi­ety, and the issue of the other the other moiety. Cowell.—Tail after possibility of issue extinct. A species of estate tail which arises where one is tenant in special tail, and a person from whose body the issue was to spring dies without issue, or, having left issue, that issue becomes extinct. In either of these cases the surviving tenant in special tail becomes "tenant in tail after possibility of issue ex­inct." 2 Bl. Comm. 124.—Tail female. When lands are given to a person and the female heirs of his or her body, this is called an estate tail female, and the male heirs are not capable of inheriting it.—Tail general. An estate in tail granted to one "and the heirs of his body begotten," which is called "tail general" because, how often soever such donee in tail be married, his issue in general by all and every such marriage is, in successive or­der, capable of inheriting the estate tail per for­mas et legem. Bl. Comm. 115. This is where an estate is limited to a man and the heirs of his body, without any restriction at all; or, according to some authorities, with no other restriction than that in relation to the male. Tail male general is the same thing as tail male;
the word "general," in such case, implying that there is no other restriction upon the descent of the estate than that it must go in the male line. So an estate in tail female general is an estate in tail female. The word "general," in the phrase, expresses a purely negative idea, and may denote the absence of any restrictions, or the absence of some given restriction which is tacitly understood. Mozley & Whitley. — Tail male. When lands are given to a person and the male heirs of his or her body, this is called an "estate tail male," and the female heirs are not capable of inheriting it. — Tail special. An estate in tail where the succession is restricted to certain heirs of the donee's body, and does not go to all of them in general; e.g., where lands and tenements are given to a man and "the heirs of his body on Mary, his now wife, to be begotten;" here no issue can inherit but such special issue as is engendered between those two, not such as the husband may have by another wife, and therefore it is called "special tail." 2 Bl. Comm. 115. It is defined by Cowell as the limitation of lands and tenements to a man and his wife and the heirs of their two bodies. But the phrase need not be thus restricted. Tail special, in its largest sense, means "tail," i.e., it is restricted to certain heirs of the donor's body, and does not go to all of them in general. Mozley & Whitley.

TAILLAGE. A piece cut out of the whole; a share of one's substance paid by way of tribute; a toll or tax. Cowell.

TAILLE. Fr. In old French law. A tax or assessment levied by the king, or by any great lord, upon his subjects, usually taking the form of an imposition upon the owners of real estate. Brande.

In old English law. The fee which is opposed to fee-simple, because it is so mincèd or pared that it is not in the owner's free power to dispose of it, but it is, by the first giver, cut or divided from all other, and tied to the issue of the donee,—in short, an estate-tail. Wharton.

TAILZIE. In Scotch law. An entail. A tailzied fee is that which the owner, by exercising his inherent right of disposing of his property, settles upon others than those to whom it would have descended by law. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, p. 101.

TAINT. A conviction of felony, or the person so convicted. Cowell.

TAKE. 1. To lay hold of; to gain or receive into possession; to seize; to deprive one of the possession of; to assume ownership. Thus, it is a constitutional provision that a man's property shall not be taken for public uses without just compensation. Evansville & C. R. Co. v. Dick, 9 Ind. 433.

2. To obtain or assume possession of a chattel unlawfully, and without the owner's consent; to appropriate things to one's own use with felonious intent. Thus, an actual taking is essential to constitute larceny. 4 Bl. Comm. 450.

3. To seize or apprehend a person; to arrest the body of a person by virtue of lawful process. Thus, a capias commands the officer to take the body of the defendant.

4. To acquire the title to an estate; to receive an estate in lands from another person by virtue of some species of title. Thus, one is said to "take by purchase," "take by descent," "take a life-interest under the devise," etc.

5. To receive the verdict of a jury; to superintend the delivery of a verdict; to hold a court. The commission of assize in England empowers the judges to take the assizes; that is, according to its ancient meaning, to take the verdict of a peculiar species of jury called an "assize;" but, in its present meaning, "to hold the assizes." 3 Bl. Comm. 58, 183.

—Take up. A party to a negotiable instrument, particularly an indorser or acceptor, is said to "take up" the paper, or to "revert" it, when he pays its amount, or substitutes other security for it, and receives it again into his own hands. See Hartzell v. McClurg, 54 Neb. 316, 74 N. W. 626.

TAKER. One who takes or acquires; particularly, one who takes an estate by devise. When an estate is granted subject to a remainder or executory devise, the devisee of the immediate interest is called the "first taker."

TAKING. In criminal law and torts. The act of laying hold upon an article, with or without removing the same.

TALE. In old pleading. The plaintiff's count, declaration, or narrative of his case. 3 Bl. Comm. 293.

The count or counting of money. Said to be derived from the same root as "tally." Cowell. Whence also the modern word "teller."

TALES. Lat. Such; such men. When, by means of challenges or any other cause, a sufficient number of unexceptionable jurors does not appear at the trial, either party may pray a "tales," as it is termed; that is, a supply of such men as are summoned on the first panel in order to make up the deficiency. Brown. See State v. McCrystol, 43 La. Ann. 907, 9 South. 922; Railroad Co. v. Mask, 64 Miss. 738, 2 South. 360.

TALES DE CIRCUMSTANTIBUS. So many of the by-standers. The emphatic words of the old writ awarded to the sheriff to make up a deficiency of jurors out of the persons present in court. 3 Bl. Comm. 365.

TALESMAN. A person summoned to act as a juror from among the by-standers in the court. Linehan v. State, 113 Ala. 70, 21 South. 497; Sheldis v. Niagara County Sav. Bank, 5 Thomp. & C. (N. Y.) 537.

TALIO. Lat. In the civil law. Like for like; punishment in the same kind; the pun
ishment of an injury by an act of the same kind, as an eye for an eye, a limb for a limb, etc. Calvin.

Tallis interpretationem semper fenda est, ut evitetur absurbum et inconvenientem, et ne judicium sit illusorium. 1 Coke, 52. Interpretation is always to be made in such a manner that what is absurd and inconvenient may be avoided, and the judgment be not illusory.

Tallis non est eadem; nam nullum similis est idem. 4 Coke, 18. What is like is not the same; for nothing similar is the same.

Tallis res, vel tale rectum, quæ vel quod non est in homine advoto superstite sed tantummodo est et consistit in consideratione et intelligentia legis, et quod alius dixerat talum rem vel tale rectum fore in nubibus. Such a thing or such a right as is not vested in a person then living, but merely exists in the consideration and contemplation of law [is said to be in abeyance] and others have said that such a thing or such a right is in the clouds. Co. Litt. 342.

TALLITER PROCESSUM EST. Upon pleading the judgment of an inferior court, the proceedings preliminary to such judgment, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded, and on which the same was founded.


TALLAGERS. Tax or toll gatherers; mentioned by Chaucer.

TALLAGIUM. A term including all taxes. 2 Inst. 532; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 551; Bernard's Tp. v. Allen, 61 N. J. Law. 228, 39 Atl. 716.

TALLATUM facere. To give up accounts in the exchequer, where the method of accounting was by tallies.

TALLATIO. A keeping account by tallies. Cowell.

TALLEY, or TALLY. A stick cut into two parts, on each whereof is marked, with notches or otherwise, what is due between debtor and creditor. It was the ancient mode of keeping accounts. One part was held by the creditor, and the other by the debtor. The use of tallies in the exchequer was abolished by St. 23 Geo. III. c. 82, and the old tallies were ordered to be destroyed by St. 4 & 5 Wm. IV. c. 15. Wharton.

TALLIES of loan. A term originally used in England to describe exchequer bills, which were issued by the officers of the exchequer when a temporary loan was necessary to meet the exigencies of the government, and charged on the credit of the exchequer in general, and made assignable from one person to another. Briscoe v. Bank of Kentucky, 11 Pet. 328, 9 L. Ed. 700.

TALLIA. L. Lat. A tax or tribute; tallage; a share taken or cut out of any one's income or means. Spelman.

TALTARUM'S CASE. A case reported in Yearb. 12 Edw. IV. 19-21, which is regarded as having established the foundation of common recoveries.

TAM QUAM. A phrase used as the name of a writ of error from inferior courts, when the error is supposed to be as well in giving the judgment as in awarding execution upon it. (Tom in redditione judicii, quam in adjudicatione executionis.)

TAMEN. Lat. Notwithstanding; nevertheless; yet.

TANGIBLE PROPERTY. Property which may be touched; such as is perceptible to the senses; corporeal property, whether real or personal. The phrase is used in opposition to such species of property as patents, franchises, copyrights, rents, ways, and incorporeal property generally.

TANISTRY. In old Irish law. A species of tenure, founded on ancient usage, which allotted the inheritance of lands, castles, etc., to the "oldest and worthiest man of the deceased's name and blood." It was abolished in the reign of James I. Jacob; Wharton.

TANNERIA. In old English law. Tannery; the trade or business of a tanner. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 52, § 35.
TANTO, RIGHT OF. In Mexican law.

The right enjoyed by an usufructuary of property, of buying the property at the same price at which the owner offers it to any other person, or is willing to take from another. Civ. Code Mex. art. 992.

Tantum bona valent, quantum vendi possunt. Shep. Touch. 142. Goods are worth so much as they can be sold for.

TARDER VENIT. Lat. In practice. The name of a return made by the sheriff to a writ, when it came into his hands too late to be executed before the return-day.

TARE. A deficiency in the weight or quantity of merchandise by reason of the weight of the box, cask, bag, or other receptacle which contains it and is weighed with it. Also an allowance or abatement of a certain weight or quantity which the seller makes to the buyer, on account of the weight of such box, cask, etc. Napier v. Barney, 5 Blatchf. 191, 17 Fed. Cas. 1149. See TERR.

TARIF. A cartel of commerce, a book of rates, a table or catalogue, drawn usually in alphabetical order, containing the names of several kinds of merchandise, with the duties or customs to be paid for the same, as settled by authority, or agreed on between the several princes and states that hold commerce together. Enc. Lond.; Railway Co. v. Cushman, 92 Tex. 623, 50 S. W. 1009.

The list or schedule of articles on which a duty is imposed upon their importation into the United States, with the rates at which they are severally taxed. Also the custom or duty payable on such articles. And, derivatively, the system or principle of imposing duties on the importation of foreign merchandise.


TATH. In the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, the lords of manors anciently claimed the privilege of having their tenants' flocks or sheep brought at night upon their own demesne lands, there to be folded for the improvement of the ground, which liberty was called by the name of the "tath." Spelman.

TAURI LIBERI LIBERTAS. Lat. A common bull; because he was free to all the tenants within such a manor, liberty, etc.

TAUROLOGY. Describing the same thing twice in one sentence in equivalent terms; a fault in rhetoric. It differs from repetition or iteration, which is repeating the same sentence in the same or equivalent terms; the latter is sometimes either excusable or necessary in an argument or address; the former (tautology) never. Wharton.

TAVERN. A place of entertainment; a house kept up for the accommodation of strangers. Originally, a house for the retailing of liquors to be drunk on the spot. Webster.


TAVERN-KEEPER. One who keeps a tavern. One who keeps an inn; an innkeeper.

TAVERN-KEEPER. A person who keeps a public house.

TAVERNERS. In old English law. A seller of wine; one who kept a house or shop for the sale of wine.

TAX, v. To impose a tax; to enact or declare that a pecuniary contribution shall be made by the persons liable, for the support of government. Spoken of an individual, to be taxed is to be included in an assessment made for purposes of taxation.

In practice. To assess or determine; to liquidate, adjust, or settle. Spoken particularly of taxing costs, (q. v.)

TAX, n. Taxes are a ratable portion of the produce of the property and labor of the individual citizens, taken by the nation, in the exercise of its sovereign rights, for the support of government, for the administration of the laws, and as the means for continuing in operation the various legitimate functions of the state. Black, Tax Titles, § 2; New London v. Miller, 60 Conn. 112, 22 Atl. 409; St. Joseph Tp., 67 Mich. 652, 35 N. W. 808; Gibbons v. Ogden, 9 Wheat. 1, 6 L. Ed. 22.

Taxes are the enforced proportional contribution of persons and property, levied by the authority of the state for the support of the government, and for all public needs; portions of the property of the citizen, demanded and received by the government, to be disposed of to enable it to discharge its functions. Opinion of Justices, 58 Me. 590; Moog v. Randolph, 77 Ala. 597; Palmer v. Way, 6 Colo. 106; Wagner v. Rock Island, 146 Ill. 139, 94 N. E. 545, 21 L. R. A. 519; In re Hun, 144 N. Y. 472, 39 N. E. 376;

In a general sense, a tax is any contribution imposed by government upon individuals, for the use and service of the state, whether under the name of toll, tribute, tax, gabel, impost, duty, custom, excise, subsidy, aid, supply, or other name. Story, Const. § 350.

**Synonyms.** In a broad sense, *taxes* undoubtedly include *assessments,* and the right to impose assessments has its foundation in the hold upon the property of the owner, and yet, in practice and as generally understood, there is a broad distinction between the two terms. "Taxes," as the term is generally used, are public burdens imposed generally upon the inhabitants of the whole state, or upon some civil division thereof, for governmental purposes, without reference to peculiar benefits to particular individuals or property. "Assessments" have reference to imposed relation between money expended for a public object and a special benefit occasioned to those by whom the charge is to be paid. Oliver v. Washington Mills, 11 Allen (Mass.) 274.

--- **Ad valorem tax.** See **Ad Valorem.** **Capitation tax.** See that title. **Collateral inheritance tax.** See Collateral inheritance. **Direct tax.** A direct tax is one which is demanded from the very persons who, it is intended or desired, should pay it. In direct contrast, those which are imposed from one person, in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. Mill, Pol. Econ. Taxes and impositions are divided into "direct," under which designation would be included those which are assessed upon the property, person, business, income, etc., of those who are to pay them, and "indirect," or those which are levied on commodities before they reach the consumer, and are paid by those upon whom they ultimately fall, not as part of the price of the commodity, Cooley, Tax'n, 6. Historical evidence shows that personal property, contracts, occupations, and the like, have never been regarded as the subjects of direct tax. The phrase is understood to be limited to taxes on land and its appurtenances, and on polls. Vehzie Bank v. Fenno, 8 Wall. 553, 19 L. Ed. 432. See Hylton v. U. S., 3 Dall. 171, 1 L. Ed. 506; Pacific Ins. Co. v. Soule, 7 Wall. 96, 19 L. Ed. 95; Holloch v. R. A. 90 U. S. 347, 23 L. Ed. 99; Springer v. U. S., 102 U. S. 602, 26 L. Ed. 253; Vehzie Bank v. Fenno, 8 Wall. 553, 19 L. Ed. 482; Pollock v. Farmers' Lu & T. Co., 157 U. S. 429, 15 Sup. Ct. 673, 39 L. Ed. 759; Railroad Co. v. Morrow, 87 Tenn. 406. 11 S. W. 348, 2 L. R. A. 883; People v. Knight, 174 N. Y. 475, 67 N. E. 435, 63 L. R. A. 87. See Franchise tax. **Income tax.** See Income. **Indirect taxes** are those demanded in the first instance from one person in the expectation and intention that he shall indemnify himself at the expense of another. "Ordinarily all taxes paid primarily by persons who can shift the burden upon some one else, or who are under no legal compulsion to pay them, are considered indirect taxes." Pollock v. Farmers' Lu & T. Co., 157 U. S. 429, 15 Sup. Ct. 673, 39 L. Ed. 759; Springer v. U. S., 102 U. S. 602, 26 L. Ed. 253; Thomasson v. State, 15 Ind. 451. **Inheritance tax.** See Inheritance tax. **License tax.** See License. **Local taxes.** Those assessments which are limited to certain districts, as poor-rates, parochial taxes, county rates, municipal taxes, etc. **Franchise tax.** See Franchise. **Parliamentary taxes.** Such taxes as are imposed directly by act of parliament, e. g., by a tax statute, and distinguished from those which are imposed by private individuals or bodies under the authority of an act of parliament. Thus, a sewers rate, not being imposed directly by act of parliament,
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but by certain persons termed "commissioners of sewers," is not a parliamentary tax; whereas a tax which is directly imposed, and the amount also fixed, by act of parliament, is a parliamentary tax. Brown.—Personal tax. This term may mean either a tax imposed without regard to personal property, or for the public purpose or for the purposes of the general public revenue, as distinguished from local municipal taxes and assessments. Morgan v. Crescent City Cemetery v. Buffalo, 46 N. Y. 509.—Specific tax. A tax imposed as a fixed sum on each article or item of property of a given or kind, without regard to its value; opposed to ad colorum tax.—Succession tax. See Succession.

TAXABLE. Subject to taxation; liable to be assessed, along with others, for a share in a tax. Persons subject to taxation are sometimes called "taxables." So property which may be assessed for taxation is said to be taxable.

Applied to costs in an action, the word means proper to be taxed or charged up; legally chargeable or assessable.

TAXARE. Lat. To rate or value. Calvin.

To tax; to lay a tax or tribute. Spelman.

In old English practice. To assess; to rate or estimate; to moderate or regulate an assessment or rate.

TAXATI. In old European law. Soldiers of a garrison or fleet, assigned to a certain station. Spelman.

TAXATIO. Lat. In Roman law. Taxation or assessment of damages; the assessment, by the judge, of the amount of damages to be awarded to a plaintiff, and particularly in the way of reducing the amount claimed or sworn to by the latter.

TAXATIO ECCLESIASTICA. The valuation of ecclesiastical benedices made through every diocese in England, on occasion of pope Innocent's visit to the local government of Henry III. the tenth of all spirituals for three years. This taxation was first made by Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. III., and hence called "Taxatio Norwicensis." It is also called "Pope Innocent's Valor." Wharton.

TAXATIO EXPENSARUM. In old English practice. Taxation of costs.

TAXATIO NORWICENSI. A valuation of ecclesiastical benedices made through every diocese in England, by Walter, bishop of Norwich, delegated by the pope to this office in 38 Hen. III. (Cowell.

TAXATION. The imposition of a tax; the act or process of imposing and levying a pecuniary charge or enforced contribution, ratable, or proportioned to value or some other standard, upon persons or property, by or on behalf of a government or one of its divisions or agencies, for the purpose of providing revenue for the maintenance and expenses of government.

The term "taxation," both in common parlance and in the laws of the several states, has been ordinarily used, not to express the idea of the sovereign power which is exercised, but the exercise of that power for a particular purpose, viz., to raise a revenue for the general and ordinary expenses of the government, whether it be the state, county, town, or city government. But there is another class of expenses, also of a public nature, necessary to be provided for, which are not committed to the charge of counties, cities, towns, and even smaller subdivisions, such as opening, grading, improving in various ways, and repairing, highways and
TEAM WORK. Within the meaning of an exemption law, this term means work done by a team as a substantial part of a man's business; as in farming, staging, express carrying, drawing of freight, peddling, or the transportation of material used or dealt in as a business. Hickok v. Thayer, 49 Vt. 375.

TEAMSTER. One who drives horses in a wagon for the purpose of carrying goods for hire. He is liable as a common carrier. Story, Bailm. § 496.

TECHNICAL. Belonging or peculiar to an art or profession. Technical terms are frequently called in the books "words of art."

—Technical mortgage. A true and formal mortgage, as distinguished from other instruments which, in some respects, have the character of equitable mortgages. Harrison v. Annapolis & E. R. R. Co., 50 Md. 514.

TEDDING. Spreading. Tedding grass is spreading it out after it is cut in the swath. 10 East, 5.

TEDING-PENNY. In old English law. A small tax or allowance to the sheriff from each tithing of his county towards the charge of keeping courts, etc. Cowell.

TEEP. In Hindu law. A note of hand; a promissory note given by a native banker or money-lender to zemindars and others, to enable them to furnish government with security for the payment of their rents. Wharton.

TEGULA. In the civil law. A tile. Dig. 19, 1, 18.

TEIND COURT. In Scotch law. A court which has jurisdiction of matters relating to teinds, or tithes.

TEIND MASTERS. Those entitled to tithes.

TEINDS. In Scotch law. A term corresponding to tithes (q. v.) in English ecclesiastical law.

TEINLAND. Sax. In old English law. Land of a thane or Saxon noble; land granted by the crown to a thane or lord. Cowell; 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 5.

TELEGRAM. A telegraphic dispatch; a message sent by telegraph.

TELEGRAPH. In the English telegraph act of 1863, the word is defined as "a wire or wires used for the purpose of telegraphic communication, with any casing, coating, tube, or pipe inclosing the same, and any apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of telegraphic communication." St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 112, § 3.
**TELEGRAPHIC.** A word occasionally used in old English law to describe ancient documents or written evidence of things past. Blount.

**TEMPERATE.** In a general sense, the name "telephone" applies to any instrument or apparatus which transmits sound beyond the limits of ordinary audibility. But, since the recent discoveries in telephony, the name is technically and primarily restricted to an instrument or device which transmits sound by means of electricity and wires similar to telegraphic wires. In a secondary sense, however, being the sense in which it is most commonly understood, the word "telephone" constitutes a generic term, having reference generally to the art of telephony as an institution, but more particularly to the apparatus, as an entirety, ordinarily used in the transmission, as well as in the reception, of telephonic messages. Hockett v. State, 105 Ind. 261, 5 N. E. 178, 55 Am. Rep. 201.

**TELLER.** One who numbers or counts. An officer of a bank who receives or pays out money. Also one appointed to count the votes cast in a deliberative or legislative assembly or other meeting. The name was also given to certain officers formerly attached to the English exchequer.

The teller is a considerable officer in the exchequer, of which officers there are four, whose office is to receive all money due to the king, and to give the clerk of the pells a bill to charge him therewith. They also pay to all persons any money payable by the king, and make weekly and yearly books of their receipts and payments, which they deliver to the lord treasurer. Cowell; Jacob.

—Tellings in parliament. In the language of parliament, the "tellers" are the members of the house selected to count the members when a division takes place. In the house of lords, a division is effected by the "non-contents" remaining within the bar, and the "contents" going below it, a teller being appointed for each party. In the commons the "ayes" go into the lobby at one end of the house, and the "noes" into the lobby at the other end, the house itself being perfectly empty, and two tellers being appointed for each party. May, Parl. Pr.; Brown.

**TELLIGRAPHUM.** An Anglo-Saxon charter of land. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 1, p. 10.

**TELLWORC.** That labor which a tenant was bound to do for his lord for a certain number of days.

**TEMENTALE, or TENEMENTAL.** A tax of two shillings upon every plow-land, a decennary.

**TEMERE.** Lat. In the civil law. Rashly; inconsiderately. A plaintiff was said temere litigare who demanded a thing out of malice, or sued without just cause, and who could show no ground or cause of action. Brissassinus.

**TEMPERENT.** A violent or furious storm; a current of wind rushing with extreme violence, and usually accompanied with rain or snow. See Stover v. Insurance Co., 3 Phila. (Pa.) 39; Thistle v. Union Forwarding Co., 29 U. S. C. P. 54.

**TEMPLARS.** A religious order of knighthood, instituted about the year 1118, and so called because the members dwelt in a part of the temple of Jerusalem, and not far from the sepulcher of our Lord. They entertained Christian strangers and pilgrims charitabley, and their profession was at first to defend travelers from highwaymen and robbers. The order was suppressed A. D. 1307, and their substance given partly to the knights of St. John of Jerusalem, and partly to other religious orders. Brown.

**TEMPLE.** Two English inns of court, thus called because anciently the dwelling place of the Knights Templar. On the suppression of the order, they were purchased by some professors of the common law, and converted into hospitia or inns of court. They are called the "Inner" and "Middle Temple," in relation to Essex House, which was also a part of the house of the Templars, and called the "Outer Temple," because situated without Temple Bar. Enc. Lond.

**TEMPORAL LORDS.** The peers of England; the bishops are not in strictness held to be peers, but merely lords of parliament. 2 Steph. Comm. 330, 345.

**TEMPORALIS.** Lat. In the civil law. Temporary; limited to a certain time.

—Temporalis actio. An action which could only be brought within a certain period.—Temporalis exceptio. A temporary exception which barred an action for a time only.

**TEMPORALITIES.** In English law. The lay fees of bishops, with which their churches are endowed or permitted to be endowed by the liberality of the sovereign, and in virtue of which they become barons and lords of parliament. Spelman. In a wider sense, the money revenues of a church, derived from pew rents, subscriptions, donations, collections, cemetery charges, and other sources. See Barabasz v. Kabat, 86 Md. 23, 37 Atl. 720.

**TEMPORALITY.** The laity; secular people.

**TEMPORARY.** That which is to last for a limited time only, as distinguished from that which is perpetual, or indefinite, in its duration. Thus, temporary alimony is granted for the support of the wife pending the action for divorce. Dayton v. Drake, 64 Iowa, 714, 21 N. W. 158. A temporary injunction restrains action or any change in the situation of affairs until a hearing on
the merits can be had. Jesse French Piano Co. v. Porter, 134 Ala. 302, 32 South. 678; 92 Am. St. Rep. 91; Calvert v. State, 34 Neb. 616, N. W. 687. A temporary receiver is one appointed to take charge of property until a hearing is had and an adjudication made. Booneville Nat. Bank v. Blakey, 107 Fed. 885, 47 C. C. A. 43. A temporary statute is one limited in respect to its duration. People v. Wright, 70 Ill. 399. As to temporary insanity, see INSANITY.

TEMPORAL. Lat. In the time of. Thus, the volume called "Cases tempore Holt" is a collection of cases adjudged in the king's bench during the time of Lord Holt. Wall. Rep. 398.

TEMPORIS EXCEPTIO. Lat. In the civil law. A plea of time; a plea of lapse of time, in bar of an action. Corresponding to the plea of prescription, or the statute of limitations, in our law. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 213.

TEMPUS. Lat. In the civil and old English law. Time in general. A time limited; a season; e. g., tempus personis, mast time in the forest.

—Tempus continuum. In the civil law. A continuous or absolute period of time. A term which begins to run from a certain event, even though he for whom it runs has no knowledge of the event, and in which, when it has once begun to run, all the days are reckoned as they follow one another in the calendar. Dig. 3, 2, 8; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 195.—Tempus semestre. In old English law. The period of six months or half a year, consisting of one hundred and eighty-two days. Cro. Jac. 166.

—Tempus utile. In the civil law. A profitable or advantageous period of time. A term which begins to run from a certain event, only when he for whom it runs has obtained a knowledge of the event, and in which, when it has once begun to run, those days are not reckoned on which one has nosperfieriud potestas; i. e., on which one cannot prosecute his rights before a court. Dig. 3, 6, 6; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 195.

Tempus enim modus tollendi obligations et actiones, quia tempus currit contra desides et sui juris contempitores. For time is a means of destroying obligations and actions, because time runs against the slothful and contenbers of their own rights. Pieta, i. 4, c. 5, § 12.

TENANCY is the relation of a tenant to the land which he holds. Hence it signifies (1) the estate of a tenant, as in the expressions "joint tenancy," "tenancy in common;" (2) the term or interest of a tenant for years or at will, as when we say that a lessee must remove his fixtures during his tenancy. Sweet.

—General tenancy. A tenancy which is not fixed and made certain in point of duration by the agreement of the parties. Brown v. Bragg, 22 Ind. 122.—Joint tenancy. An estate in joint tenancy is an estate in fee-simple, fee-tail, for life, for years, or at will, arising by pur-
Tenancy from year to year. One who holds lands by a title created expressly by one and the same deed or will. 4 Kent, Comm. 357. Joint tenants have one and the same interest, accruing under different titles, or at different times, converging at one and the same time, and held by one and the same undivided possession. 2 Bl. Comm. 130.—Quasi tenant at surence. An under-tenant who has the temporary use and possession of land on the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the reversioner to hold over. Sole tenure is where two or more hold the same land, with interests accruing under different titles, or accruing under the same title, but at different periods, or conferred by words of limitation importing that the grantees are to take in distinct tracts, St. L. v. Lorillard, 14 Wend. (N. Y.) 338; Taylor v. Millard, 118 N. Y. 245, 24 N. E. 378, 6 L. R. A. 667; Silloway v. Brown, 12 Allen (Mass.) 266; Bright v. McOuat, 40 Ind. 225; Garner v. Spalding v. Hall, 6 D. C. 125; Cunningham v. McOuat, 40 Ind. 525; Garner v. McOuat, 40 Ind. 525. Tenant at will. One who has the temporary use and possession of land by his own right, but holds over by virtue of a lease or demise granted to him by the owner, and is only suffered by the person seised of the land. He that holds lands by his own right after the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the instrument creating it, to hold over, is limited to some particular heirs, exclusive of others; as to the heirs of his body or to the heirs, male or female, of his wife, as the case may be. Ham. N. P. 392, 393.—Tenant at sufferance. He that holds lands by his own right after the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the person seised of the land, for this cause they are called 'tenants by the verge' is for that reason called "tenant to the praecipe." In the latter case, who was therefore called "tenant to the praecipe." In the latter case, when an owner of lands, upon or previously to marrying a wife, settled lands upon his wife and the heirs of their two bodies begotten, and then died, the wife, as survivor, became tenant in tail of the husband's lands, in consequence of the husband's provisio. See generally, Two bodies begotten, and then died, the wife, as survivor, became tenant in tail of the husband's lands, in consequence of the husband's provision, see generally, the rule of the praecipe. Tenants by the verge. One who holds lands by his own right after the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the person seised of the land, to hold over, according to the custom of court roll. Litt. § 73.—Tenant by the curtesy. One who, on the death of his wife seised of an estate in inheritance, after having by her issue born alive and capable of inheriting her estate, holds the lands and tenements for the term of his own life. 3 Bl. Comm. 906; 2 Bl. Comm. 129.—Tenant by the manor. One who has a less estate than a fee in fee, which remains in the reversioner. He is so called because in avowaries and other pleadings it is specially shown, in what manner he is tenant of the land, as a contrarioductio to the very tenant, who is called simply "tenant." Ham. N. P. 396.—Tenant of the demesne. One who holds lands or tenements for the term of his own life, or for that of any other person, in which case he is called "ad quod valet," and lives more than one. 2 Bl. Comm. 120; In re Hyde, 41 Hun. (N. Y.) 75.—Tenant for years. One who has the temporary use and possession of land, and, on the determination of his interest, may be suffered by the person seised of the land. A tenant for life, because a common recovery could only be suffered by the person seised of the land. In such a case, if the tenant for life wished to concur in bargaining the entail, he was usually convened by his life-estate to some other person, in order that the praecipe in the recovery might be issued against the latter, who is therefore called the "tenant to the praecipe." Black, Sels, 169; Sweet.—Tenants by the verge "are in the same nature as tenants by copy of court roll, or, e. copyholders. But the reason why they are called 'tenants by the verge' is for that reason called "tenant to the praecipe." In the latter case, when an owner of lands, upon or previously to marrying a wife, settled lands upon his wife and the heirs of their two bodies begotten, and then died, the wife, as survivor, became tenant in tail of the husband's lands, in consequence of the husband's provision, see generally, the rule of the praecipe. Tenants by the verge. One who holds lands by his own right after the determination of an original lease, and is permitted by the person seised of the land, to hold over, according to the custom of court roll. Litt. § 73; Cal. Litt. § 29; Co. Litt. 61a.
distinguished from copyhold by many of its incidents.

2. The so-called tenant-right of renewal is the expectation of a lessee that his lease will be renewed, in cases where it is an established practice to renew leases from time to time, as in the case of leases from the crown, from ecclesiastical corporations, or other collegiate bodies. Strictly speaking, there can be no right of renewal against the lessor without an express compact by him to that effect, though the existence of the custom often influences the price in sales.

3. The Ulster tenant-right may be described as a right on the tenant's part to sell his holding to the highest bidder, subject to the existing or a reasonable increase of rent from time to time, as circumstances may require, with a reasonable veto reserved to the landlord in respect of the incoming tenant's character and solvency. Mozley & Whitley.

TENANT'S FIXTURES. This phrase signifies things which are fixed to the freehold of the demised premises, but which the tenant may detach and take away, provided he does so in season. Wall v. Hinds, 4 Gray (Mass.) 266, 270, 64 Am. Dec. 64.

TENANTABLE REPAIR. Such a repair as will render a house fit for present habitation.

TENCON. L. Fr. A dispute; a quarrel. Kelham.

TEND. In old English law. To tender or offer. Cowell.

TENDER. An offer of money; the act by which one produces and offers to a person holding a claim or demand against him the amount of money which he considers and admits to be due, in satisfaction of such claim or demand, without any stipulation or condition. Salinas v. Ellis, 26 S. C. 337, 2 S. E. 121; Tompkins v. Batie, 11 Neb. 147, 7 N. W. 747, 38 Am. Rep. 361; Field v. Higgins, 35 Me. 341; Sacket v. Wheaton, 17 Pick. (Mass.) 106; Lenfers v. Henke, 73 Ill. 408, 24 Am. Rep. 263.

"Tender" is a word of greater extent than "land," including not only land, but rents, commons, and several other rights and interests issuing out of or concerning land. 1 Steph. Comm. 153, 159.

Its original meaning, according to some, was "house" or "homestead." Jacob. In modern use it also signifies rooms let in houses. Webster.

—Dominant tenement. One for the benefit or advantage of which an easement exists or is enjoyed. —Servient tenement. One which is subject to the burden of an easement existing for or enjoyed by another tenement. See EASEMENT.

TENEMENTAL LAND. Land distributed by a lord among his tenants, as opposed to the demesnes which were occupied by himself and his servants. 2 Bl. Comm. 90.

TENEMENTIS LEGATIS. An ancient writ, lying to the city of London, or any other corporation, (where the old custom was that men might devise by will lands and tenements, as well as goods and chattels,) for the hearing and determining any controversy touching the same. Reg. Orig. 244.

TENENDAS. In Scotch law. The name of a clause in charters of heritable rights, which derives its name from its first words, "tenendas predictas terras;" it points out the superior of whom the lands are to be held, and expresses the particular tenure. Ersk. Inst. 2, 3, 24.

TENENDUM. Lat. To hold; to be held. The name of that formal part of a deed which is characterized by the words "to hold." It was formerly used to express the tenure by which the estate granted was to be held; but, since all freehold tenures have been converted into socage, the tenendum is
of no further use, and is therefore joined in
the habendum,—"to have and to hold." 2
Bl. Comm. 238; 4 Cruise, Dig. 26.

TENENS. A tenant; the defendant in a
real action.

TENENTIBUS IN ASSISA NON ON-
ERANDIS. A writ that formerly lay for
him to whom a disseisor had alienated the
land whereof he disseised another, that he
should not be molested in assize for dam­
gages, if the disseisor had wherewith to sat­
ify them. Reg. Orig. 214.

TENERE. Lat In the civil law. To
hold; to hold fast; to have in possession; to
retain.

In relation to the doctrine of possession, this
term expresses merely the fact of manual deten­
ton, or the corporal possession of any object,
without involving the question of title; while
habere (and especially possidere) denotes the
maintenance of possession by a lawful claim;
& e., civil possession, as distinguished from mere
natural possession.

TENERI. The Latin name for that clause
in a bond in which the obligor expresses that
he is "held and firmly bound" to the obligee,
his heirs, etc.

TENET; TENUIT. Lat. He holds; he
held. In the Latin forms of the writ of
waste against a tenant, these words intro­
duced the allegation of tenure. If the ten­
cy still existed, and recovery of the land
was sought, the former word was used, (and
the writ was said to be "in the tenet." ) If
the tenancy had already determined, the lat­
ter term was used, (the writ being described
as "in the tenuit," ) and then damages only
were sought.

TENEDED, or TIEHEOFED. In

TENEMENTALE. The number of ten
men, which number, in the time of the Sax­
oxns, was called a "decennary;" and ten de­
cennaries made what was called a "hundred."
Also a duty or tribute paid to the crown,
consisting of two shillings for each plow­
land. Enc. Lond.

TENNE. A term of heraldry, meaning
orange color. In engravings it should be
represented by lines in bend sinister crossed
by others bar-ways. Heralds who blazon by
the names of the heavenly bodies, call it
"dragon's head," and those who employ
jewels, "jacinth." It is one of the colors
called "stainand." Wharton.

TENOR. A term used in pleading to de­
ote that an exact copy is set out. 1 Chit
Crim. Law, 235.
By the tenor of a deed, or other instru­
ment in writing, is signified the matter con­
tained therein, according to the true intent
and meaning thereof. Cowell.

"Tenor," in pleading a written instrument,
imports that the very words are set out.
"Purport" does not import this, but is equiv­
alent only to "substance." Com. v. Wright,
1 Cush. (Mass.) 65; Dana v. State, 2 Ohio St.
32; State v. Bonney, 34 Me. 384; State v.
Atkins, 6 Blackf. (Ind.) 458; State v. Chinn,
142 Mo. 597, 44 S. W. 245.
The action of proving the tenor, in Scot­
land, is an action for proving the contents
and purport of a deed which has been lost.
Bell.

In chancery pleading. A certified copy
of records of other courts removed in chan­

Tenor est qui legem dat feudo. It is
the tenor [of the feudal grant] which regu­
lates its effect and extent. Craigius, Jus
Feud. (3d Ed.) 66; Broom, Max. 439.

TENORE INDICTIONI MITTEN­
DO. A writ whereby the record of an in­
dictment, and the process thereupon, was
called out of another court into the queen's
bench. Reg. Orig. 69.

TENORE PRESENTIUM. By the ten­
or of these presents, i. e., the matter con­
tained therein, or rather the intent and
meaning thereof. Cowell.

TENSEURIE. A sort of ancient tax or
military contribution. Wharton.

TENTATES PANIS. The essay or as­
say of bread. Blount.

TENTERDEN'S ACT. In English law.
The statute 9 Geo. IV. c. 14, taking its name
from Lord Tenterden, who procured its
enactment, which is a species of extension
of the statute of frauds, and requires the
reduction of contracts to writing.

TENTHS. In English law. A tempo­
rary aid issuing out of personal property,
and granted to the king by parliament; for­
erly the real tenth part of all the mov­
ables belonging to the subject. 1 Bl. Comm.
308.

In English ecclesiastical law. The
tenth part of the annual profit of every liv­
ing in the kingdom, formerly paid to the
pope, but by statute 26 Hen. VIII. c. 3,
transferred to the crown, and afterwards
made a part of the fund called "Queen
Anne's Bounty." 1 Bl. Comm. 234-238.

TENUIT. A term used in stating the
tenure in an action for waste done after the
termination of the tenancy. See TENET.

TENURA. In old English law. Tenure.

'Tenura est pactio contra communem
fundi naturam ac rationem, in contractu
interposita." Wright, Ten. 21. Tenure is
a compact contrary to the common nature and reason of the fee, put into a contract.

TENURE. The mode or system of holding lands or tenements in subordination to some superior, which, in the feudal ages, was the leading characteristic of real property.

Tenure is the direct result of feudalism, which separated the dominium directum, (the dominion of the soil,) which is placed mediately or immediately in the crown, from the dominion utile, (the possessory title,) the right to the use and profits in the soil, designated by the term "seisin," which is the highest interest a subject can acquire. Wharton.

Wharton gives the following list of tenures which were ultimately developed:

I. Lay Tenures.

A. Frank tenement, or freehold. (1) The military tenures (abolished, except grand serjeanty, and reduced to free socage tenures) were: Knight service proper, or tenure in chivalry; grand serjeanty; cornage. (2) Free socage, or plow-service; either petit serjeanty, tenure in burbage, or gavelkind.

II. Vileineage. (1) Pure vileineage, (whence copyholds at the lord's [nominal] will, which is regulated according to custom.) (2) Privileged vileineage, sometimes called "villein socage," (whence tenure in ancient demesne, which is an exalted species of copyhold, held according to custom, and not according to the lord's will,) and is of three kinds: Tenure in ancient demesne; privileged copyholds, customary freeholds, or free copyholds; copyholds of base tenure.

Spiritual Tenures.

I. Frankalmoigne, or free alma.

II. Tenure by divine service.

Tenure, in its general sense, is a mode of holding or occupying. Thus, we speak of the tenure of an office, meaning the manner of holding or occupying. Thus, we speak of the tenure of an office, meaning the manner in which it is held, especially with regard to time, tenure for life, tenure during good behavior, and of tenure of land in the sense of occupation or tenancy, especially with reference to cultivation and questions of political economy; e.g., tenure by peasant proprietors, cottiers, etc. Sweet. See Bard v. Grundy, 2 Ky. 109; People v. Waite, 9 Wend. (N. Y.) 58; Richman v. Lippincott, 29 N. J. Law, 59.

Tenure by divine service is where an ecclesiastical corporation, sole or aggregate, holds land by a certain divine service; as, to say prayers on a certain day in every year, "or to distribute in almes to an hundred poor men an hundred pence at such a day." Litt. § 137.

TERCE. In Scotch law. Dower; a widow's right of dower, or a right to a life-estate in a third part of the lands of which her husband died seised.

TERCER. In Scotch law. A widow that possesses the third part of her husband's land, as her legal jointure. 1 Kames, Eq. pref.

TERCERONE. A term applied in the West Indies to a person one of whose parents was white and the other a mulatto. See Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 131.

TERM. A word or phrase; an expression; particularly one which possesses a fixed and known meaning in some science, art, or profession.

In the civil law. A space of time granted to a debtor for discharging his obligation. Poth. Obl. pt. 2, c. 8, art. 3, § 1; Civ. Code La. art. 2048.

In estates. "Term" signifies the bounds, limitation, or extent of time for which an estate is granted; as when a man holds an estate for any limited or specific number of years, which is called his "term," and he himself is called, with reference to the term he so holds, the "terminor," or "tenant of the term." See Gay Mfg. Co. v. Hobbis, 128 N. C. 46, 38 S. E. 26, 83 Am. St. Rep. 661; Sanderson v. Scranton, 105 Pa. 472; Hurd v. Whitsett, 4 Colo. 84; Taylor v. Terry, 71 Cal. 46, 11 Pac. 813.

Of court. The word "term," when used with reference to a court, signifies the space of time during which the court holds a session. A session signifies the time during the term when the court sits for the transaction of business, and the session commences when the court convenes for the term, and continues until final adjournment, either before or at the expiration of the term. The term of the court is the time prescribed by law during which it may be in session. The session of the court is the time of its actual sitting. Lipari v. State, 19 Tex. App. 431. And see Horton v. Miller, 38 Pa. 271; Dees v. State, 78 Miss. 250, 28 South. 849; Conkling v. Ridgely, 112 Ill. 36, 1 N. E. 261, 54 Am. Rep. 204; Brown v. Hume, 16 Grat. (Va.) 462; Brown v. Leet, 193 Ill. 203, 26 N. E. 639.

—General term. A phrase used in some jurisdictions to denote the ordinary session of a court, for the trial and determination of causes, as distinguished from a special term, for the hearing of motions or arguments or the dispatch of various kinds of formal business, or the trial of a special list or class of cases. Or it may denote a sitting of the court in banc. State v. Eggers, 152 Mo. 485, 54 S. W. 485.—Regular term. A regular term of court is a term begun at the time appointed by law, and continued, in the discretion of the court, for the trial and determination of causes, as distinguished from a special term, for the hearing of motions or arguments or the dispatch of various kinds of formal business, or the trial of a special list or class of cases. Or it may denote a sitting of the court in banc.

Abbott; Gracie v. Freeland, 1 N. Y. 232.—Term attendant on the inheritance. See ATTENDANT TERMS.—Term fee. In English practice, a certain sum which a solicitor is entitled to charge to his client, and the client to recover, if successful, from the unsuccessful party; payable for every term in which any proceedings subsequent to the summons shall take place. Wharton.—Term for deliberating. By "term for deliberating" is understood the time given to the beneficiary heir, to examine
Namely, it is sometimes given to property of such nature that its duration is not perpetual or indefinite, but is limited or liable to termination of appeals, shorter than the period of one or two years, allowed by law for the determination of appeals. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, § 1, note.

**TERMINUS.** Boundary; a limit, either of space or time. The phrases “terminus a quo” and “terminus ad quem” are used, respectively, to designate the starting point and terminating point of a private way. In the case of a street, road, or railway, either end may be, and commonly is, referred to as the “terminus.”

Terminus annorum certus debet esse et determinatus. Co. Litt. 45. A term of years ought to be certain and determinate.

Terminus et feodum non possunt constare simul in una cademque persona. Plowd. 29. A term and the fee cannot both be in one and the same person at the same time.

**TERMINUS HOMINIS.** In English ecclesiastical practice. A time for the determination of appeals, shorter than the terminus juris, appointed by the judge. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 36.

**TERMINUS JURIS.** In English ecclesiastical practice. The time of one or two years, allowed by law for the determination of appeals. Hallifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 11, no. 38.

**TERMOR.** He that holds lands or tenements for a term of years or life. But we generally confine the application of the word to a person entitled for a term of years. Mozley & Whitley.

**TERRA.** Lat. Earth; soil; arable land. Kennett Gloss.

-Terra affirmata. Land let to farm.—Terra boscalis. Woody land.—Terra culta. Cultivated land.—Terra debilis. Weak or
barren land.—Terra dominica, or indomini- 
cata. The demesne land of a manor. Cow- 
el.—Terra eyxtantibilib. Land which may be 
plowed. Mon. Ang. i. 426.—Terra extenden- 
da. A writ addressed to an escheator, etc., that 
éhe inquire and find out the true yearly value of 
any land, etc., by the oath of twelve men, and 
to certify the extent into the chancery. Reg. 
Writs, 283.—Terra frusos, or frisosa. Fresh 
land, not lately plowed. Cowell.—Terra hy-
data. Land subject to the payment of hydage. 
Selden.—Terra incurabilib. Land gained from 
the sea or inclosed out of a waste. Cowell.— 
Terra marinaeque regum. Land held by a Nor-
man. Paroch. Antiq. 197.—Terra nova. Land 

newly converted from wood ground or arable. 
Cowell.—Terra putura. Land in forests, held 
by the tenure of furnishing food to the keepers 
therein. 4 Inst. 307.—Terra sabulosa. Grav-
elly or sandy ground.—Terra Salica. In Salic 

law. The land of the house; the land within 
that enclosure which belonged to a German 
house. No portion of the inheritance of Salic 
land passes to a woman, but this the male sex 
avoid; that is, the sons succeed in that in-
heritance. Lex Salic. tit. 62, § 6.—Terra tes-
semblantia. Gavel-kind land, being dispose-
able by will. Spelman.—Terra vestita. Land 
sown with corn. Cowell.—Terra vacantibilibi. 
Tillable land. Cowell.—Terra warrenata. 
Land that has the liberty of free-warren.—Ter-
ra dominicae regis. The demesne lands of 
the crown.

Terra manens vacua occupanti con-
sedivit. 1 Sld. 347. Land lying unoccupied 
is given to the first occupant.

TERRAGE. In old English law. A kind 
of tax or charge on land; a boon or duty 
of plowing, reaping, etc. Cowell.

TERRAGES. An exemption from all 
uncertain services. Cowell.

TERRARIUS. In old English law. A 
landholder.

TERRE-TENANT. He who is literally 
in the occupation or possession of the land, 
as distinguished from the owner out of pos-
session. But, in a more technical sense, the 

person who is seized of the land, though not 
in actual occupancy of it, and locally, in 
Pennsylvania, one who purchases and takes 
land subject to the existing lien of 
mortgage or judgment against a former owner. 

142, 6 Atl. 554.

TERRIER. In English law. A land-
roll or survey of lands, containing the quan-
tity of acres, tenants' names, and such like; 
and in the exchequer there is a terrier of all 
the glebe lands in England, made about 1338. 
In general, an ecclesiastical terrier contains 
a detail of the temporal possessions of 
the church in every parish. Cowell; Tomlins; 
Mozley & Whitley.

TERRIS BONIS ET CATALLIS RE-
HABENDIS POST PURGATIONEM. A 

writ for a clerk to recover his lands, goods,

and chattels, formerly seized, after he had 
cleared himself of the felony of which he 
was accused, and delivered to his ordinary to 
be purged. Reg. Orig.

TERRIS ET CATALLIS TENTIS UL-
TRA DEBITUM LEVATUM. A judicial 

writ for the restoring of lands or goods to 
a debtor who is distrained above the amount 

TERRIS LIBERANDIS. A writ that 
lay for a man convicted by attainit, to bring 
the record and process before the king, 
and take a fine for his imprisonment, and 
then to deliver to him his lands and tene-
ments again, and release him of the strip 
and waste. Reg. Orig. 232. Also it was a 

writ for the delivery of lands to the heir, 
after homage and relief performed, or upon 
security taken that he should perform them. 
Id. 293.

TERRITORIAL, TERRITORIALITY. 

These terms are used to signify connection 
with; or limitation with reference to, a par-
ticular country or territory. Thus, "terri-
torial law" is the correct expression for the 
law of a particular country or state, although 
"municipal law" is more common. "Terri-
torial waters" are that part of the sea adja-
cent to the coast of a given country which is 
by international law deemed to be within 
the sovereignty of that country, so that its 
courts have jurisdiction over offenses com-
mitted on those waters, even by a person on 
board a foreign ship. Sweet.

TERRITORIAL COURTS. The courts 
established in the territories of the United 
States.

TERRITORY. A part of a country sep-
parated from the rest, and subject to a par-
ticular jurisdiction.

In American law. A portion of the 
United States, not within the limits of any 
state, which has not yet been admitted as a 
state of the Union, but is organized, with a 
separate legislature, and with executive and 
judicial officers appointed by the president. 
See Ex parte Morgan (D. C.) 20 Fed. 304; 
People v. Danials, 6 Utah, 288, 22 Pac. 159, 
5 L. R. A. 444; Snow v. U. S., 18 Wall. 317, 
21 L. Ed. 784.

—Territory of a judge. The territorial 
jurisdiction of a judge; the bounds, or district, 
within which he may lawfully exercise his 
781.

TERROR. Alarm; fright; dread; the 
state of mind induced by the apprehension of 
hurt from some hostile or threatening event 
or manifestation; fear caused by the appear-
ance of danger. In an indictment for riot, 
it must be charged that the acts done were
TERTIA DENUNCIATIO. Lat. In old English law. Third publication or proclamation of intended marriage.

TERTIUS INTERVENIENS. Lat. In the civil law. A third person intervening; a third person who comes in between the parties to a suit; one who interpleads. Gilbert's Forum Rom. 47.

TEST. To bring one to a trial and examination, or to ascertain the truth or the quality or fitness of a thing. Something by which to ascertain the truth respecting another thing; a criterion, gauge, standard or norm.

In public law, an inquiry or examination addressed to a person appointed or elected to a public office, to ascertain his qualifications therefor, but particularly a scrutiny of his political, religious, or social views, or his attitude of past and present loyalty or disloyalty to the government under which he is to act. See Attorney General v. Detroit Common Council, 58 Mich. 213, 24 N. W. 887, 55 Am. Rep. 675; People v. Hoffman, 116 Ill. 587, 5 N. E. 596, 56 Am. Rep. 738; Rogers v. Buffalo, 51 Hun, 637, 3 N. Y. Supp. 674.

—Test act. The statute 25 Car. II. c. 2, which directed all civil and military officers to take the oaths of allegiance and supremacy, and make the declaration against substan­tiation, within six months after their admission, and also within the same time receive the sacrament according to the usage of the Church of England, under penalties of £500 and disability to the office. 4 Bl. Comm. 58, 59. This was abolished by St. 9 Geo. IV. c. 17, so far as concerns receiving the sacrament, and a new form of declaration was substituted.

—Test action. An action selected out of a considerable number of suits, concurrently depend­ing in the same court, brought by several plaintiffs against the same defendant, or by one plaintiff against different defendants, all similar in their circumstances, and embracing the same questions, and to be supported by the same evidence, the selected action to go first to trial, (under an order of court equivalent to consolidation,) and its decision to serve as a test of the right of recovery in the others, all parties agreeing to be bound by the result of the test action.—Test oath. An oath required to be taken as a criterion of the fitness of the person to fill a public or political office; but particularly an oath of fidelity and allegiance (past or present) to the established government.

-Test paper. In practice. A paper or instru­ment shown to a jury as evidence. A term particularly an oath of fidelity and allegiance to be taken as a criterion of the fitness of the person to fill a public or political office; but particularly a scrutiny of his political, religious, or social views, or his attitude of past and present loyalty or disloyalty to the government under which he is to act. See Attorney General v. Detroit Common Council, 58 Mich. 213, 24 N. W. 887, 55 Am. Rep. 675; People v. Hoffman, 116 Ill. 587, 5 N. E. 596, 56 Am. Rep. 738; Rogers v. Buffalo, 51 Hun, 637, 3 N. Y. Supp. 674.

—Military testament. In English law. A nuncupative will, that is, one made by word of mouth, by which a soldier may dispose of his goods, pay, and other personal chattels, without the forms and solemnities which the law re­quires in other cases. St. 1 Vict. c. 26, § 11.

—Mutual testaments. Wills made by two persons who leave their effects reciprocally to the survivor.—Mystic testament. In the law of Louisiana. A sealed testament. The mystic or secret testament, otherwise called the "closed testament," is made in the following manner: The testator must sign his dispositions, whether he has written them himself or has caused them to be written by another person. The paper containing those dispositions, or the paper serving as their envelope, must be closed and sealed. The testator shall present it thus closed and sealed to the notary and to seven witnesses, or he shall cause it to be closed and sealed in their presence. Then he shall declare to the notary, in presence of the witnesses, that that paper contains his testament written by him­self, or by another by his direction, and signed by him, the testator. The notary shall then draw up the act of superscription, which shall be written on that paper, or on the密封 that serves as its envelope, and that act shall be signed by the testator, and by the notary and the witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 1584.
TESTAMENTA CUM DUO

Testamenta cum duo inter se pugnan\ntia reperirunt, ultimum rationem est; sic est, cum duo inter se pugnan\ntia reperir\ntur in eodem testamento. Co. Litt. 112. When two conflicting wills are found, the last prevails; so it is when two conflicting clauses occur in the same will.

Testamenta latissimam interpretationem habere deben\nt. Jenk. Cent. 81. Wills ought to have the broadest interpretation.

TESTAMENTARY. Pertaining to a will or testament; as testamentary causes. Derived from, founded on, or appointed by a testament or will; as a testamentary guardian, letters testamentary, etc.

A páper, instrument, document, gift, appointment, etc., is said to be “testamentary” when it is written or made so as not to take effect until after the death of the person making it, and to be revocable and retain the property under his control during his life. The testator may have believed that it would operate as an instrument of a different character. Sweet.

—Letters testamentary. The formal instrument of authority and appointment given to an executor by the proper court, upon the admission of the will to probate, empowering him to enter upon the discharge of his office as executor.—Testamentary capacity. That measure of mental ability which is recognized in law as sufficient for the making a will. See Nicewander v. Nicewander, 151 Ill. 156, 37 N. E. 698; Delafield v. Parish, 25 N. Y. 29; Yardley v. Cuthbertson, 108 Pa. 356, 1 Atl. 765, 56 Am. Rep. 218; Leech v. Liceh, 21 Pa. 67; Duffield v. Robeson, 2 Har. (Del.) 379; Lowe v. Williamson, 2 N. J. Eq. 35.—Testamentary causes. In English law. Causes or matters relating to the probate of wills, the granting of administrations, and the suing for legacies, of which the ecclesiastical courts have jurisdiction. 3 Bl. Comm. 95, 98. Testamentary causes are causes relating to the validity and execution of wills. The phrase is generally confined to those causes which were formerly matters of ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and are now dealt with by the court of probate. Mozley & Whitley.—Testamentary disposition. A disposition of property by way of gift, which is not to take effect unless the grantor dies or until that event. Diefendorf v. Diefendorf, 56 Hun, 635, 8 N. Y. Supp. 617; Chestnut St. Nat. Bank v. Fidelity Ins., etc., Co., 186 Pa. 333, 40 Atl. 486, 65 Am. St. Rep. 860.—Testamentary guardian. A guardian appointed by the last will of a father for his personal and real and personal estate of his child until the latter arrives of full age. 1 Bl. Comm. 462; 2 Kent, Comm. 224.—Testamentary paper. An instrument in the nature of a will; an unprobated will; a paper writing which is of the character of a will, though not formally such, and which, if allowed as a testament, will have the effect of a will upon the devolution and distribution of property.—Testamentary succession. In Louisiana, that which results from the institution of an heir contained in a testament executed in the form prescribed by law. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 876.—Testamentary trustee. See TRUSTEE.

TESTAMENTI FACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The ceremony of making a testament, either as testator, heir, or witness.

TESTAMENTUM. Lat. In the civil law. A testament; a will, or last will.

In old English law. A testament or will; a disposition of property made in contemplation of death. Bract. fol. 60. A general name for any instrument of conveyance, including deeds and charters, and so called either because it furnished written testimony of the conveyance, or because it was authenticated by witnesses, (testes.) Spelman.

—Testamentum inofficiosum. Lat. In the civil law. An inofficious testament, (q. v.)

Testamentum est voluntatis nostræ justa sententia, de eo quod quis post mortem suam fieri velit. A testament is the just expression of our will concerning that which any one wishes done after his death, [or, as Blackstone translates, "the legal declaration of a man's intentions which he wills to be performed after his death." ] Dig. 28, 1, 1; 2 Bl. Comm. 499.

Testamentum i. e., testatio mentis, facta nullo presente metu periculi, sed cogitatione mortalitatis. Co. Litt. 322. A testament, i. e., the witnessing of one's intention, made under no present fear of danger, but in expectancy of death.

Testamentum 6nne morte consummatur. Every will is perfected by death. A will speaks from the time of death only. Co. Litt. 232.

TESTARI. Lat. In the civil law. To testify; to attest; to declare, publish, or make known a thing before witnesses. To make a will. Calvin.

TESTATE. One who has made a will; one who dies leaving a will.

TESTATION. Witness; evidence.

TESTATOR. One who makes or has made a testament or will; one who dies leaving a will. This term is borrowed from the civil law. Inst. 2, 14, 5, 6.

Testatoris ultima voluntas est perimplenda secundum veram intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of a testator is to be thoroughly fulfilled according to his real intention.

TESTATRIX. A woman who makes a will; a woman who dies leaving a will; a female testator.

TESTATUM. In practice. When a writ of execution has been directed to the sheriff of a county, and he returns that the defendant is not found in his bailiwick, or that he has no goods there, as the case may be, then a second writ, rectifying this former
defendant is \[or has goods, etc.\] within your 
execute the writ as it may require; and this 
be,, or to have goods, commanding him to ex­
testation by the sovereign, used at the conclu­
denture witnesseth."

In conveyancing. That part of a deed which commences with the words, “This in­
denture witnesseth.”

**TESTATUM WRIT.** In practice. A 
write containing a *testatum* clause; such as a 
testatum copias, a testatum fl. fa., and a 
testatum ca. sa. See **TESTATUM.**

**TESTATUS.** Lat. In the civil law. 
Testate; one who has made a will. Dig. 50, 
17, 7.

**TESTE MEIPSO.** Lat. In old English 
law and practice. A solemn formula of at­
testation by the sovereign, used at the conclu­

**TESTE OF A WRIT.** In practice. 
The concluding clause, commencing with the 
word “Witness,” etc. A writ which bears 
the teste is sometimes said to be tested.

“Teste” is a word commonly used in the last 
part of every writ, wherein the date is con­tained, beginning with the words, “**Teste meipso**,” meaning the sovereign, if the writ be an original writ, or be issued in the name of the sovereign; but, if the writ be a judicial writ, then the word “**Teste**” is followed by the name of the chief judge of the court in which the action is brought, or, in case of a vacancy of such office, in the name of the senior puisne judge. Mozley & Whitley.

**TESTED.** To be tested is to bear the 
teste, (q. v.)

**TESTES.** Lat. Witnesses.

—**Testes, trial per.** A trial had before a 
judge without the intervention of a jury, in 
which the judge is left to form in his own 

*Testes ponderantur, non numerantur.* 
Witnesses are weighed, not numbered. That 
is, in case of a conflict of evidence, the truth 
is to be sought by weighing the credibility of 
the respective witnesses, not by the mere 
umerical preponderance on one side or the 
other.

*Testes qui postulat debet dare eis 
sumptus competentes.* Whosoever de-

mands witnesses must find them in compe­tent provision.

**Testibus deponentibus in pari numero, 
dignioribus est credendum.** Where the 

**TESTIFY.** To bear witness; to give evi­

dence as a witness; to make a solemn decla­

**TESTIMONIAL.** Besides its ordinary 
meaning of a written recommendation to 
character, “testimonial!” has a special mean­
ing, under St. 39 Eliz. c. 17, § 3, passed in 
1597, under which it signified a certificate 
under the hand of a justice of the peace, test­
ifying the place and time when and where a 
soldier or mariner landed, and the place of 
his dwelling or birth, unto which he was to 
pass, and a convenient time limited for his 
passage. Every idle and wandering soldier 
or mariner not having such a testimonial, or 
willfully exceeding for above fourteen days 
the time limited thereby, or forging or coun­
terfeiting such testimonial, was to suffer 
decapitation. Where the 

**TESTIMONIAL PROOF.** In the civil 

**TESTIMONIO.** In Spanish law. An au­
thentic copy of a deed or other instrument, 
made by a notary and given to an interested 
party as evidence of his title, the original 
remaining in the public archives. Guilbeau 
v. Mays, 15 Tex. 414.

**TESTIMONIUM CLAUSE.** In convey­

**TESTIMONY.** Evidence of a witness; 
evidence given by a witness, under oath or 
affirmation; as distinguished from evidence 
derived from writings, and other sources. 

*Testimony* is not synonymous with evi­
dence. It is but a species, a class, or kind of
evidence. Testimony is the evidence given by witnesses. Evidence is whatever may be given to the jury as tending to prove a case. It includes the testimony of witnesses, documents, admissions of parties, etc. Mann v. Higgins, 83 Cal. 66, 23 Pac. 206; Carroll v. Bancker, 43 La. Ann. 1078, 10 South. 192; Columbia Nat. Bank v. German Nat. Bank, 56 Neb. 803, 77 N. W. 346; Harris v. Tomlinson, 130 Ind. 426, 30 N. E. 214. See Evidence.

—Negative testimony. Testimony not bearing directly upon the immediate fact or occurrence under consideration, but evidencing facts from which it may be inferred that the act or fact in question could not possibly have happened. See Barclay v. Hartman, 2 Marv. (Del.) 331, 43 Atl. 174.

TESTIS. Lat. A witness; one who gives evidence in court, or who witnesses a document.

Testis de visu præponderat aliis. 4 Inst. 279. An eye-witness is preferred to others.

Testis lupanaris sufficit ad factun in lupanari. Moore, 817. A lewd person is a sufficient witness to an act committed in a brothel.

Testis nemo in sua causa esse potest. No one can be a witness in his own cause.

Testis oculatus unus plus valet quam auriti decem. 4 Inst. 279. One eye-witness is worth more than ten ear-witnesses.

TESTIMOIGNE. An old law French term, denoting evidence or testimony or a witness.

Testimoignes ne poent testifier le negative, mes l'affirmative. Witnesses cannot testify to a negative; they must testify to an affirmative. 4 Inst. 279.

TEXTUS ROFFENSIS. In old English law. The Rochester text. An ancient manuscript containing many of the Saxon laws, and the rights, customs, tenures, etc., of the church of Rochester, drawn up by Ernulph, bishop of that see from A. D. 1114 to 1124. Cowell.

THALWEG. Germ. A term used in topography to designate a line representing the deepest part of a continuous depression in the surface, such as a watercourse; hence the middle of the deepest part of the channel of a river or other stream. See Iowa v. Illinois, 147 U. S. 1, 13 Sup. Ct. 239, 37 L. Ed. 55; Keokuk & H. Bridge Co. v. People, 145 Ill. 596, 34 N. E. 482.

THANAGE OF THE KING. A certain part of the king's land or property, of which the ruler or governor was called "thane." Cowell.

THANE. An Anglo-Saxon noblesman; an old title of honor, perhaps equivalent to "baron." There were two orders of thanes, —the king's thanes and the ordinary thanes. Soon after the Conquest this name was disused. Cowell.

THANELANDS. Such lands as were granted by charter of the Saxon kings to their thanes with all immunities, except from the trinoda necessitas. Cowell.

THANESHIP. The office and dignity of a thane; the seigniory of a thane.

That which I may defeat by my entry I make good by my confirmation. Co. Litt. 300.

THAVIES INN. An inn of chancery. See INNS OF CHANCERY.

THET. An article which particularizes the subject spoken of. "Grammatical niceties should not be resorted to without necessity; but it would be extending liberality to an unwarrantable length to confound the articles 'a' and 'the.' The most unlettered persons understand that 'a' is indefinite, but 'the' refers to a certain object." Per Tlghman, C. J., Sharp v. Com., 2 Bin. (Pa.) 516.

The fund which has received the benefit should make the satisfaction. 4 Bouv. Inst. note 3790.

THEATER. Any edifice used for the purpose of dramatic or operatic or other representations, plays, or performances, for admission to which entrance-money is received, not including halls rented or used occasionally for concerts or theatrical representations. Act Cong. July 13, 1866, § 9 (14 St. at Large—128). And see Bell v. Mahn, 121 Pa. 225, 15 Atl. 523, 1 L. R. A. 364, 6 Am. St. Rep. 786; Lee v. State, 56 Ga. 478; Jacko v. State, 22 Ala. 74.

THEFT. An unlawful felonious taking away of another man's movable and personal goods against the will of the owner. Jacob.

Theft is the fraudulent taking of corporeal personal property belonging to another, from his possession, or from the possession of some person holding the same for him, without his consent, with intent to deprive the owner of the value of the same, and to appropriate it to the use or benefit of the person taking. Quitzow v. State, 1 Tex. App. 65, 25 Am. Rep. 396; Mullins v. State, 57 Tex. 338; U. S. v. Thomas (D. C.) 69 Fed. 590; People v. Donohue, 54 N. Y. 442.

In Scotch law. The secret and felonious abstraction of the property of another for the sake of lucre, without his consent. Alis. Crim. Law, 263.
THEFT-BOTE. The offense committed by a party who, having been robbed and knowing the felon, takes back his goods again, or receives other amends, upon an agreement not to prosecute. See Forschner v. Whitcomb, 44 N. H. 16.

Theft-bote est emenda furti capta, sine consideratione curiae domini regis. 3 Inst. 134. Theft-bote is the paying money to have goods stolen returned, without having any respect for the court of the king.

THELONIO IRRATIONABILI HABENDO. A writ that formerly lay for him that had any part of the king's demesne in fee-farm, to recover reasonable toll of the king's tenants there, if his demesne had been accustomed to be tolled. Reg. Orig. 87.

THELONIUM. An abolished writ for citizens or burgesses to assert their right to exemption from toll. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 229.

THELONMANNUS. The toll-man or officer who receives toll. Cowell.

THELUSSON ACT. The statute 39 & 40 Geo. III. c. 98, which restricted accumulations to a term of twenty-one years from the testator's death. It was passed in consequence of litigation over the will of one Thelusson.

THEME. In Saxon law. The power of having jurisdiction over naifs or villeins, with their suits or offspring, lands, goods, and chattels. Co. Litt. 116a.

THEMMAGIUM. A duty or acknowledgment paid by inferior tenants in respect of theme or team. Cowell.

THEN. This word, as an adverb, means "at that time," referring to a time specified, either past or future. It has no power in itself to fix a time. It simply refers to a time already fixed. Mangum v. Piester, 16 S. C. 329. It may also denote a contingency, and be equivalent to "in that event." Pin tard v. Irwin, 20 N. J. Law, 505.

THENCE. In surveying, and in descriptions of land by courses and distances, this word, preceding each course given, imports that the following course is continuous with the one before it. Flagg v. Mason, 141 Mass. 60, 6 N. E. 702.

THEOCRACY. Government of a state by the immediate direction of God, (or by the assumed direction of a supposititious divinity,) or the state thus governed.

THEODEN. In Saxon law. A husbandman or inferior tenant; an under-thane. Cowell.

THEODOSIAN CODE. See Codex Theodosianus.

Such permanent objects, not being persons, as are sensible, or perceptible through the senses. Aust. Jur. § 432.

“A thing” is the object of a right; i. e., whatever is treated by the law as the object over which one person exercises a right, and with reference to which another person lies under a duty. Holl. Jur. 53.

Things are the subjects of dominion or property. These are distinguished from persons. They are distributed into three kinds: (1) Things real or immovable, comprehending lands, tenements, and hereditaments; (2) things personal or movable, comprehending goods and chattels; and (3) things mixed, partaking of the characteristics of the two former, as a title-deed, a term for years. The civil law divides things corporeal (tangi possunt) and incorporeal (tangi non possunt). Wharton.

—Things in action. A thing in action is a right to recover money or other personal property by a judicial proceeding. Civ. Code Cal. § 953. See CHOSE IN ACTION.—Things personal. Good, money, and all other movables, which may attend the owner's person wherever he thinks proper to go. 2 Bl. Comm. 16. Things personal consist of goods, money, and all other movables, and of such rights and profits as relate to movables. 1 Steph. Comm. 156. See People v. Holbrook, 13 Johns. (N. Y.) 90; U. S. v. Moulton, 27 Fed. Cas. 11; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 546.—Things real. Such things as are permanent, fixed, and immovable, which cannot be carried out of their place: as lands and tenements. 2 Bl. Comm. 16. This definition has been objected to as not embracing incorporeal rights. Mr. Stephen defines things real to “consist of things substantial and immovable, and of the rights which may attend the owner's person wherever he thinks proper to go. 2 Bl. Comm. 16. Things real are otherwise described to consist of lands, tenements, and hereditaments. See Bates v. Sparrell, 10 Mass. 324; People v. Brooklyn, 9 Barb. (N. Y.) 546.

Things accessory are of the nature of the principal. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 25.

Things are construed according to that which was the cause thereof. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 4.

Things are dissolved as they be contracted. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 7.

Things grounded upon an ill and void beginning cannot have a good perfection. Finch, Law, b. 1, c. 3, n. 8.

Things in action, entry, or re-entry cannot be granted over. Van Rensselaer v. Ball, 19 N. Y. 100, 103.

Things incident cannot be severed. Finch, Law, b. 3, c. 1, n. 12.


Things incident shall pass by the grant of the principal, but not the principal by the grant of the incident. Co. Litt. 152a, 151b; Broom, Max. 433.

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THINGSUS. In Saxon law. A thane or nobleman; knight or freeman. Cowell.

THINK. In a special finding by a jury, this word is equivalent to “believe,” and expresses the conclusion of the jury with sufficient positiveness. Martin v. Central Iowa Ry. Co., 59 Iowa, 414, 13 N. W. 424.

THIRD-NIGHT-AWN-HINDE. By the laws of St. Edward the Confessor, if any man lay a third night in an inn, he was called a “third-night-awn-hinde,” and his host was answerable for him if he committed any offense. The first night, forman-night, or uncouth, (unknown,) he was reckoned a stranger; the second night, twa-night, a guest; and the third night, an awn-hinde, a domestic. Bract. l. 3.

THIRD. Following next after the second; also, with reference to any legal instrument or transaction or judicial proceeding, any outsider or person not a party to the affair nor immediately concerned in it.

—Third opposition. In Louisiana, when an execution is levied on property which does not belong to the defendant, but to an outsider, the remedy of the owner is by an intervention called a “third opposition,” in which, on his giving security, an injunction or prohibition may be granted to stop the sale. See New Orleans v. Louisiana Const. Co., 129 U. S. 43, 9 Sup. Ct. 223, 32 L. Ed. 607.—Third parties. See PARTY.—Third penny. A portion (one-third) of the amount of all fines and other profits of the county court, which was reserved for the earl, in the early days when the jurisdiction of those courts was extensive, the remainder going to the King.—Third possessor. In Louisiana, a person who buys mortgaged property, but without assuming the payment of the mortgage. Thompson v. Levy, 59 La. Ann. 751, 23 South. 913.

THIRDBOROUGH, or THIRDBOROW. An under-constable. Cowell.

THIRDINGS. The third part of the corn growing on the land, due to the lord for a heriot on the death of his tenant, within the manor of Turfam, in Hereford. Blount.

THIRDS. The designation, in colloquial language, of that portion of a decedent’s personal estate (one-third) which goes to the widow where there is also a child or children. See Yeomans v. Stevens, 2 Allen (Mass.) 350; O'Hara v. Dever, 40 Barb. (N. Y.) 614.

THIRLAGE. In Scotch law. A servitude by which lands are astricted or “thirled” to a particular mill, to which the possessors must carry the grain of the growth of the astricted lands to be ground, for the payment of such duties as are either expressed or implied in the constitution of the right. Ersk. Inst. 2, 9, 18.

THIRTY-NINE ARTICLES. See ARTICLES OF RELIGION.
THIS. When "this" and "that" refer to different things before expressed, "this" refers to the thing last mentioned, and "that" to the thing first mentioned. Russell v. Kennedy, 66 Pa. 251.

THIS DAY SIX MONTHS. Fixing "this day six months," or "three months," for the next stage of a bill, is one of the modes in which the house of lords and the house of commons reject bills of which they disapprove. A bill rejected in this manner cannot be reintroduced in the same session. Wharton.

THISTLE-TAKE. It was a custom within the manor of Halton, in Chester, that if, in driving beasts over a common, the driver permitted them to graze or take but a thistle, he should pay a halfpenny a-piece to the lord of the fee. And at Fiskerton, in Nottinghamshire, by ancient custom, if a native or a cottager killed a swine above a year old, he paid to the lord a penny, which purchase of leave to kill a hog was also called "thistle-take." Cowell.

THOROUGHFARE. The term means, according to its derivation, a street or passage through which one can fare, (travel;) that is, a street or highway affording an unobstructed exit at each end into another street or public passage. If the passage is closed at one end, admitting no exit there, it is called a "cul de sac." See Cemetery Ass'n v. Meninger, 14 Kan. 315; Mankato v. Warren, 20 Minn. 150 (Gill. 128); Wiggins v. Tallmadge, 11 Barb. (N. Y.) 462.

THRAVE. In old English law. A measure of corn or grain, consisting of twenty-four sheaves or four shocks, six sheaves to every shock. Cowell.

THREAD. A middle line; a line running through the middle of a stream or road. See FILUM; FILUM AQUAE; FILUM VLM.

THREAT. In criminal law. A menace; a declaration of one's purpose or intention to work injury to the person, property, or rights of another.

A threat has been defined to be any menace of such a nature and extent as to unsettle the mind of the person on whom it operates, and to take away from his acts that free, voluntary action which alone constitutes consent. Abbott. See State v. Cushing, 17 Wash. 544 50 Pac. 512; State v. Brownlee, 84 Iowa, 423, 51 N. W. 25; Cote v. Murphy, 159 Pa. 420, 28 Atl. 190, 23 L. R. A. 135, 59 Am. St. Rep. 686.

THREATENING LETTERS. Sending threatening letters is the name of the offense of sending letters containing threats of the kinds recognized by the statute as criminal. See People v. Griffin, 2 Barb. (N. Y.) 429.

THREE-DOLLAR PIECE. A gold coin of the United States, of the value of three dollars; authorized by the seventh section of the act of February 21, 1853.

THRENGES. Vassals, but not of the lowest degree; those who held lands of the chief lord.

THRITHING. In Saxon and old English law. The third part of a county; a division of a county consisting of three or more hundreds. Cowell. Corrupted to the modern "riding," which is still used in Yorkshire. 1 Bl. Comm. 116.

THROAT. In medical jurisprudence. The front or anterior part of the neck. Where one was indicted for murder by "cutting the throat" of the deceased, it was held that the word "throat" was not to be confined to that part of the neck which is scientifically so called, but must be taken in its common acceptation. Rex v. Edwards, 6 Car. & P. 401.

THROUGH. This word is sometimes equivalent to "over," as in a statute in reference to laying out a road "through" certain grounds. Hyde Park v. Oakwoods Cemetery Ass'n, 119 Ill. 147, 7 N. E. 627.

THROW OUT. To ignore, (a bill of indictment.)

THRUSTING. Within the meaning of a criminal statute, "thrusting" is not necessarily an attack with a pointed weapon; it means pushing or driving with force, whether the point of the weapon be sharp or not. State v. Lowry, 33 La. Ann. 1224.

THRYMSA. A Saxon coin worth fourpence. Du Fresne.

THUDE-WEALD. A woodward, or person that looks after a wood.

THURINGIAN CODE. One of the "barbarian codes," as they are termed; supposed by Montesquieu to have been given by Theodoric, king of Austrasia, to the Thuringians, who were his subjects. Esprit des Lois, lib 28, c. 1.

THWERTNICK. In old English law. The custom of giving entertainments to a sheriff, etc., for three nights.

TICK. A colloquial expression for credit or trust; credit given for goods purchased.

TICKET. In contracts. A slip of paper containing a certificate that the person to whom it is issued, or the holder, is entitled to some right or privilege therein mentioned or described; such, for example, are railroad tickets, theater tickets, pawn tickets.

In election law. A ticket is a paper upon which is written or printed the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote, with a designation of the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen. Pol. Code Cal. § 1185. See In re Gerberich's Nomination, 24 Pa. Co. Ct. R. 250.

—Ticket of leave. In English law. A license or permit given to a convict, as a reward for good conduct, particularly in the penal settlements, which allows him to go at large, and labor for himself, before the expiration of his sentence, subject to certain specific conditions and revocable upon subsequent misconduct.—Ticket-of-leave man. A convict who has obtained a ticket of leave.

TIDAL. In order that a river may be "tidal" at a given spot, it may not be necessary that the water should be salt, but the spot must be one where the tide, in the ordinary and regular course of things, flows and refloows. 8 Q. B. Div. 630.


—Tide lands. See LAND.—Tide-water. Water which falls and rises with the ebb and flow of the tide. The term is not usually applied to the open sea, but to coves, bays, rivers, etc.

TIDESMEN, in English law, are certain officers of the custom-house, appointed to watch or attend upon ships till the customs are paid; and they are so called because they go aboard the ships at their arrival in the mouth of the Thames, and come up with the tide. Jacob.

TIE, v. To bind. "The parson is not tied to find the parish clerk." 1 Leon. 94.

TIE, n. When, at an election, neither candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, but each has the same number, there is said to be a "tie." So when the number of votes cast is in favor of any measure, in a legislative or deliberative body, is equal to the number cast against it. See Wooster v. Mulline, 64 Conn. 340, 30 Atl. 144, 25 L. R. A. 694.

TIEL. L. Fr. Such. Nul tie record, no such record.

TIEMPO INHABIL. Span. A time of inability; a time when the person is not able to pay his debts, (when, for instance, he may not alienate property to the prejudice of his creditors.) The term is used in Louisiana. Brown v. Kenner, 3 Mart. O. S. (La.) 270; Thorn v. Morgan, 4 Mart. N. S. (La.) 255, 16 Am. Dec. 175.
TIME

The measure of duration.
The word is expressive both of a precise point or terminus and of an interval between two points.

In pleading. A point in or space of duration at or during which some fact is alleged to have been committed.

—Cooling time. See that title.—Reasonable time. Such length of time as may fairly, properly, and reasonably be allowed or required, having regard to the nature of the act or duty, or of the subject-matter, and to the attending circumstances. It is a maxim of English law that "how long a 'reasonable time' ought to be is not defined in law, but is left to the discretion of the judges." Co. Litt. 50. See Hoggins v. Beecraft, 1 Dana (Ky) 28; Hill v. Hobart, 16 Mass. 193; In re Deck Oil Co. v. Marbury, 91 U. S. 591, 23 L. Ed. 828; Campbell v. Whoriskey, 170 Mass. 63, 48 N. E. 1070.—Time-bargain. In the language of the stock exchange, a time-bargain is an agreement to buy or sell stock at a future time, or within a fixed time, at a certain price. It is in reality nothing more than a bargain to pay deferred cash. The check signed by a master mechanic or other person in charge of laborers, reciting the amount due to the laborer for labor for a specified time. Burlington Voluntary Relief Dept. v. White, 41 N. Y. 547, 59 N. W. 747, 43 Am. St. Rep. 701.—Time immemorial. Time whereof the memory of a man is not to the contrary—Time of memory. In English law. Time commencing from the beginning of the reign of Richard I. 2 Bl. Comm. 31. Lord Coke defines time of memory to be "when no man alive hath had any proof to the contrary, nor hath any converse to the contrary." Co. Litt 86b, 86c.—Time out of mind. Time beyond memory; time out of mind; time to which memory does not extend.—Time-policy. A policy of marine insurance in which the risk is limited, not to a given voyage, but to a certain fixed term or period of time.—Time the essence of the contract. A case in which "time is of the essence of the contract" is one where the parties evidently contemplated a punctual performance, at the precise time named, as vital to the agreement, and one of its essential elements. Time is not of the essence of the contract in any case where a moderate delay in performance would not be regarded as an absolute violation of the contract.

TINOCRACY. An aristocracy of property; government by men of property who are possessed of a certain income.

Timores vani sunt estimandii qui non cadunt in constantem virum. 7 Coke, 17. Fears which do not assail a resolute man are to be accounted vain.

TINBONDBLING is a custom regulating the manner in which tin is obtained from waste-land, or land which has formerly been waste-land, within certain districts in Cornwall and Devon. The custom is described in the leading case on the subject as follows: "Any person may enter on the waste-land of another, and may mark out by four corner boundaries a certain area. A written description of the plot of land so marked out with mark and bounds, and the name and address of the person, is recorded in the local stannaries court, and is proclaimed on three successive court-days. If no objection is sustained by any other person, the court awards a writ to the bailiff to deliver possession of the said 'bounds of tin-work' to the 'bounder,' who thereupon has the exclusive right to search, dig, and take for his own use all tin and tin-ore within the inclosed limits, paying as a royalty to the owner of the waste a certain proportion of the produce under the name of 'toll-tin.'" 10 Q. B. 26, cited in Elton Commons, 113. The right of tinbounding is not a right of common, but is an interest in land, and, in Devonshire, a corporeal hereditament. In Cornwall tin bounds are personal estate. Sweet.

TINEL. L. Fr. A place where justice was administered. Kelham.

TINEMAN. Sax. In old forest law. A petty officer of the forest who had the care of vert and venison by night, and performed other servile duties.

TINET. In old records. Brush-wood and thorns for fencing and hedging. Cowell; Blount.

TINELWALD. The ancient parliament or annual convention in the Isle of Man, held upon Midsummer-day, at St. John's chapel. Cowell.

TINKERMAN. Fishermen who destroyed the young fry on the river Thames by nets and unlawful engines. Cowell.

TINELLUS. In old Scotch law. The sea-mark; high-water mark. Tide-mouth. Skene.

TINPENNY. A tribute paid for the liberty of digging in tin-mines. Cowell.

TINSEL OF THE FEU. In Scotch law. The loss of the feu, from allowing two years of feu duty to run into the third unpaid. Bell.

TIPPLING HOUSE. A place where intoxicating drinks are sold in drams or small quantities to be drunk on the premises, and where men resort for drinking purposes. See Leesburg v. Putnam, 103 Ga. 110, 29 S. E. 602; Morrison v. Com., 7 Dana (Ky) 219; Patten v. Centralla, 47 Ill. 370; Hussey v. State, 69 Ga. 58; Emporia v. Volmer, 12 Kan. 629.

TIPSTAFF. In English law. An officer appointed by the marshal of the king's bench to attend upon the judges with a kind of rod or staff tipped with silver, who take into their custody all prisoners, either committed or turned over by the judges at their chambers, etc. Jacob.

In American law. An officer appointed by the court, whose duty is to wait upon the court when it is in session, preserve order, serve process, guard juries, etc.
TITHER. One who gathers tithes.

TITHES. In English law. The tenth part of the increase, yearly arising and remaining from the profits of lands, the stock upon lands, and the personal industry of the Inhabitants. 2 Bl. Comm. 24. A species of incorporeal hereditament, being an ecclesiastical inheritance collateral to the estate of the land, and due only to an ecclesiastical person by ecclesiastical law. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. § 133.


—Mixed tithes. Those which arise not immediately from the ground, but from those things which are nourished by the ground, e. p., coits, chickens, calves, milk, eggs, etc. 3 Burn. Ecc. Law, 380; 2 Bl. Comm. 24.—Minute tithes. Small tithes, such as usually belong to a vicar, as of wool, lambs, pigs, butter, cheese, herbs, seeds, eggs, honey, wax, etc.—Personal tithes are tithes paid of such profits as come by the labor of a man's person; as by buying and selling, gains of merchandise, and handicrafts, etc. Tomlins.—Predial tithes. Such as arise immediately from the ground; as, grain of all sorts, hay, wood, fruits, and herbs.—Tithe-free. Exempted from the payment of tithes.—Tithe rent-charge. A rent-charge established in lieu of tithes, under the tithes commutation act, 1836, (St 6 & 7 Wm. IV. c. 71.) As between landlord and tenant, the tenant paying the tithe rent-charge is entitled in the absence of express agreement, to deduct it from his rent, under section 70 of the above act. And a tithe rent-charge unpaid is recoverable by distress as rent in arrear. Moxley & Whitley.

TITHING. One of the civil divisions of England, being a portion of that greater division called a “hundred.” It was so called because ten freeholders with their families composed one. It is said that they were all knit together in one society, and bound to the king for the peaceable behavior of each other. In each of these societies there was one chief or principal person, who, from his office, was called “teething-man,” now “tithing-man.” Brown.

TITHING-MAN. In Saxon law. This was the name of the head or chief of a decennary. In modern English law, he is the same as an under-constable or peace-officer.

In modern law. A constable. “After the introduction of justices of the peace, the offices of constable and tithing-man became so similar that we now regard them as precisely the same.” Willic. Const. Introd.

In New England. A parish officer annually elected to preserve good order in the church during divine service, and to make complaint of any disorderly conduct. Webster.

TITHING-PENNY. In Saxon and old English law. Money paid to the sheriff by the several tithings of his county. Cowell.

TITIUS. In Roman law. A proper name, frequently used in designating an indefinite or fictitious person, or a person referred to by way of designation, “Titius” and “Titius” In this use, correspond to “John Doe” and “Richard Roe,” or to “A. B.” and “O. D.”

TITLE. The radical meaning of this word appears to be that of a mark, style, or designation; a distinctive appellation; the name by which anything is known. Thus, in the law of persons, a title is an appellation of dignity or distinction, a name denoting the social rank of the person bearing it; as “duke” or “count.” So, in legislation, the title of a statute is the heading or preliminary part, furnishing the name by which the act is individually known. It is usually prefixed to the statute in the form of a brief summary of its contents; as “An act for the prevention of gaming.” Again, the title of a patent is the short description of the invention, which is copied in the letters patent from the inventor's petition; e. g., “a new and improved method of drying and preparing malt.” Johns. Pat. Man. 90.

In the law of trade-marks, a title may become a subject of property; as one who has adopted a particular title for a newspaper, or other business enterprise, may, by long and prior user, or by compliance with statutory provisions as to registration and notice, acquire a right to be protected in the exclusive use of it. Abbott.

The title of a book, or any literary composition, is its name; that is, the heading or caption prefixed to it, and disclosing the distinctive appellation by which it is to be known. This usually comprises a brief description of its subject-matter and the name of its author.

“Title” is also used as the name of one of the subdivisions employed in many literary works, standing intermediate between the divisions denoted by the term “books” or “parts,” and those designated as “chapters” and “sections.”

In real property law. Title is the means whereby the owner of lands has the just possession of his property. Co. Litt. 345; 2 Bl. Comm. 195.

Title is the means whereby a person's right to property is established. Code Ga. 1882, § 2348.

Title may be defined generally to be the evidence of right which a person has to the possession of property. The word “title” certainly does not merely signify the right which a person has to the possession of property, because there are many instances in which a person may have the right to the possession of property, and at the same time have no title to the same. In its ordinary legal acceptance, however, it generally seems to imply a right of possession also. It therefore appears, on the whole, to signify the outward evidence of the right to possess, rather than the mere right itself. Thus, when it is said that the “most imperfect degree of title consists in the mere naked possession or actual occupation of an estate,” it means that the mere cit-
circumstance of occupying the estate is the weakest species of evidence of the occupier's right to such possession. The word is defined by Sir Edward Coke in "Co. 1 Inst. 34" as "jus possessionis," that is, the ground, whether purchase, gift, or other ground of acquiring. "Title" is therefore the means whereby a man comes to lands or tenements, as by seisin, or by the delivery or conveyance of the thing. Brown, 1 Tlamal. 502. It includes the right of entry into lands whereof another is seised; and it signifies also the means whereby a man comes to lands or tenements, as by seisin, or by the delivery or conveyance of the thing. Brown. In law, "title" includes a right, but is the more general word. Every right is a title, though every title is not a right for which an action lies. Jacob.


title to lands.—Title insurance. See Insurance.—Title of an act. The heading, or introductory clause, of a statute, wherein is briefly recited its purpose or nature, or the subject to which it relates.—Title of clerk. (c. v.) Some certain place where they may exercise their functions; also an assurance of being preferred to some ecclesiastical benefice. 2 Steph. Comm. 661.—

Title insurance. A conventional medium of exchange consisting of pieces of metal, fashioned in the shape and size of coins, and circulating among private persons, by consent, at a certain value. No longer permitted or recognized as money. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 182.

TOLAND. In English ecclesiastical law. A title to orders is a certificate of preferment or provision required by the thirty-third canon, in order that a person may be admitted into holy orders, unless he be a fellow or chaplain in Oxford or Cambridge, or master of arts of five years’ standing in either of the universities, and living there at his sole charges; or unless the bishop himself intends shortly to admit him to some benefice or curacy. 2 Steph. Comm. 661.

TOLL. n. To bar, defeat, or take away; thus, to toll the entry means to deny or take away the right of entry.

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TOLERATION. The allowance of religious opinions and modes of worship in a state which are contrary to, or different from, those of the established church or belief. Webster.

Tong. A sign or mark; a material evidence of the existence of a fact. Thus, cheating by "false tokens" implies the use of fabricated or deceitfully contrived material objects to assist the person’s own fraud and falsehood in accomplishing the cheat. See State v. Green, 18 N. J. Law, 181; State v. Middleton, Dud. (S. C.) 283; Jones v. State, 50 Ind. 476.

Token-money. A convention of exchange consisting of pieces of metal, fashioned in the shape and size of coins, and circulating among private persons, by consent, at a certain value. No longer permitted or recognized as money. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 182.

Toleration act. The statute 1 W. & M. St. 1, c. 18, for exempting Protestant dissenters from the penalties of certain laws is so called. Brown.

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bought and sold. It is a reasonable sum of mon-
ey due to the owner of the fair or market, upon sale of things tollable within the same. The word is used for a liberty as well to take as to be free from toll. Jacob.

In modern English law. A reasonable sum due to the lord of a fair or market for things sold there which are tollable. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 350, § 683.


—Toll and team. Words constantly associated with Saxon and old English grants of liberties to the lords of manors. Bract, fol. 56, 1244, 1546. They appear to have in-
ported the privileges of having a market, and jurisdiction of villeins. See Team.—Toll-gath-
erer. The officer who takes or collects toll.

—Toll-thorough. In English law. A toll for passing through a highway, or over a ferry or bridge. Cowell. A toll paid to a town for such a number of beasts, or for every beast that goes through the town, or over a bridge or ferry belonging to it. Com. Dig. "Toll." A toll claimed by an individual where he is bound to repair some particular highway, 3 Steph. Comm. 257. And see King v. Nicholson, 12 East 340; Charles River Bridge v. War-
ren Bridge, 11 Pet. 522, 9 L. Ed. 773.—Toll-
traverse. In English law. A toll for passing over a private man's ground. Cowell. A toll for passing over the private soil of another, or for driving beasts across his ground. Cro. Eliz. 710.—Toll-turn. In English law. A toll on beasts returning from a market. 1 Crabb, Real Prop. p. 102. A tax toll paid at the return of beasts from fair or market, though they were not sold. Cowell.

TOLLAG. Payment of toll; money charged or paid as toll; the liberty or franchise of charging toll.

TOLLBOOTH. A prison; a custom-house; an exchange; also the place where goods are weighed. Wharton.

TOLLDISH. A vessel by which the toll of corn for grinding is measured.

Tolle voluntatem et erit omnis actus indifferentes. Take away the will, and every action will be Indifferent. Bract. fol. 2.

TOLLER. One who collects tribute or taxes.

TOLLE. Lat. In the civil law. To lift up or raise; to elevate; to build up.

TOLLS. In a general sense, tolls signify any manner of customs, subsidy, prestation, imposition, or sum of money demanded for exporting or importing of any wares or mer-
chandise to be taken of the buyer. 2 Inst. 53.

TOLLESTER. An old excise; a duty paid by tenants of some manors to the lord for liberty to brew and sell ale. Cowell.

TOLSEY. The same as "tollbooth." Also a place where merchants meet; a local tribu-
ral for small civil causes held at the Guild-
hall, Bristol.

TOLL. A writ whereby a cause depend-

ing in a court baron was taken and removed into a county court. Old Nat. Brev. 4.

TOLTA. In old English law. Wrong; rapine; extortion. Cowell.

TON. A measure of weight; differently fixed, by different statutes, at two thousand pounds avoidupos, (1 Rev. St. N. Y. 800, § 35) or at twenty hundred-weights, each hundred-weight being one hundred and twelve pounds avoidupos, (Rev. St. U. S. § 2951, [U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1945].

TONNAGE. The capacity of a vessel for carrying freight or other loads, calculated in tons. But the way of estimating the tonnage varies in different countries. In England, tonnage denotes the actual weight in tons which the vessel can safely carry; in America, her carrying capacity estimated from the cubic dimensions of the hold. See Roberts v. Opdyke, 40 N. Y. 239.

The "tonnage" of a vessel is her capacity to carry cargo, and a charter of "the whole ton-
age" of a ship transfers to the charterer only the space necessary for that purpose. Thwing v. Insurance Co., 108 Mass. 405, 4 Am. Rep. 567.

The tonnage of a vessel is her internal cubical capacity, in tons. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinker, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

TONNAGE DUTY. In English law.

A duty imposed by parliament upon mer-
chandise exported and imported, according to a certain rate upon every ton. Brown.

In American law. A tax laid upon ves-
sels according to their tonnage or cubical ca-
pacity.

A tonnage duty is a duty imposed on vessels in proportion to their capacity. The vital principle of a tonnage duty is that it is imposed, what-
ever the subject, solely according to the rule of weight, either as to the capacity to carry or the actual weight of the thing itself. Inman S. S. Co. v. Tinker, 94 U. S. 238, 24 L. Ed. 118.

The term "tonnage duty," as used in the con-
stitutional prohibition upon state laws imposing tonnage duties, describes a duty proportioned to the tonnage of the vessel; a certain rate on each ton. But it is not to be taken in this restricted sense in the constitutional provision. The gener-
al prohibition upon the states against levying duties on imports or exports would have been ineffectual if it had not been extended to duties on the ships which serve as the vehicles of con-
veyance. The prohibition extends to any duty on the ship, whether a fixed sum upon its whole tonnage or a sum to be ascertained by comparing the amount of tonnage with the rate of duty.
TONNAGE DUTY

Southern S. S. Co. v. New Orleans, 6 Wall. 31, 18 L. Ed. 749.

A tonnage tax is defined to be a duty levied
on a vessel according to the tonnage or capacity.
It is a tax upon the boat as an instrument
of navigation, and not a tax upon the property
of a citizen of the state. The North Cape, 6 Biss.

TONNAGE-RENT. When the rent re-
served by a mining lease or the like consists
of a royalty on every ton of minerals gotten
in the mine, it is often called a "tonnage-
rent." There is generally a dead rent in addi-
tion. Sweet.

TONNAGIUM. In old English law. A
custom or impost upon wines and other mer-
chandise exported or imported, according to
a certain rate per ton. Spelman; Cowell.

TONNEKIT. In old English law.
The quantity of a ton or tun, in a ship's
freight or bulk, for which tonnage or tun-
age was paid to the king. Cowell.

TONODERACH. In old Scotch law. A
thief-taker.

TONSURA. Lat. In old English law.
A shaving, or polling; the having the crown
of the head shaven; tonsure. One of the pe-
culiar badges of a clerk or clergyman.

TONSURE. In old English law. A be-
ing shaven; the having the head shaven; a
shaven head. 4 Bl. Comm. 307.

TONTINE. In French law. A spe-
cies of association or partnership formed among
persons who are in receipt of perpetual or
life annuities, with the agreement that the
shares or annuities of those who die shall
accrue to the survivors. This plan is said
to be thus named from Tonti, an Italian,
shaven head. 4 Bl. Comm. 367.

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a means of extorting a confession of guilt, or of compelling him to disclose his accomplish-
es. TORY. Originally a nickname for the wild Irish in Ulster. Afterwards given to, and adopted by, one of the two great par-
liamentary parties which have alternately governed Great Britain since the Revolution in 1688. Wharton.

TOTTED. A good debt to the crown, i.e., a debt paid to the sheriff, to be by him paid over to the king. Cowell; Mozley & Whitley.

TOTUM preferetur uniculque parti. 3 Coxe, 41. The whole is preferable to any single part.

TOUCH. In insurance law. To stop at a port. If there be liberty granted by the policy to touch, or to touch and stay, at an intermediate port on the passage, the better opinion now is that the insured may trade there, when consistent with the object and the furtherance of the adventure, by breaking bulk, or by discharging and taking in cargo, provided it produces no unnecessary delay, nor enhances nor varies the risk. 3 Kent, Comm. 314.

TOUCHING A DEAD BODY. It was an ancient superstition that the body of a murdered man would bleed freshly when touched by his murderer. Hence, in old criminal law, this was resorted to as a means of ascertaining the guilt or innocence of a person suspected of the murder.

TOUJOURS ET UNCORE PRIST. L. Fr. Always and still ready. This is the name of a plea of tender.
TOUR D'ECHELLE. In French law. An easement consisting of the right to rest ladders upon the adjoining estate, when necessary in order to repair a party-wall or buildings supported by it. Also the vacant space surrounding a building left unoccupied in order to facilitate its repairation when necessary. Merl. Repert.

TOURN. In old English law. A court of record, having criminal jurisdiction, in each county, held before the sheriff, twice a year, in one place after another, following a certain circuit or rotation.

TOUT. Fr. All; whole; entirely. Tout temps prist, always ready.

Tout ce que la loi ne defend pas est permis. Everything is permitted which is not forbidden by law.

TOUT TEMPS PRIST. L. Fr. Always ready. The emphatic words of the old plea of tender; the defendant alleging that he has always been ready, and still is ready, to discharge the debt. 3 Bl. Comm. 303; 2 Salk. 622.

TOUT UN SOUND. L. Fr. All one sound; sounding the same; idem sonans.

Toute exception non surveillée tend à prendre la place du principe. Every exception not watched tends to assume the place of the principle.

TOWAGE. The act or service of towing ships and vessels, usually by means of a small steamer called a "tug." That which is given for towing ships in rivers. Towage is the drawing a ship or barge along the water by another ship or boat, fastened to her, or by men or horses, etc., on land. It is also money which is given by bargemen to the owner of ground next a river, where they tow a barge or other vessel. See Fitts, 21 R. I. 236, 42 Atl. 863. —Town collect. One of the officers of a town charged with collecting the taxes assessed for town purposes. —Town commissioner. In some of the states where the town is the political unit the town commissioners constitute a board of administrative officers. The town commissioner is the legal assembly of the qualified voters of a town, held at stated intervals or on call, for the purpose of electing town officers, and deciding on questions relating to the public business, property, and expenses of the town. See In re Foley, 8 Misc. Rep. 57, 28 N. Y. Supp. 608; Railroad Co. v. Mallory, 101 Ill. 585; Comstock v. Lincoln School Committee, 17 R. I. 827, 24 Atl. 145. —Town order or warrant. An official direction in writing by the auditing officers of a town, directing the treasurer to pay a sum of money. —Town pound. A place of confinement maintained by a town for strays. —Town purpose. When it is said that taxation is for the purpose of a town's money, it is meant that the purposes must be public with respect to the town: i.e., concern the welfare and advantage of the town as a whole. —Town receiver. The receiver or chief officer of a town. —Town tax. Such tax as a town may levy for its pecuniary wants; as distinguished from county or state tax. —Town treasurer. The treasurer of a town which is an organized municipal corporation.
TOWNSHIP

1. In surveys of the public land of the United States, a “township” is a division of territory six miles square, containing thirty-six sections.

2. In some of the states, this is the name given to the civil and political subdivisions of a county. See Town.

—Township trustee. One of a board of officers to whom, in some states, affairs of a township are intrusted.

—Toxic. (Lat. toxicum; Gr. toxikon.) In medical jurisprudence. Poisonous; having the character or producing the effects of a poison; referable to a poison; produced by or resulting from a poison.

—Toxic convulsions. Such as are caused by the action of a poison on the nervous system.

—Toxic dementia. Weakness of mind or feebleness resulting from the action of certain toxic substances or agents.—Toxemia or toxicemia. Blood-poisoning; the condition of the system caused by the presence of toxic agents in the circulation, including both septicemia and pyemia.—Toxicosis. A diseased state of the system due to the presence, and action of any poison.

TOXICAL. Poisonous; containing poison.

TOXICANT. A poison; a toxic agent; any substance capable of producing toxication or poisoning.

TOXICATE. To poison. Not used to describe the act of one who administers a poison, but the action of the drug or poison itself.

—Intoxication. The state of being poisoned; the condition produced by the administration or introduction into the human system of a poison. This term is popularly used as equivalent to “drunkenness,” which, however, is more accurately described as “alcoholic intoxication.”—Antidote. A substance derived from the absorption of the toxic products of internal metabolism, e. g., ptomaine poisoning.

TOXICOLOGY. The science of poisons; that department of medical science which treats of poisons, their effect, their recognition, their antidotes, and generally of the diagnosis and therapeutics of poisoning.

TOXIN. In its widest sense, this term may denote any poison or toxicant; but as used in pathology and medical jurisprudence it signifies, in general, any diffusible alkaloidal substance (as, the ptomaines, abrin, brucin, or serpent venoms), and in particular the poisonous products of pathogenic (disease-producing) bacteria.

—Anti-toxin. A product of pathogenic bacteria which, in sufficient quantities, will neutralize the action of the poisonous product of the same bacteria. In therapeutics, a preventive remedy (administered by inoculation) against the effect of certain kinds of toxins, venoms, and disease-gens, obtained from the blood of an animal which has previously been treated with repeated minute injections of the particular poison or germ to be neutralized.—Toxicomania. An excessive addiction to the use of toxic or poisonous drugs or other substances; a form of mania or affective insanity characterized by an irresistible impulse to indulge in opium, cocaine, chloral, alcohol, etc.—Toxiphobia. Morbid dread of being poisoned; a form of insanity manifesting itself by an excessive and unfounded apprehension of death by poison.

TRADES. Lat. In the civil law. A beam or rafter of a house. Calvin.

In old English law. A measure of grain, containing twenty-four sheaves; a thrave.

—Trade dollar. A silver coin of the United States, of the weight of four hundred and twenty-five grains.

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TRADE MARKS. A distinctive mark, motto, device, or emblem, which a manufacturer uses exclusively as a symbol of his goods. Such marks are known as trade-marks. The statute 34 & 35 Vict. c. 31, passed in 1871, for the purpose of regulating the customs commonly observed by persons conversant in, or connected with, a particular trade.

TRADE-NAME. A trade-name is a name which is used by a manufacturer in connection with his goods, and by which he is known to the public. It is a kind of property, and is the subject of registration and protection.

TRADE UNION. A combination or association of men engaged in the same trade, usually a manual or mechanical trade, united for the purpose of regulating the customs and standards of their trade, fixing prices or hours of labor, influencing the relations of employer and employed, enlarging or maintaining their rights and privileges, and other similar objects.

TRADE UNION ACT. This is the statute 38 & 39 Vict. c. 91, amended by the acts of 1876 and 1877. It provides for the establishment of a register of trade-marks under the superintendence of the commissioners of patents, and for the registration of trade-marks belonging to particular classes of goods, and for their assignment in connection with the good-will of the business in which they are used.

TRADE-SCREW. A term used in trade to denote a screw with a specially shaped head or end.

TRADESMAN. In England, a shopkeeper; a small shopkeeper.

TRADING. Engaging in trade, (q. v.) pursuing the business or occupation of trade or of a trader.

TRADING CORPORATION. See Corporation.

TRADING PARTNERSHIP. Whenever the business of a partnership is conducted according to the usual modes of conducting it, imports, in its nature, the necessity of buying and selling, and the firm is properly regarded as a "trading firm" and is invested with the powers and subject to the obligations incident to that relation. Dowling v. National Exchange Bank, 143 U. S. 612, 12 Sup. Ct. 623, 36 L. Ed. 795.

TRADING VESSEL. One which contemplates the touching and stopping of the vessel at various ports for the purpose of traffic or sale and purchase or exchange of commodities on account of the owners and shippers, rather than the transportation of cargo between terminal points, which is called a "freighting voyage." See Brown v. Jones, 145 U. S. 512, 12 Sup. Ct. 928, 36 L. Ed. 795.

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QUASI TRADITIO. A supposed or implied delivery of property from one to another. Thus, if the purchaser of an article was already in possession of it before the sale, his continuing in possession is considered as equivalent to a fresh delivery of it, delivery being one of the necessary elements of a sale; in other words, a quasi traditio is predicated.

TRADITIO BREVI MANU. The act of transferring or delivering by a simple act of giving or handing over.

TRADITIO LONGA MANU. Delivery of keys; a symbolical kind of delivery, by which the owner of a corpus thing agrees with the purchaser of an article was already in possession of it before the sale, his continuing in possession is considered as equivalent to a fresh delivery of it, delivery being one of the necessary elements of a sale; in other words, a quasi traditio is predicated.

TRADITIO CLAVIUM. Delivery of keys; a symbolical kind of delivery, by which the ownership of merchandise might be transferred to a buyer.

TRADER. A person engaged in trade; one whose business is to buy and sell merchandise, or any class of goods, deriving a profit from his dealings. 2 Kent, Comm. 389; State v. Chabourn, 80 N. C. 481, 30 Am. Rep. 94; In re New York & W. Water Co. (D. C.) 98 Fed. 711; Morris v. Clifton Forge Grocery Co., 46 W. Va. 197, 32 S. E. 997.
Traditio loqui facit chartam. Delivery makes a deed speak. 5 Coke, 1a. Delivery gives effect to the words of a deed. 1d.

Traditio nihil amplius transferre debet vel potest, ad eum qui accepit, quam est apud eum qui tradit. Delivery ought to, and can, transfer nothing more to him who receives than is with him who delivers. Dig. 41, 1, 20, pr.


The tradition or delivery is the transferring of the thing sold into the power and possession of the buyer. Civ. Code La. art. 2477.

In the rule respecting the admission of tradition or general reputation to prove boundaries, questions of pedigree, etc., this word means knowledge or belief derived from the statements or declarations of contemporary witnesses and handed down orally through a considerable period of time. See Westfelt v. Adams, 131 N. C. 379, 42 S. E. 823; In re Hurlburt's Estate, 68 Vt. 366, 35 Atl. 77, 35 L. R. A. 794.

TRADITOR. In old English law. A traitor; one guilty of high treason. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 21, § 8.

TRADITUR IN BALLIUM. In old practice, is delivered to ball. Emphatic words of the old Latin bull-piece. 1 Salk. 105.


TRAHENS. Lat. In French law. The drawer of a bill. Story, Bills, § 12, note.

TRAIL-BASTON. Justices of trail-baston were justices appointed by King Edward I., during his absence in the Scotch and French wars, about the year 1305. They were so styled, says Hollingshead, for trailing or drawing the staff of justice. Their office was to make inquisition, throughout the kingdom, of all officers and others, touching extortion, bribery, and such like grievances, of intruders into other men's lands, barratrors, robbers, breakers of the peace, and divers other offenders. Cowell; Tomlins.

TRAINBANDS. The militia; the part of a community trained to martial exercises.

TRAITIS. In old Scotch law. A roll containing the particular dictay taken up upon malefactors, which, with the porteous, is delivered by the justice clerk to the coroner, to the effect that the persons whose names are contained in the porteous may be attached, conform to the dictay contained in the traitis. So called, because committed to the traitis, [trust,] faith, and credit of the clerks and coroner. Skene; Burrill.

TRAITOR. One who, being trusted, betrays; one guilty of treason.

TRAITOROUSLY. In criminal pleading. An essential word in indictments for treason. The offense must be laid to have been committed traitorously. Whart. Crim. Law, 100.

TRAJECTITIUS. Lat. In the civil law. Sent across the sea.

TRAMWAYS. Rails for conveyance of traffic along a road not owned, as a railway is, by those who lay down the rails and convey the traffic. Wharton.


TRANSACT. In Scotch law. To compound. Amb. 185.

TRANSACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. The settlement of a suit or matter in controversy, by the litigating parties, between themselves, without referring it to arbitration. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 8, no. 14. An agreement by which a suit, either pending or about to be commenced, was forborne or discontinued on certain terms. Calvin.

TRANSACTION. In the civil law. A transaction or compromise is an agreement between two or more persons, who, for preventing or putting an end to a lawsuit, adjust their differences by mutual consent, in the manner which they agree on, and which every one of them prefers to the hope of gaining, balanced by the danger of losing. This contract must be reduced into writing. Civ. Code La. art. 3071.

In common law. Whatever may be done by one person which affects another's rights, and out of which a cause of action may arise. Scarsborough v. Smith, 15 Kan. 405. "Transaction" is a broader term than "contract." A contract is a transaction, but a transaction is not necessarily a contract. See Ter Kule v. Marsland, 81 Hun, 420, 31 N. Y. Supp. 5; Xenia Branch Bank v. Lee, 7 Abb. Prac. (N. Y.) 372; Roberts v. Donovan, 70 Cal. 113, 11 Pac. 599.
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TRANSCRIPT. An official copy of certain proceedings in a court. Thus, any person interested in a judgment or other record of a court can obtain a transcript of it. U. S. v. Gaussen, 19 Wall. 212, 22 L. Ed. 41; State v. Board of Equalization, 7 Nev. 95; Hastings School Dist. v. Caldwell, 16 Neb. 68, 19 N. W. 634; Dearborn v. Patton, 4 Or. 61.

TRANSCRIPTIO PEDIS FINISLEVATIMITTENDO IN CANCELLARIUM. A writ which certified the foot of a fine levied before justices in eyre, etc., into the chancery. Reg. Orig. 669.

TRANSCRIPTIO RECOGNITIONIS FACTE CORAM JUSTICIARIIS ITINERANTIBUS, Etc. An old writ to certify a cognizance taken by justices in eyre. Reg. Orig. 152.

TRANSFER, v. To carry or pass over; to pass a thing over to another; to convey.

TRANSFER, n. The passing of a thing or of property from one person to another; alienation; conveyance. 2 Bl. Comm. 294. Transfer is an act of the parties, or of the law, by which the title to property is conveyed from one living person to another. Civ. Code Cal. § 1039. And see Pearre v. Hawkins, 62 Tex. 437; Innerarity v. Mims, 1 Ala. 669; Sands v. Hill, 55 N. Y. 18; Pierie v. Chicago Title & Trust Co., 182 U. S. 438, 21 Sup. Ct. 906, 45 L. Ed. 1171.

In procedure, "transfer" is applied to an action or other proceeding, when it is taken from the jurisdiction of one court or judge, and placed under that of another.

—Transfer of a cause. The removal of a cause from the jurisdiction of one court or judge to another by lawful authority. —Transfer tax. A tax upon transfers of property by will or inheritance; a tax upon the passing of the title to property or a valuable interest therein out of or from the estate of a decedent, by inheritance, devise, or bequest. See In re Hoffman's Estate, 143 N. Y. 227, 38 N. E. 311; In re Gould's Estate, 156 N. Y. 423, 53 N. E. 257; In re Bree's Estate, 172 N. Y. 609, 64 N. E. 958. Sometimes also applied to a tax on the transfer of property, particularly of an incorporeal nature, such as bonds or shares of stock, between living persons.

TRANSFERABLE. A term used in a quasi legal sense, to indicate that the character of assignability or negotiability attaches to the particular instrument, or that it may pass from hand to hand, carrying all rights of the original holder. The words "not transferable" are sometimes printed upon a ticket, receipt, or bill of lading, to show that the same will not be good in the hands of any person other than the one to whom first issued.

TRANSFEREE. He to whom a transfer is made.

TRANSFERENCE. In Scotch law. The proceeding to be taken upon the death of one of the parties to a pending suit, whereby the action is transferred or continued, in its then condition, from the decedent to his representatives. Transference is either active or passive; the former, when it is the pursuer (plaintiff) who dies; the latter, upon the death of the defender. Ersk. Inst. 4, 1, 60.

The transferring of a legacy from the person to whom it was originally given to another; this is a species of ademption, but the latter is the more general term, and includes cases not covered by the former.

TRANSFERROR. One who makes a transfer.

Transfector domini sine titulo et traditione, per usucaptionem, selli, per longam continuum et pacificam possessionem. Co. Litt. 113. Rights of dominion are transferred without title or delivery, by usucaption, to-wit, long and quiet possession.

TRANSFRETATIO. Lat. in old English law. A crossing of the strait, [of Dover;] a passing or sailing over from England to France. The royal passages or voyages to Gascony, Brittany, and other parts of France were so called, and time was sometimes computed from them.

TRANSGRESSIO. In old English law. A violation of law. Also trespass; the action of trespass.

Transgressio est cum modus non servatur nec mensura, debit enim quilibet in suo facto modum habere et mensuram. Co. Litt. 37. Transgression is when neither mode nor measure is preserved, for every one in his act ought to have a mode and measure.

TRANSGRESSIONE. In old English law. A writ or action of trespass.

Transgressione multiplicata, crescat poena inflictio. When transgression is multiplied, let the infliction of punishment be increased. 2 Inst. 479.

TRANSGRESSIVE TRUST. See Trust.

TRANSHIPMENT. In maritime law. The act of taking the cargo out of one ship and loading it in another.

TRANSIENT. In poor-laws. A "transient person" is not exactly a person on a journey from one known place to another, but rather a wanderer ever on the tramp. Middlebury v. Waltham, 6 VT. 203; Londonderry v. Landgrove, 66 VT. 264, 29 Atl. 256.

In Spanish law. A "transient foreigner" is one who visits the country, without the
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intention of remaining. Yates v. Iams, 10 Tex. 170.

TRANSIRE, v. Lat. To go, or pass over; to pass from one thing, person, or place to another.

TRANSIRE, n. In English law. A warrant or permit for the custom-house to let goods pass.

Transit in rem judicatam. It passes into a matter adjudged; it becomes converted into a res judicata or judgment. A contract upon which a judgment is obtained is said to pass in rem judicatam. United States v. Cushman, 2 Summ. 436, Fed. Cas. No. 14,908; 3 East, 251; Robertson v. Smith, 18 Johns. (N. Y.) 490, 9 Am. Dec. 227.

Transit terra sum onere. Land passes subject to any burden affecting it. Co. Litt. 231a; Broom, Max. 495, 706.

TRANSITIVE COVENANT. See COVENANT.

TRANSITORY. Passing from place to place; that may pass or be changed from one place to another; not confined to one place; the opposite of "local."

—Transitory action. Actions are said to be either local or transitory. An action is "local," when the principal facts on which it is founded pertain to a particular place. An action is termed "transitory," when the principal fact on which it is founded is of a transitory kind, and might be supposed to have happened anywhere; and therefore all actions founded on debts, contracts and such like matters relating to the person or personal property, come under this latter denomination. Step. Pl. 316, 317. And see Mason v. Warner, 31 Mo. 510; Livingston v. Jefferson, 15 Fed. Cas. 294; Ackerson v. Erie R. Co., 31 N. J. Law, 321; McLeod v. Connecticut & P. R. Co., 58 Vt. 727, 6 Atl. 645.

TRANSITUS. Lat. Passage from one place to another; transit. In transitu, on the passage, transit, or way. 2 Kent, Comm. 543.

TRANSLADO. In Spanish law. A copy; a sight. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 3. A copy of a document taken by the notary from the original, or a subsequent copy taken from the protocol, and not a copy taken directly from the matrix or protocol. Downing v. Diaz, 50 Tex. 406, 16 S. W. 64.

TRANSLATION. The reproduction in one language of a book, document, or speech delivered in another language.

The transfer of property; but in this sense it is seldom used. 2 Bl. Comm. 294.

In ecclesiastical law. As applied to a bishop, the term denotes his removal from one diocese to another.

TRANSLATITIUM EDICTUM. Lat. In Roman law. The pretor, on his accession to office, did not usually publish an entirely new edict, but retained the whole or a part of that promulgated by his predecessor, as being of an approved or permanently useful character. The portion thus repeated or handed down from year to year was called the "edictum translattium." See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 30.

TRANSLATIVE FACT. A fact by means of which a right is transferred or passes from one person to another; one, that is, which fulfills the double function of terminating the right of one person to an object, and of originating the right of another to it.

TRANSMISSION. In the civil law. The right which heirs or legatees may have of passing to their successors the inheritance or legacy to which they were entitled, if they happen to die without having exercised their rights. Domat, liv. 3, t. 1, a. 10; 4 Toullier, no. 186; Dig. 50, 17, 54; Code, 6, 51.

TRANSPORT. In old New York law. A conveyance of land.


In criminal law. A species of punishment consisting in removing the criminal from his own country to another, (usually a penal colony,) there to remain in exile for a prescribed period. Fong Yue Ting v. U. S., 149 U. S. 698, 13 Sup. Ct. 1016, 37 L. Ed. 905.

TRANSUMPTS. In Scotch law, an action of transumpt is an action competent to any one having a partial interest in a writing, or immediate use for it, to support his title or defenses in other actions. It is directed against the custodier of the writing, calling upon him to exhibit it, in order that a transumpt, i. e., a copy, may be judicially made and delivered to the pursuer.

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TRASSANS. Drawing; one who draws. The drawer of a bill of exchange.

TRASSATUS. One who is drawn, or drawn upon. The drawee of a bill of exchange. Helmecc. de Camb. c. 6, §§ 5, 6.

TRAUMA. In medical jurisprudence. A wound; any injury to the body caused by external violence.

—Traumatic. Caused by or resulting from a wound or any external injury; as, traumatic insanity, produced by an injury to or fracture of the skull with consequent pressure on the
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A diseased condition of the body or any part of it caused by a wound or external injury.

TRAVAIL. The act of child-bearing. A woman is said to be in her travailing from the time the pains of child-bearing commence until her delivery. Scott v. Donovan, 153 Mass. 378, 26 N. E. 871.


TRAVELER. The term is used in a broad sense to designate those who patronize Inns. Traveler is one who travels in any way. Distance is not material. A townsman or neighbor may be a traveler, and therefore a guest at an inn, as well as he who comes from a distance or from a foreign country. Wailing v. Potter, 55 Conn. 185.

TRAVERSE. In the language of pleading, a traverse signifies a denial. Thus, where a defendant denies any material allegation of fact in the plaintiff's declaration, he is said to traverse it, and the plea itself is thence frequently termed a "traverse." Brown.

In criminal practice. To put off or delay the trial of an indictment till a succeeding term. More properly, to deny or take issue upon an indictment. 4 Bl. Comm. 351.

—Common traverse. A simple and direct denial of the material allegations of the opposite pleading, concluding to the contrary, and without indictment or abhuse hoc. —General traverse. One preceded by a general inducement, and denying in general terms all that is alleged on the one side, instead of pursuing the words of the allegations which it denies. Gould, Pl. vii. 5.—Special traverse. A peculiar form of traverse or denial, the design of which, as distinguished from a common traverse, is to explain or qualify the denial, instead of putting it in the direct and absolute form. It consists of an affirmative and a negative part, the first setting forth the new affirmative matter tending to explain or qualify the denial, and technically called the "inducement," and the latter constituting the direct denial itself, and technically called the "abhuse hoc." Stepn. Pl. 169-180; Allen v. Stevens, 20 N. J. Law, 615; Chambers v. Hunt, 18 N. J. Law, 352; People v. Fullman's Car Co., 176 Ill. 125, 51 N. E. 894, 64 L. R. A. 386.—Traverse jury. A petty jury; a trial jury. See also "issue," "jury."—Traverse proceeding. One growing out of the same point or subject-matter as is embraced in a preceding traverse on the other side.

—CONSTRUCTIVE traverse. A traverse impounded to a person by law from his conduct or course
of actions, though his deeds taken severally do not amount to actual treason. This doctrine is not known in the United States.—High treason. In English law, treason against the king or sovereign, as distinguished from petit or petty treason, which might formerly be committed by a subject. 4 Bl. Comm. 74, 75; 4 Steph. Comm. 185, 184, note.—Misprision of treason. See Misprision.—Petit treason. In English law. The crime committed by a wife in killing her husband, or a servant his lord or master, or an ecclesiastic his lord or ordinary. 4 Bl. Comm. 75.—Treasurer, lord high. Formerly the chief treasurer of England, who had charge of the crown lands. The office is obsolete, and his duties are now performed by the lords commissioners of the treasury. See Huthmacher v. Harris, 38 Pa. 499, 80 Am. Dec. 502; Livermore v. White, 74 Me. 456, 43 Am. Rep. 600; Sovern v. Yoran, 16 Or. 269, 20 Pac. 100, 8 Am. St. Rep. 293.


TREASURY. A place or building in which stores of wealth are reposed; particularly, a place where the public revenues are deposited and kept, and where money is disbursed to defray the expenses of government. Webster.

That department of government which is charged with the receipt, custody, and disbursement (pursuant to appropriations) of the public revenues or funds.

TREASURY bench. In the English house of commons, the first row of seats on the right hand of the speaker is so called, because occupied by the first lord of the treasury or principal minister of the crown. Brown.—Treasuty chest fund. A fund, in England, originating in the unusual balances of certain grants of public money, and which is used for banking and loan purposes by the commissioners of the treasury. Its amount was limited by St. 24 & 25 Vict. c. 127, and has been further reduced to one million pounds, the residue being transferred to the consolidated fund, by St. 38 & 37 Vict. c. 56. Wharton.—Treasury note. A note or bill issued by the treasury department by the authority of the United States government and circulating as money. See Brown v. State, 120 Ala. 342, 25 South. 182.

TREASONABLE. Having the nature or guilt of treason.

TREASURE. A treasure is a thing hidden or buried in the earth, on which no one can prove his property, and which is discovered by chance. Civil Code La. art. 3423, par. 2. See Treasure-Trove.


TREBELLANIC PORTION. "In consequence of this article, the trebellanic portion of the civil law—that is to say, the portion of the property of the testator which the instituted heir had a right to detain when he was charged with a fideli commissa or fiduciary bequest—is no longer a part of our law." Civi Code La. art. 1520, par. 3.

TREBLE COSTS. See Costs.

TREBLE DAMAGES. In practice. Damages given by statute in certain cases, consisting of the single damages found by the
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jury, actually tripled in amount. The usual practice has been for the jury to find the single amount of the damages, and for the court, on motion, to order that amount to be trebled. 2 Tidd. Pr. 893, 894.


TREAT. In old English law. Fine wheat.

TREMAGIUM, TREMESIUM. In old records. The season or time of sowing summer corn, being about March, the third month, to which the word may allude. Cowell.

Tres faciunt collegium. Three make a corporation; three members are requisite to constitute a corporation. Dig. 50, 16, 8; 1 Bl. Comm. 469.


TRESAYLE. An abolished writ sued on by abatement, on the death of the grandfather's grandfather.

TRESPASS. Any misfeasance or act of one man whereby another is injuriously treated or damned. 3 Bl. Comm. 208.


In the strictest sense, an entry on another's ground, without a lawful authority, and doing some damage, however inconsiderable, to his real property. 3 Bl. Comm. 209.

Trespass, in its most comprehensive sense, signifies any transgression or offense against the law of nature, of society, or of the country in which we live; and this, whether it relates to a man's person or to his property. In its more limited and ordinary sense, it signifies an injury committed with violence, and this violence may be either actual or implied; and the law will imply violence thereon done in its nature, even if it be not actually used, when the injury is of a direct and immediate kind, and committed on the person or tangible and corporeal property of the plaintiff. Of actual violence, an assault and battery is an instance; of implied, a peaceable but wrongful entry upon a person's land. Brown.

In practice. A form of action, at common law, adapted to the recovery of damages for any injury consisting in carrying away the goods or property. See 3 Bl. Comm. 150, 151.—Trespass for mesne profits. A form of action supplemental to an action of ejectment, brought against the tenant in possession to recover the profits which he has wrongfully received during the time of his occupation. 3 Bl. Comm. 150.

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to his person, property, or rights, by the immediate force and violence of the defendant.

—Continuing trespass. One which does not consist of a single isolated act, but in its nature a permanent invasion of the rights of another; as, where a person builds on his own land so that a part of the building overhangs his neighbor's. Permanent trespass.

One which consists of a series of acts, done on successive days, which are of the same nature, and are renewed or continued from day to day, so that, in the aggregate, they make up one indivisible wrong. 3 Bl. Comm. 212.—Trespass to try title. The action used in several of the states for the purpose of ascertaining the legal title to any land or property. It is commonly abbreviated to "trespass qu. ch fr." See Kimball v. Hilton, 92 Me. 214, 42 Atl. 594.—Trespass to try title. The name of the action used in several of the states for the purpose of ascertaining the legal title to any land or property. It is commonly abbreviated to "trespass qu. ch fr." See Kimball v. Hilton, 92 Me. 214, 42 Atl. 594.

TRESPASSER. One who has committed trespass; one who unlawfully enters or intrudes upon another's land, or unlawfully and forcibly takes another's personal property.

—Joint trespassers. Two or more who unite in committing a trespass. Kansas City v. File, 60 Kan. 157, 55 Pac. 877; Bonte v. Postel, 109 Ky. 64, 58 S. W. 536, 51 L. R. A. 187.—Trespass ab intriso. Trespasser from the beginning. A term applied to a tort-feasor whose acts relate back so as to make a previous act, at the time innocent, unlawful; as, if he enter peaceably on another's land and commit a trespass, the entry is considered a trespass. Stim. Gloss. See Wright v. Marvin, 59 Vt. 437, 5 Atl. 611.

TRESTORNARE. In old English law. To turn aside; to divert a stream from its course. Bract. fols. 115, 2346. To turn or close; i.e., the real or imaginary structure in which the goods or property are carried away.) In practice. The technical name of that species of action of trespass for injuries to personal property which lies where the injury consists in carrying away the goods or property. See 3 Bl. Comm. 150, 151.—Trespass for mesne profits. A form of action supplemental to an action of ejectment, brought against the tenant in possession to recover the profits which he has wrongfully received during the time of his occupation. 3 Bl. Comm. 150.

TRESVIRI. Lat. In Roman law. Officers who had the charge of prisons, and the execution of condemned criminals. Calvin
TRIAD. An allowance made for the water or dust that may be mixed with any commodity. It differs from tare, (q. v.)

TREETHINGA. In old English law. A trithing; the court of a trithing.

TREYAT. Withdrawn, as a Juror. Written also treat. Cowell.

TRIA CAPITA, in Roman law, were civitas, libertas, and familia; i.e., citizenship, freedom, and family rights.

TRIAL. The examination before a competent tribunal, according to the law of the land, of the facts or law put in issue in a case, for the purpose of determining such issue.

A trial is the judicial examination of the issues between the parties, whether they be issues of law or of fact. Code N. Y. § 252; Code N. C. § 397.

The examination of a cause, civil or criminal, by a judge who has jurisdiction over it, according to the laws of the land. See Finn v. Spagnoll, 67 Cal. 390, 7 Pac. 746; In re Chauncey, 32 Hun (N. Y.) 431; Bullard v. Kuhl, 54 Wis. 545, 11 N. W. 801; Spencer v. Thistle, 13 Neb. 229, 13 N. W. 214; State v. Brown, 36 Mo. 444; State v. Clifton, 57 Kan. 449, 46 Pac. 713; State v. Bergman, 37 Minn. 404, 34 N. W. 737; Home Ins. Co. v. Dunn, 19 Wall. 224, 22 L. Ed. 68; Crane v. Reeder, 28 Mich. 553, 15 Am. Rep. 223.

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where issue is taken upon a plea of null tuck record. In such case the party asserting the existence of a record as pleaded is bound to produce it in court on a day assigned. If the record is forthcoming, the issue is tried by inspection and examination of it. If the record is not produced, judgment is given for his adversary. 3 Bl. Comm. 330. — Trial by wager of battle. This was a method of trial introduced into England, among other Norman customs, by William the Conqueror, in which the person accused fought with his accuser, under the apprehension that Heaven would give the victory to him who was in the right. 3 Bl. Comm. 337–341. — Trial by witnesses. The name "trial per testes" has been used for a trial without the intervention of a jury, is the only method of trial known to the civil law, and is adopted by legations in chancery. The judge is thus left to form, in his own breast, his sentence upon the credit of the witnesses examined. But it is very rarely used at common law. Tomlins. — Trial de novo. A new trial or retrial had in an appeal from the court below. See Karcher v. Green, 8 How. (Del.) 163, 32 Atl. 225; Ex parte Morales (Tex. Cr. App.) 33 S. W. 108; Shultz v. Lempert, 55 Tex. 277. — Trial jury. The jury participating in the trial of a given case; or a jury summoned and impaneled for the trial of a given case and in whose presence examined. But it is a very rare method of trial, where the jurors can have the best information. If the record is forthcoming, the issue is tried by in inspection and examination of it. If the record is not produced, judgment is given for his adversary. 3 Bl. Comm. 330. — Trial with assessees. Admiralty actions involving nautical questions, e. g., actions in collision, are generally tried in England before a judge, with Trinity Masters sitting as assessors. Rose, Adm. 179.

Triatio ibi semper debet fieri, ubi juratores meliorem possunt habere notitiam. Trial ought always to be had in the place where he administers justice; a judicial court; the bench of judges. See Foster v. Worcester, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 31.

In Roman law. An elevated seat occupied by the praetor, when he judged, or heard causes in form. Originally a kind of stage made of wood in the form of a square, and movable, but afterwards built of stone in the form of a semi-circle. Adams, Rom. Ant. 132, 153.

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TRIBUNALE DE COMMERCII. In French law. Certain courts composed of a president, judges, and substitutes, which take cognizance of all cases between merchants, and of disagreements among partners. Appeals lie from them to the courts of justice. Brown.

TRIBUTY. A contribution which is raised by a prince or sovereign from his subjects to sustain the expenses of the state. A sum of money paid by an inferior sovereign or state to a superior potentate, to secure the friendship or protection of the latter. Brande.

TRICESIMA. An ancient custom in a borough in the county of Hereford, so called because thirty burgesses paid 1d. rent for their houses to the bishop, who was lord of the manor. Wharton.

TRIDING-MOTE. The court held for a triding or trithing. Cowell.

TRIDUUM. In old English law. The space of three days. Fleta, lib. 1, c. 31, § 7.

TRIENNIAL ACT. An English statute limiting the duration of every parliament to three years, unless sooner dissolved. It was passed by the long parliament in 1640, and afterwards repealed, and the term was fixed at seven years by the septennial act, (St. 1 Geo. I. St 2, c. 38.)

TRIENS. In Roman law. A subdivision of the as, containing four unciae; the proportion of four-twelfths or one-third. 2 Bl. Comm. 462, note m. A copper coin of the value of one-third of the as. Brande.

In feudal law. Dower or third. 2 Bl. Comm. 129.

TRIGAMUS. In old English law. One who has been thrice married; one who, at different times and successively, has had three wives; a trigramist. 3 Inst. 88.

TRIGILD. In Saxon law. A triple gild, geld, or payment; three times the value of a thing, paid as a composition or satisfaction. Spelman.

TRINEPOS. In old English law. The great-grandson's or great-granddaughter's great-grandson. A male descendant in the sixth degree. Inst. 3, 6, 4.

TRINEPTIS. In old English law. The great-grandson's or great-granddaughter's great-grandson. A female descendant in the sixth degree. Inst. 3, 6, 4.

TRINITY HOUSE. In English law. A society at Deptford Strond, incorporated by Hen. VIII. in 1515, for the promotion of commerce and navigation by licensing and regulating pilots, and ordering and erecting beacons, light-houses, buoys, etc. Wharton.

TRINITY MASTERS are elder brethren of the Trinity House. If a question arising in an admiralty action depends upon technical skill and experience in navigation,
the judge or court is usually assisted at the
hearing by two Trinity Masters, who sit as
assessors, and advise the court on questions
of a nautical character. Williams & B.
Adm. Jur. 271; Sweet.

TRINITY SITTINGS. Sittings of the
English court of appeal and of the high
court of justice in London and Middlesex,
commencing on the Tuesday after Whitsun
week, and terminating on the 8th of August.

TRINITY TERM. One of the four
terms of the English courts of common law,
beginning on the 22d day of May, and end­
ing on the 12th of June. 3 Steph. Comm.
562.

TRINIMUMGELDUM. In old European
law. An extraordinary kind of composition
for an offense, consisting of three times nine,
or twenty-seven times the single geld or pay­
ment. Spelman.

TRINODA NECESSITAS. Lat. In
Saxon law. A threefold necessity or burden.
A term used to denote the three things from
contributing to the performance of which
no lands were exempted, viz., pontis repara­
tio, (the repair of bridges,) arcis constructio,
(the building of castles,) et expeditio contra
hostem, (military service against an enemy.)
1 Bl. Comm. 263, 357.

TRIORIS. In practice. Persons who are
appointed to try challenges to jurors, i. e.,
to hear and determine whether a juror chal­
lenged for favor is or is not qualified to
serve.
The lords chosen to try a peer, when in­
dicted for felony, in the court of the lord
high steward, are also called "triors." Moz­
ley & Whitley.

TRIPARTITE. In conveyancing. Of
three parts; a term applied to an indenture
to which there are three several parties, (of
the first, second, and third parts,) and which
is executed in triplicate.

TRIPLICACION. L. Fr. In old plead­
ing. A rejoinder in pleading; the defend­
ant's answer to the plaintiff's replication.
Britt. c. 77.

TRIPLICATIO. Lat. In the civil law.
The reply of the plaintiff to the rejoinder of
the defendant. It corresponds to the sur­
rejoinder of common law. Inst 4, 14;
Bract. I. 5, t. 5, c. 1.

TRISTRIS. In old forest law. A free­
don from the duty of attending the lord of
a forest when engaged in the chase. Spel­
man.

TRITAVIA. Lat. In the civil law. A
great-grandmother's great-grandmother; the
female ascendant in the sixth degree.

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TRITHING. In Saxon law. One of the
territorial divisions of England, being the
third part of a county, and comprising three
or more hundreds. Within the trithing there
was a court held (called "trithing-mote")
which resembled the court-leet, but was in­
ferior to the county court.

-Trithing-mote. The court held for a trithing
or riding.—Trithing-reeve. The officer
who superintended a trithing or riding.

TRIUMVIR. Lat. In old English law.
A trithing man or constable of three hun­
dred. Cowell.

TRIUMVIRI CAPITALES. Lat. In
Roman law. Officers who had charge of the
prison, through whose intervention punish­
ments were inflicted. They had eight lictors

TRIVERBIAL DAYS. In the civil law.
Juridical days; days allowed to the praetor
for deciding causes; days on which the
praetor might speak the three characteristic
words of his office, viz., do, dico, addico. Cal­
vir. Otherwise called "dies fasti." 3 Bl.
Comm. 424, and note u.

TRIVIAL. Trifling; inconsiderable; of
small worth or importance. In equity, a
demurrer will lie to a bill on the ground of
the triviality of the matter in dispute, as be­
ing below the dignity of the court. 4 Bouv.
Inst. no. 4237.

TRONAGE. In English law. A cus­
tomary duty or toll for weighing wool; so
called because it was weighed by a common
tron, or beam. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 12.

TRONATOR. A weigher of wool. Co­
well.

TROPHY MONEY. Money formerly col­
clected and raised in London, and the sev­
eral counties of England, towards providing
harness and maintenance for the militia,
etc.

TROVER. In common-law practice, the
action of trover (or trover and conversion)
is a species of action on the case, and origi­
nally lay for the recovery of damages against
a person who had found another's goods and
wrongfully converted them to his own use.
Subsequently the allegation of the loss of
the goods by the plaintiff and the finding of
them by the defendant was merely fictitious,
and the action became the remedy for any
wrongful interference with or detention of
the goods of another. 3 Steph. Comm. 425.
Sweet. See Burnham v. Pidcock, J53 Misc.
Rep. 65, 66 N. Y. Supp. 806; Larson v Daw-

TROY WEIGHT. A weight of twelve ounces to the pound, having its name from Troyes, a city in Aube, France.

TRUCE. In international law. A suspension or temporary cessation of hostilities by agreement between belligerent powers; an armistice. Wheat. Int. Law, 442.

—Truce of God. In medieval law. A truce or suspension of arms promulgated by the church, putting a stop to private hostilities at certain periods or during certain sacred seasons.

TRUCK ACT. In English law. This name is given to the statute 1 & 2 Wm. IV. c. 97, passed to abolish what is commonly called truck, a system which employers were in the practice of paying the wages of their work people in goods, or of requiring them to purchase goods at certain shops. This led to laborers being compelled to take goods of inferior quality at a high price. The act applies to all artificers, workmen, and laborers, except those engaged in certain trades, especially iron and metal works, quarries, cloth, silk, and glass manufactories. It does not apply to domestic or agricultural servants. Sweet.

TRUE. Conformable to fact; correct; exact; actual; genuine; honest.

—in one sense, that only is true which is conformable to the actual state of things. In that sense, a statement is untrue which does not express things exactly as they are. But in another and broader sense, the word, 'true' is often used as a synonym of 'honest,' 'sincere,' 'not fraudulent';" Moulor v. American L. Ins. Co., 111 U. S. 345, 4 Sup. Ct. 466, 28 L. Ed. 541.

—True bill. In criminal practice. The indis­

Discouraged by a grand jury upon a bill of indictment, when they find it sustained by the evidence laid before them, and are satisfied of the truth of the accusation. 4 Bl. Comm. 447.

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TRUST. 1. An equitable or beneficial right or title to land or other property, held for the beneficiary by another person, in whom resides the legal title or ownership, recognized and enforced by courts of chancery. See Goodwin v. McNinn, 183 Pa. 646, 44 Atl. 594, 47 Am. St. Rep. 703; Beers v. Lyon, 21 Conn. 613; Seymour v. Freer, 8 Wall. 202, 19 L. Ed. 506.

An obligation arising out of a confidence reposed in the trustee or representative, who has the legal title to property conveyed to him, that he will faithfully apply the property according to the confidence reposed, or, in other words, according to the wishes of the grantor of the trust. Adams, Eq. 151. A trust, one of which the scheme has in the outset been completely declared. Adams, Eq. 151. A trust in which the estates and interest in the subject matter of the trust is not completely and finally settled by the instrument creating the trust, and require no further instruments to complete them. 4 Bl. Comm. 447. Crouse, 59 Hun, 248, 12 N. Y. Sup. 815.

—Accessory trust. In Scotch law, this is the term equivalent to "active" or "special" trust. See infra.—Active trust. One which imposed upon it the duty of taking active measures in the execution of the trust, as where property is conveyed to trustees with directions to sell and distribute the proceeds among the beneficiaries of the trust, distinguished from a "passive" or "dry" trust.—Cestui que trust. The person for whose benefit a trust is created or who is to enjoy the income or the residue, distinguished from a constructive trust raised by construction of law, or arising by operation of law, as distinguished from an express trust. Wherever the circumstances of a transaction are such that the person who takes the legal estate in property cannot also enjoy the beneficial interest without necessarily violating some established principle of equity, the court will immediately raise a constructive trust, and fasten it upon the conscience of the legal owner, so as to convert him into a trustee for the parties who in equity are entitled to the beneficial enjoyment. Hill, Trustees, 116: 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 511. Nester v. Gross, 66 Mich. 664, 36 N. W. 39; Jewelry Co. v. Volfer, 106 Ala. 205, 17 South, 525, 28 L. R. A. 707, 54 Am. St. Rep. 31.—Contingent trust. An express trust may depend for its operation upon a future event, and is then a "contingent" trust. Civ. Code Ga. 1895, § 3154.—Direct trust. A direct trust is an express trust, as distinguished from a constructive or implied trust. Currence v. Ward, 45 W. Va. 267, 27 S. E. 323.—Directory trust. One which is subject to be moulded or applied according to subsequent directions of the grantor; one which is not completely and finally settled by the instrument creating it, but only defined in its general purpose and to be carried into detail according to later specific directions.—Dry trust. One which merely vests the legal title in the trustee, and does not require the performance of any active duty on his part to carry out the trust. Exempted trust. 1. A trust of which the scheme has in the outset been completely declared. Adams, Eq. 151. A trust in which the estates and interest in the subject matter of the trust is not completely and finally settled by the instrument creating the trust, and require no further instruments to complete them. 4 Bl. Comm. 447. Crouse, 59 Hun, 248, 12 N. Y. Sup. 815. Dennison v. Goehring, 7 Pa. 177, 47 Am. Dec. 505; In re Fair's Estate, 132 Cal. 523, 60 Pac. 442, 84 Am. St. Rep. 716; Seymour v. Freer, 8 Wall. 202, 19 L. Ed. 506; Egerton v. Brownlow, 4 H. L. Cas. 210. As all trusts are executory in this sense, the trustee is bound to dispose of the estate according to the tenor of his trust, whether
active or passive, it would be more accurate and precise to substitute the terms, "perfect" and "imperfect" for "executed" and "execu-
tor," respectively.

Trust. One which requires the execution of some further instrument, or the doing of some further act, on the part of the createur, or the trustee, towards its complete creation or full effect. An *executed* trust is one fully created and of immediate effect. These terms do not see the Exe cut or Executory trust as regards the beneficiary. *Martling v. Martling*, 55 N. J. Eq. 771, 39 Atl. 203; *Carradine v. Carradine*, 33 Miss. 729; *Cornwell v. Cornwell*, 141 N. Y. 524; 526, 5 L. R. A. 53; in re *Fair's Estate*, 132 Cal. 523, 60 Pac. 422, 84 Am. St. Rep. 70; *Pillot v. Landis*, 26 N. J. Eq. 310, 24 Atl. 267.—*Express trust*. A trust created or declared in express terms, and usually in writing, as distinguished from one inferred by the law from the conduct or dealings of the parties. In re *Campbell*, 59 Kan. 246, 52 Pac. 454; *Kaphan v. Toney* (Tenn. Ch.) 58 S. W. 913; *McMongale v. McGlinn* (C. C.) 85 Fed. 91; *Ransdel v. McMongale*, 70 Tex. 224, 12 L. R. A. 763. *Express trusts* are those which are created in express terms in the deed, writing, or will, while implied trusts are those which, without any express words, are deduced from the nature of the transaction, as matters of intent, or which are superinduced upon the transaction by implication of law; a trust implied or *precatory trust*. A. 986.—*Ministerial trusts*. The former, such as demand no further exercise of reason or understanding, are a species of special trusts, distinguished from discretionary trusts, which necessarily employ; as to convey an estate. They are a species of special trusts, distinguished from discretionary trusts, which necessarily require much exercise of the understanding. 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 1896.—*Naked trust*. A dry or passive trust; one which requires no action on the part of the trustee, beyond turning over money or property to the custodi que trust.—*Passive trust*. A trust as to which the trustor commits no more than placing the property under the care of the trustee, as to mere depositary of the estate, but is called upon to give it in trust for another person, this is called a "secret trust." See *Perkins v. Brinkley*, 133 N. C. 154, 45 N. E. 541; *Dodd v. Burch*, 93 S. E. 541; *Flagg v. Ely*, 1 Edm. Sel. Cas. (N. Y.) 209; Freer v. Lake, 115 Ill. 662, 4 N. E. 512; 31 Ill. 261; 30 N. E. 586.—Spendthrift trust. See SPENDTHIRT.

-Transgressive trust. A name sometimes applied to a trust which transgresses or violates the rule of *privity*, as in *Livingston*, 89 Me. 359, 36 Atl. 833.—Trust company. A corporation formed for the purpose of doing business as a trustee, or for raising trusts, or for any other purpose connected with and incidental to the business of acting as fiscal agent for corporations,
attending to the registration and transfer of their stock and bonds, serving as trustee for their bond or mortgage creditors, and transacting a general banking and loan business. See Venable v. L. & T. Co. 2 Div. 271, 66 N. Y. Supp. 773; Jenkins v. Nef, 163 N. Y. 320, 57 N. E. 408; Mercantile Nat. Bank v. Hager, 136 U. S. 157; 33 L. Ed. 895.—Trust-deed. (1) A species of mortgage given to a trustee for the purpose of securing a numerous class of creditors, as the bondholders of a railroad or ferry company who are authorized to foreclose and sell on failure of the payment of their bonds, notes, or other claims. (2) In some of the states, and in the District of Columbia, a trust-deed is a security resembling a mortgage, being a conveyance of lands to trustees to secure the payment of a debt, with a power for the sale or rental of the estate for the purpose of applying the net proceeds to paying the debt and to turn over the surplus to the grantor.—Trust estate. This term may mean either the estate of the trustee,—that is, the legal title,—or the estate of the beneficiary, or the corpus of the property which is the subject of the trust. See Cooper v. Co., 143 Ind. 561, 40 N. E. 516; In re Beard's Estate, 7 Wyo. 104, 50 Pac. 226, 38 D. R. A. 706, 74 Pac. 255; Kent v. Dean, 128 Ala. 600, 57 So. 230; Chadwick v. Ky., 1901, § 7864; Code Miss. 1892, § 4437; Code Tex. 1895, art. 976. A constructive trust imposed by equity, conveys nothing in exchange for the trust, but by operation of law. dv. Code Cal. §§ 2216, 2217. According to another use of the term, a trust fund is a fund which, legally or equitably, is subject to be devoted to a particular purpose and cannot be diverted therefrom. In this sense it is often said that the capital and other property of a corporation is a "trust fund" for the payment of its debts. See Henderson v. Indiana Trust Co., 184 Ind. 501, 40 N. E. 516; Steele v. Bower's Estate, 7 Wyo. 104, 50 Pac. 226, 38 L. R. A. 890, 75 Am. St. Rep. 882.—Trust ex maleficio. A species of constructive trust arising out of some fraud, misrepresentation, breach of faith, or other unlawful act on the part of the person to be charged as trustee, which renders it an equitable necessity that a trust should be implied. See Rogers v. Richards, 07 Kan. 706, 40 N. E. 516; Robinson v. Allen, 600, 30 South. 543; Barry v. Hill, 166 Pa. 344, 31 Atl. 126.—Trust fund. A fund held by a trustee for the specific purposes of the trust; in a more general sense, a fund which, legally or equitably, is subject to be devoted to a particular purpose and cannot be diverted therefrom. In this sense it is often said that the capital and other property of a corporation is a "trust fund" for the payment of its debts. See Henderson v. Indiana Trust Co., 143 Ind. 561, 40 N. E. 516; In re Beard's Estate, 7 Wyo. 104, 50 Pac. 226, 38 L. R. A. 890, 75 Am. St. Rep. 882.—Trust in invitum. An obligation arising out of a personal confidence reposed in, and voluntarily accepted by, one for the benefit of another, as distinguished from a "voluntary" or gratuitous trust created by operation of law. Civ. Code Cal. §§ 2216, 2217. According to another use of the term, "voluntary" trusts are such as are made in favor of a voluntary trustee, that is, a person who gives nothing in exchange for the trust, but receives it as a pure gift; and in this use the term is distinguished from "trusts for value," the latter being such as are in favor of purchasers, mortgagees, etc.

2. In constitutional and statutory law. An association or organization of persons or corporations having the intention and power, or the tendency, to create a monopoly, control production, interfere with the free course of trade or transportation, or to fix and regulate the supply and the price of commodities. In the history of economic development, the "trust" was originally a device by which several corporations engaged in the same general line of business might combine for their mutual advantage, in the direction of eliminating destructive competition, and controlling the output of their commodity, and regulating and maintaining its price, but at the same time preserving their separate individual existence, and without any consolidation or merger. This device was the erection of a central committee or board, composed, perhaps, of the presidents or general managers of the different corporations, and the transfer to them of a majority of the stock in each of the corporations, to be held "in trust" for the several stockholders so assigning their holdings. These stockholders received in return "trust certificates" showing that they were entitled to receive the dividends on their assigned stock, though the voting power of it had passed to the trustees. This last feature enabled the trustees or committee, and not all the directors of all the corporations, and through them the officers, and thereby to exercise an absolutely controlling influence over the policy and operations of each constituent company, to the ends and with the purposes above mentioned. Though the "trust," in this sense, is now seldom if ever resorted to as a form of corporate organization, having given place to the "holding corporation" and other devices, the word has become current in statute laws as well as popular speech, to designate almost any form of combination of a monopolistic character or tendency. See Black, Const. Law (3d Ed.) p. 428; Northern Securities Co. v. U. S., 193 U. S. 197, 24 Sup. Ct. 436, 48 L. Ed. 679; MacGinniss v. Mining Co., 29 Mont. 428, 75 Pac. 89; State v. Continental Tobacco Co., 177 Mo. 1, 75 S. W. 737; Queen Ins. Co. v. State, 86 Tex. 250, 24 S. W. 397, 22 L. R. A. 483; State v. Insurance Co., 152 Mo. 1, 52 S. W. 995, 45 L. R. A. 363; Gen. St. Kan. 1901, § 7864; Code Miss. 1892, § 4437; Cobbery's Ann. St. Neb. 1903, § 11500; Bates' Ann. St. Ohio, 1904, § 4427; Code Tex. 1896, art. 976.

TRUSTEE. The person appointed, or required by law, to execute a trust; one in whom an estate, interest, or power is vested, under an express or implied agreement to administer or exercise it for the benefit or to the use of another. "Trustee" is also used in a wide and perhaps inaccurate sense, to denote that a person has the duty of carrying out a transaction, in which he and another person are interested, in such manner as will be most for the benefit of the latter, and not in such a way that he himself might be tempted, for the sake of his personal advantage, to neglect the interests of the other. In this sense, directors of companies are said to be "trustees for the shareholders." Sweet.

Conventional trustee. A "conventional" trustee is one appointed by a decree of court to execute a trust, as distinguished from one appointed by the instrument creating the trust. Gilbert v. Kobl, 85 Md. 627, 37 Atl. 425. "Joint trustees. Two or more persons who are in trust with property for the benefit of one or more others.—Quasi trustee. A person who reaps a benefit from a breach of trust, and so becomes answerable as a trustee. Lewin, Trusts (4th Ed.) 692, 658—Testamentary trustee. A trustee appointed by or acting un...
der a will; one appointed to carry out a trust created by a will. The term does not ordinarily include an executor or administrator with the will annexed, or a guardian, though all of these are in a sense trustees, except when they act in the execution of a trust created by the will and which is separable from their functions as executors, etc. See In re Hazard, 51 Hun, 201, 4 N. Y. Supp. 701; In re Valentine's Estate, 1 Misc. Rep. 491, 23 N. Y. Supp. 289; In re Hawley, 104 N. Y. 250, 10 N. E. 352—Trustee acts. The statutes 12 & 13 Vict. c. 60, passed in 1850, by statute 30 & 11 Vict. c. 96, passed in 1847, and states, to the process of garnishment or for­

The name given, in the New England truste­in bankruptcy. A trustee in bankruptcy is a bankruptcy.

The statutes 13 & 14 Vict. c. 60, passed in 1850, and 15 & 16 Vict. c. 55, passed in 1852, enabling the court of chancery, without bill filed, to appoint new trustees in lieu of any who, on account of death, lunacy, absence, or otherwise, are unable or unwilling to act as such; and also to make vesting orders by which legal estates and rights may be transferred from the old trustee or trustees to the new trustee or trustees so appointed. Mozley & Whitley—Trustee ex maleficio. A person who, being guilty of wrongful or fraudulent conduct, is held by equity to the duty and liability of a trustee, in relation to the subject-matter, to prevent him from profiting by his own wrong—Trustee in bankruptcy. A trustee in bankruptcy is a person in whom the property of a bankrupt is vested in trust for the creditors.—Trustee process. The name given, in the New England states, to the process of garnishment or foreign attachment—Trustee relief acts. The statute 10 & 11 Vict. c. 90, passed in 1847, and statute 12 & 13 Vict. c. 74, passed in 1849, by which a trustee is enabled to pay money into court, in cases where a difficulty arises respecting the title to the trust fund. Mozley & Whitley.

TRUSTER. In Scotch law. The maker or creator of a trust.

TRUSTIS. In old European law. Trust; faith; confidence; fidelity.

TRUSTOR. A word occasionally, though rarely, used as a designation of the creator, donor, or founder of a trust.

TRY. To examine judicially; to examine and investigate a controversy, by the legal method called "trial," for the purpose of determin­ing the issues it involves.

TUAS RES TIBI HABETO. Lat. Have or take your things to yourself. The form of words by which, according to the old Roman law, a man divorced his wife. Calvin.

TUB. In mercantile law. A measure containing sixty pounds of tea, and from fifty-six to eighty-six pounds of camphor. Jacob.

TUB-MAN. In English law. A barrister who has a precedence in the exchequer, and also one who has a particular place in court, is so called. Brown.

TUCHAS. In Spanish law. Objections or exceptions to witnesses. White, New Recop. b. 3, tit. 7, c. 10.

TUERTO. In Spanish law. Tort. Las Partidas, pt. 7, tit. 6, l. 5.

TUG. A steam vessel built for towing; synonymous with "tow-boat."

TULLIANUM. Lat. In Roman law. That part of a prison which was under ground. Supposed to be so called from Servius Tullius, who built that part of the first prison in Rome. Adams, Rom. Ant. 290.

TUMBREL. A castigatory, trebucket, or ducking-stool, anciently used as a punish­ment for common scolds.

TUMULTUOUS PETITIONING. Under St. 13 Car. II. St. 1, c. 5, this was a misdemeanor, and consisted in more than twenty persons signing any petition to the crown or either house of parliament for the alteration of matters established by law in church or state, unless the contents thereof had been approved by three justices, or the majority of the grand jury at assizes or quarter sessions. No petition could be de­livered by more than ten persons. 4 Bl. Comm. 147; Mozley & Whitley.

TUN. A measure of wine or oil, containing four hogsheads.

TUNGREVE. A town-reeve or bailiff. Cowell.

TURBA. Lat. In the civil law. A mul­titude; a crowd or mob; a tumultuous as­sembly of persons. Said to consist of ten or fifteen, at the least. Calvin.

TURBARY. Turbar, or common of tur­bary, is the right or liberty of digging turf upon another man's ground. Brown.

TURN, or TOURN. The great court-leet of the county, as the old county court was the court-baron. Of this the sheriff is judge, and the court is incident to his office; where­fore it is called the "sheriff's tourn;" and it had its name originally from the sheriff making a turn of circuit about his shire, and holding this court in each respective hun­dred. Wharton.

TURNED TO A RIGHT. This phrase means that a person whose estate is divested by usurpation cannot expel the possessor by mere entry, but must have recourse to an action, either possessory or drotltrial. Moz­ley & Whitley.

TURNKEY. A person, under the super­intendence of a jailer, who has the charge of the keys of the prison, for the purpose of opening and fastening the doors.

TURNPIKE. A gate set across a road, to stop travelers and carriages until toll is paid for the privilege of passage thereon.

—Turnpike roads. These are roads on which parties have by law a right to erect gates and
bars, for the purpose of taking toll, and of refus­ing the permission to pass along them to all persons who refuse to pay. Northam Bridge Co. v. London Ry. Co., 6 Mees. & W. 428. A turnpike road is a public highway, established by public authority for public use, and is to be regarded as a public easement, and not as private property. The only difference between this and a common highway is that, instead of being made at the public expense in the first in­stance, it is authorized and laid out by public authority, and made at the expense of individ­uals in the first instance; and the cost of con­struction and maintenance is reimbursed by a toll, levied by public authority for the purpose. Com. v. Wilkinson, 16 Pick. (Mass.) 175, 26 Am. Dec. 654.

TURPIS. Lat. In the civil law. Base; vile; disgraceful; infamous; unlawful. Applied both to things and persons. Calvin.

—Turpis causa. A base cause; a vile or im­moral consideration; a consideration which, on account of its immorality, is not allowed by law to be sufficient either to support a contract or found an action; e. g., future illicit intercourse. —Turpis contractus. An immoral or iniqui­tous contract.

Turpis est pars quae non convenit cum suo toto. The part which does not agree with its whole is of mean account, [entitled to small or no consideration.] Plowd. 101; Shep. Touch. 87.

TURPITUDINE. Everything done contrary to justice, honesty, modesty, or good morals is said to be done with turpitude.

TURPITUDO. Lat. Baseness; infamy; immorality; turpitude.

Tuta est custodia quae sibimet credi­tur. Hob. 340. That guardianship is se­cure which is intrusted to itself alone.

TUTELA. Lat. In the civil law. Tu­telage; that species of guardianship which continued to the age of puberty; the guard­ian being called "tutor," and the ward, "pupi­llus." 1 Dom. Civil Law, b. 2, tit. 1, p. 260.

—Tutela legítima. Legal tutelage; tutelage created by act of law, as where none had been created by testament. Inst. 1. 15, pr.—Tutela testamentaria. Testamentary tutelage or guardianship; that kind of tutelage which was created by will. Calvin.

TUTELAE ACTIO. Lat. In the civil law. An action of tutelage; an action which lay for a ward or pupil, on the termination of tutelage, against the tutor or guardian, to compel an account. Calvin.

TUTELAGE. Guardianship; state of be­ing under a guardian.

TUTELAM REDDERE. Lat. In the civil law. To render an account of tutelage. Calvin. Tutelam reposcere, to demand an account of tutelage.

TUTEUR. In French law. A kind of guardian.

—Tuteur officiel. A person over fifty years of age may be appointed a tutor of this sort to a child over fifteen years of age, with the consent of the parents of such child, or, in their default, the conseil de famille. The duties which such a tutor becomes subject to are analo­gous to those in English law of a person who puts himself in loco parentis to any one. Brown.—Tuteur subrogé. The title of a sec­ond guardian appointed for an infant under guardianship. His functions are exercised in case the interests of the infant and his prin­cipal guardian conflict. Code Nap. 420; Brown.

Tutius erratur ex parte mitiore. 3 Inst. 220. It is safer to err on the gentler side.

Tutius semper est errare acqulendo, quam in puniendo, ex parte misericor­diae quam ex parte justitiae. It is always safer to err in acquitting than punishing, on the side of mercy than on the side of justice. Branch, Princ.; 2 Hale, P. C. 230; Broom, Max. 326; Com. v. York, 9 Metc. (Mass.) 116, 43 Am. Dec. 373.

TUTOR. In the civil law. This term corresponds nearly to "guardian." (i. e., a person appointed to have the care of the person of a minor and the administration of his estate,) except that the guardian of a minor who has passed a certain age is called "curator," and has powers and duties differing somewhat from those of a tutor.

By the laws of Louisiana, minors under the age of fourteen years, if males, and un­der the age of twelve years, if females, are, both as to their persons and their estates, placed under the authority of a tutor. Above that age, and until their majority or eman­cipation, they are placed under the author­ity of a curator. Civ. Code La. 1838, art. 263.

—Tutor alienus. In English law. The name given to a stranger who enters upon the lands of an infant within the age of fourteen, and takes the profits. Co. Litt. 896, 90a.—Tutor proprius. The name given to one who is rightly a guardian in socage, in contradistinction to a tutor alienus.

TUTORSHIP. The office and power of a tutor.

—Tutorship by nature. After the dissolu­tion of marriage by the death of either husband or wife, the tutorship of minor children belongs of right to the surviving mother or father. This is what is called "tutorship by nature." Civ. Code La. art. 250.—Tutorship by will. The right of appointing a tutor, whether a relation or a stranger, belongs exclusively to the father or mother dying last. This is called "tutorship by will," because generally it is given by testament; but it may be waived by any declaration by the surviving father or mother, executed before a notary and two witnesses. Civ. Code La. art. 257.

TUTRIX. A female tutor.

TWA NIGHT GEST. In Saxon law. A guest on the second night. By the laws of
Edward the Confessor it was provided that a man who lodged at an inn, or at the house of another, should be considered, on the first night of his being there, a stranger; on the second night, a guest; on the third night, a member of the family. This had reference to the responsibility of the host or entertainer for offenses committed by the guest.

TWELFHINDI. The highest rank of men in the Saxon government, who were valued at 1200s. If any injury were done to such persons, satisfaction was to be made according to their worth. Cowell.

TWELVE TABLES. The earliest statute or code of Roman law, framed by a commission of ten men, B.C. 450, upon the return of a commission of three who had been sent abroad to study foreign laws and institutions. The Twelve Tables consisted partly of laws transcribed from the institutions of other nations, partly of such as were altered and accommodated to the manners of the Romans, partly of new provisions, and mainly, perhaps, of laws and usages under their ancient kings. They formed the source and foundation for the whole later development of Roman jurisprudence. They exist now only in fragmentary form. See 1 Kent, Comm. 520.

TWELVE-DAY WRIT. A writ issued under the St. 18 & 19 Vict. c. 67, for summary procedure on bills of exchange and promissory notes, abolished by rule of court in 1880. Wharton.

TWELVE-MONTH, in the singular number, includes all the year; but twelve months are to be computed according to twenty-eight days for every month. 6 Coke, 62.

TWICE IN JEOPARDY. See JEOPARDY; ONCE IN JEOPARDY.

TWYHINDI. The lower rank of Saxons, valued at 200s. in the scale of pecuniary multics inflicted for crimes. Cowell.

TYBURN TICKET. A certificate which was given to the prosecutor of a felon to conviction.

TYHTLAN. In Saxon law. An accusation, impeachment, or charge of any offense.

TYLWITH. Brit. A tribe or family branching or issuing out of another. Cowell.

TYMBRELLA. In old English law, a tumbrel, castigatory, or ducking stool, anciently used as an instrument of punishment for common scolds.

TYRANNY. Arbitrary or despotic government; the severe and autocratic exercise of sovereign power, either vested constitutionally in one ruler, or usurped by him by breaking down the division and distribution of governmental powers.

TYRANT. A despot; a sovereign or ruler, legitimate or otherwise, who uses his power unjustly and arbitrarily, to the oppression of his subjects.

TYROTOXICON. In medical jurisprudence. A poisonous ptomaine produced in milk, cheese, cream, or ice-cream by decomposition of albuminous constituents.

TYRRA, or TOIRA. A mount or hill. Cowell.

TYTHE. Tith, or tenth part.

TYTHING. A company of ten; a district; a tenth part. See TITHING.

TZAR, TZARINA. The emperor and empress of Russia. See CZAR.
UBERRIMA FIDES. Lat. The most abundant good faith; absolute and perfect candor or openness and honesty; the absence of any concealment or deception, however slight.

Ubi aliqnid conceditur, conceditur et id sine quo res ipsa esse non potest. When anything is granted, that also is granted without which the thing granted cannot exist. Broom, Max. 483; 13 Mees. & W. 706.

Ubi aliqnid impeditur propter unum, eo remoto, tollitur impedimentum. Where anything is impeded by one single cause, if that be removed, the impediment is removed. Branch, Princ, citing 5 Coke, 77a.

Ubi cessat remedium ordinarium, ibi decurrat ad extraordinarium. Where the ordinary remedy fails, recourse must be had to an extraordinary one. 4 Coke, 92b.

Ubi culpa est, ibi poena subesse debet. Where the crime is committed, there ought the punishment to be undergone. Jenk. Cent. 223.

Ubi damna dantur, victus victor in expensis condemnari debet. Where damages are given, the vanquished party ought to be condemned in costs to the victor. 2 Inst. 289.

Ubi eadem ratio, ibi eadem lex; et de similibus idem est judicium. 7 Coke, 18. Where the same reason exists, there the same law prevails; and, of things similar, the judgment is similar.

Ubi et dantis et accipientis turpitudine versatur, non posse repeti dicimus; quotiens autem accipientis turpitudine versatur, repeti posse. Where there is turpitude on the part of both giver and receiver, we say it cannot be recovered back; but as often as the turpitude is on the side of the receiver [alone] it can be recovered back. Mason v. Waite, 17 Mass. 562.

Ubi factum nullum, ibi fortis nulla. Where there is no principal fact, there can be no accessory. 4 Coke, 426.

Ubi jus, ibi remedium. Where there is a right, there is a remedy. Broom, Max. 191, 204; 1 Term R. 512; Co. Litt. 197b.

Ubi jus incertum, ibi jus nullum. Where the law is uncertain, there is no law.

Ubi lex aliquem cogit ostendere causam, necesse est quod causa sit justa et legitima. Where the law compels a man to show cause, it is necessary that the cause be just and lawful. 2 Inst. 289.

Ubi lex est specialis, et ratio eius generalis, generaliter accipienda est. 2 Inst. 43. Where the law is special, and the reason of it general, it ought to be taken as being general.

Ubi lex non distinguunt, nec nos distinguere debemus. Where the law does not distinguish, neither ought we to distinguish. 7 Coke, 56.

Ubi major pars est, ibi totum. Where the greater part is, there the whole is. That is, majorities govern. Moore, 578.

Ubi non adest norma legis, omnia quasi pro suspectis habenda sunt. When the law fails to serve as a rule, almost everything ought to be suspected. Bac. Aphorisms, 25.

Ubi non est annua renovatio, ibi decims non debent solvi. Where there is no annual renovation, there tithes ought not to be paid.

Ubi non est condendi auctoritas, ibi non est parendi necessitas. Dav. Ir. K. B. 59. Where there is no authority for establishing a rule, there is no necessity of obeying it.

Ubi non est directa lex, standum est arbitrio judicis, vel procedendum ad similam. Ellesm. Post. N. 41. Where there is no direct law, the opinion of the judge is to be taken, or references to be made to similar cases.

Ubi non est lex, ibi non est transgressio, quoad mundum. Where there is no law, there is no transgression, so far as relates to the world. 4 Coke, 10b.

Ubi non est manifesta injustitia, iudices habentur pro bonis viris, et judicatum pro veritate. Where there is no manifest injustice, the judges are to be regarded as honest men, and their judgment as truth. Golix v. Low, 1 Johns. Cas. (N. Y.) 341, 345.
Ubi non est principalis, non potest esse accessorius. 4 Coke, 43. Where there is no principal, there cannot be an accessory.

Ubi nulla est conjectura quae ducat ulterius, verba intelligenda sunt ex proprietate, non grammatica, sed populari ex usu. Where there is nothing to call for a different construction, [the] words [of an instrument] are to be understood, not according to their strict grammatical meaning, but according to their popular and ordinary sense. Grot. de Jure B. lib. 2, c. 16.

Ubi nullum matrimonium, ibi nulla dos. Where there is no marriage, there is no dower. Bract. fol. 92; 2 Bl. Comm. 180.

Ubi periculum, ibi et lucrum collocatur. He at whose risk a thing is, should receive the profits arising from it.

Ubi pugnantia inter se in testamento jaberentur, neutrum ratum est. Where repugnant or inconsistent directions are contained in a will, neither is valid. Dig. 50, 17, 188, pr.

Ubi quid generaliter conceditur inesse, excepto, si non aliquid sit contra jus fasque. 10 Coke, 78. Where a thing is conceded generally this exception is implied: that there shall be nothing contrary to law and right.

Ubi quis delinquit, ibi punietur. Where a man offends, there he shall be punished. 6 Coke, 470. In cases of felony, the trial shall be always by the common law in the same place where the offense was, and shall not be supposed in any other place. Id.

UBI RE VERA. Where in reality; when in truth or in point of fact. Cro. Eliz. 645; Cro. Jac. 4.

UBI verba conjuncta non sunt sufficiat alterum esse factum. Dig. 50, 17, 110, 3. Where words are not conjoined, it is enough if one or other be compiled with.

UBIQUITY. Omnipresence; presence in several places, or in all places, at one time. A fiction of English law is the “legal ubiquity” of the sovereign, by which he is constructively present in all the courts. 1 Bl. Comm. 270.

UDAL. A term mentioned by Blackstone as used in Finland to denote that kind of right in real property which is called, in English law, “allodial.” 2 Bl. Comm. 45, note f.

UKAAS, UKASE. The name of a law or ordinance made by the czar of Russia.

ULLAGE. In commercial law. The amount wanting when a cask, on being gauged, is found not to be completely full.

ULNA FERREA. L-Lat. In old English law. The iron ell; the standard ell of iron, kept in the exchequer for the rule of measure.

ULNAGE. Alnage, (which see.)

ULTIMA RATIO. Lat. The last argument; the last resort; the means last to be resorted to.

Ultima voluntas testatoris est perimpleunda secundum intentionem suam. 4 Bl. Comm. 322. The last will of a testator is to be fulfilled according to his private intention.

ULTIMATE FACTS. In pleading and practice. Facts in issue; opposed to probative or evidential facts, the latter being such as serve to establish or disprove the issues. Kahn v. Central Smelting Co., 2 Utah, 379. And see FACT.

ULTIMATUM. Lat. The last. The final and ultimate proposition made in negotiating a treaty, or a contract, or the like.

ULTIMUM SUPPLICIUM. Lat. The extreme punishment; the extremity of punishment; the punishment of death. 4 Bl. Comm. 17.

Ultimum supplicium esse mortem solem interpretamus. The extremest punishment we consider to be death alone. Dig. 48, 19, 21.

ULTIMUS HHERES. Lat. The last or remote heir; the lord. So called in contradistinction to the heres proximus and the heres remotior. Dalr. Feud. Prop. 110.

ULTRA. Lat. Beyond; outside of; in excess of.

—Ultra mare. Beyond sea. One of the old essoins or excuses for not appearing in court at the return of process. Bract. fol. 333. —Ultra reprises. After deduction of drawbacks; in excess of deductions or expenses. —Ultra vires. A term used to express the action of a corporation which is beyond the powers conferred upon it by its charter, or the statutes under which it was instituted. 33 Am. Law Rev. 632. "Ultra vires" is also sometimes applied to an act which, though within the powers of a corporation, is not binding on it because the consent or agreement of the corporation has not been given in the manner required by its constitution. Thus, where a company delegates certain powers to its directors, all acts done by the directors beyond the scope of those powers are ultra vires, and not binding on the company, unless it subsequently ratifies them. Sweet. And see Miners' Ditch Co. v. Zellerbach, 37 Cal. 373, 99 Am. Dec. 30;
ULTRA POSSE


Ultra posse non potest esse, et vice versa. What is beyond possibility cannot exist, and the reverse, [what cannot exist is not possible.] Wing. Max. 100.

ULTRONEOUS WITNESS. In Scotch law. A volunteer witness; one who appears to give evidence without being called upon.

2 Alls. Crim. Pr. 393.

UMPIRAGE. The decision of an umpire. The word “umpirage,” in reference to an umpire, is the same as the word “award,” in reference to arbitrators; but “award” is commonly applied, to the decision of the umpire also.

UMPIRE. When matters in dispute are submitted to two or more arbitrators, and they do not agree in their decision, it is usual for another person to be called in as “umpire,” to whose sole judgment it is then referred. Brown. And see Ingraham v. Whitmore, 75 Ill. 30; Tyler v. Webb, 10 B. Mon. (Ky.) 123; Lyon v. Blossom, 4 Duer (N. Y.) 325.

Un ne doit prise advantage de son tort demesne. One ought not to take advantage of his own wrong.

Una persona vix potest supplere vices duarum. One person can scarcely supply the places of two. See 9 H. L. Cas. 274.

UNA VOCE. Lat. With one voice; unanimously; without dissent.

UNALIENABLE. Incapable of being aliened, that is, sold and transferred.

UNANIMITY. Agreement of all the persons concerned, in holding one and the same opinion or determination of any matter or question; as the concurrence of a jury in deciding upon their verdict.

UNASCERTAINED DUTIES. Payment in gross, on an estimate as to amount, and where the merchant, on a final liquidation, will be entitled by law to allowances or deductions which do not depend on the rate of duty charged, but on the ascertained of the quantity of the article subject to duty. Moke v. Barney, 5 Blatchf. 274. Fed. Cas. No. 9,608.

UNAVOIDABLE ACCIDENT. Not necessarily an accident which it was physically impossible, in the nature of things, for the person to have prevented, but one not occasioned in any degree, either remotely or directly, by the want of such care or skill as the law holds every man bound to exercise. Dygert v. Bradley, 8 Wend. (N. Y.) 473.

UNCEASESATH. In Saxon law. An oath by relations not to avenge a relation’s death. Blount.

UNCERTAINTY. Such vagueness, obscurity, or confusion in any written instrument, e. g., a will, as to render it unintelligible to those who are called upon to execute or interpret it, so that no definite meaning can be extracted from it.

UNCIARIUS HERES. Lat. In Roman law. An heir to one-twelfth of an estate or inheritance. Calvin.

UNCUNIARY BARGAIN. A contract which no man in his senses, not under delusion, would make, on the one hand, and which no fair and honest man would accept, on the other. Hume v. U. S., 132 U. S. 406, 10 Sup. Ct. 134, 33 L. Ed. 393.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL. That which is contrary to the constitution. The opposite of “constitutional.” See State v. McCann, 4 Lea (Tenn.) 10; In re Rahrer (C. C.) 43 Fed. 558, 10 L. R. A. 444; Norton v. Shelby County, 118 U. S. 426, 10 Sup. Ct. 134, 33 L. Ed. 333.

UNCONTROLLABLE IMPULSE. As an excuse for the commission of an act otherwise criminal, this term means an impulse towards its commission of such fixity and intensity that it cannot be resisted by the person subject to it, in the enfeebled condition of his will and moral sense resulting from derangement or mania. See INSANITY. And see State v. O’Neil, 51 Kan. 651, 33 Pac. 287, 24 L. R. A. 555.
UNCORE PRIST. L. Fr. Still ready. A species of plea or replication by which the party alleges that he is still ready to pay or perform all that is justly demanded of him. In conjunction with the phrase “tout temps prist,” it signifies that he has always been and still is ready.

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UNDER-TUTOR. In Louisiana. In every tutorship there shall be an under-tutor, whom it shall be the duty of the judge to appoint at the time letters of tutorship are certified for the tutor. It is the duty of the under-tutor to act for the minor whenever the interest of the minor is in opposition to the interest of the tutor. Civ. Code La. 1838, arts. 300, 301.

UNDER-TREASURER OF ENGLAND. He who transacted the business of the lord high treasurer.

UNDERLIE THE LAW. In Scotch criminal procedure, an accused person, in appearing to take his trial, is said “to contemplate and underlie the law.” Mozley & Whitely.

UNDERSTANDING. In the law of contracts. This is a loose and ambiguous term, unless it be accompanied by some expression to show that it constituted a meeting of the minds of parties upon something respecting which they intended to be bound. Camp v. Waring, 25 Conn. 529. But it may denote an informal agreement, or a concurrence as to its terms. See Barkow v. Sangen, 47 Wis. 507, 3 N. W. 16.

UNDERSTOOD. The phrase “it is understood,” when employed as a word of contract in a written agreement, has the same force as the words “it is agreed.” Higgins v. Weld, 14 Gray (Mass.) 165.

UNDERTAKING. A promise, engagement, or stipulation. Each of the promises made by the parties to a contract, considered independently and not as mutual, may, in this sense, be denominated an “undertaking.” “Undertaking” is frequently used in the special sense of a promise given in the course of legal proceedings by a party or his counsel, generally as a condition to obtaining some concession from the court or the opposite party. Sweet.

UNDERTOOK. Agreed; assumed. This is the technical word to be used in alleging the promise which forms the basis of an action of assumpsit.

UNDERWRITER. The person who insures another in a fire or life policy; the insurer. See Child v. Firemen’s Ins. Co., 69 Minn. 393, 69 N. W. 141, 35 L. R. A. 99. A person who joins with others in entering into a marine policy of insurance as insurer.
UNIFIED. An undivided right or title, or a title to an undivided portion of an estate, is that owned by one of two or more tenants in common or joint tenants before partition.

UNDRES. In old English law. Minors or persons under age not capable of bearing arms. Fleta, l. 1, c. 9; Cowell.

UNDUE INFLUENCE. In regard to the making of a will and other such matters, undue influence is persuasion carried to the point of overpowering the will, or such a control over the person in question as prevents him from acting intelligently, understandingly, and voluntarily, and in effect destroys his free agency, and constrains him to do what he would not have done if such control had not been exercised. See Mitchell v. Mitchell, 43 Minn. 73, 44 N. W. 585; Bennett v. Bennett, 50 N. J. Eq. 435, 20 Atl. 573; Francis v. Wilkinson, 147 Ill. 570, 55 N. E. 150; Conley v. Nailer, 118 U. S. 127, 6 Sup. Ct. 1001, 30 L. Ed. 112; Marx v. McGynn, 88 N. Y. 370; In re Logan's Estate, Myr. Prob. (Cal.) 31.

Undue influence consists (1) in the use, by one in whom a confidence is reposed by another, or who holds a real or apparent authority over him, of such confidence or authority, for the purpose of obtaining an unfair advantage over him; (2) in taking an unfair advantage of another's weakness of mind; or (3) in taking a grossly oppressive and unfair advantage of another's necessities or distress. Civ. Code Dak. § 886.

UNFAIR COMPETITION. A term which may be applied generally to all dishonest or fraudulent rivalry in trade and commerce, but is particularly applied to those of another, having an established reputation and extensive sale, by means of imitating or counterfeiting the name, title, size, shape, or distinctive peculiarities of the article, or the shape, color, label, wrapper, or general appearance of the package, or other such simulations, the imitation being carried far enough to mislead the unwary purchaser, and yet not amounting to an absolute counterfeit or to the infringement of a trade-mark or trade-name. Called in France and Germany "concurrence delaoyale." See Reddaway v. Banham, [1886] App. Cas. 199; Singer Mfg. Co. v. June Mfg. Co., 168 U. S. 168, 16 Sup. Ct. Bl. Law Dict. (2d Ed.)—75

UNIFORM. A statute is general and uniform in its operation when it operates equally upon all persons who are brought within the relations and circumstances provided for. McAulich v. Mississippi & M. R. Co., 20 Iowa, 342; People v. Judge, 17 Cal. 554; Kelley v. State, 6 Ohio St. 271; State v. Hogan, 63 Ohio St. 202, 58 N. E. 572, 52 L. R. A. 863, 81 Am. St. Rep. 626; Arms v. Ayer, 192 Ill. 601, 61 N. E. 851, 58 L. R. A. 277, 85 Am. St. Rep. 357.

UNIFORMITY. In taxation. Uniformity in taxation implies equality in the burden of taxation, which cannot exist without uniformity in the mode of assessment, as well as in the rate of taxation. Further, the uniformity must be coextensive with the territory to which it applies. And it must be extended to all property subject to taxation, so that all property may be taxed alike and equally. Exchange Bank v. Hines, 3 Ohio St. 15. And see Edye v. Robertson, 112 U. S. 580, 5 Sup. Ct. 247, 28 L. Ed. 798. Adams v. Mississippi State Bank, 75 Miss. 701, 93 Tenn. 84, 23 S. W. 165; Cornelius v. Ferguson, 17 S. D. 481, 97 N. W. 390; Sterling Remedy Co. v. Eureka Chemical Co., 80 Fed. 108, 25 C. C. A. 314; T. B. Dunn Co. v. Trix Mfg. Co., 50 App. Div. 75, 63 N. Y. Supp. 333.

UNGEDL. In Saxon law. An outlaw; a person whose murder required no composition to be made, or seargeld to be paid, by his slayer.

UNICA TAXATIO. The obsolete language of a special award of venire, where, of several defendants, one pleads, and one lets judgment go by default, whereby the jury, who are to try and assess damages on the issue, are also to assess damages against the defendant suffering judgment by default. Wharton.

UNIFORMITY, ACT OF, which regulates the terms of membership in the Church of England and the colleges of Oxford and Cambridge, (St. 13 & 14 Car. II. c. 4.) See St. 9 & 10 Vict. c. 59. The act of uniformity has been amended by the St. 35 & 36 Vict. c. 35, which inter alia provides a shortened form of morning and evening prayer. Wharton.

UNIFORMITY OF PROCESS ACT. The English statute of 2 Wm. IV. c. 39, establishing a uniform process for the commencement of actions in all the courts of law at Westminster. 3 Steph. Comm. 596.

UNIGENITURE. The state of being the only begotten.
UNILATERAL. One-sided; ex parte; having relation to only one of two or more persons or things.

-Unilateral contract. See Contract.
-Unilateral mistake. A mistake or misunderstanding as to the terms or effect of a contract, made or entertained by one of the parties to it but not by the other. Green v. Stone, 54 N. J. Eq. 297, 54 Atl. 1060, 65 Am. St. Rep. 971.
-Unilateral record. Records are unilateral when offered to show a particular fact, as a prima facie case, either for or against a stranger. Colligan v. Cooney, 107 Tenn. 214, 64 S. W. 81.

UNINTELLIGIBLE. That which cannot be understood.

UNIO. Lat. In canon law. A consolidation of two churches into one. Cowell.

UNIO PROLIIUM. Lat. Uniting of offspring. A method of adoption, chiefly used in Germany, by which step-children (on either or both sides of the house) are made equal, in respect to the right of succession, with the children who spring from the marriage of the two contracting parties. See Hein. Elem. § 188.

UNION. In English poor-law. A union consists of two or more parishes which have been consolidated for the better administration of the poor-law therein.

In ecclesiastical law. A union consists of two or more benefices which have been united into one benefice. Sweet.

In public law. A popular term in America for the United States; also, in Great Britain, for the consolidated governments of England and Scotland, or for the political tie between Great Britain and Ireland.

In Scotch law. A “clause of union” is a clause in a feoffment by which two estates, separated or not adjacent, are united as one, for the purpose of making a single seisin suffice for both.

UNION-JACK. The national flag of Great Britain and Ireland, which combines the banner of St. Patrick with the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The word “Jack” is most probably derived from the surcoat, charged with a red cross, anciently used by the English soldiery. This appears to have been called a “jacque,” whence the word “jacket,” anciently written “jacquit.” Some, however, without a shadow of evidence, derive the word from “Jacques,” the first alteration having been made in the reign of King James I. Wharton.

UNION OF CHURCHES. A combining and consolidating of two churches into one. Also it is when one church is made subject, to another, and one man is rector of both; and where a conventual church is made a cathedral. Tomlin.
UNIVERSAL. Having relation to the whole or an entirety; pertaining to all without exception; a term more extensive than "general," which latter may admit of exceptions. See Blair v. Howell, 63 Iowa, 619, 28 N. W. 199; Koen v. State, 35 Neb. 679, 55 N. W. 595, 17 L. R. A. 821.

—Universal agent. One who is appointed to do all the acts which the principal can personally do, and which he may lawfully delegate the power to another to do. Story, Ag. 18; Baldwin v. Tucker, 112 Ky. 292, 66 S. W. 841, 57 L. R. A. 736; Wood v. Wood, 7 Ala. 506.

—Universal legacy. See LEGACY. Universal property of the predecessor as a juridical universal representation. In Scotch law. A whole of things. Several single things, which, though not mechanically connected with one another, are, when taken together, regarded as a whole; e. g., a herd of cattle, a stock of goods. Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 162. Universitas juris. In the civil law. A quantity of things of all sorts, corporeal and incorporeal, which, taken together, are regarded as a whole formed out of many individuals. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.

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UNIVERSITY. An institution of higher learning, consisting of an assemblage of colleges united under one corporate organization and government, affording instruction in the arts and sciences and the learned professions, and conferring degrees. See Com. v. Banks, 198 Pa. 397, 48 Atl. 277.

UNIVERSITY COURT. See CHANCELLOR'S COURTS IN THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

UNIVERSUS. Lat. In the civil law. A corporation aggregate. Dig. 3, 4, 7. Literally, a whole formed out of many individuals. 1 Bl. Comm. 469.

—Universitas singularibus. 2 Rolle, 234. Things universal are better known than things particular.

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UNLAW. In Scotch law. A witness was formerly inadmissible who was not worth the king's unlaw; i. e., the sum of £10 Scots, then the common fine for absence from court and for small delinquences. Bell.

UNLAWFUL. That which is contrary to law. "Unlawful" and "illegal" are frequently used as synonymous terms, but, in the property terms of the word, "unlawful" is opposed to promises, agreements, considerations, and the like, denotes that they are ineffectual in law because they involve acts which, although not illegal, & c., positively forbidden, are disapproved of by the law, and are therefore not recognized as the ground of legal rights, either because they are immoral or because they are against public policy. It is on this ground that contracts in restraint of marriage or of trade are generally void. Sweet. And see Hagerman v. Buchanan, 45 N. J. Eq. 292, 17 Atl. 496, 14 Am. St. Rep. 732; Tatum v. State, 66 Ala. 467; Johnson v. State, 63 N. E. 607, 61 L. R. A. 277, 90 Am. St. Rep. 554; Pinder v. State, 27 Fla. 370, 8 South. 837, 26 Am. St. Rep. 75; MacDaniel v. U. S., 87 Fed. 321, 30 C. C. A. 670; People v. Chicago Gas Trust Co., 130 Ill. 293, 22 N. E. 738, 8 L. R. A. 497, 17 Am. St. Rep. 319.

—Unlawful assembly. At common law. The meeting together of three or more persons, to the disturbance of the public peace, and with the intention of co-operating in the forcible and violent execution of some unlawful private enterprise. If they take steps towards the performance of their purpose, it becomes a riot; and, if they put their design into actual execution, it is a riot. 4 Bl. Comm. 146. Any meeting of great numbers of people, with such circumstances of terror as cannot but endanger the public peace, and raise fears and jealousies among the subjects of the realm. 4 St. Tr. 254—Unlawful warden and tenant. The unjustifiable retention of the possession of lands by one whose original entry was lawful and of right, but whose right to the possession has terminated and who refuses to quit, as in the case of a tenant holding over after the termination of the lease and in spite of a demand for possession by the landlord. McDermott v. Lambert, 80 Ala. 536, 1 N. W. 978; Silva v. Campbell, 84 Cal. 420, 24 Pac. 316; Code Tenn. 1896, § 5063. Where an entry upon lands is unlawful, whether forcible or not, and the subsequent conduct is forcible and tortious, the offense committed is a "forcible entry and detainer," but where the original entry is lawful, and the subsequent holding forcible and tortious, the offense is an "unlawful detainer" only. Pullen v. Boney, 4 N. J. Law, 129—Unlawful entry. An entry upon lands effected peaceably and without force, but which is without color of title and is accomplished by means of fraud or some other willful wrong. Dickenson v. Macquarie, 9 Cal. 46; Biaco v. Haller, 9 Neb. 149, 3 N. W. 978.

UNLAWFULLY. The term is commonly used in indictments for statutory crimes, to show that the act constituting the offense was in violation of a positive law, especially where the statute itself uses the same phrase.
UNLIQUIDATED. Not ascertained in amount; not determined; remaining unassessed or unsettled; as unliquidated damages. See DAMAGES.

UNLIVERY. A term used in maritime law to designate the unloading of cargo of a vessel at the place where it is properly to be delivered. The Two Catharines, 24 Fed. Cas. 429.

UNNATURAL OFFENSE. The infamous crime against nature; i.e., sodomy or buggery.

Uno absurdo dato, infinita sequuntur. 1 Coke, 102. One absurdity being allowed, an infinity follows.

UNO ACTU. Lat. In a single act; by one and the same act.


UNQUES. L. Fr. Ever; always. Ne unques, never.


UNSEATED LAND. See LAND.

UNSEAWORTHY. See SEAWORTHY.

UNSOLEMN WAR. War denounced without a declaration; war made not upon general but special declaration; imperfect war. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 409, 37 Am. Dec. 328.


UNTHIRT. A prodigal; a spendthrift. 1 Bl. Comm. 306.

UNTIL. This term generally excludes the day to which it relates; but it will be construed otherwise, if required by the evident intention of the parties. Kendall v. Kingsley, 120 Mass. 95.

Unnamqueque dissolvitur codem legamine quo ligatur. Every obligation is dissolved by the same solemnity with which it is created. Broom, Max. 834.

Unnamqueque codem modo quo colligatu est, dissolvitur,—quo constituitur, destruitur. Everything is dissolved by the same means by which it is put together,—destroyed by the same means by which it is established. 2 Rolle, 39; Broom, Max. 891.

Unnamqueque est id quod est principalis in ipso. Hob. 123. That which is the principal part of a thing is the thing itself.

Unnamqueque principiorum est ab initiis metapsi fides; et perspicua vera non sunt probanda. Every general principle (or maxim of law) is its own pledge or warrant; and things that are clearly true are not to be proved. Branch; Co. Litt. 11.

UNUS NULLUS RULE, THE. The rule of evidence which obtains in the civil law, that the testimony of one witness is equivalent to the testimony of none. Wharton.

UNWHOLESOME FOOD. Food not fit to be eaten; food which if eaten would be injurious.

UNWRITTEN LAW. All that portion of the law, observed and administered in the courts, which has not been enacted or promulgated in the form of a statute or ordinance, including the unenacted portions of the common law, general and particular customs having the force of law, and the rules, principles, and maxims established by judicial precedents or the successive like decisions of the courts. See Code Civ. Proc. Cal. 1903, § 1899; B. & C. Comp. Or. 1901, § 736.

In recent years, this term has been popularly and falsely applied to a supposed local principle or sentiment which justifies private vengeance, particularly the slaying of a man who has insulted a woman, when perpetrated by her kinsman or husband. It is needless to say that no such law exists, and that such an opinion or sentiment, however prevalent, could not by any possible right use of language be termed a "law" or furnish a legal justification for a homicide.

UPLIFTED HAND. The hand raised towards the heavens, in one of the forms of taking an oath, instead of being laid upon the Gospels.

UPPER BENCH. The court of king's bench, in England, was so called during the interval between 1649 and 1660, the period of the commonwealth, Rolle being then chief justice. See 3 Bl. Comm. 202.
UPSET PRICE. In sales by auctions, an amount for which property to be sold is put up, so that the first bidder at that price is declared the buyer. Wharton.

UPSON. In Scotch law. Between the hours of sunrise and sunset. Foulning must be executed with upson. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 3, p. 32.

URBAN HOMESTEAD. See HOMESTEAD.

URBAN SERVITUDE. City servitudes, or servitudes of houses, are called “urban.” They are the easements appertaining to the building and construction of houses; as, for instance, the right to light and air, or the right to build a house so as to throw the rain-water on a neighbor’s house. Mozley & Whitely; Civ. Code La. 1900, § 711.

URBS. Lat. In Roman law. A city, or a walled town. Sometimes it is put for civitas, and denotes the inhabitants, or both the city and its inhabitants; 4. e., the municipality or commonwealth. By way of special pre-eminence, urbs meant the city of Rome. Ainsworth.

URE. L. Fr. Effect; practice. Mis en ure, put in practice; carried into effect. Kelham.

USAGE. Usage is a reasonable and lawful public custom concerning transactions of the same nature as those which are to be affected thereby, existing at the place where the obligation is to be performed, and either known to the parties, or so well established, general, and uniform that they must be presumed to have acted with reference thereto. Civ. Code Dak. § 2119. And see Milroy v. Railway Co., 98 Iowa, 158, 67 N. W. 276; Barnard v. Kellogg, 10 Wall. 386, 19 L. Ed. 987; Wilcock v. Phillips, 29 Fed. Cas. 1203; McCarthy v. McArthur, 69 Ark. 313, 63 S. W. 56; Lincoln & K. Bank v. Page, 9 Mass. 156, 6 Am. Dec. 52; Lane v. Bank, 3 Ind. App. 299, 20 N. E. 618; Morningstar v. Cunningham, 110 Ind. 328, 11 N. E. 593, 59 Am. Rep. 211.

This word, as used in English law, differs from “custom” and “prescription,” in that no man may claim a rent common or other inheritances by usage, though he may by prescription. Moreover, a usage is local in all cases, and must be proved; whereas, a custom is frequently general, and as such is noticed without proof. “Usage” in French law, is the “usage” of Roman law, and corresponds very nearly to the tenancy by usage, though he may by prescription. From “custom” and “prescription,” in that no mere adoption of certain peculiar doctrines or rules of law. Dickinson v. Gay, 7 Allen (Mass) 29, 83 Am. Dec. 656.

—General usage. One which prevails generally throughout the country, or is followed generally by those of the same profession or trade, and is not local in its nature or observance.—Usage of trade. A course of dealing; a mode of conducting transactions of a particular kind, proved by witnesses testifying of its existence and uniformity from their knowledge obtained by observation of what is practiced by themselves and others in the trade to which it relates. Haskins v. Warren, 115 Mass. 533.

USANCE. In mercantile law. The common period fixed by the usage or custom or habit of dealing between the country where a bill is drawn, and that where it is payable, for the payment of bills of exchange. It means, in some countries, a month, in others two or more months, and in others half a month. Story, Bills, §§ 50, 144, 332.

USE. A confidence reposed in another, who was made tenant of the land, or terre-tenant, that he would dispose of the land according to the intention of the cestui que use, or him to whose use it was granted, and suffer him to take the profits. 2 Bl. Comm. 328.

A right in one person, called the “cestui que use,” to take the profits of land of which another has the legal title and possession, together with the duty of defending the same, and of making estates thereof according to the direction of the cestui que use. Bouvier.

Use is the right given to any one to make a gratuitous use of a thing belonging to another, or to exact such a portion of the fruit it produces as is necessary for his personal wants and those of his family. Civ. Code La. art. 629.

Uses and trusts are not so much different things as different aspects of the same subject. A use regards principally the beneficial interest; a trust regards principally the nominal ownership. The usage of the two terms is, however, widely different. The word “use” is employed to denote either an estate vested since the statute of uses, and by force of that statute, or to denote such an estate created before that statute as, had it been created since, would have become a legal estate by force of the statute. The word “trust” is employed since that statute to denote the relation between the party invested with the legal estate (whether by force of that statute or independently of it) and the party beneficially entitled, who has hitherto been said to have the equitable estate. Mozley & Whitely.

In conveyancing, “use” literally means “benefit;” thus, in an ordinary assignment of chattels, the assignor transfers the property to the assignee for his “absolute
use and benefit." In the expressions "separate use," "superstitious use," and "charitable use," "use" has the same meaning. Sweet.

In the civil law. A right of receiving so much of the natural profits of a thing as is necessary to daily sustenance. It differs from "usufruct," which is a right not only to use, but to enjoy. 1 Browne, Civil & Adm. Law, 184.

—Cestui que use. A person for whose use and benefit lands or tenements are held by another. The latter, before the statute of uses, was called the "feoffee to use," and held the nominal or legal title.—Charitable use. See CHARITABLE.—Contingent use. A use limited to take effect upon the happening of some future contingent event; as where lands are conveyed to the use of A. and B., after a marriage shall be had between them. 2 Bl. Comm. 384; Haywood v. Shreve, 44 N. J. Law, 94; Jemison v. Blowers, 5 Barb. (N. Y.) 632.—Executory use. The first use in a conveyance to A. to the use of B., the latter, before the statute of uses, was held the purely equitable title of persons entitled to a use into a legal title or absolute ownership with right of possession. The statute is said to "execute the use," that is, it abolishes the intervening estate of the feoffee to use, and makes the beneficial interest of the cestui que use an absolute legal title.—Superstitious uses. See that title.—Use and occupation. This is the name of an action, being a variety of assumpsit, to be maintained by a landlord against one who has had the occupation and enjoyment of an estate, under a contract to pay therefor, express or implied, but not under such a lease as would support an action specifically for rent. —Use plaintiff. One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a chose in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled "A. B. (the assignor) for the Use of C. D. (the assignee) against E.

In marriage settlements, the first use is always to the owner in fee till the marriage, and then to other uses. The fee remains with the owner until the marriage, and then it shifts to the use. 4 Kent, Comm. 297.—Springing use. A use limited to arise on a future event where no preceding use is limited, and which does not take effect in derogation of any other interest than that which results to the grantor, or remains in him in the mean time. 2 Washb. Real Prop. 261; Smith v. Brison, 90 N. C. 288.—Statute of uses. An English statute enacted in 1536, (27 Hen. VIII. c. 10,) directed against the practice of creating uses in lands, and which converted the purely equitable title of persons entitled to a use into a legal title or absolute ownership with right of possession. The statute is said to "execute the use," that is, it abolishes the intervening estate of the feoffee to use, and makes the beneficial interest of the cestui que use an absolute legal title.—Superstitious uses. See that title.—Use and occupation. This is the name of an action, being a variety of assumpsit, to be maintained by a landlord against one who has had the occupation and enjoyment of an estate, under a contract to pay therefor, express or implied, but not under such a lease as would support an action specifically for rent. —Use plaintiff. One for whose use (benefit) an action is brought in the name of another. Thus, where the assignee of a chose in action is not allowed to sue in his own name, the action would be entitled "A. B. (the assignor) for the Use of C. D. (the assignee) against E.

USER. The actual exercise or enjoyment of any right or property. It is particularly used of franchises.

—Adverse user. An adverse user is such a use of the property as the owner himself would make, asking no permission, and disregarding all other claims to it, so far as they conflict with this use. Blanchard v. Moulton, 63 Me. 434; Murray v. Scribner, 74 Wis. 602, Fed. Cas. No. 8,568. By "useful" is meant such an invention as may be applied to some beneficial use in society, in contradistinction to an invention which is injurious to the morals, the health, or the good order of society. Bedford v. Hunt, 1 Mason, 162, 166; 302, Fed. Cas. No. 1,217.

USER DE ACTION. L. Fr. In old practice. The pursuing or bringing an action. Cowell.

USER OF THE BLACK ROD. The gentleman usher of the black rod is an officer of the house of lords appointed by let-
lers patent from the crown. His duties are, by himself or deputy, to desire the attendance of the commons in the house of peers when the royal assent is given to bills, either by the king in person or by commission, to execute orders for the commitment of persons guilty of breach of privilege, and also to assist in the introduction of peers when they take the oaths and their seats. Brown.

USO. In Spanish law. Usage; that which arises from certain things which men say and do and practice uninterruptedly for a great length of time, without any hindrance whatever. Las Partidas, pt. 1, tit. 2, l. 1.

USQUE. Lat. Up to; until. This is a word of exclusion, and a release of all demands usque ad a certain day does not cover a bond made on that day. 2 Mod. 28.

USQUE AD FILUM AQUÆ, OR VÆ. Up to the middle of the stream or road.

USUAL. Habitual; ordinary; customary; according to usage or custom; commonly established, observed, or practised. See Chicago & A. R. Co. v. Hause, 71 Ill. App. 147; Kellogg v. Curtis, 69 Me. 214, 31 Am. Rep. 273; Tescher v. Merea, 118 Ind. 586, 21 N. E. 316; Trust Co. v. Norris, 61 Minn. 255, 63 N. W. 634.

—Usual covenants. See COVENANT.—Usual terms. A phrase in the common-law practice, which meant pleading issuably, rejoining gratia, and taking short notice of trial. When a defendant obtained further time to plead, these were the terms usually imposed. Wharton.

USUARIUS. Lat. In the civil law. One who had the mere use of a thing belonging to another for the purpose of supplying his daily wants; a usuary. Dig. 7, 8, 10, pr.; Calvin.

USUCAPIO, or USUCAPTIO. A term of Roman law used to denote a mode of acquisition of property. It corresponds very nearly to the term "prescription." But the prescription of Roman law differed from that of the English law, in this: that no male fide possessor (i. e., person in possession knowingly of the property of another) could, by however long a period, acquire title by possession merely. The two essential requisites to usucapio were justa causa (i. e., title) and bona fides, (i. e., ignorance.) The term "usuacapio" is sometimes, but erroneously, written "usuacatio." Brown. See Pavey v. Vance, 58 Ohio St. 162, 46 N. E. 898.

Usucapio constituta est ut aliiquis litium finis esset. Prescription was instituted that there might be some end to litigation. Dig. 41, 10, 5; Broom, Max. 594, note.

USUFRUCT. In the civil law. The right of enjoying a thing, the property of which is vested in another, and to draw from the same all the proft, utility, and advantage which it may produce, provided it be without altering the substance of the thing. Civ. Code La. art. 533. And see Mulford v. Le Franc, 26 Cal. 102; Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 628; Strauss v. Sheriff, 43 La. Ann. 501, 9 South. 102.

—Imperfect usufruct. An imperfect or quasi usufruct is that which is of things which would be useless to the usufructuary if he did not consume or expend them or change the substance of them; as, money, grain, liquors. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.—Perfect usufruct. An usufruct in those things which the usufructuary can enjoy without changing their substance, though their substance may be diminished or deteriorate naturally by time or by the use to which they are applied, as, a house, a piece of land, furniture, and other movable effects. Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.—Quasi usufruct. In the civil law. Originally the usufruct gave no right to the substance of the thing, and consequently none to its consumption; hence only an inconsumable thing could be the object of it, whether movable or immovable. But in later times the right of usufruct was, by analogy, extended to consumable things, and therewith arose the distinction between true and quasi usufructs. See Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 507; Civ. Code La. 1900, art. 534.

USUFRUCTUARY. In the civil law. One who has the usufruct or right of enjoying anything in which he has no property, Cartwright v. Cartwright, 18 Tex. 628.

USUFRUIT. In French law. The same as the usufruct of the English and Roman law.

USURA. Lat. In the civil law. Money given for the use of money; interest. Commonly used in the plural, "usura." Dig. 22, 1.

—Usura manifesta. Manifest or open usury; as distinguished from usura velata, veiled or concealed usury, which consists in giving a bond for the loan, in the amount of which is included the stipulated interest. Usura maritima. Interest taken on bottomry or respondentia bonds, which is proportioned to the risk, and is not affected by the usury laws.

Usura est commodum certum quod propter usum rediunctum recipitur. Sed secundario spirare de aliqua retributio, ad voluntatem ejus qui mutuat usus est, hoc non est vitiosum. Usury is a certain benefit which is received for the use of a thing lent. But to have an understanding [literally, to breathe or whisper,] in an incidental way, about some compensation to be made at the pleasure of the borrower, is not lawful. Branch, Princ.; 5 Coke, 708; Gall. lib. 7, c. 13.


USURIOUS. Pertaining to usury; partaking of the nature of usury; involving usury; tainted with usury; as, a usurious contract.
USURPATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The interruption of a usufruct, by some act on the part of the real owner. Calvin.

USURPATION. Torts. The unlawful assumption of the use of property which belongs to another; an interruption or the disturbing a man in his right and possession. Tomlins.

In public law. The unlawful seizure or assumption of sovereign power; the assumption of government or supreme power by force or illegally, in derogation of the constitution and of the rights of the lawful ruler.

—Usurpation of advowson. An injury which consists in the absolute ouster or dispossessing of the patron from the advowson or right of presentation, and which happens when a stranger who has no right presents a clerk, and the latter is thereupon admitted and instituted. Brown.—Usurpation of franchise or office. The unjustly intruding upon or exercising any office, franchise, or liberty belonging to another.

USURPED POWER. In Insurance. An invasion from abroad, or an internal rebellion, where armies are drawn up against each other, when the laws are silent, and when the firing of towns becomes unavoidable. These words cannot mean the power of a common mob. 2 Marsh. Ins. 791.

USURPER. One who assumes the right of government by force, contrary to and in violation of the constitution of the country.

USURY. In old English law. Interest of money; increase for the loan of money; a reward for the use of money. 2 Bl. Comm. 464.

In modern law. Unlawful interest; a premium or compensation paid or stipulated to be paid for the use of money borrowed or returned, beyond the rate of interest established by law. Webster.

An unlawful contract upon the loan of money, to receive the same again with exorbitant increase. 4 Bl. Comm. 156.

Usury is the reserving and taking, or contracting to reserve and take, either directly or by indirectness, a greater sum for the use of money than the lawful interest. Code Ga. 1882, § 2051. See Henry v. Bank of Salina, 5 Hill (N. Y.) 528; Parham v. Pulliam, 5 Cold. (Tenn.) 501; New England Mortg. Sec. Co. v. Gay (C. C.) 33 Fed. 640; Lee v. Peckham, 17 Wis. 389; Rosenstein v. Fox, 150 N. Y. 354, 44 N. E. 1027.

UST. Lat. In Roman law. A precarious enjoyment of land, corresponding with the right of habitatio of houses, and being closely analogous to the tenancy at sufferance or at will of English law. The usuarius (i. e., tenant by usus) could only hold on so long as the owner found him convenient, and had to go so soon as ever he was in the owner's way. (molestus.) The usuarius could not have a friend to share the produce. It was scarcely permitted to him (Justinian says) to have even his wife with him on the land; and he could not let or sell, the right being strictly personal to himself. Brown.

USUS BELLCI. Lat. In international law. Warlike uses or objects. It is the usus belli which determines an article to be contraband. 1 Kent, Comm. 141.

Usus est dominium fiduciarium. Bac. St. Uses. Use is a fiduciary dominion.

Usus et status sive possessio potius different secundum rationem fori, quam secundum rationem rei. Bac. St. Uses. Use and estate, or possession, differ more in the rule of the court than in the rule of the matter.

USUS FRUCTUS. Lat. In Roman law. Usufruct; usufructuary right or possession. The temporary right of using a thing, without having the ultimate property, or full dominion, of the substance. 2 Bl. Comm. 327.

UT CURRERE SOLEBAT. Lat. As it was wont to run; applied to a water-course.

UT DE FEODO. L. Lat. As of fee.

UT HOSPITES. Lat. As guests. 1 Salk. 25, pl. 10.

Ut bona ad pacanos, metus ad omnes perveniat. That the punishment may reach a few, but the fear of it affect all. A maxim in criminal law, expressive of one of the principal objects of human punishment. 4 Inst. 6; 4 Bl. Comm. 11.


Ut summe potestatis regis est posse quantum velit, sic magnitudinis est velle quantum possit. 3 Inst. 236. As the highest power of a king is to be able to do all he wishes, so the highest greatness of him is to wish all he is able to do.

UTAS. In old English practice. Octave; the octave; the eighth day following any term or feast. Cowell.

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UTFANGTHEF. In Saxon and old English law. The privilege of a lord of a manor to judge and punish a thief dwelling out of his liberty, and committing theft without the same, if he were caught within the lord's jurisdiction. Cowell.

UTI. Lat. In the civil law. To use. Strictly, to use for necessary purposes; as distinguished from "frui," to enjoy. Heinecc. Elem. lib. 2, tit. 4, § 415.

UTI FRUI. Lat. In the civil law. To have the full use and enjoyment of a thing, without damage to its substance. Calvin.

UTI POSSIDETIS. Lat. In the civil law. A species of Interdict for the purpose of retaining possession of a thing, granted to one who, at the time of contesting suit, was in possession of an immovable thing, in order that he might be declared the legal possessor. Halifax, Civil Law, b. 3, c. 6, no. 8.

In international law. A phrase used to signify that the parties to a treaty are to retain possession of what they have acquired by force during the war. Wheat. Int. Law, 627.

UTI ROGAS. Lat. In Roman law. The form of words by which a vote in favor of a proposed law was orally expressed. Ut rogas, volo vel juoco, as you ask, I will or order; I vote as you propose; I am for the law. The letters "U. R." on a ballot expressed the same sentiment. Adams, Rom. Ant. 98, 100.

Utile per inutile non vitatur. The useful is not vitiated by the useless. Surplusage does not spoil the remaining part if that is good in itself. Dyer, 392; Broom, Max. 627.


UTILIS. Lat. In the civil law. Useful; beneficial; equitable; available. Actio utilis, an equitable action. Calvin. Dies utilis, an available day.

UTLAGATUS. In old English law. An outlawed person; an outlaw.

Utlagatus est quasi extra legem positus. Caput gerit lupinum. 7 Coke, 14. An outlaw is, as it were, put out of the protection of the law. He bears the head of a wolf.

Utlagatus pro contumacia et fuga, non propter hoc convitustus est de facto principali. Flata. One who is outlawed for contumacy and flight is not on that account convicted of the principal fact.


UTLESSE. An escape of a felon out of prison.

UTRUBI. In the civil law. The name of a species of Interdict for retaining a thing, granted for the purpose of protecting the possession of a movable thing, as the uti possidetis was granted for an immovable. Inst. 4, 15, 4; Mackeld. Rom. Law, § 290.

In Scotch law. An interdict as to moveables, by which the colorable possession of a bona fide holder is continued until the final settlement of a contested right; corresponding to uti possidetis as to heritable property. Bell.

UTRUMQUE NOSTRUM. Both of us. Words used formerly in bonds.

UTTER. To put or send into circulation; to publish or put forth. To utter and publish an instrument is to declare or assert, directly or indirectly, by words or actions, that it is good; uttering it is a declaration that it is good, with an intention or offer to pass it. Whart Crim. Law, § 703.

To utter, as used in a statute against forgery and counterfeiting, means to offer, whether accepted or not, a forged instrument, with the representation, by words or actions, that the same is genuine. See State v. Horner, 48 Mo. 522; People v. Rathburn, 21 Wend. (N. Y.) 521; Lindsey v. State, 38 Ohio St 511; State v. Calkins, 73 Iowa, 128, 34 N. W. 777; People v. Caton, 25 Mich. 332.

UTTER BAR. In English law. The bar at which those barristers, usually junior men, practice who have not yet been raised to the dignity of king's counsel. These Junior barristers are said to plead without the bar; while those of the higher rank are admitted to seats within the bar, and address the court or a jury from a place reserved for them, and divided off by a bar. Brown.

UTTER BARRISTER. In English law. Those barristers who plead without the bar, and are distinguished from benchers, or those who have been readers, and who are allowed to plead within the bar, as the king's counsel are. Cowell.

UXOR. Lat. In the civil law. A wife; a woman lawfully married.

—Et uxor. And his wife. A term used in indexing, abstracting, and describing conveyances made by a man and his wife as grantees, or to a man and his wife as grantees. Often abbreviated "et us." Thus, "John Doe et us. to Richard Roe." —Uxor uxor. In right of his...
wife. A term used of a husband who joins in a deed, is seised of an estate, brings a suit, etc., in the right or on the behalf of his wife. 3 Bl. Comm. 210.

**UXOR ET FILIUS sunt nomina naturae.** Wife and son are names of nature. 4 Bac. Works, 350.

**UXOR non est sui juris, sed sub potestate viri.** A wife is not her own mistress, but is under the power of her husband. 3 Inst. 108.

**UXORICIDE.** The killing of a wife by her husband; one who murders his wife. Not a technical term of the law.
As an abbreviation, this letter may stand for "Victoria," "volume," or "verb;" also "vide" (see) and "voce" (word.) It is also a common abbreviation of "versus," in the titles of causes, and reported cases.

V. G. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor."

V. C. G. An abbreviation for "vice-chancellor's court."

V. E. An abbreviation for "venditioni exponas." (g. v.)

V. G. An abbreviation for "ver­sus," in the titles of causes, and reported cases.


vacancy. A place which is empty. The term is principally applied to an inter­ruption in the Incumbency of an office. The term "vacancy" applies not only to an interregnum in an existing office, but it aptly and fitly describes the condition of an office when it is first created, and has been filled by no in­cumbent. Walsh v. Comm., 89 Pa. 426, 33 Am. Rep. 771. And see Collins v. State, 8 Ind. 350; People v. Opel, 188 111. 194, 58 N. B. 996; Gormley v. Taylor, 44 Ga. 76.

vacant possession. See Posses­sion.

vacant succession. See Succession.

vacantia bona. Lat. In the civil law. Goods without an owner, or in which no one claims a property; escheated goods. Inst 2, 6, 4; 1 Bl. Comm. 228.

vacate. To annul; to cancel or rescind; to render an act void; as, to vacate an entry of record, or a judgment.

vacatio. Lat. In the civil law. Ex­emption; immunity; privilege; dispensation; exemption from the burden of office. Calvin.

vaccination. Inoculation with vac­cine or the virus of cowpox as a preventive against the smallpox; frequently made compulsory by statute. See Daniel v. Putnam County, 113 Ga. 570, 38 S. E. 980, 54 L. R. A. 292.

vacia possessio. Lat. The vacant possession, i. e., free and unburdened possession, which (e. g.) a vendor had and has to give to a purchaser of lands.

vaccus. Lat. In the civil law. Emp­ty; void; vacant; unoccupied. Calvin.

vades. Lat. In the civil law. Pledges; sureties; bail; security for the appearance of a defendant or accused person in court. Calvin.

vadiare dueixum. Lat. In old English law. To wage or gage the duel­lum; to wage battel; to give pledges mutually for engaging in the trial by combat.

vadiare. Lat. In Roman law. Bail or security; the giving of bail for appearance in court; a recognizance. Calvin.

vadiare duellum. L. Lat. In old English law. To wage or gage the duellum; to wage battel; to give pledges mutually for engaging in the trial by combat.

VADIMONIUM. Lat. In Roman law. Ball or security; the giving of bail for appearance in court; a recognizance. Calvin.


Vadium mortuum. A mortgage or dead pledge; a security given by the borrower of a sum of money, by which he grants to the lender an estate in fee, on condition that, if the money be not repaid at the time appointed, the estate so put in pledge shall continue to the lender as dead or gone from the mortgagor. 2 Bl. Comm. 157 —Vadium ponere. To take bail for the appearance of a person in a court of justice. Tomlins.—Vadium vivum. A species of security by which the borrower of a sum of money made over his estate to the lender until he had received that sum out of the issues and profits of the land. It was so called because neither the money nor the lands were lost, and were not left in dead pledge, but this was a living pledge, for the profits of the land were constantly paying off the debt. Litt. § 206; 1 Pow. Mortg. 3; Terms de la Ley; Spect v. Spect, 88 Cal. 487, 26 Pac. 203, 13 L. R. A. 197, 22 Am. St. Rep. 314; O'Neill v. Gray, 39 Hun (N. Y.) 566; Kort­right v. Cady, 21 N. Y. 344, 78 Am. Dec. 145.

vadlet. In old English law. The king's eldest son; hence the valet or knave follows the king and queen in a pack of cards. Bar. Obs. St. 544.

vadium. In old records, a ford, or wad­ing place. Cowell.
VAGABOND. One that wanders about; and has no certain dwelling; an idle fellow. Jacob.

Vagabonds are described in old English statutes as "such as wake on the night and sleep on the day, and haunt customizable taverns and ale-houses and routs about; and no man wot from whence they came, nor whither they go." 4 Bl. Comm. 169. See Forsyth v. Forsyth, 46 N. J. Eq. 400, 19 Atl. 119; Johnson v. State, 28 Tex. App. 562, 13 S. W. 1005.

Vagabundum nuncupamus eum qui nullibi domicilium contraxit habitationis. We call him a "vagabond" who has acquired nowhere a domicile of residence. Philim. Dom. 23, note.

VAGRANT. A wandering, idle person; a strolling or sturdy beggar. A general term, including, in English law, the several classes of idle and disorderly persons, rogues, and vagabonds, and incorrigible rogues. 4 Steph. Comm. 308, 309.

In American law, the term is variously defined by statute but the general meaning is that of an able-bodied person having no visible means of support and who lives idly without seeking work, or who is a professional beggar, or roams about from place to place without regular employment or fixed residence; and in some states the term also includes those who have a fixed habitation and pursue a regular calling but one which is condemned by the law as immoral, such as gambling or prostitution. See In re Jordan, 90 Mich. 3, 50 N. W. 1087; In re Aldermen and Justices of the Peace, 2 Pars. Eq. Cas. (Pa.) 464; Roberts v. State, 14 Mo. 145, 55 Am. Dec. 97. And see the statutes of the various states.

—Vagrancy act. In English law. The statute 5 Geo. IV. c. 88, which is an act for the punishment of idle and disorderly persons. 2 Chit. St. 145.


Vealeat quantum valere potest. It shall have effect as far as it can have effect. Cowp. 600; 4 Kent, Comm. 493; Shep. Touch. 87.

VALEC, VALECT, or VADELET. In old English law. A young gentleman; also a servitor or gentleman of the chamber. Cowell.

VALENTIA. L. Lat. The value or price of anything.

VALESHOTERIA. In old English law. The proving by the kindred of the slain, one on the father's side, and another on that of the mother, that a man was a Welshman. Wharton.

VALET was anciently a name denoting young gentlemen of rank and family, but afterwards applied to those of lower degree, and is now used for a menial servant, more particularly occupied about the person of his employer. Cab. Lawy. 890.

VALID. Of binding force. A deed, will, or other instrument, which has received all the formalities required by law, is said to be valid.

VALIDITY. This term is used to signify legal sufficiency, in contradistinction to mere regularity. "An official sale, an order, judgment, or decree may be regular,—the whole practice in reference to its entry may be correct,—but still invalid, for reasons going behind the regularity of its forms." Sharples v. Surdam, 1 Flip. 457, Fed. Cas. No. 12,711.

VALOR BENEFICIORUM. L. Lat. The value of every ecclesiastical benefice and preferment, according to which the first fruits and tenths are collected and paid. It is commonly called the "king's books," by which the clergy are at present rated. 2 Steph. Comm. 533; Wharton.

VALOR MARITAGII. Lat. Value of the marriage. In feudal law, the guardian in chivalry had the right of tendering to his infant ward a suitable match, without "disparagement," (inequality,) which, if the infants refused, they forfeited the value of the marriage (valor mariagii) to their guardian; that is, so much as a jury would assess, or any one would bona fide give, to the guardian for such an alliance. 2 Bl. Comm. 70; Litt. § 110.

A writ which lay against the ward, on coming of full age, for that he was not married, by his guardian, for the value of the marriage, and this though no convenient marriage had been offered. Termes de la Ley.

VALUABLE CONSIDERATION. The distinction between a good and a valuable consideration is that the former consists of blood, or of natural love and affection; as when a man grants an estate to a near relation from motives of generosity, prudence, and natural duty; and the latter consists of such a consideration as money, marriage which is to follow, or the like, which the law estems an equivalent given for the grant. 2 Bl. Comm. 297.

A valuable consideration is a thing of value parted with, or a new obligation assumed, at the time of obtaining a thing, which is a substantial compensation for that which is obtained thereby. It is also called simply "value." Civ. Code Dak. § 212L

VALENTIA

VALUATION LIST. In English law. A list of all the ratable hereditaments in a parish, showing the names of the occupier, the owner, the property, the extent of the property, the gross estimated rental, and the ratable value; prepared by the overseers of each parish in a union under section 14 of the union assessment committee act, 1862, (St. 25 & 26 Vict. c. 103,) for the purposes of the poor rate. Wharton.

VALUE. The utility of an object in satisfying, directly or indirectly, the needs or desires of human beings, called by economists "value in use;" or its worth consisting in the power of purchasing other objects, called "value in exchange." Also the estimated or appraised worth of any object of property, calculated in money.

The term is also often used as an abbreviation for "valuable consideration," especially in the phrases "purchaser for value," "holder for value," etc.

VALUE received. A phrase usually employed in a bill of exchange or promissory note, to denote that a consideration has been given for it.

VALUED POLICY. A policy is called "valued," when the parties, having agreed upon the value of the interest insured, in order to save the necessity of further proof have inserted the valuation in the policy, in the nature of liquidated damages. 1 Duer, Ins. 97.

VALUER. A person whose business is to appraise or set a value upon property.

VALVASORS, or VTDAMES. An obsolete title of dignity next to a peer. 2 Inst. 667; 2 Steph. Comm. 612.

Vana est illa potentia quae nunquam venit in actum. That power is vain [idle or useless] which never comes into action, [which is never exercised.] 2 Coke, 51.

Vani timores sunt estimandi, qui non cadunt in constantem virum. Those are to be regarded as idle fears which do not affect a steady [firm or resolute] man. 7 Coke, 27.

Vani timoris justa excusatia non est. A frivolous fear is not a legal excuse. Dig. 50, 17, 184; 2 Inst. 483.


VARA. A Spanish-American measure of length, equal to 23 English inches or a trifle more or less, varying according to local usage. See U. S. v. Perot, 95 U. S. 423, 25 L. Ed. 251.


VARIANCE. In pleading and practice. A discrepancy or disagreement between two instruments or two steps in the same cause, which ought by law to be entirely consonant. Thus, if the evidence adduced by the plaintiff does not agree with the allegations of his declaration, it is a variance; and so if the statement of the case of action in the declaration does not coincide with that given in the writ. See Kelser v. Topping, 72 Ill. 229; Mulligan v. U. S., 120 Fed. 98, 56 C. C. A. 50; Bank of New Brunswick v. Arrowsmith, 9 N. J. Law, 257; Skinner v. Grant, 12 Vt. 462; State v. Wadsworth, 30 Conn. 57.

VARRANTIZATIO. In old Scotch law. Warranty.

VAS. Lat. In the civil law. A pledge; a surety; bail or surety in a criminal proceeding or civil action. Calvin.

VASECTOMY. The operation of castration as performed by section (cutting) of the vas deferens or spermatic cord; sometimes proposed as an inhibitory punishment for rapists and other criminals.

VASSAL. In feudal law. A feudal tenant or grantee; a feudatory; the holder of a fief on a feudal tenure, and by the obligation of performing feudal services. The relative term was "lord."

VASSALAGE. The state or condition of a vassal.

VASSELERIA. The tenure or holding of a vassal. Cowell.

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VASTEUM. L. Lat. A waste or common lying open to the cattle of all tenants who have a right of commoning. Cowell.

—Vastum forestae vel bosci. In old records. Waste of a forest or wood. That part of a forest or wood wherein the trees and underwood were so destroyed that it lay in a manner waste and barren. Paroch. Antiq. 351, 497; Cowell.

VAUDERIE. In old European law. Sorcery; witchcraft; the profession of the Vaudois.

VAVASORY. The lands that a vavasour held. Cowell.
VAVASOUR. One who was in dignity next to a baron. Brit. 109; Bract. lib. 1, c. 8. One who held of a baron. Enc. Brit.

VEAL-MONEY. The tenants of the manor of Bradford, in the county of Wilts, paid a yearly rent by this name to their lord, in lieu of veal paid formerly in kind. Wharton.

VECOMIN. In old Lombardic law. The offense of stopping one on the way; forestalling. Spelman.

VECTIGAL JUDICIARIUM. Lat. Fines paid to the crown to defray the expenses of maintaining courts of justice. 3 Salk. 33.

Vectigal, origine ipsa, jus Caesarum et regnum patrimoniale est. Day. 12. Tribute, in its origin, is the patrimonial right of emperors and kings.

VECTIGALIA. In Roman law. Customs-duties; taxes paid upon or exportation of certain kinds of merchandise. Cod. 4, 61.

VECTURA. In maritime law. Freight.

VEHICLE. The word "vehicle" includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land. Rev. St. U. S. § 4 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, P. 4).

VEHMGERICH. See FEMGERICH.

VELIES. L. Fr. Distresses forbidden to be replevied; the refusing to let the owner have his cattle which were distrained. Kelham.


VEJOURS. Viewers; persons sent by the court to take a view of any place in question, for the better decision of the right. It signifies, also, such as are sent to view those that essoin themselves de malo lecti, (i. e., excuse themselves on ground of illness) whether they be in truth so sick as that they cannot appear, or whether they do counterfeit. Cowell.


VELITIS JUBEATIS QUIRITES? Lat. Is it your will and pleasure, Romans? The form of proposing a law to the Roman people. Tayl. Civil Law, 155.

Velle non creditur qui obsequitur imperio patris vel domini. He is not presumed to Consent who obeys the orders of his father or his master. Dig. 50, 17, 4.

VELTRARIA. The office of dog-leader, or coursier. Cowell.

VELTRARIUS. One who leads greyhounds. Blount.

VENAL. Something that is bought; capable of being bought; offered for sale; mercenary. Used in an evil sense, such purchase or sale being regarded as corrupt and illegal.

VENARIA. Beasts caught in the woods by hunting.

VENATIO. Hunting. Cowell.

VEND. To sell; to transfer the ownership of an article to another for a price in money. The term is not commonly applied to the sale of real estate, although its derivatives "vendor" and "vendee" are.

VENDEE. A purchaser or buyer; one to whom anything is sold. Generally used of the transferee of real property, one who acquires chattels by sale being called a "buyer."

Vendens eandem rem duobus falsarius est. He is fraudulent who sells the same thing twice. Jenk. Cent 107.

VENDIBLE. Fit or suitable to be sold; capable of transfer by sale; merchantable.

VENDITAE. In old European law. A tax upon things sold in markets and public fairs. Spelman.

VENDITIO. Lat. In the civil law. In a strict sense, sale; the act of selling; the contract of sale, otherwise called "emptio venditio." Inst. 3, 24. Calvin.

In a large sense. Any mode or species of alienation; any contract by which the property or ownership of a thing may be transferred. Id.

VENDITION. Sale; the act of selling.

VEDITIONI EXPONAS. Lat. You expose to sale. This is the name of a writ
of execution, requiring a sale to be made, directed to a sheriff when he has levied upon goods under a fieri facias, but returned that they remained unsold for want of buyers; and in some jurisdictions it is issued to cause a sale to be made of lands, seized under a former writ, after they have been condemned or passed upon by an inquisition. Frequently abbreviated to "vend. ex." See Beebe v. U. S., 161 U. S. 104, 16 Sup. Ct. 532, 40 L. Ed. 633; Borden v. Tillman, 39 Tex. 273; Ritchie v. Higginbotham, 26 Kan. 645.

VENDITOR. Lat. A seller; a vendor. Inst. 3, 24; Bract. fol. 41.

—Venditor regis. In old English law. The king’s seller or salesman; the person who exposed to sale those goods and chattels which were seized or distrained to answer any debt due to the king. Cowell.

VENDITRIX. Lat. A female vendor. Cod. 4, 51, 3.

VENDOR. The person who transfers property by sale, particularly real estate, “seller” being more commonly used for one who sells personalty.

He is the vendor who negotiates the sale, and becomes the recipient of the consideration, though the title comes to the vendee from another source, and not from the vendor. Rutland v. Brister, 53 Miss. 685.

—Vendor and purchaser act. The act of 37 & 38 Vict. c. 78, which substitutes forty for sixty years as the root of title, and amends in other ways the law of vendor and purchaser. Mozley & Whittle.—Vendor’s lien. A lien for purchase money remaining unpaid, allowed in equity to the vendor of land, when the statement of receipt of the price in the deed is not in accordance with the fact. Also, a lien existing on the unpaid vendor of chattels, the same remaining in his hands, to the extent of the purchase money, where the sale was for cash, or on a term of credit which has expired, or on an agreement by which the seller is to retain possession. See Morgan v. Dalrymple, 59 N. J. Eq. 22, 46 Atl. 646; Lee v. Murphy, 119 Cal. 364, 51 Pac. 549; Graham v. Moffett, 119 Mich. 561; 73 N. W. 132, 75 Am. St. Rep. 393; Rutland v. Brister, 53 Miss. 685. See Morgan v. Dalrymple, 59 N. J. Eq. 22, 46 Atl. 646; Lee v. Murphy, 119 Cal. 364, 51 Pac. 549; Graham v. Moffett, 119 Mich. 561; 73 N. W. 132, 75 Am. St. Rep. 393; Rutland v. Brister, 53 Miss. 685. See Morgan v. Dalrymple, 59 N. J. Eq. 22, 46 Atl. 646; Lee v. Murphy, 119 Cal. 364, 51 Pac. 549; Graham v. Moffett, 119 Mich. 561; 73 N. W. 132, 75 Am. St. Rep. 393; Rutland v. Brister, 53 Miss. 685.

VENIR. A kneeling or low prostration on the ground by penitents; pardon.

VENIA. A privilege granted by a prince or sovereign, in virtue of which a person is entitled to act, sui ius, as if he were of full age. Story, Confl. Laws, § 74.

Venia facialis incentivum est delinquendi. 3 Inst. 236. Facility of pardon is an incentive to crime.

VENIRE. Lat. To come; to appear in court. This word is sometimes used as the name of the writ for summoning a jury, more commonly called a "venire facias."

VENIRE FACIAS. Lat. In practice. A judicial writ, directed to the sheriff of the county in which a cause is to be tried, commanding him that he "cause to come" before the court, on a certain day therein mentioned, twelve good and lawful men of the body of his county, qualified according to law, by whom the truth of the matter may be the better known, and who are in no wise of kin either to the plaintiff or to the defendant, to make a jury of the country between the parties in the action, because as well the plaintiff as the defendant, between whom the matter in variance is, have put themselves upon a new jury, and that he return the names of the jurors, etc. 2 Tidd, Pr. 777, 778; 3 Bl. Comm. 352.

—Venire facias ad respondendum. A writ to summon a person, against whom an indictment for a misdemeanor has been found, to appear and be arraigned for the offense. A justice’s warrant is now more commonly used. Archb. Crim. Pl. 81; Sweet.—Venire facias de novo. A fresh or new venire, which the court grants when there has been some impropriety or irregularity in returning the jury. See Bosseker v. Cramer, 18 Ind. 44; Maxwell v. Wright, 160 Ind. 515, 67 N. E. 267—Venire facias tot matronas. A writ to summon a jury of matrons to execute the writ de ventre inpiciendo.

VENIREMAN. A member of a panel of jurors; a juror summoned by a writ of venire facias.

VENIT ET DEFENDIT. L. Lat. In old pleading. Comes and defends. The proper words of appearance and defense in an action. 1 Ld. Raym. 117.

VENIT ET DICIT. Lat. In old pleading. Comes and says. 2 Salk. 544.

VENTE. In French law. Sale; contract of sale.

—Vente a rémises. A conditional sale, in which the seller reserves the right to redeem or repurchase at the same price.
VENTER, VENTRE. The belly or womb. The term is used in law as designating the maternal parentage of children. Thus, where in ordinary phraseology we should say that A. was B.'s child by his first wife, he would be described in law as "by the first venter." Brown.

VENTRE INSPICIENDO. In old English law. A writ that lay for an heir presumptive, to cause an examination to be made of the widow in order to determine whether she were pregnant or not, in cases where she was suspected of a design to bring forward a supposititious heir. 1 Bl. Comm. 456.

VENUE. In pleading and practice. A neighborhood; the neighborhood, place, or county in which an injury is declared to have been done, or fact declared to have happened. 3 Bl. Comm. 294.

Venue also denotes the county in which an action or prosecution is brought for trial, and which is to furnish the panel of jurors. To "change the venue" is to transfer the cause for trial to another county or district. See Moore v. Gardner, 5 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 243; Armstrong v. Emmet, 16 Tex. Civ. App. 242, 41 S. W. 87; Sullivan v. Hall, 86 Mich. 7, 48 N. W. 640, 13 L. R. A. 556; State v. McKinney, 5 Nev. 198.

In the common-law practice, the venue is that part of the declaration in an action which designates the county in which the action is to be tried. Sweet.

—Local venue. In pleading. A venue which must be laid in a particular county. When the action could have arisen only in a particular county, it is local, and the venue must be laid in that county. 1 Tidd, Pr. 427.

VERAY. L. Fr. True. An old form of vrai. Thus, veray, or true, tenant, is one who holds in fee-simple; veray tenant by the manner, is the same as tenant by the manner, (q. v.) with this difference only: that the fee-simple, instead of remaining in the lord, is given by him or by the law to another. Ham. N. P. 393, 394.

VERBA. Lat. (Plural of verbum.) Words.

—Verba cancellarise. Words of the chancery. The technical style of writs framed in the office of chancery. Fleta, lib. 4, c. 10, § 3.

—Verba precataria. In the civil law. Precautory words; words of trust, or used to create a trust.

Verba accipienda sunt cum effectu, ut sortiantur effectum. Words are to be received with effect, so that they may produce effect. Bac. Max.

Verba accipienda sunt secundum subjectam materiam. 6 Coke, 62. Words are to be understood with reference to the subject-matter.

Verba sequeovca, ac in dubio sensi, posita, intelligantur digniori et potentiori sensi. Equivocal words, and such as are put in a doubtful sense, are [to be] understood in the more worthy and effectual sense. 6 Coke, 20a.

Verba aliquid operari debent; debent intelligi ut aliquid operentur. 8 Coke, 94. Words ought to have some operation; they ought to be interpreted in such a way as to have some operation.

Verba artis ex arte. Terms of art should be explained from the art. 2 Kent, Comm. 556, note.

Verba chartarum fortius accipiantur contra proferentem. The words of charters are to be received more strongly against the grantor. Co. Litt. 36; Broom, Max. 594.

Verba cum effectu accipienda sunt. Bac. Max. 3. Words ought to be used so as to give them their effect.

Verba currentis monete, tempus solutionis designant. Dev. 20. The words "current money" designate current at the time of payment.

Verba debent intelligi cum effectu, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. Words ought to be understood with effect, that a thing may rather be preserved than destroyed. 2 Smith, Lead. Cas. 530.

Verba debent intelligi ut aliquid operentur. Words ought to be understood so as to have some operation. 8 Coke, 94a.

Verba dicta de persona intelligi debent de conditione personae. Words spoken of a person are to be understood of the condition of the person. 2 Rolle, 72.

Verba fortius accipiantur contra proferentem. Words are to be taken most strongly against him who uses them. Bac. Max. 11, reg. 3.

Verba generalia generaliter sunt intelligenda. 3 Inst. 76. General words are to be generally understood.

Verba generalia restringunt ad habilitatem rei vel aptitudinem personae. General words must be narrowed either to the nature of the subject-matter or to the aptitude of the person. Broom, Max. 846.

Verba illata (relata) inesse videntur. Words referred to are to be considered as if incorporated. Broom, Max. 674, 677; 11 Mees. & W. 183.
Verba in differenti materia per prius, non per posterius, intelligenda sunt. Words on a different subject are to be understood by what precedes, not by what comes after. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intelligenda sunt in caso possibili. Words are to be understood in a possible case. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba intentionis, non e contra, debent inservire. Words ought to be made subservient to the intent, not the intent to the words.

Verba ita sunt intelligenda, ut res magis valeat quam pereat. The words of an instrument are to be so understood, that the subject-matter may rather be of force than perish; or, in other words, that the instrument may have effect, if possible. Bac. Max. 17, in reg. 3; Plowd. 156; 2 Bl. Comm. 350; 2 Kent. Comm. 555.

Verba mere sequivoca, si per communem usum loquendi in intellectu certe summantur, tales intellectus preferendas est. In the case of words merely equivocal, if they are taken by the common usage of speech in a certain sense, such sense is to be preferred. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba nihil operari melius est quam absurde. It is better that words should have no operation at all than [that they should operate] absurdly. A maxim of the civil law. Calvin.

Verba non tam intuenda, quam causa et natura rei, ut mens contrahentium ex eis potius quam ex verbis appareat. The words [of a contract] are not so much to be looked at as the cause and nature of the thing, [which is the subject of it,] in order that the intention of the contracting parties may appear rather from them than from the words. Calvin.

Verba offendii possunt, imo ab eis recedere licet, ut verba ad sanum intellectum reducantur. Words may be opposed, [taken in a contrary sense,] may, we may disregard them altogether, in order that the [general] words [of an instrument] may be restored to a sound meaning. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba ordinationalis quando verificari possunt in sua vera significacione, trahi ad extraneum intellectum non debent. When the words of an ordinance can be carried into effect in their own true meaning, they ought not to be drawn to a foreign intendment. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba posteriora propter certitudinem addita, ad priores quae certitudine indigent, sunt referenda. Subsequent words, added for the purpose of certainty, are to be referred to the preceding words which require the certainty. Wing. Max. 167, max. 53; Broom. Max. 558.

Verba pro re et subjecta materia accipi debent. Words ought to be understood in favor of the thing and subject-matter. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba quae aliquid operari possunt non debent esse superfuna. Words which can have any kind of operation ought not to be [considered] superfluous. Calvin.

Verba, quantumvis generalia, ad aptitudinem restringantur, stiannis nullam aliam patenterur restrictionem. Words, howsoever general, are restrained to fitness, (i.e., to harmonize with the subject-matter,) though they would bear no other restriction. Spiegelius.

Verba relata hoc maxime operantur per referentiam, ut in eis inesse videntur. Related words [words connected with others by reference] have this particular operation by the reference, that they are considered as being inserted in those [clauses which refer to them.] Co. Litt. 9b, 359a. Words to which reference is made in an instrument have the same effect and operation as if they were inserted in the clauses referring to them. Broom. Max. 673.

Verba secundum materiaem subjectam intelligi nemo est qui nesciat. There is no one who does not know that words are to be understood according to their subject-matter. Calvin.

Verba semper accipiendi sunt in milderi sensu. Words are always to be taken in the milder sense. 4 Coke, 13a.

Verba stricte significationis ad latam extendii possunt, si subit ratio. Words of a strict or narrow signification may be extended to a broad meaning, if there be ground in reason for it. A maxim of the civilians. Calvin.

Verba sunt indices animi. Words are the indices or indicators of the mind or thought. Latch, 106.

VERBAL. Parol; by word of mouth; oral; as, verbal agreement, verbal evidence; or written, but not signed, or not executed with the formalities required for a deed
or prescribed by statute in particular cases.

Musgrove v. Jackson, 59 Miss. 390.

Verbal note. A memorandum or note, in diplomacy, not signed, sent when an affair has continued a long time without any reply, in order to avoid the appearance of a tacit acquiescence which perhaps is not required; and, on the other hand, to guard against the supposition that it is forgotten, or that there is an intention of not prosecuting it any further. Wharton.—Verbal process. In Louisiana. Procès verbal, (q. v.)

Verbis stansum ubi nulla ambiguitas. One must abide by the words where there is no ambiguity. Tray. Lat. Max. 612.

Verbum imperfecti temporis rem ad libu imperfectam significat. The imperfect tense of the verb indicates an incomplete matter. Mactler v. Frith, 6 Wend. (N. Y.) 103, 120, 21 Am. Dec. 262.

VERDEROR. An officer of the king's forest, who is sworn to maintain and keep the king's forest, and to view receive, and enroll the attachments and presentments of all manner of trespasses of vert and venison in the forest. Manw. c. 6, ¶ 5.

VERDICT. In practice. The formal and unanimous decision or finding of a jury, impaneled and sworn for the trial of a cause, upon the matters or questions duly submitted to them upon the trial.

The word "verdict" has a well-defined significance in law. It means the decision of a jury, and it never means the decision of a court or a referee or a commissioner. In common language, the word "verdict" is sometimes used in a more extended sense, but in law it is always used to mean the decision of a jury; and we must suppose that the legislature intended to use the word as it is used in law. Kerner v. Pettigo, 25 Kan. 656.

—Adverse verdict. Where a party, appealing from an allowance of damages by commissioners, recovers a verdict in his favor, but for a less amount of damages than had been originally allowed, such verdict is adverse to him, within the meaning of his undertaking to pay costs if the verdict should be adverse to him. Hamblin v. Barnstable County, 18 Gray (Mass.) 256.

—False verdict. An untrue verdict. Formerly, if a jury gave a false verdict, the party injured by it might sue out and prosecute a writ of attainder against them, either at common law or on the statute 11 Hen. VII. c. 24, at his election, for the purpose of reversing the judgment and punishing the jury for their verdict; but not where the jury erred merely in point of law, if they found according to the judge's direction. The practice of setting aside verdicts and granting new trials, however, so superseded the use of attainds that there is no instance of one being found in the books of reports later than in the time of Elizabeth, and it was altogether abolished by 6 Geo. IV. c. 50, § 60.

Wharton.—General verdict. A verdict whereby the jury find, either for the plaintiff or for the defendant in general terms; the ordinary form of a verdict. Glenn v. Sumner, 132 U. S. 185, 10 Sup. Ct. 86, 33 L. Ed. 573, 41 Am. Dec. 431, 33 Atl. 790.—Open verdict. A verdict of a coroner's jury which finds that the body of the deceased was "come to by his means to the jury unknown," or "came to his death at the hands of a person or persons to the jury unknown," that is, one which leaves open either the question whether any crime was committed or the identity of the criminal.—Partial verdict. In criminal law, a verdict by which the jury acquit the defendant as to a part of the accusation and find him guilty as to the residue. Johnson v. State of Georgia, 55 Ga. 247, 20 S. E. 533, 74 Am. St. Rep. 741; U. S. v. Watkins, 28 Fed. Cas. 419.—Privy verdict. One given after the judge has left or adjourned the court, and the jury, being agreed, in order to be delivered from their confinement, obtain leave to give their verdict privately to the judge out of court. Such a verdict cannot be set aside unless afterwards affirmed by a public verdict given openly in court. This practice is now superseded by that of rendering a sealed verdict. See Young v. Seymour, 4 Neb. 89.—Public verdict. A verdict openly delivered by the jury in court. Withee v. Rowe, 45 Me. 571.—Quotient verdict. A money verdict the amount of which is fixed by the following process: Each juror writes down the sum he wishes to award by the verdict, and these amounts are all added together, and the total is divided by twelve, (the number of jurors,) and the quotent stands as the verdict of the jury by their agreement. See Hamilton v. Owego Waterworks, 115 N. Y. Supp. 105; Britten v. U. S., 188 Fed. 396; U. S. v. Stone, 23 N. Y. Supp. 106; Moses v. Railroad Co., 3 Misc. Rep. 322, 23 N. Y. Supp. 22.—Sealed verdict. See SEAL.—Special verdict. A special finding of the facts of a case by a jury, in the course of the trial, and after the court the application of the law to the facts thus found. 1 Arch. Pr. K. B. 218; 3 Bl. Comm. 357; Statler v. U. S., 186 Fed. 386; U. S. v. Beale, 15 Sup. Ct. 616, 39 L. Ed. 700; Day v. Webb, 28 Conn. 144; Wallingford v. Dunlap, 14 Pa. 32; McCormick v. Royal Ins. Co., 103 Pa. 184, 19 Atl. 747.—Verdict subject to opinion of court. A verdict returned by the jury, the entry of judgment upon which is subject to the determination of points of law reserved by the court upon the trial.


VEREDITUM. L. Lat. In old English law. A verdict; a declaration of the truth of a matter in issue, submitted to a jury for trial.

VEREDITUM, quasi dictum veritatis; ut judicium quasi juris dictum. Co. Litt. 226. The verdict is, as it were, the dictum of truth; as the Judgment is the dictum of law.

VERGE, or VIRGE. In English law. The compass of the royal court, which bounds the jurisdiction of the lord steward of the household; it seems to have been twelve miles about. Brit. 68. A quantity of land from fifteen to thirty acres. 28 Edw. I. Also a stick, or rod, whereby one is admitted into a copyhold estate. Old Nat. Brew. 17.

VERGELT. In Saxon law. A mulct or fine for a crime. See WERNZOLD.

VERGENS AD INOFIAM. L. Lat. In Scotch law. Verging towards poverty; in declining circumstances. 2 Kames, Eq. 8.

VERGERS. In English law. Officers who carry white wands before the justices of either bench. Cowell. Mentioned in
Fleta, as officers of the king's court, who oppressed the people by demanding exorbitant fees. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 38.

**VERIFICATION.** In pleading. A certain formula with which all pleadings containing new affirmative matter must conclude, being in itself an averment that the party pleading is ready to establish the truth of what he has set forth.

In practice. The examination of a writing for the purpose of ascertaining its truth; or a certificate or affidavit that it is true.

"Verification" is not identical with "authentication." A notary may verify a mortgagee's written statement of the actual amount of his claim, but need not authenticate the act by his seal. Ashley v. Wright, 19 Ohio St. 291.

**VERIFY.** To confirm or substantiate by oath; to show to be true. Particularly used of making formal oath to accounts, petitions, pleadings, and other papers.

Fleta, as officers of the king's court, who oppressed the people by demanding exorbitant fees. Fleta, lib. 2, c. 38.

**VERITY.** Truth; truthfulness; conformity to fact. The records of a court "import uncontrollable verity." 1 Black, Judgm. § 276.

**VESTA.** A shrine of the ancient Roman goddess of the hearth.

**VEST.** To accrue to; to be fixed; to take effect; to give a fixed and indefeasible right. An estate is vested in possession when there exists a right of present enjoyment; and an estate is vested in interest when there is a provision for future enjoyment. 1 Black, Judgm. § 276.
present fixed right of future enjoyment.

Fearn, Rem. 2.

To clothe with possession; to deliver full possession of land or of an estate; to give seisin; to enfeof. Spelman.

VESTA. The crop on the ground. Cowell.

VED. Accrued; fixed; settled; absolute; having the character or giving the rights of absolute ownership; not contingent; not subject to be defeated by a condition precedent. See Scott v. West, 63 Wis. 229, 24 N. W. 161; McGillis v. McGillis, 11 App. Div. 359, 42 N. Y. Supp. 954; Smith v. Prokay, 39 Misc Rep. 385, 79 N. Y. Supp. 851.

—Vested devise. See DEVISE.—Vested estate. Any estate, property, or interest is called "vested," whether in possession or not, which is not subject to any condition precedent and under which the interest may be either a present and immediate interest, or it may be a future but uncontroverted, and therefore transmissible, interest. Brown. See Taylor v. Gould, 1 B. & C. 181; Plunkett v. Malcol, 128 N. E. 1036. Tindall v. Tindall, 167 Mo. 218, 66 S. W. 1092; Ward v. Edge, 100 Ky. 757, 39 S. W. 440.—Vested in interest. A legal term applied to a present fixed right of future enjoyment; as reversionary, vested remainders, such executory devises, future uses, conditional limitations, and other future interests as are not referred to, or made to depend on, a period or event that is uncertain. Wharton. See Smith v. West, 103 Ill. 537; Hawley v. James, 5 Paige (N. Y.) 486; Gates v. Selbert, 157 Mo. 254, 57 S. W. 1065, 80 Am. St. Rep. 625.—Vested in possession. A legal term applied to a present fixed enjoyment actually existing.—Vested interest. A legal interest is vested when there is a person in being who would have a right, defeasible or indefeasible, to the immediate possession of the property, upon the ceasing of the intermediate or precedent interest. Civil Code Cal. § 694. See Allison v. Allison, 101 Va. 337, 44 S. E. 904, 63 L. R. A. 920; Hawkins v. Bolding, 105 Ill. 214, 48 N. E. 94; Stewart v. Harnkey, 39 Misc. Rep. 385, 79 N. Y. Supp. 851.

VESTED. The crop on the ground. Cowell.

VETERA STATUTA. Lat. Ancient statutes. The English statutes from Magna Charta to the end of the reign of Edward III. are so called; those from the beginning of the reign of Edward III. being contrasted with the appellation of "Vestigia Statuta." 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 85.

VESTIGIUM. Lat. In the law of evidence, a vestige, mark, or sign; a trace, track, or impression left by a physical object. Pietsa, l. 1, c. 25, § 6.

VESTING ORDER. In English law. An order which may be granted by the chancery division of the high court of justice, (and formerly by chancery,) passing the legal estate in lieu of a conveyance. Commissioners also, under modern statutes, have similar powers. St. 15 & 16 Vict. c. 55; Wharton.

VESTRY. In ecclesiastical law. The place in a church where the priest's vestures are deposited. Also an assembly of the minister, church-wardens, and parishioners, usually held in the vestry of the church, or in a building called a "vestry-hall," to act upon business of the church. Mozley & Whiteley.

—Vestry cess. A rate levied in Ireland for parochial purposes. abolished by St. 27 Vict. c. 17.—Vestry-ward. An officer appointed to attend vestries, and take an account of their proceedings, etc.—Vestry-man. A select number of parishioners elected in large and populous parishes to take care of the concerns of the parish; so called because they used ordinarily to meet in the vestry of the church. Cowell.

VESTURA. A crop of grass or corn. Also a garment; metaphorically applied to a possession or seisin.

VESTURA TERRE. In old English law. The vesture of the land; that is, the corn, grass, underwood, swampage, and the like. Co. Litt. 49. See Simpson v. Coe, 4 N. H. 301.


VESTURE OF LAND. A phrase including all things, trees excepted, which grow upon the surface of the land, and clothe it externally. Ham. N. P. 151.

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VETO. Lat. I forbid. The veto-power is a power vested in the executive officer of some governments to declare his refusal to assent to any bill or measure which has been passed by the legislature. It is either absolute or qualified, according as the effect of its exercise is either to destroy the bill finally, or to prevent its becoming law unless again passed by a stated proportion of votes or with other formalities. Or the veto may be merely suspensive. See People v. Board of Councilmen (Super. But.) 20 N. Y. Supp. 61.

Pocket veto. Non-approval of a legislative act by the president or state governor, with the result that it fails to become a law, not by a written disapproval, (a veto in the ordinary form,) but by remaining silent until the adjournment takes place before the expiration of the period allowed by the constitution for the examination of the bill by the executive.

VETUS JUS. Lat. The old law. A term used in the civil law, sometimes to designate the law of the Twelve Tables, and sometimes merely a law which was in force previous to the passage of a subsequent law. Calvin.

VEX. To harass, disquiet, annoy; as by repeated litigation upon the same facts.

VEXARI. Lat To be harassed, vexed, or annoyed; to be prosecuted; as in the maxim, Nemo debet bis vexari pro una et eadem causa, no one should be twice prosecuted for one and the same cause.

VEXATA QUESTIO. Lat. A vexed question; a question often agitated or discussed, but not determined or settled; a question or point which has been differently determined, and so left doubtful. 7 Coke, 455; 3 Burrows, 1547.

VEXATION. The injury or damage which is suffered in consequence of the tricks of another.

VEXATIOUS. A proceeding is said to be vexatious when the party bringing it is not acting bona fide, and merely wishes to annoy or embarrass his opponent, or when it is not calculated to lead to any practical result. Such a proceeding is often described as "frivolous and vexatious," and the court may stay it on that ground. Sweet.

VEXED QUESTION. A question or point of law often discussed or agitated, but not determined or settled.

VI AUT CLAM. Lat. In the civil law. By force or covertly. Dig. 43, 24.

VI BONORUM RAPTORUM. Lat. In the civil law. Of goods taken away by force. The name of an action given by the praetor as a remedy for the violent taking of another's property. Inst. 4, 2; Dig. 47, 8.

VI ET ARMIS. Lat. With force and arms. See TRESPASS.

VIA. Lat In the civil law. Way; a road; a right of way. The right of walking, riding, and driving over another's land. Inst. 2, 3, pr. A species of rural servitude, which included iter (a footpath) and actus, (a drift-way.)

In old English law. A way; a public road; a foot, horse, and cart way. Co. Litt. 56a.

—Via ordinaria; via executiva. In the law of Louisiana, the former phrase means in the ordinary way or by ordinary process, the latter means by executory process or in an executory proceeding. A proceeding in a civil action is "ordinary" when a citation takes place and all the delays and forms of law are observed; "executory" when seizure is obtained against the property of the debtor, without previous citation, in virtue of an act or title importing confession of judgment, or in other cases provided by law. Code Prac. La. 1839, art. 98—Vía publica. In the civil law. A public way or road, the land itself belonging to the public. Dig. 43, 8, 2, 21—Vía regia. In English law. The king's highway for all men. Co. Litt. 56a. The highway or common road, called "the king's" highway, because authorized by him and under his protection. Cowell.

VIA antiqua via est tutà. The old way is the safe way. Manning v. Manning's Ex'trs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 527, 530.

Via trita est tutissima. The trodden path is the safest. Broom, Max. 134; 10 Coke, 142.

VIABILITY. Capability of living. A term used to denote the power a new-born child possesses of continuing its independent existence.

VIABLE. Capable of life. This term is applied to a newly-born infant, and especially to one prematurely born, which is not only born alive, but in such a state of organic development as to make possible the continuance of its life.

VIE SERVITUS. Lat. A right of way over another's land.

VIAGÈRE RENTE. In French law. A rent-chARGE or annuity payable for the life of the annuitant.

VIANDER. In old English law. A returning officer. 7 Mod. 13.

VIATOR. Lat. In Roman law. A summoner or apparitor; an officer who attended on the tribunes and adiles.

VICAR. One who performs the functions of another; a substitute. Also the incumbent of an appropriated or impropricated ecclesiastical benefice, as distinguished from the incumbent of a non-appropriated benefice, who
VICAR.

is called a "rector." Wharton. See Pinder v. Barr, 4 El. & Bl. 115.

VICAR general. An ecclesiastical officer who assists the archbishop in the discharge of his office.

VICARAGE. In English ecclesiastical law. The living or benefice of a vicar, as a parsonage is of a parson. 1 Bl. Comm. 387, 388.

VICARIAL TITHE. Petty or small tithes payable to the vicar. 2 Steph. Comm. 681.

VICARIO, etc. An ancient writ for a spiritual person imprisoned, upon forfeiture of a recognizance, etc. Reg. Orig. 147.

Vicarius non habet vicarium. A deputy has not [cannot have] a deputy. A delegated power cannot be again delegated. Broom, Max. 539.

VICE. A fault, defect, or imperfection. In the civil law, redhibitory vices are such faults or imperfections in the subject-matter of a sale as will give the purchaser the right to return the article and demand back the price.

VICE. Lat. In the place or stead. Vice mea, in my place.

—Vice-admiral. An officer in the (English) navy next in rank after the admiral.—Vice-admiralty courts. In English law. Courts established in the king's possessions beyond the seas, with jurisdiction over maritime causes, including those relating to prize. 3 Steph. Comm. 435; 3 Bl. Comm. 69.—Vice-chamberlain. A great officer under the lord chamberlain, who, in the absence of the lord chamberlain, has the control and command of the officers appertaining to that part of the royal household which is called the "chamber." Cowell.—Vice-chancellor. See Chancellor.—Vice-comites. A title formerly bestowed on the sheriff of a county, when he was regarded as the deputy of the "count or earl." Co. Litt. 168.—Vice-comitissae. In old English law. A viscountess. Spelman.

—Vice commercial agent. In the consular service of the United States, this is the title of a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a commercial agent when he is absent or relieved from duty. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1149).—Vice-constable of England. An ancient officer in the time of Edward IV.—Vice consul. In the consular service of the United States this term denotes a consular officer who is substituted temporarily to fill the place of a consul who is absent or relieved from duty. Rev. St. U. S. § 1674 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 1149); Schunior v. Russell, 83 Tex. 83, 18 S. W. 484. In international law generally the term designates a commercial agent who acts in the place or stead of a consul or who has charge of a portion of his territory. In old English law, it meant the deputy or substitute of an earl who was anciently called "consulant," answering to the more modern "vice-comes." Burrill.—Vice-dominus. A sheriff.—Vice-dominus episcopi. The vicar general or commissary of a bishop. Blount.—Vice-gerent. A deputy or lieutenant.—Vice-judex. In old Lombardic law. A deputy judge.—Vice-marshall. An officer who was anciently called to assist the earl marshal.—Vice-president of the United States. The title of the second officer, in point of rank, in the executive branch of the government of the United States.—Vice-principal. See Principal.—Vice versa. Conversely; in inverted order; in reverse manner.

VICE-COMES NON MISIT BREVE. The sheriff hath not sent the writ. The form of continuance on the record after issue and before trial. 7 Mod. 349; 11 Mod. 231.

VICEROY. A person clothed with authority to act in place of the king; hence, the usual title of the governor of a dependency.


VICINETUM. The neighborhood; vicinage; the venue. Co. Litt. 185b.

Vicini viciniorum presumuntur scire. 4 Inst. 173. Persons living in the neighborhood are presumed to know the neighborhood.

VIOLENT INTROMISSION. In Scotch law. A meddling with the movables of a deceased, without confirmation or probate of his will or other title. Wharton.

VICIS ET VENELLIS MUNDANDIS. An ancient writ against the mayor or bailiff of a town, etc., for the clean keeping of their streets and lanes. Reg. Orig. 267.

VICOUNTIEL, or VICONTIEL. Anything that belongs to the sheriffs, as vicontiel writs; i. e., such as are triable in the sheriff's court. As to vicontiel rents, see St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 99, §§ 12, 13, which places them under the management of the commissioners of the woods and forests. Cowell.

—Vicontiel jurisdiction. That jurisdiction which belongs to the officers of a county; as sheriffs, coroners, etc.

VICTUALLER. In English law. A person authorized by law to keep a house of entertainment for the public; a publican. 9 Adol. & E. 423.

VICTUS. Lat. In the civil law. Substance; support; the means of living.

VIDAME. In French feudal law. Originally, an officer who represented the bishop, as the viscount did the count. In process of time, these dignitaries erected their offices into fiefs, and became feudal nobles, such as the vidame of Chartres, Rheims, etc., continuing to take their titles from the seat of the bishop.
whom they represented, although the lands held by virtue of their defeasible might be situated elsewhere. Brande; Burrill.

VIDE. Lat. A word of reference. Vide ante, or vide supra, refers to a previous passage, vide post, or vide infra, to a subsequent passage, in a book.

Videbis ea sepe committi quae sepe vindicatur. 3 Inst. Epil. You will see these things frequently committed which are frequently punished.

VIDELICET. Lat. The words "to-wit," or "that is to say," so frequently used in pleading, are technically called the "videlicet" or "scullocet," and when any fact alleged in pleading is preceded by, or accompanied with, these words, such fact is, in the language of the law, said to be "laid under a videlicet." The use of the videlicet is to point out, particularize, or render more specific that which has been previously stated in general language only; also to explain that which is doubtful or obscure. Brown. See Stukeley v. Butler, Hob. 171; Gleason v. McVicker, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 43; Sullivan v. State, 67 Miss. 346, 7 South. 275; Clark v. Employers' Liability Assur. Co., 72 Vt. 458, 48 Atl. 639; Com. v. Quinlan, 153 Mass. 483, 27 N. E. 8.


VIDIMUS. An inspeximus, (q. v.) Barrington, Ch. 5.

VIDUA REGIS. Lat. In old English law. A king's widow. The widow of a tenant in capite. So called, because she was not allowed to marry a second time without the king's permission; obtaining her dower also in capite. So called, because she was not allowed to marry a second time without the king's permission; obtaining her dower also in capite. See Stukeley v. Butler, Hob. 171; Gleason v. McVicker, 7 Cow. (N. Y.) 43; Sullivan v. State, 67 Miss. 346, 7 South. 275; Clark v. Employers' Liability Assur. Co., 72 Vt. 458, 48 Atl. 639; Com. v. Quinlan, 153 Mass. 483, 27 N. E. 8.

Vide post. A further examination of the same matters, or to examine a particular of a previous examination. It is the same as "vide infra," or "vide supra," referring to a subsequent or preceding examination. Brown.—Videtur qui surdus et mutus ne poet videre in terram. It seems that a deaf and dumb man cannot alienate. Brower v. Fish, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 444; Brooke, Abr. "Eschete," pl. 4.

VIDE. Fr. Life; occurring in the phrases cestui que vie, pur autre vie, etc.

VIEW. The right of prospect; the outlook or prospect from the windows of one's house. A species of urban servitude which prohibits the obstruction of such prospect. 3 Kent, Comm. 448.

We understand by view every opening which may more or less facilitate the means of looking out of a building. Lights are those openings which are made rather for the admission of light than to look out of. Civ. Code La. art. 715.

Also an inspection of property in controversy, or of a place where a crime has been committed, by the jury previously to the trial. See Garbarsky v. Simlkin, 36 Misc. Rep. 185, 73 N. Y. Supp. 199; Wakefield v. Railroad Co., 63 Me. 835; Lancaster County v. Holyoke, 37 Neb. 328, 55 N. W. 850, 21 L. R. A. 594.

—View and delivery. When a right of common is exercisable not over the whole waste, but only in convenient places indicated from time to time by the lord of the manor or his bailiff, it is said to be exercisable after "view and delivery," Elton, Commons, 223.—View, demand of. In real actions, the defendant was entitled to demand a view, that is, a sight of the thing in order to ascertain its identity and other circumstances. As, if a real action were brought against a tenant, and such tenant did not exactly know what land it was that the demandant asked, then he might pray the view, which was that he might see the land which the demandant claimed. Brown.—View of an inquest. A view or inspection taken by a jury, summoned upon an inquisition or inquest, of the place or property to which the inquisition or inquiry refers. Brown.—View of frankpledges. In English law. An examination to see if every freeman above twelve years of age within the district had taken the oath of allegiance, and found nine freemen pledges for his peaceable demeanor. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, 7.

VIEWERS. Persons who are appointed by a court to make an investigation of certain matters, or to examine a particular locality, (as, the proposed site of a new road,) and to report to the court the result of their inspection, with their opinion on the same.


VIF-GAGE. L. Fr. In old English law. A vivum vadium or living pledge, as distinguished from a mortgage or dead pledge. Properly, an estate given as security for a debt, the debt to be satisfied by its own force. As, if a real action were brought against a tenant, and such tenant did not exactly know what land it was that the demandant asked, then he might pray the view, which was that he might see the land which the demandant claimed. Brown.—Videtur qui surdus et mutus ne poet videre in terram. It seems that a deaf and dumb man cannot alienate. Brower v. Fish, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 444; Brooke, Abr. "Eschete," pl. 4.

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VIGIL. In ecclesiastical law. The eve or next day before any solemn feast.

VIGILANCE. Watchfulness; precaution; a proper degree of activity and promptness in pursuing one's rights or guarding them from infraction, or in making or discovering for one's lawful claims and demands. It is the opposite of laches.

Vigilantibus et non dormientibus iuris subveniunt. The laws aid those who are vigilant, but those who sleep upon their rights. 2 Inst. 690; Merchants' Bank of Newburyport, President, etc., of, v. Stevenson, 7 Allen (Mass.) 493; Broom, Mass. 592.

VIGOR. Lat. Strength; virtue; force; efficiency. Propria vigore, by its own force.
VIIS ET MODIS. Lat. In the ecclesiastical courts, service of a decree or citation viis et modis, i. e., by all "ways and means" likely to affect the party with knowledge of its contents, is equivalent to substituted service in the temporal courts, and is opposed to personal service. Phillim. Ecc. Law, 1258, 1283.

VIIL. In old English law, this word was used to signify the parts into which a hundred or wapentake was divided. It also signifies a town or city.

—Demi-vill. A town consisting of five freemen, or frank-pledges. Spelman.

Villa est ex pluribus mansionibus vicinata, et collata ex pluribus vicinis, et sub appellatione villarum continentur burgi et civitatis. Co. Litt. 115. Vill is a neighborhood of many mansions, a collection of many neighbors, and under the term of "vills" boroughs and cities are contained.


VILLAGE. Any small assemblage of houses for dwellings or business, or both, in the country, whether they are situated upon regularly laid out streets and alleys or not, constitutes a village. Hebert v. Lavalle, 27 Ill. 448.

In some states, this is the legal description of a class of municipal corporations of smaller population than "cities" and having a simpler form of government, and corresponding to "towns" and "boroughs," as these terms are employed elsewhere.

VILAIN. An opprobrious epithet, implying great moral delinquency, and equivalent to knave, rascal, or scoundrel. The word is libelous. 1 Bos. & P. 331.

VILLANIS REGIS SUBTRACTIS REDUCENDIS. A writ that lay for the bringing back of the king's bondmen, that had been carried away by others out of his manors whereto they belonged. Reg. Orig. 87.


VILLENAGE. A servile kind of tenure belonging to lands or tenements, whereby the tenant was bound to do all such services as the lord commanded, or were fit for a villein to do. Cowell. See VILLEIN.

—Pure villenage. A base tenure, where a man holds upon terms of doing whatsoever is commanded of him, nor knows in the evening what is to be done in the morning, and is always bound to an uncertain service. 1 Steph. Comm. (7th Ed.) 188.

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VINAGTM. A payment of a certain quantity of wine instead of rent for a vineyard. 2 Mon. Ang. p. 980.


VINCULO. In Spanish law. The bond, chain, or tie of marriage. White, New Recop. b. 1, tit. 6, c. 1, § 2.

VINCULUM JURIS. Lat. In the Roman law, an obligation is defined as a vinculum juris, i. e., "a bond of law," whereby one party becomes or is bound to another to do something according to law.

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VINCULUM MATRIMONII. See A VINCULUM MATRIMONII; DIVORCE.

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VINDICARE. Lat. In the civil law. To claim, or challenge; to demand one's own; to assert a right in or to a thing; to assert or claim a property in a thing; to claim a thing as one's own. Calvin.

VINDICATIO. Lat. In the civil law. The claiming a thing as one's own; the asserting of a right or title in or to a thing.

VINDICATORY PARTS OF LAWS. The sanction of the laws, whereby it is signified what evil or penalty shall be incurred by such as commit any public wrongs, and transgress or neglect their duty. 1 Steph. Comm. 37.

VINDICTA. In Roman law. A rod or wand; and, from the use of that instrument in their course, various legal acts came to be distinguished by the term; e. g., one of the three ancient modes of manumission was by the vindicta; also the rod or wand intervened in the progress of the old action of vindicatio, whence the name of that action. Brown.

VINDICTIVE DAMAGES. See DAMAGES.

VINIF. Fr. In French law. Rape. Bar- ring, Ob. St 139.

VIOLATION. Injury; Infringement; breach of right, duty, or law. Ravishment; seduction. The statute 25 Edw. III. St. 5, c. 2, enacts that any person who shall violate the king's companion shall be guilty of high treason.


VIR. Lat. A man, especially as marking the sex. In the Latin phrases and maxims of the old English law, this word generally means "husband," the expression vir et uxor corresponding to the law French baron et feme.

Vir et uxor censeatur in lego una persona. Jenk. Cent 27. Husband and wife are considered one person in law.

Vir et uxor sunt quasi unica persona, quia caro et sanguis unus; res licet sit propria uxoris, vir tamen ejus custos, cum sit caput nuptiarum. Co. Litt 112. Man and wife are, as it were, one person, because only one flesh and blood; although the property may be the wife's, the husband is keeper of it, since he is the head of the wife.

Vir militans Deo non implicetur seculare negotiis. Co. Litt 70. A man fighting for God must not be involved in secular business.

VIRES. Lat. (The plural of "vis.") Powers; forces; capabilities; natural powers; powers granted or limited. See ULTRA Vires.

Vires acquirit eundo. It gains strength by continuance. Mann v. Mann's Ex'rs, 1 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 231, 237.

VIRGA. In old English law. A rod or staff; a rod or ensign of office. Cowell.
VIRGA TERRÆ, (or VIRGATA TERRÆ). In old English law. A yard-land; a measure of land of variable quantity, containing in some places twenty, in others twenty-four, in others thirty, and in others forty, acres. Cowell; Co. Litt. 5a.

VIRGATA REGIA. In old English law. The verge; the bounds of the king's household, within which the court of the steward had jurisdicttion. Crabb, Eng. Law, 185.

VIRGATE. A yard-land.

VIRGE, TENANT BY. A species of copyholder, who holds by the virge or rod.

VIRGO INTACTA. Lat. A pure virgin.

VIRIDARIO EEIGENDO. A writ for possession of a church. Reg. Orig. 177.

VIRILIA. The privy members of a man, to cut off which was felony by the common law, though the party consented to it. Bract. l. 3, 144; Cowell.

VIRTUTE CUJUS. Lat. By virtue of his office. By the authority vested in him as the incumbent of the particular office.

VIRTUTE OFFICII. Lat. By virtue of his office. By the authority vested in him as the incumbent of the particular office.

VIS. Lat. Any kind of force, violence, or disturbance relating to a man's person or his property.

—VIS ablativa. In the civil law. Ablative force; force which is exerted in taking away a thing from another. Calvin.—VIS armata. In the civil and old English law. Armed force; force exerted by means of arms or weapons.—VIS clandestina. In old English law. Clandestine force; such as is used by night. Bract. fol. 162.—VIS compulsiva. In the civil and old English law. Compulsive force; that which is exerted to compel another to do an act against his will; force exerted by menace or terror.—VIS divina. In the civil law. Divine or superhuman force; the act of God.—VIS et nocturnus. In Scotch law. Force and fear. Bell.—VIS expulsiva. In old English law. Expulsive force; force used to expel another, or put him out of his possession. Bracton contrasts it with "vis simplex," and divides it into expulsive force with arms, and expulsive force without arms. Bract. fol. 162.—VIS extrabativa. In the civil law. Extubative force; force used to thrust out another. Force used between two contending claimants of possession, the one endeavoring to thrust out the other. Calvin.—VIS aflativa. In the civil law. The force of a river; the force exerted by a stream or current; water-power.—VIS impressa. The original act of force out of which an injury arises, as distinguished from "vis proxima," the proximate force, or immediate cause of the injury. 2 Greenl. Ev. 2 294.—VIS inermis. In old English law. Unarmed force; the opposite of "vis armata." Bract. fol. 162.—VIS injuriosa. In old English law. Wrongful force; otherwise called "illicita." Bract. fol. 162.—VIS iniquitativa. In civil law. Disquieting force. Calvin. Bracton defines it to be where one does not permit another to use his possession quietly and in peace. Bract. fol. 162.—VIS laeia. In old English law. Lay force; an armed force used to hold possession of a church. Reg. Orig. 59, 60.—VIS licita. In old English law. Lawful force. Bract. fol. 162.—VIS major. A greater or superior force; an irresistible force. This term is much used in the law of bailements to denote the interposition of violence or coercion proceeding from human agency, (wherein it differs from the "act of God") but of such a character and strength as to be beyond the powers of resistance or control of those against whom it is directed; for example, the attack of the enemy or a body of pirates. See The George Shiras, 61 Fed. 300, 9 C. C. A. 511; Brousseau v. The Hudson, 11 La. Ann. 428; Nugent v. Smith, 1 C. P. Div. 437. In the civil law, this term is sometimes used as synonymous with "vis divina," or the act of God. Calvin.—VIS pertubativa. In old English law. Force used between parties contending for a possession.—VIS proxima. Immediate force. See VIS IMPRESSA.—VIS simplex. In old English law. Simple or mere force. Distinguished by Bracton from "vis armata," and also from "vis expulsiva." Bract. fol. 162.

Vis legibus est inimica. 3 Inst. 176. Violence is inimical to the laws.

VISA. An official indorsement upon a document, passport, commercial book, etc., to certify that it has been examined and found correct or in due form.

VISOUNT. A decree of English nobility, next below that of earl.

An old title of the sheriff.

VISE. An indorsement made on a passport by the proper authorities, denoting that it has been examined, and that the person who bears it is permitted to proceed on his journey. Webster.

VISIT. In international law. The right of visit or visitation is the right of a cruiser or war-ship to stop a vessel sailing under another flag on the high seas, and send an officer to such vessel to ascertain whether her nationality is what it purports to be. It is exercisable only when suspicious circumstances attend the vessel to be visited; as when she is suspected of a piratical character.

VISITATION. Inspection; superintendence; direction; regulation. A power given by law to the founders of all elemensy-
nary corporations. 2 Kent, Comm. 300-303; 1 Bl. Comm. 480, 481. In England, the visi-

VISITATION BOOKS. In English law. Books compiled by the heralds, when progresses were solemnly and regularly made into every part of the kingdom, to inquire into the state of families, and to register such marriages and descents as were verified to them upon oath; they were allowed to be good evidence of pedigree. 3 Bl. Comm. 105; 3 Steph. Comm. 724.

VISITOR. An inspector of the government of corporations, or bodies politic. 1 Bl. Comm. 482.

Visitor is an inspector of the government of a corporation, etc. The ordinary is visitor of spiritual corporations. But corporations instituted for private charity, if they are lay, are visitable by the founder, or whom he shall appoint; and from the sentence of such visitor there lies no appeal. By implication of law, the founder and his heirs are visitors of lay foundations, if no particular person is appointed by him to see that the charity is not perverted. Jacob.

The term "visitor" is also applied to an official appointed to see and report upon persons found lunatics by inquisition, and to a person appointed by a school board to visit houses and see that parents are complying with the provisions in reference to the education of their children. Mozley & Whitley.

VISITOR OF MANNERS. The regarder's office in the forest. Manw. i. 195.

VISNE. L. Fr. The neighborhood; vicinage; venue. Ex parte McNeeley, 36 W. Va. 84, 14 S. E. 436, 15 L. R. A. 2260, 32 Am. St. Rep. 851; State v. Kemp, 34 Minn. 61, 24 N. W. 349.

VISUS. Lat. In old English practice. View; inspection, either of a place or person.

VITIATE. To impair; to make void or voidable; to cause to fall of force or effect; to destroy or annul, either entirely or in part, the legal efficacy and binding force of an act or instrument; as when it is said that fraud vitiates a contract.

VITILLIGATE. To litigate cavilously, vexatiously, or from merely quarrelsome motives.

VITIOUS INTROMISSION. In Scotch law. An unwarrantable intermeddling with the movable estate of a person deceased, without the order of law. Ersk. Prin. b. 3, tit. 9, § 25. The irregular intermeddling with the effects of a deceased person, which subjects the party to the whole debts of the deceased. 2 Kames, Eq. 327.

VITIUM CLERICI. In old English law. The mistake of a clerk; a clerical error.


Vitiurn est quod fugi debet, nisi, rationem non invenias, max legem sinerat, esse clamens. Ellem. Post. N. S. 86. It is a fault which ought to be avoided, that if you cannot discover the reason you should presently exclaim that the law is without reason.

VITIUM SCRIPTORIS. In old English law. The fault or mistake of a writer or copyist; a clerical error. Gilb. Forum Rom. 155.

VITRICUS. Lat. In the civil law. A step-father; a mother's second husband. Calvin.

VIVA AQUA. Lat. In the civil law. Living water; running water; that which issues from a spring or fountain. Calvin.

VIVA PECUNIA. Lat. Cattle, which obtained this name from being received during the Saxon period as money upon most occasions, at certain regulated prices. Cowell.

VIVA VOCE. Lat. With the living voice; by word of mouth. As applied to the examination of witnesses, this phrase is equivalent to "orally." It is used in contradistinction to evidence on affidavits or depositions. As descriptive of a species of voting, it signifies voting by speech or outcry, as distinguished from voting by a written or printed ballot.

VIVARIUM. Lat. In the civil law. An inclosed place, where live wild animals are kept. Calvin; Spelman.

VIVARY. In English law. A place for keeping wild animals alive, including fishes; a fish pond, park, or warren.

VIVUM VADIUM. See VADIUM.

Vix nulla lex potest quae omnibus commoda sit, sed si majori parti prospicit, utiliss est. Scarcely any law can be made which is adapted to all, but, if it provides for the greater part, it is useful. Plowd. 389.

VIZ. A contraction for videlicet, to-wit, namely, that is to say.

VOCABULA ARTIS. Lat. Words of art; technical terms.
VOCABULA ARTIUM

Vocabula artium explicanda sunt secundum definitiones prudentum. Terms of arts are to be explained according to the definitions of the learned or skilled [in such arts.] Bl. Law Tracts, 6.

VOCARE AD CURIAM. In feudal law. To summon to court. Feud. Lib. 2, tit. 22.

VOCATIO IN JUS. Lat. A summoning to court. In the earlier practice of the Roman law, (under the lexis actiones,) the creditor orally called upon his debtor to go with him before the praetor for the purpose of determining their controversy, saying, "I'm jus camus; in jus to voco." This was called "vocatio in jus."


VOCO. Lat. In the civil and old English law. I call; I summon; I vouch. "In jus voco te," I summon you to court; I summon you before the praetor. The formula by which a Roman action was anciently commenced. Adams, Rom. Ant 242.

VOID. Null; ineffectual; nugatory; having no legal force or binding effect; unable, in law, to support the purpose for which it was intended.

"Void" does not always imply entire nullity; but it is, in a legal sense, subject to large qualifications in view of all the circumstances calling for its application, and the rights and interests to be affected in a given case. Brown v. Brown, 50 N. H. 538, 552.

"Void," as used in statutes and by the courts, does not usually mean that the act or proceeding is an absolute nullity. Kearney v. Vaughan, 50 Mo. 284.

There is this difference between the two words "void" and "voidable:" void means that an instrument or transaction is so nugatory and ineffectual that nothing can cure it; voidable, when an imperfection or defect can be cured by the act or confirmation of him who could take advantage of it. Thus, while acceptance of rent will make good a voidable lease, it will not affirm a void lease. Wharton.

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VOLO. Lat. To will; to be willing who either expressly consents or tacitly makes no opposition. Calvin.

VOLUNTARY. Free; without compulsion or solicitation.

Without consideration; without valuable consideration; gratuitous.

—Voluntary courtesy. A voluntary act of kindness; an act of kindness performed by one man towards another, of the free will and inclination of the doer, without any previous request or promise of reward made by him who is the object of the courtesy; from which the law will not imply a promise of remuneration. Holthouse.—Voluntary ignorance. This exists where a party might, by taking reasonable pains, have acquired the necessary knowledge, but has neglected to do so.

slaughter," "Nonsuit," "Oath," "Payment," the last will and testament of a decedent, more properly called testamentum.

Voluntas donatoris in charta domi sui manifesta exspressa observetur. Co. Litt. 21. The will of the donor manifestly expressed in his deed of gift is to be observed.

Voluntas est justa sententia de eo quod quis post mortem suam fieri vellit. A will is an exact opinion or determination concerning that which each one wishes to be done after his death.

Voluntas et proposition distinguunt maiestia. The will and the proposed end distinguish crimes. Bract, fols. 20, 1366.

Voluntas facit quod in testamento scriptum valeat. Dig. 30, 1, 12, 3. It is intention which gives effect to the wording of a will.

Voluntas in delictis, non exitus spectatur. 2 Inst. 57. In crimes, the will, and not the consequence, is looked to.

Voluntas reputatur pro facto. The intention is to be taken for the deed. 3 Inst. 69; Broom, Max. 311.

Voluntas testamenti est ambulatoria usque ad extremum vitam exitum. 4 Coke, 61. The will of a testator is ambulatory until the latest moment of life.


Voluntas ultima testatoris est perimpenda secundum veram intentionem suam. Co. Litt. 322. The last will of the testator is to be fulfilled according to his true intention.

VOLUNTAR. Lat. Properly, volition, purpose, or intention, or a design or the feeling or impulse which prompts the commission of an act; but in old English law the term was often used to denote a will, that is, the last will and testament of a decedent.

VOLUNTAS. Voluntas reputatur pro facto. The intention is to be taken for the deed. 3 Inst. 69; Broom, Max. 311.

In military law, the term designates one who freely and voluntarily offers himself for service in the army or navy; as distinguished from one who is compelled to serve by draft or conscription, and also from one entered by enlistment in the standing army.

VOLUNTARY. In conveyancing, one who holds a title under a voluntary conveyance, i.e., one made without consideration, good or valuable, to support it.

A person who gives his services without any express or implied promise of remuneration in return is called a "volunteer," and is entitled to no remuneration for his services, nor to any compensation for injuries sustained by him in performing what he has undertaken. See Irvine v. Angus, 35 Fed. 633, 35 C. C. A. 501; Arnold v. Green, 116 N. Y. 506, 23 N. E. 1; Bennett v. Chandler, 159 Ill. 97, 64 N. E. 1052; Welch v. Maine Cent. R. Co., 86 Me. 552, 30 Atl. 116, 25 L. R. A. 668.

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VOTE. Suffrage; the expression of his will, preference, or choice, formally manifested by a member of a legislative or deliberative body, or of a constituency or a body of qualified electors, in regard to the decision to be made by the body as a whole upon any proposed measure or proceeding, or the selection of an officer or representative. And the aggregate of the expressions of will or choice, thus manifested by individuals is called the "vote of the body." See Maynard v. Board of Canvassers, 84 Mich. 228, 47 N. W. 756, 11 L. R. A. 332; Gillespie v. Palmer, 20 Wis. 546; Davis v. Brown, 46 W. Va. 716, 34 S. E. 839.

—Casting vote. See that title.—Cumulative voting. See Cumulative.

VOTER. One who has the right of giving his voice or suffrage.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS. In the houses of parliament the clerks at the tables make brief entries of all that is actually done; and these minutes, which are printed from day to day for the use of members, are called the "votes and proceedings of parliament." From these votes and proceedings the journals of the house are subsequently prepared, by making the entries at greater length. Brown.

VOTUM. Lat. A vow or promise. Dies votorum, the wedding day. Fleta l. 1, c. 4.

VOUCH. To call upon; to call in to warranty; to call upon the grantor or warrantor to defend the title to an estate.

To vouch is to call upon, rely on, or quote as an authority. Thus, in the old writers, to vouch a case or report is to quote it as an authority. Co. Litt. 70a.

VOUCHER. In common recoveries, the person who is called to warrant or defend the title is called the "vouchee." 2 Bouv. Inst. no. 2093.

—Common vouchee. In common recoveries, the person who is vouched to warranty. In this fictitious proceeding the crier of the court usually performs the office of a common vouchee. 2 Bl. Comm. 358; 2 Bouv. Inst. n. 2093.
VOUCHER. A receipt, acquittance, or release, which may serve as evidence of payment or discharge of a debt, or to certify the correctness of accounts. An account-book containing the acquittances or receipts showing the accountant’s discharge of his obligations. Whitwell v. Willard, 1 Metc. (Mass.) 218.

The term “voucher,” when used in connection with the disbursements of moneys, implies some written or printed instrument in the nature of a receipt, note, account, bill of particulars, or something of that character which shows on what account or by what authority a particular payment has been made, and which may be kept or filed away by the party receiving it, for his own convenience or protection, or that of the public. People v. Swigert, 107 Ill. 504.

In old conveyancing. The person on whom the tenant calls to defend the title to the land, because he warranted the title to him at the time of the original purchase.

VOUCHER TO WARRANTY. The calling one who has warranted lands, by the party warranted, to come and defend the suit for him. Co. Litt. 101a.

Vox emissa volat; litera scripta manet. The spoken word flies; the written letter remains. Broom, Max. 666.

VOX SIGNATA. In Scotch practice. An emphatic or essential word. 2 Allis. Crim. Pr. 283.

VOYAGE. In maritime law. The passing of a vessel by sea from one place, port, or country to another. The term is held to include the enterprise entered upon, and not merely the route. Friend v. Insurance Co., 113 Mass. 326.

—Foreign voyage. A voyage to some port or place within the territory of a foreign nation. The terminus of a voyage determines its character. If it be within the limits of a foreign jurisdiction, it is a foreign voyage, and not otherwise. Taber v. United States, 1 Story, 1, Fed. Cas. No. 18,722; The Three Brothers, 23 Fed. Cas. 1362.—Voyage insured. In insurance law. A transit at sea from the terminus quo to the terminus ad quem, in a prescribed course of navigation, which is never set out in any policy, but virtually forms parts of all policies, and is as binding on the parties thereunto as though it were minutely detailed. 1 Am. Ins. 333.—Voyage policy. See Policy of Insurance.

VRAIC. Seaweed. It is used in great quantities by the inhabitants of Jersey and Guernsey for manure, and also for fuel by the poorer classes.

VS. An abbreviation for versus, (against) constantly used in legal proceedings, and especially in entitled cases.

Vulgaris opinio est duplex, viz., orta inter graves et discretos, quae multum veritatis habet, et opinio orta inter leves et vulgares absque specie veritatis. 4 Coke, 107. Common opinion is of two kinds, viz., that which arises among grave and discreet men, which has much truth in it, and that which arises among light and common men, without any appearance of truth.

VULGARIS PURGATIO. Lat. In old English law. Common purgation; a name given to the trial by ordeal, to distinguish it from the canonical purgation, which was by the oath of the party. 4 Bl. Comm. 342.

VULGO CONCEPTU. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; bastards.

VULGO QUÆSITI. Lat. In the civil law. Spurious children; literally, gotten from the people; the offspring of promiscuous cohabitation, who are considered as having no father. Inst. 3, 4, 3; Id. 3, 5, 4.
W. As an abbreviation, this letter frequently stands for "William," (king of England,) "Westminster," "west," or "western." W. D. An abbreviation for "Western District."

WACREOUR. L. Fr. A vagabond, or vagrant. Britt. c. 29.

WADSET. In Scotch law. The old term for a mortgage. A right by which lands or other heritable subjects are impugnated by the proprietor to his creditor in security of his debt. Wadsets are usually drawn in the form of mutual contracts, in which one party sells the land, and the other grants the right of reversion. Ersk. Inst. 2, 8, 3.

WADSETTER. In Scotch law. A creditor to whom a wadset is made, corresponding to a mortgagee.

WAFTORS. Conductors of vessels at sea. Cowell.

WAGA. In old English law. A weigh; a measure of cheese, salt, wool, etc., containing two hundred and fifty-six pounds avoirdupois. Cowell; Spelman.

WAGE. In old English practice. To give security for the performance of a thing. Cowell.

WAGER. A wager is a contract by which two or more parties agree that a certain sum of money or other thing shall be paid or delivered to one of them on the happening of an uncertain event or upon the ascertainment of a fact which is in dispute between them. Trust Co. v. Goodrich, 75 Ill. 560; Jordan v. Kent, 44 How. Prac. (N. Y.) 207; Winward v. Lincoln, 23 R. I. 476, 51 Atl. 106, 64 L. R. A. 160; Edson v. Pawlet, 22 Vt. 293; Woodcock v. McQueen, 11 Ind. 15.

A contract in which the parties stipulate that they shall gain or lose upon the happening of an uncertain event in which they have no interest except that arising from the possibility of such gain or loss. Fareira v. Gabell, 89 Pa. 89.

WAGEN. A common vehicle for the transportation of goods, wares, and merchandise of all descriptions. The term does not include a hackney-coach. Quigley v. Gorham, 5 Cal. 418, 63 Am. Dec. 139.

WAIF. Waifs are goods found, but claimed by nobody; that of which every one waives the claim. Wharton.

Waifs are to be distinguished from bona fugitiva, which are the goods of the felon himself, which he abandons in his flight from justice. Brown. See People v. Kaatz, 3 Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.) 138; Hall v. Glider-sleeve, 30 N. J. Law, 327.

WAIN-BOTE. In feudal and old English law. Timber for wagons or carts.
WAINABLE. In old records. That may be plowed or manured; tillable. Cowell; Blount.

WAINAGE. In old English law. The team and instruments of husbandry belonging to a countryman, and especially to a villain who was required to perform agricultural services.

WAINAGIUM. What is necessary to the farmer for the cultivation of his land. Barr. Ob. St. 12.

WAITING CLERKS. Officers whose duty it formerly was to wait in attendance upon the court of chancery. The office was abolished in 1842 by St. 5 & 6 Vict. c. 103. Mozley & Whitley.

WAIVE, v. To abandon or throw away; as when a thief, in his flight, throws aside the stolen goods, in order to facilitate his escape, he is technically said to waive them. In modern law, to renounce, repudiate, or surrender a claim, a privilege, a right, or the opportunity to take advantage of some defect, irregularity, or wrong. A person is said to waive a benefit when he renounces or disclaims it, and he is said to waive a tort or injury when he abandons the remedy which the law gives him for it. Sweet.

WAIVE, n. A woman outlawed. The term is, as it were, the feminine of “outlaw,” the latter being always applied to a man; “waive,” to a woman. Cowell.

WAIVER. The renunciation, repudiation, abandonment, or surrender of some claim, right, privilege, or of the opportunity to take advantage of some defect, irregularity, or wrong. The passing by of an occasion to enforce a legal right, whereby the right to enforce the same is lost; a common instance of this is where a landlord waives a forfeiture of a lease by receiving rent, or distraining for rent, which has accrued due after the breach of covenant causing the forfeiture became known to him. Wharton.

This word is commonly used to denote the declining to take advantage of an irregularity in legal proceedings, or of a forfeiture incurred through breach of covenants in a lease. A gift of goods may be waived by a disagreement to accept; so a plaintiff may commonly sue in contract waiving the tort. Brown. See Bennecke v. Insurance Co., 105 U. S. 355, 26 L. Ed. 990; Christenson v. Carleton, 69 Vt. 91, 37 Atl. 228; Shaw v. Spencer, 100 Mass. 395, 97 Am. Dec. 120, 1 Am. Rep. 15; Star Brewery Co. v. Primas, 165 Ill. 657, 45 N. E. 148; Red v. Field, 83 Va. 26, 1 S. E. 395; Caulfield v. Finnegan, 114 Ala. 39, 21 South. 494; Lyman v. Littleton, 50 N. H. 54; Smiley v. Barker, 33 Fed. 684, 28 C. C. A. 9; Boos v. Ewing, 17 Ohio, 523, 49 Am. Dec. 478.

—Implied waiver. A waiver is implied where one party has pursued such a course of conduct with reference to the other party as to evidence an intention to waive his rights or the advantage to which he may be entitled, or where the conduct pursued is inconsistent with any other honest intention than an intention of such waiver, provided that the other party concerned has been induced by such conduct to act upon the reasonable belief that there has been a waiver, and has incurred trouble or expense thereby. Astritch v. German-American Ins. Co., 181 Fed. 20, 65 C. C. A. 257; Roumagne v. Insurance Co., 13 N. J. Law, 124.—Waiver of exemption. A clause inserted in a note, bond, lease, etc., expressly waiving the benefit of the laws exempting limited amounts of personal property from levy and sale on judicial process, so far as concerns the enforcement of the particular debt or obligation. See Mitchell v. Gates, 47 Pa. 205; Wyman v. Gay, 50 Me. 26, 37 Atl. 325, 60 Am. St. Rep. 238; Howard & L. Ass'n v. Philadelphia & R. R. Co., 102 Pa. 223. —Waiver of protest. An agreement by the indorser of a note or bill to be bound in his character of indorser without the formality of a protest in case of non-payment, or, in the case of paper which cannot or is not required to be protested, dispensing with the necessity of a demand and notice. See First Nat. Bank v. Fulkerson, 24 Cal. 141, 29 Pac. 896; Coddington v. Davis, 1 N. Y. 150.—Waiver of tort. The election, by an injured party, for purposes of redress, to treat the facts as establishing an implied contract, which he may enforce, instead of an injury by fraud or wrong, for the committing of which he may demand damages, compensatory or exemplary. Harraw v. Mayor, etc., of City of New York, 1 Hun (N. Y.) 230.

WAKEMAN. The chief magistrate of Ripon, in Yorkshire.

WAKENING. In Scotch law. The revival of an action. A process by which an action that has lain over and not been insisted in for a year and a day, and thus technically said to have “fallen asleep,” is wakened, or put in motion again. 1 Forb. Inst. pt. 4, p. 170; Ersk. Prin. 4, 1, 33.

WALAPAUZ. In old Lombardic law. The disguising the head or face, with the intent of committing a theft.

WALESCHERY. The being a Welshman. Spelman.

WALISCUS. In Saxon law. A servant, or any ministerial officer. Cowell.

WALKERS. Foresters who have the care of a certain space of ground assigned to them. Cowell.

WALL. An erection of stone, brick, or other material, raised to some height, and intended for purposes of security or inclosure. In law, this term occurs in such compounds
as "ancient wall," "party-wall," "division-wall," etc.

—Common wall. A party wall; one which has been built at the common expense of the two owners whose properties are contiguous, or a wall built by one party in which the other has acquired a common right. Campbell v. Mesier, 4 Johns. Ch. (N. Y.) 342, 8 Am. Dec. 570.

WALLAIA. In old English law. A wall; a sea-wall; a mound, bank, or wall erected in marshy districts as a protection against the sea. Spelman.

WAMPUM. Beads made of shells, used as money by the North American Indians, and which continued current in New York as late as 1693.

WARD OF PEACE. In Scotch law. A ward or staff carried by the messenger of a court, and when, defeced, (that is, hindered from executing process,) he breaks, as a symbol of the deformance, and protest for remedy of law. 2 Forb. Inst. 207.

WANLASS. An ancient customary tenure of lands; i.e., to drive deer to a stand that the lord may have a shot. Blount, Ten. i.e., to drive deer to a stand where the lord may have a shot. Blount, Ten.


WANTON. Regardless of another's rights. See WANTONNESS.

WANTONNESS. A reckless or malicious and intentional disregard of the property, rights, or safety of others, implying, actively, a licentious or contemptuous willingness to injure and disregard of the consequences to others, and, passively, more than mere negligence, that is, a conscious and intentional disregard of duty. See Brasington v. South Bound R. Co., 62 S. C. 322, 49 S. E. 665, 89 Am. St. Rep. 905; Louisville & N. R. Co. v. Webb, 97 Ala. 308, 12 South. 374; Branch v. State, 41 Tex. 625; Harward v. Davenport, 105 Iowa, 592, 75 N. W. 487; Trauerman v. Lipplincott, 39 Mo. App. 458; Everett v. Richmond & D. R. Co., 121 N. C. 519, 27 S. E. 901; Birmingham Ry. & El. Co. v. Pineford, 124 Ala. 372, 26 South. 850.


A licentious act by one man towards the person of another, without regard to his rights; as, for example, if a man should attempt to pull off another's hat against his will, in order to expose him to ridicule, the offense would be an assault, and if he touched him it would amount to a battery. Bouvier.

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WAPENTAKE. In English law. A local division of the country; the name is in use north of the Trent to denote a hundred. The derivation of the name is said to be from "weapon" and "take," and indicates that the division was originally of a military character. Cowell; Brown.

Also a hundred court.

WAR. A state of forcible contention; an armed contest between nations; a state of hostility between two or more nations or states. Gro. de Jur. B. lib. 1, c. 1.

Every connection by force between two nations, in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments, is a public war. If war is declared in form, it is called "solemn," and is of the perfect kind; because the whole nation is at war with another whole nation. When the hostilities are limited as respects places, persons, and things, the war is properly termed "imperfect war." Bas v. Tingy, 4 Dall. 37, 40, 1 L. Ed. 731.

—Articles of war. See ARTICLE.—Civil war. An internecine war. A war carried on between opposing masses of citizens of the same country or nation. Before the declaration of independence, the war between Great Britain and the United Colonies was a civil war; but instantly on that event the war changed its nature, and became a public war between independent governments. Hubbard v. Exp. Co., 10 R. I. 244; Brown v. Hiatt, 4 Fed. Cas. 387; Prize Cases, 2 Black, 667, 17 L. Ed. 459; Central R. & B. Co. v. Ward, 37 Ga. 515.—Laws of war. See LAW.—Mixed war. A mixed war is one which is made on one side by public authority, and on the other by mere private persons. People v. McLeod, 1 Hill (N. Y.) 377, 415, 37 Am. Dec. 328.—Private war. One between private persons, lawfully exerted by way of defense, but otherwise unknown in civil society. People v. McLeod, 22 Wend. (N. Y.) 576, 37 Am. Dec. 325.—Public war. This term includes every contention by force, between two nations, in external matters, under the authority of their respective governments. Prize Cases, 2 Black, 667, 17 L. Ed. 459; People v. McLeod, 25 Wend. (N. Y.) 483, 37 Am. Dec. 328.—Solemn war. A war made in form by public declaration; a war solemnly declared by one nation against another nation. See SWEENEY. In England. A department of state from which the sovereign issues orders to his forces. Wharton.

WARD. 1. Guarding; care; charge; as, the ward of a castle; so in the phrase "watch and ward." 2. A division in the city of London committed to the special ward (guardianship) of an alderman.

3. A territorial division is adopted in most American cities by which the municipality is separated into a number of precincts or districts called "wards" for purposes of police, sanitary regulations, prevention of fires, elections, etc.

4. A corridor, room, or other division of a prison, hospital, or asylum.

5. An infant placed by authority of law under the care of a guardian.

The person over whom or over whose prop-
erty a guardian is appointed is called his "ward." Civ. Code Cal. § 237.

—Ward-corn. In old English law. The duty of keeping watch and ward, with a horn to blow upon any occasion of surprise. 1 Mon. Ang. 976. See South. Ward-corn. Ward-fee; the value of a ward, or the money paid to the lord for his redemption from wardship. Blount—Ward-holding. In old Scotch law. Tenure by military service; the property of a feudal tenure of Scotland. Abolished by St. 20 Geo. II. c. 50. Ersk. Prin. 2, 4, 1.—Ward in chivalry. An infant who is under the superintendence of the chancellor. Ward-mote. In English law. A court kept in every ward in London, commonly called the "ward-mote court," or "inquest." Cowell.—Ward-penny. In old English law. Money paid to the sheriff or constellains, for the duty of watching and warding a castle. Spelman.—Ward-staff. In old records. A constable's or watchman's staff. Cowell.—Ward-wit. In old English law. Immuinity or exemption from the duty or service of ward, or from contributing to such service. Spelman. Exemption from amercement for not finding a man to do ward. Fleta, lib. 1. c. 47, § 16.—Wardage. Money paid and contributed toward ward and ward. Demost.—Wards of admiralty. Scamen are sometimes thus designated, because, in view of their general improvidence and rashness, the admiralty courts are accustomed, to scrutinize with great care their bargains and engagements, when brought before them, with a view to protecting them against imposition and overreaching.—Wardship. In military tenures, the right of the lord to have custody, as guardian, of the body and lands of the infant heir, without any account of profits, until he was twenty-one or she sixteen. In scogae the guardian was accountable for profits; and he was not the lord, but the nearest relative to whom the inheritance could not descend, and the wardship ceased at fourteen. In copyholds, the lord was the guardian, but was perhaps accountable for profits. Stim. Gloss. See 2 Bl. Comm. 67.—Wardship in copthold. An incumbent to the tenure of knight-service.—Wardship in coptholds. The lord is guardian of his infant tenant by special custom.

WARDA. L. Lat. In old English law. Ward; guard; protection; keeping; custody. Spelman. A ward; an infant under wardship. Id. In old Scotch law. An award; the judgment of a court.

WARDEN. A guardian; a keeper. This is the name given to various officers.

WARDEN OF THE CINQUE PORTS. In English law. The title of the governor or presiding officer of the Cinque Ports, (q. v.)

WARDS AND LIVERIES. In English law. The title of a court of record, established in the reign of Henry VIII. See Court of Wards and Liveries.

WARECTARE. L. Lat. In old English law. To fallow ground; or plow up land (designed for wheat) in the spring, in order to let it lie fallow for the better improvement. Fleta, lib. 2. c. 33; Cowell.

WAREHOUSE. A place adapted to the reception and storage of goods and merchandise.
WARRANT

WARRANT, v. In conveyancing. To assure the title to property sold, by an express covenant to that effect in the deed of conveyance. To stipulate by an express covenant that the title of a grantee shall be good, and his possession undisturbed.

In contracts. To engage or promise that a certain fact or state of facts, in relation to the subject-matter, is, or shall be, as it is represented to be.

WARRANT, n. 1. A writ or precept from a competent authority in pursuance of law, directing the doing of an act, and addressed to an officer or person competent to do the act, and affording him protection from damage, if he does it. People v. Wood, 71 N. Y. 376.

2. Particularly, a writ or precept issued by a magistrate, justice, or other competent authority, addressed to a sheriff, constable, or other officer, requiring him to arrest the body of a person therein named, and bring him before the magistrate or court, to answer, or to be examined, touching some offense which he is charged with having committed. See also, BENCH-WARRANT; SEARCH-WARRANT.

3. A warrant is an order by which the drafter authorizes one person to pay a particular sum of money. Shawnee County v. Carter, 2 Kan. 130.

4. An authority issued to a collector of taxes, empowering him to collect the taxes extended on the assessment roll, and to make distress and sale of goods or land in default of payment.

5. An order issued by the proper authorities of a municipal corporation, authorizing the payee or holder to receive a certain sum out of the municipal treasury.

-Bench warrant. See BENCH.-Death warrant. A warrant issued generally by the chief executive authority of a state, directed to the sheriff or other proper local officer or the warden of a jail, commanding him at a certain time to proceed to execute a sentence of death imposed by the court upon a convicted criminal.-Distress warrant. See DISTRESS.-General warrant. A process which formerly issued from the state secretary's office in England to take up (without naming any persons) the author, printer, and publisher of such obscene and seditious libels as were specified in it. It was declared illegal and void for uncertainty by a vote of the house of commons on the 22d April, 1766. Wharton.-Land warrant. A warrant issued generally by the chief executive authority of a state, directing the marshal to take possession of the bankrupt's property, notify creditors, etc.-Warrant of arrest. See ARREST.-Warrant of attorney. In practice. A written authority, directed to any attorney or attorneys of any court of record, to appear for the party executing it, and receive a declaration for him in an action at the suit of a person named, and thereupon to confess the same, or to suffer judgment to pass by default; and it also authorizes the release of errors. 2 Burrill, Pr. 239; Treat v. Tolman, 113 Fed. 892, 51 C. C. A. 622.-Warrant of commitment. A warrant of commitment is a written authority committing a person to custody.-Warrant officers. In the United States navy, these are a class of inferior officers who hold their rank by virtue of a written warrant instead of a commission, including boatswains, gunners, carpenters, etc.-Warrant to sue and defend. In old practice. A special warrant from the crown, authorizing a party to appoint an attorney to sue or defend for him. 3 Bl. Comm. 25. A special authority given by a party to his attorney, to commence a suit, or to appear and defend a suit, in his behalf. These warrants are now disused, though formal entries of them upon the record were long retained in practice. 1 Burrill, Pr. 59.

WARRANTEE. A person to whom a warranty is made.

WARRANTIA CHARTÆ. In old practice. Warranty of charter. A writ which lay for one who, being enfeoffed of lands or tenements, with a clause of warranty, was afterwards impaled in an assize or other action in which he could not vouch to warranty. In such case, it might be brought against the warrantor, to compel him to assist the tenant with a good plea or defense, or else to render damages and the value of the land, if recovered against the tenant. Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 300.

WARRANTIA DIEL. A writ which lay for a man who, having had a day assigned to him personally to appear in court in any action in which he was sued, was in the mean time, by commandment, employed in the king's service, so that he could not come at the day assigned. It was directed to the justices that they might not record him in default for that day. Cowell.

WARRANTIZARE. In old conveyancing. To warrant; to bind one's self, by covenant in a deed of conveyance, to defend the grantee in his title and possession.

Warrantizare est defendere et acquietare tenentem, qui warrantum vocavit, in seismis sua; et tenens de re warranti excambium habebit ad valentiam. Co. Litt. 366. To warrant is to defend and insure in peace the tenant, who calls for warranty, in his seisin; and the tenant in warranty will have an exchange in proportion to its value.
WARRANTOR. One who makes a warranty. Shep. Touch. 181.

Warrantor potest excipere quod quæ rens non tenet terram de qua petit warrants, et quod donum fuit insufficent. Hob. 21. A warrantor may object that the complainant does not hold the land of which he seeks the warranty, and that the gift was insufficient.

WARRANTY. In real property law. A real covenant by the grantor of lands, for himself and his heirs, to warrant and defend the title and possession of the estate granted, to the grantee and his heirs, whereby, either upon voucher, or judgment in the writ of warrantia charta, and the eviction of the grantee by paramount title, the grantor was bound to recompense him with other lands of equal value. Co. Litt. 365a.

In sales of personal property. A warranty is a statement or representation made by the seller of goods, contemporaneously with and as a part of the contract of sale, though collateral to the express object of it, having reference to the character, quality, or title of the goods, and by which he promises or undertakes to insure that certain facts are or shall be as he then represents them. A warranty is an engagement by which a seller assures to a buyer the existence of some fact affecting the transaction, whether past, present, or future. Civ. Code Cal. § 1763.

In contracts. An undertaking or stipulation, in writing, or verbally, that a certain fact in relation to the subject of a contract is or shall be as it is stated or promised to be. A warranty differs from a representation in that a warranty must always be given contemporaneously with, and as part of, the contract; whereas a representation precedes and induces the contract. And, while that is their difference in nature, their difference in consequence or effect is this: that, upon breach of warranty, (or false warranty,) the contract remains binding, and damages only are recoverable for the breach; whereas, upon a false representation, the defrauded party may elect to avoid the contract, and recover the entire price paid. Brown.

The same transaction cannot be characterized as a warranty and a fraud at the same time. A warranty rests upon contract, while fraud, or fraudulent representations have no element of contract in them, but are essentially a tort. When judges or law-writers speak of a fraudulent warranty, the language is neither accurate nor perspicuous. If there is a breach of warranty, it cannot be said that the warranty was fraudulent, with any more propriety than any other contract can be said to have been fraudulent, because there has been a breach of it. On the other hand, to speak of a false representation as a contract or warranty, or as tending to prove a contract or warranty, is a perversion of language and of correct ideas. Rose v. Hurley, 59 Ind. 81.

In insurance. In the law of insurance, "warranty" means any assertion or undertaking on the part of the assured, whether expressed in the contract or capable of being annexed to it, on the strict and literal truth and performance of which the liability of the underwriter is made to depend. Maude & F. Shipp. 377; Sweet.

—Affirmative warranty. In the law of insurance, a warranty may be either express or implied, but they usually consist of positive representations in the policy of the existence of some fact or state that is true at the time, or previous to the time, of the making of the policy; and they are, in general, conditions precedent, which, if untrue, whether material to the risk or not, the policy shall be attach, as it is not the contract of the insurer. Maupin v. Insurance Co., 53 W. Va. 557, 45 S. E. 777; Crockfords, 65 Mo. App. 316. In the law of insurance, an agreement expressed in a policy, whereby the assured stipulates that certain facts relating to the risk are or shall be true, and the obligations of the insurance is conditioned on the truth or performance of which the liability of the underwriter is made to depend. See Porrekins v. Bevan, 3 Rawle (Pa.) 36, 23 Am. Dec. 85; White v. Stellos, 74 Wis. 435, 45 N. W. 99; Danforth v. Atlantic Fire Ins. Co., 86 Misc. 436, 137 N. Y. Sup. Ct. 159, 82 N. Y. Sup. Ct. 159; 6 Minn. 82 (Gil. 32); Insurance Co. v. Morgan, 6 Minn. 82 (Gil. 32); Shep. Touch. 183. In contracts and sales, one created or undertaken to insure that certain facts of equal value. Co. Litt. 365a.

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—Collateral warranty. In old conveyancing, was where the heir's title to the land, or the estate in the land, or his successors in interest, has been or shall be done. 1 Phil. Ins. 308.

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WARRANTY

A term in English law for a place in which birds, fishes, or wild beasts are kept.

A franchise or privilege, either by prescription or grant from the king, to keep beasts and fowls of warren, which are hares, coneyes, partridges, pheasants, etc.

Also any place to which such privilege extends. Mozley & Whitley.

-Free warren. A franchise for the preserving and custody of beasts and fowls of warren. 2 Bl. Comm. 30:177; Co. Litt. 293. This franchise gave the grantee sole right of killing, so far as his warren extended, on condition of excluding other persons. 2 Bl. Comm. 39.

WARSCOT. In Saxon law. A customary or usual tribute or contribution towards armor, or the arming of the forces.

WARTH. In old English law. A customary payment, supposed to be the same with ward-penny. Spelman; Blount.

WASH. A shallow part of a river or arm of the sea.

WASH SALE. In the language of the stock exchange, this is the operation performed by a broker who fills an order from one customer to buy a certain stock or commodity by simply transferring to him the stock or commodity placed in his hands (or ordered to be sold) by another customer, instead of going upon the exchange and executing both buying and selling orders separately and on the best terms obtainable for the respective customers. See McGlynn v. Seymour, 14 N. Y. St. Rep. 709.

WASHING-HORN. The sounding of a horn for washing before dinner. The custom was formerly observed in the Temple.

WASHINGTON TREATY OF, a treaty signed on May 8, 1871, between Great Britain and the United States of America, with reference to certain differences arising out of the war between the northern and southern states of the Union, the Canadian fisheries, and other matters. Wharton.

WASTE. Spoil or destruction, done or permitted, to lands, houses, gardens, trees, or other corporeal hereditaments, by the tenant thereof, to the prejudice of the heir, or of him in reversion or remainder. 2 Bl. Comm. 281.

Waste is a spoil and destruction of an estate, either in houses, woods, or lands, by demolishing, not the temporary profits only, but the very substance of the thing, thereby rendering it wild and desolate, which the common law expresses very significantly by the word "vastum." 3 Bl. Comm. 295.

Waste is a lasting damage to the reversion caused by the destruction, by the tenant for life or years, of such things on the land as are not included in the temporary profits. Profit v. Henderson, 29 Mo. 325.

In old English criminal law, a prerogative or liberty, on the part of the crown, of committing waste on the lands of felons, by pulling down their houses, extirpating their gardens, plowing their meadows, and cutting down their woods. 4 Bl. Comm. 385.

-Commissive waste. Active or positive waste; waste done by acts of spoliation or destruction, rather than by mere neglect; the same as voluntary waste. See infra.-Double waste. See DOUBLE.-Equitable waste. Injury to a reversion or remainder in real estate, which is not recoverable in the courts of equity but which equity will interpose to prevent or remedy. Gannon v. Peterson, 193 Ill. 372, 62 N. E. 210, 55 L. A. 701; Crowe v. Wilson, 65 Md. 479, 5 Atl. 427, 57 Am. Rep. 345.

Otherwise defined as an unconscientious abuse of the privilege of non-impeachability for waste at common law, whereby a tenant for life, without impeachment of waste, will be restrained from committing willful, destructive, malicious, or extravagant waste, such as pulling down houses, cutting down trees, or destroying any thing planted for ornament, or for shelter of premises. Wharton.-Impeachment of waste. Liability for waste committed, or a demand or suit for satisfaction for waste committed upon lands or tenements by a tenant thereof who has no right to commit waste. On the other hand, a tenure "without impeachment of waste" signifies that the tenant cannot be called to account for waste committed.-Nul waste. "No waste." The name of a plea in an action of waste, denoting the commission of waste, and forming the general issue.-Permissive waste. That kind of waste which is a matter of omission only, as by suffering a house to fall for want of necessary reparations. 2 Bl. Comm. 281; Willey v. Laraway, 64 Vt. 559, 25 Atl. 436; Beekman v. Van Dolsen, 63 Hun. 487, 18 N. Y. Supp. 702; White v. Whiteman, 4 Har. & Ja. (M. D.) 293, 7 Atl. 627, Dec. Dec. 1874.-Voluntary waste. Active or positive waste; waste done or committed, in contradistinction to that which results after the beginning of the contract of insurance and during its continuance, and the breach of which will avoid the policy. See King v. Relief Ass'n, 55 App. Div. 68, 54 N. Y. Supp. 929; Farmers Maupin v. Insurance Co., 53 W. Va. 557, 45 S. E. 1003; McKenzie v. Insurance Co., 122 Cal. 548, 44 Pac. 922.-Special warranty. A clause of warranty inserted in a deed of lands, by which the grantor covenants, for himself and his heirs, to "warrant and forever defend" the grantee from all claims, except such as shall arise out of the warranty or by the voluntary act, as, for instance, the pulling down of a house or removal of floors, windows, doors, furnaces, sheds, or other things affixed to and which the name of a writ to be issued against a ten-
ant who has committed waste of the premises. There were anciently several forms of this writ, adapted to the particular circumstances.

WASTE-BOOK. A book used by merchants, to receive rough entries or memoranda of all transactions in the order of their occurrence, previous to their being posted in the journal. Otherwise called a "blotter."

WASTORS. In old statutes. A kind of thieves.

WATCH. v. To keep guard; to stand as sentinel; to be on guard at night, for the preservation of the peace and good order.

WATCH, n. A body of constables on duty on any particular night.

WATCH AND WARD. "Watch" denotes keeping guard during the night; "ward," by day.

WATCHMAN. An officer in many cities and towns, whose duty it is to watch during the night and take care of the property of the inhabitants.

WATER. As designating a commodity or a subject of ownership, this term has the same meaning in law as in common speech; but in another sense, and especially in the plural, it may designate a body of water, such as a river, a lake, or an ocean, or an aggregate of such bodies of water, as in the phrases "foreign waters," "waters of the United States," and the like.

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of swimming. It was deemed an evidence of his guilt; but, if he sunk, he was acquitted. Id.

-Water-power. The water-power to which a riparian owner is entitled consists of the fall in the stream above his natural state, as it passes through his land, or along the boundary of it; or, in other words, it consists of the difference of level between the surface where the stream first touches his land, and the surface where it leaves it. McCalmond v. Whitaker, 3 Rawle, (Pa.) 50, 23 Am. Dec. 102. —Water rights. A right, in a corporeal hereditament, to use the water of a natural stream or water furnished through a ditch or canal, for general or specific purposes, such as irrigation, mining, or power, to the extent and subject to its full capacity or to a measured extent or during a defined portion of the time. See Hill v. Newman, 5 Cal. 445, 63 Am. Dec. 140; Cary v. Daniels, 8 Met. (Mass) 480, 41 Am. Dec. 532; Canal Co. v. Hess, 6 Colo. App. 497, 42 Pac. 50. —Waterscape. An aqueduct or passage for water.

-Watter's of the United States. All waters within the United States which are navigable for the purposes of commerce, or whose navigation successfully aids in the transportation of persons or merchandise, are included in this term. The Daniel Ball, 6 Fed. Cas. 1161.


There must be a stream usually flowing in a particular direction, though it need not flow continually. It may sometimes be dry. It must flow in a definite channel, having a bed, sides, or banks, and usually discharges itself into some other stream or body of water. It must be something more than a mere surface drainage over the entire face of a tract of land, occasioned by rainfall, generated by springs, or otherwise resulting from natural causes. It does not include the water flowing in the hollows or ravines in land, which is the mere surface-water from rain or melting snow, and is discharged through them from a higher to a lower level, but which at other times are destitute of water. Such hollows or ravines are not, in legal contemplation, water-courses. Hoyt v. Hudson, 27 Wis. 556, 9 Am. Rep. 473; Sanguinetti v. Pock, 136 Cal. 466, 69 Pac. 98, 89 Am. St. Rep. 130; Luther v. Winnisimmet Co., 9 Cush. (Mass.) 171; Pyle v. Richards, 17 Neb. 190, 22 N. W. 370.

But if the topography of the surrounding country is such that water accumulates in great quantities after heavy rains or at the season of melting snows, and descends periodically through a well-defined channel which the force of the water, or circumstances of the land and its contour, causes, the natural stream which thus it flows and has always flowed, such channel is to be deemed a water-course. See DeDuning, 30 N. J. Eq. 482; Earl v. De Hart, 12 N. J. Eq. 280, 72 Am. Dec. 395; Simmons v. Winters, 21 Or. 35, 27 Pac. 7, 28 Am. St. Rep. 727.

—Natural water-course. A natural stream flowing in a defined bed or channel; one formed by the natural flow of the water, as determined by the general superficialities or formation of the surrounding country, as distinguished from an "artificial" water-course, formed by the work of man in a ditch or canal. See Barkley v. Wilcox, 86 N. Y. 140, 40 Am. Rep. 519; Hawley v. Sheldon, 64 Vt. 491, 24 Atl. 217, 38 Am. St. Rep. 941; Porter v. Armstrong, 129 N. C. 101, 29 S. E. 799.

WATER-MARK. A mark indicating the highest point to which water rises, or the lowest point to which it sinks.

—High-water mark. This term is properly applicable only to tidal waters, and designates the line on the shore reached by the water at the high or flood tide. But it is sometimes also used with reference to the waters of artificial ponds or lakes, created by dams in unnavigable streams, and then denotes the highest point on the shores to which the dams can raise the water in ordinary circumstances. Howard v. Ingersoll, 13 How. 423, 14 L. Ed. 189; Storer v. Freeman, 6 Mass. 403, 4 Am. Dec. 155; Mobile Transp. Co. v. Mobile, 128 Ala. 335, 20 South. 645, 64 L. R. A. 333, 80 Am. St. Rep. 143; Morrison v. First Nat. Bank, 88 Me. 153, 33 Atl. 782; Brady v. Blackstone, 132 Mass. 245; Cook v. McClure, 58 N. Y. 444, 17 Am. Rep. 270. —Low-water mark. That line on the shore of the sea which marks the edge of the waters at the lowest point of the ordinary ebb tide. See Stover v. Jack, 60 Pa. 342, 100 Am. Dec. 506; Gerrish v. Prop'rs of Union Wharf, 26 Me. 395, 40 Am. Dec. 585.

WATERING STOCK. In the language of brokers, adding to the capital stock of a corporation by the issue of new stock, without increasing the real value represented by the capital.

WAVESON. In old records. Such goods as, after a wreck, swim or float on the waves. Jacob.

WAX SCOT. A duty anciently paid twice a year towards the charge of wax candles in churches. Spelman.

WAY. A passage, path, road, or street. In a technical sense, a right of passage over land.

A right of way is the privilege which an individual, or a particular description of persons, as the inhabitants of a village, or the owners or occupiers of certain farms, have of going over another's ground. It is an incorporeal hereditament of a real nature, entirely different from a public highway.

Cruise, Dig. tit. 24, § 1.

The term "way" is derived from the Saxon, and means a right of use for passengers. It may be private or public. By the term "right of way" is generally meant a private way, which is an incorporeal hereditament of that class of easements in which a particular person, or particular description of persons, have an interest for the particular use of that person or persons, over the owner of the fee of the land in which it is claimed. Wild v. Deig, 43 Ind. 453, 13 Am. Rep. 399.

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(chiefly in New England) a private way is one laid out by the local public authorities for the accommodation of individuals and wholly or chiefly at their expense, but not restricted to their exclusive use, being subject, like highways, to the public easement of passage. See Metcalf v. Bingham, 3 N. H. 459; Clark v. Boston, C. & M. R. Co., 24 N. H. 118; Denham v. Bristol County, 108 Mass. 202; Butchers', etc., Ass'n v. Boston, 139 Mass. 226; 30 N. E. 94.—Right of way. See that title.

WAY-BILL. A writing in which is set down the names of passengers who are carried in a public conveyance, or the description of goods sent with a common carrier by land. Wharton.

WAY-GOING CROP. A crop of grain sown by a tenant for a term certain, during his tenancy, but which will not ripen until after the expiration of his lease; to this, by custom in some places, the tenant is entitled.

WAYLEAVE is a right of way over or through land for the carriage of minerals from a mine or quarry. It is an easement, being a species of the class called "rights of way," and is generally created by express grant or reservation. Sweet.

WAYNAGIUM. Implements of husbandry. 1 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 5, p. 268.

WAYS AND MEANS. In a legislative body, the "committee on ways and means" is a committee appointed to inquire into and consider the methods and sources for raising revenue, and to propose means for providing the funds needed by the government.

WAYWARDENS. The English highway acts provide that in every parish forming part of a highway district there shall annually be elected one or more waywardens. The waywardens so elected, and the justices for the county residing within the district, form the highway board for the district. Each waywarden also represents his parish in regard to the levying of the highway rates, and in questions arising concerning the liability of his parish to repairs, etc. Sweet.

WEAL. Sax. A wood; the woody part of a country.

WEALREAF. In old English law. The robbing of a dead man in his grave.

WEALTH. All material objects, capable of satisfying human wants, desires, or tastes, having a value in exchange, and upon which human labor has been expended; i.e., which have, by such labor, been either reclaimed from nature, extracted or gathered from the earth or sea, manufactured from raw materials, improved, adapted, or cultivated.

"The aggregate of all the things, whether material or immaterial, which contribute to comfort and enjoyment, which cannot be obtained without more or less labor, and which are objects of frequent barter and sale, is what we usually call 'wealth.'" Bowen, Pol. Econ. See Branhm v. State, 96 Ga. 397, 22 S. E. 957.

WEAPON. An instrument used in fighting; an instrument of offensive or defensive combat. The term is chiefly used, in law, in the statutes prohibiting the carrying of "concealed" or "deadly" weapons. See those titles.

WEAR, or WEAR. A great dam or fence made across a river, or against water, formed of stakes interlaced by twigs of osier, and accommodated for the taking of fish, or to convey a stream to a mill. Cowell; Jacob.

WEAR AND TEAR. "Natural wear and tear" means deterioration or depreciation in value by ordinary and reasonable use of the subject-matter. Green v. Kelly, 20 N. J. Law, 548.

WED. Sax. A covenant or agreement. Cowell.

WEDBEDRIP. Sax. In old English law. A customary service which tenants paid to their lords, in cutting down their corn, or doing other harvest duties; as if a covenant to reap for the lord at the time of his bidding or commanding. Cowell.

WEEK. A period of seven consecutive days of time; and, in some uses, the period beginning with Sunday and ending with Saturday. See Leach v. Burr, 188 U. S. 510, 23 Sup. Ct. 393, 47 L. Ed. 567; Renkendorff v. Taylor, 4 Pet. 361, 7 L. Ed. 882; Evans v. Job, 8 Nev. 324; Bird v. Burgsteiner, 100 Ga. 468, 28 S. E. 219; Steinie v. Bell, 12 Abb. Prac. N. S. (N. Y.) 175; Russell v. Croy, 164 Mo. 60, 63 S. W. 540; Medland v. Linton, 69 Neb. 249, 82 N. W. 596.

WEHAIR. In old European law. The judicial combat, or duel; the trial by battel.

WEIGHAGE. In English law. A duty or toll paid for weighing merchandise. It is called "tronage" for weighing wool at the king's beam, or "pesage" for weighing other avoidopula goods. 2 Chit. Com. Law, 16.

WEIGHT. A measure of heaviness or ponderosity; and in a metaphorical sense influence, effectiveness, or power to influence judgment or conduct.

—Gross Weight. The whole weight of goods and merchandise, including the dust and dross, and also the chest or bag, etc., upon which tare and tret are allowed.—Weights of uninc. See AUNCUL WEIGHT.—Weight of Evidence. The balance of preponderance of evidence; the inclination of the greater amount of credible evidence, offered in a trial, to support one side of the issue rather than the other. The "weight"
or "preponderance of proof" is a phrase constantly used, the meaning of which is well understood and easily defined. It indicates clearly to the jury that the party having the burden of proof will be entitled to their verdict, if, on weighing the evidence in their minds, they shall find the greater amount of credible evidence sustains the issue which is to be established before them. Haskins v. Haskins, 9 Gray (Mass.) 393.


WELL, adj. In marine insurance. A term used as descriptive of the safety and soundness of a vessel, in a warranty of her condition at a particular time and place; as, "warranted well at — — — on — — — ."

In the old reports. Good, sufficient, unobjectionable in law; the opposite of "ill."

WELL, n. A well, as the term is used in a conveyance, is an artificial excavation and erection in and upon land, which necessarily, from its nature and the mode of its use, includes and comprehends the substantial occupation and beneficial enjoyment of the whole premises on which it is situated. Johnson v. Bayner, 6 Gray (Mass.) 107; Andrews v. Carmine, 13 Blatchf. 307, 1 Fed. Cas. 868.

WELL KNOWING. A phrase used in pleading as the technical expression in laying a scienter, (q. v.)

WELSH MORTGAGE. See MORTGAGE.

WEND. In old records. A large extent of ground, comprising several jupis; a perambulation; a circuit. Spelman; Cowell.

WERA, or WERE. The estimation or price of a man, especially of one slain. In the criminal law of the Anglo-Saxons, every man's life had its value, called a "were," or "capitis aestimatio."


WEREGILD, or WERGILD. This was the price of homicide, or other atrocious personal offense, paid partly to the king for the loss of a subject, partly to the lord for the loss of a vassal, and partly to the next of kin of the injured person. In the Anglo-Saxon laws, the amount of compensation varied with the degree or rank of the party slain. Brown.

WERELADA. A purging from a crime by the oaths of several persons, according to the degree and quality of the accused. Cowell.

WERGELT. In old Scotch law. A sum paid by an offender as a compensation or satisfaction for the offense; a wergild, or wergild.

WERP-GELD. Belg. In European law. Contribution for jettison; average.

WESTMINSTER. A city immediately adjoining London, and forming a part of the metropolis; formerly the seat of the superior courts of the kingdom.

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION. A document containing a statement of religious doctrine, concocted at a conference of British and continental Protestant divines at Westminster, in the year 1643, which subsequently became the basis of the Scotch Presbyterian Church. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE FIRST. The statute 3 Edw. I., A. D. 1275. This statute, which deserves the name of a code rather than an act, is divided into fifty-one chapters. Without extending the exemption of churchmen from civil jurisdiction, it protects the property of the church from the violence and spoliation of the king and the nobles, provides for freedom of popular elections, because sheriffs, coroners, and conservators of the peace were still chosen by the freeholders in the county court, and attempts had been made to influence the election of knights of the shire, from the time when they were instituted. It contains a declaration to enforce the enactment of Magna Charta against excessive fines, which might operate as perpetual imprisonment; enumerates and corrects the abuses of tenures, particularly as to marriage of wards; regulates the levying of tolls, which were imposed arbitrarily by the barons and by cities and boroughs; corrects and restrains the powers of the king's escheator and other officers; amends the criminal law, putting the crime of rape on the footing to which it has been lately restored, as a most grievous, but not capital, offense; and embraces the subject of procedure in civil and criminal matters, introducing many regulations to render it cheap, simple, and expeditious. 1 Camp. Lives, Ld. Ch. p. 167; 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 9, p. 107. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.

WESTMINSTER THE SECOND. The statute 13 Edw. I. St. 1, A. D. 1285, otherwise called the "Statute de Donis Conditionals." See 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, c. 10, p. 163. Certain parts of this act are repealed by St. 19 & 20 Vict. c. 64, and St. 26 & 27 Vict. c. 125. Wharton.

WEST SAXON LAGE. The laws of the West Saxons, which obtained in the counties to the south and west of England, from Kent to Devonshire. Blackstone supposes these to have been much the same with the laws of Alfred, being the municipal law of the far most considerable part of his dominions, and particularly including Berkshire, the seat of his peculiar residence. 1 Bl. Comm. 65.

WETHER. A castrated ram, at least one year old. In an indictment it may be called a “sheep.” Rex v. Birket, 4 Car. & P. 216.

WHALE. A royal fish, the head being the king’s property, and the tail the queen’s. 2 Steph. Comm. 19, 445, 540.

WHALER. A vessel employed in the whale fishery.

WHARF. A perpendicular bank or mound of timber, or stone and earth, raised on the shore of a harbor, river, canal, etc., or extending some distance into the water, for the convenience of lading and unlading ships and other vessels. Webster.

WHARFAGE. Money paid for landing wares at a wharf, or for shipping or taking goods into a boat or barge from thence. Cowell.

WHARFINGER. One who owns or keeps a wharf for the purpose of receiving and shipping merchandise to or from it for hire. 1 Brown, Adm. 37.

WHIPPING. A mode of punishment, by the infliction of stripes, occasionally used in England and in a few of the American states.

WHIPPING-POST. A post or stake to which a criminal is tied to undergo the punishment of whipping. This penalty is now abolished, except in a few states.

WHITE. A Mongolian is not a “white person,” within the meaning of the term as used in the naturalization laws of the United States; the term applies only to persons of the Caucasian race. In re Ah Yup, 5 Savy 155, Fed. Cas. No. 104.

WHITE ACRE. A fictitious name given to a piece of land, in the English books, for purposes of illustration.

WHITE BONNET. In Scotch law. A fictitious offerer or bidder at a roup or auction sale. Bell.

WHITE MEATS. In old English law. Milk, butter, cheese, eggs, and any composition of them. Cowell.

WHITE RENTS. In English law. Rents paid in silver, and called “white rents,” or “redditus albi,” to distinguish them from rents payable in corn, labor, provisions, etc., called “black-rent” or “black-mail.”

WHITE SPURS. A kind of esquires. Cowell.

WHITEFRIARS. A place in London between the Temple and Blackfriars, which was formerly a sanctuary, and therefore privileged from arrest. Wharton.
WHITSUN FARTHINGS

Whitehart, paid into the exchequer, imposed by Henry III. upon Thomas de la Linda, for killing a beautiful white hart which that king before had spared in hunting. Camd. Brit. 150.

WHITSUN FARTHINGS. Pentecostals, (q. v.)

WHITSUN TIDE. The feast of Pentecost, being the fiftieth day after Easter, and the first of the four cross-quarter days of the year. Wharton.

WHITTANWARII. In old English law. A class of offenders who whitened stolen ox-hides and horse-hides so that they could not be known and identified.

WHOLE BLOOD. See Blood.

WHOLESALE. To sell by wholesale is to sell by large parcels, generally in original packages, and not by retail.

WHORE. A whore is a woman who practices unlawful commerce with men, particularly one who does so for hire; a harlot; a concubine; a prostitute. Sheehey v. Cokley, 43 Iowa, 183, 22 Am. Rep. 239.

WIC. A place on the sea-shore or the bank of a river.

WICA. A country house or farm. Cowell.

WICK. Sax. A village, town, or district. Hence, in composition, the territory over which a given jurisdiction extends. Thus, "baillwick" is the territorial jurisdiction of a bailiff or sheriff or constable. "Sheriffwick" was also used in the old books.

WIDOW. A woman whose husband is dead, and who has not married again. The "king's widow" was one whose deceased husband had been the king's tenant in capite; she could not marry again without the royal permission.

—Grass widow. See that title.—Widow-bench. The share of her husband's estate which a widow is allowed besides her jointure.

—Widow's chamber. In London, the apparel of a widow and the furniture of her chamber, left by her deceased husband, is so called, and the widow is entitled to it. 2 Bl. Comm. 518.—Widow's quarantine. In old English law. The space of forty days after the death of a man who died seised of lands, during which his widow might remain in his husband's capital mansion-house, without rent, and during which time her dower should be assigned. 2 Bl. Comm. 135.—Widow's trust. In Scotch law. The right which a wife has after her husband's death to a third of the rents of lands in which her husband died intestate. Bell.

WIDOWER. A man whose wife is dead, and who has not remarried.

WIDOWHOOD. The state or condition of being a widow. An estate is sometimes settled upon a woman "during widowhood," which is expressed in Latin, "durante viduitate."

WIFA. L. Lat. In old European law. A mark or sign; a mark set up on land, to denote an exclusive occupation, or to prohibit entry. Spelman.

WIFE. A woman who has a husband living and undivorced. The correlative term is "husband."

WIFE'S EQUITY. When a husband is compelled to seek the aid of a court of equity for the purpose of obtaining the possession or control of his wife's estate, that court will recognize the right of the wife to have a suitable and reasonable provision made, by settlement or otherwise, for herself and her children, out of the property thus brought within its jurisdiction. This right is called the "wife's equity," or "equity to a settlement." See 2 Kent, Comm. 139.

WIGREVE. In old English law. The overseer of a wood. Cowell.

WILD ANIMALS, (or animals fores natura.) Animals of an untamable disposition.

WILD LAND. Land in a state of nature, as distinguished from improved or cultivated land. Clark v. Phelps, 4 Cow. (N. Y.) 203.

WILD'S CASE, RULE IN. A devise to B. and his children or issue, B. having no issue at the time of the devise, gives him an estate tail; but, if he have issue at the time, B. and his children take joint estates for life. 6 Coke, 169; Tudor, Lead. Cas. Real Prop. 545, 581.

WILL. A will is the legal expression of a man's wishes as to the disposition of his property after his death. Code Ga. 1882, § 2394; Swinb. Wills, § 2.

WILL. An instrument in writing, executed in form of law, by which a person makes a disposition of his property, to take effect after his death.

Except where it would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the legislature, the word "will" shall extend to a testament, and to a codicil, and to an appointment by will, or by writing in the nature of a will, in exercise of a power; and also to any other testamentary disposition. Code Va. 1887, § 2511.

A will is an instrument by which a person makes a disposition of his property, to take effect after his decease, and which is, in its own nature, ambulatory and revocable during his life. It is this ambulatory quality which forms the characteristic of wills; for though a disposition by deed may postpone the possession or enjoyment, or even the vesting, until the death of the disposing party, yet the postponement is in such case produced by the express terms, and does not result from the nature of the instru-
A will, when it operates upon personal property, is sometimes called a "testament," and when upon real estate, a "devise;" but the more general usage of the popular denomination of the instrument embracing equally real and personal estate is that of "last will and testament." 4 Kent, Gomm. 501.

In criminal law. The power of the mind which directs the action of a man.

In Scotch practice. That part or clause of a process which contains the mandate or command to the officer. Bell.

—Ambulatory will. A changeable will (ambulatoria voluntas), the phrase denoting the power which a testator possesses of altering his will during his life-time. See Hattersley v. Bussett, 50 N. J. Eq. 577. 25 Atl. 332.—Double will. See Double.—Estates at will. This estate vests the grantee or lessee on the possession of land during the pleasure of both the grantor and himself, yet it creates no sure or durable right, and is bounded by no definite limits as to duration. It must be at the reciprocal will of both parties, (for, if it be at the will of the lessor only, it is a lease for life,) and the dissent of either determines it. Wharton.—Holographic will. One written entirely by the testator with his own hand.—Mutual will. See Testament.—Nuncupative will. See that title.—Statute of wills. See WILLS ACT, infra.

WILLA. In Hindu law. The relation between a master or patron and his freedman, and the relation between two persons who had made a reciprocal testamentary contract. Wharton.

WILLFUL. Proceeding from a conscious motion of the will; intending the result which actually comes to pass; designed; intentional; malicious.


In common parlance, "willful" is used in the sense of "intentional," as distinguished from "accidental" or "involuntary." But language of a statute affixing a punishment to acts done willfully may be restricted to such acts done with an unlawful intent. U. S. v. Boyd (C. C.) 45 Fed. 855; State v. Clark, 29 N. J. Law, 96.

WILLFULLY. Intentionally. In charging certain offenses, it is required that they should be stated to be willfully done. Archb. Crim. Pl. 51, 58; Leach, 556.

WILLS ACT. In England. 1. The statute 32 Hen. VIII. c. 1, passed in 1540, by which persons seised in fee-simple of lands holden in socage tenure were enabled to devise the same at their will and pleasure, except to bodies corporate; and those who held estates by the tenure of chivalry were enabled to devise two-third parts thereof.

2. The statute 7 Wm. IV. & 1 Vict. c. 20, passed in 1837, and also called "Lord Langdale's Act." This act permits of the disposition by will of every kind of interest in real and personal estate, and provides that all wills, whether of real or of personal estate, shall be attested by two witnesses, and that such attestation shall be sufficient. Other important alterations are effected by this statute in the law of wills. Mozley & Whitley.

WINCHESTER MEASURE. The standard measure of England, originally kept at Winchester. 1 BL Comm. 274.

WINCHESTER, STATUTE OF. A statute passed in the thirteenth year of the reign of Edward I., by which the old Saxon law of police was enforced, with many additional provisions. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 163; Crabb, Hist. Eng. Law, 150.

WINDING UP. The name applied in England to the process of settling the accounts and liquidating the assets of a partnership or company, for the purpose of making distribution and dissolving the concern.

WINDING-UP ACTS. In English law. General acts of parliament, regulating settlement of corporate affairs on dissolution.

WINDOW. An opening made in the wall of a house to admit light and air, and to furnish a view or prospect. The use of this word in law is chiefly in connection with the doctrine of ancient lights and other rights of adjacent owners.

—Window tax. A tax on windows, levied on houses which contained more than six windows, and were worth more than $5 per annum; established by St. 7 Wm. III. c. 18. St. 14 & 15 Vict. c. 36, substituted for this tax a tax on inhabited houses. Wharton.

WINDSOR FOREST. A royal forest founded by Henry VIII.

WINTER CIRCUIT. An occasional circuit appointed for the trial of prisoners, in England, and in some cases of civil causes, between Michaelmas and Hilary terms.

WINTER HEYNING. The season between 11th November and 23d April, which is excepted from the liberty of commoning in certain forests. St. 23 Car. II. c. 3.

WISBY, LAWS OF. The name given to a code of maritime laws promulgated at Wisby, then the capital of Gothland, in Sweden, in the latter part of the thirteenth century. This compilation resembled the laws of Oleron in many respects, and was early adopted, as a system of sea laws, by the commercial nations of Northern Europe. It
formed the foundation for the subsequent code of the Hanseatic League. A translation of the Laws of Wisby may be seen in the appendix to 1 Pet. Adm. And see 3 Kent, Comm. 13.

**WISTA.** In Saxon law. Half a hide of land, or sixty acres.

**WIT.** To know; to learn; to be informed. Used only in the infinitive, *to-wit*, which term is equivalent to "that is to say," "namely," or "videlicet."

**WITAM.** The purgation from an offense by the oath of the requisite number of witnesses.

**WITAN.** In Saxon law. Wise men; persons of information, especially in the laws; the king's advisers; members of the king's council; the optimates, or principal men of the kingdom. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 11, note.

**WITCHCRAFT.** Under Sts. 33 Hen. VIII. c. 8, and 1 Jac. I. c. 12, the offense of witchcraft, or supposed intercourse with evil spirits, was punishable with death. These acts were not repealed till 1736. 4 Bl. Comm. 60, 61.

**WITE.** Sax. A punishment, pain, penalty, mulct, or criminal fine. Cowell.

**WITEKDEN.** A taxation of the West Saxons, imposed by the public council of the kingdom.

**WITENA DOM.** In Saxon law. The judgment of the county court, or other court of competent jurisdiction, on the title to property, real or personal. 1 Spence, Eq. Jur. 22.

**WITENAGEMOTE.** "The assembly of wise men." This was the great national council or parliament of the Saxons in England, comprising the noblemen, high ecclesiastics, and other great thanes of the kingdom, advising and aiding the king in the general administration of government.

**WITENS.** The chiefs of the Saxon lords or thanes, their nobles, and wise men.

**WITH ALL FAULTS.** This phrase, used in a contract of sale, implies that the purchaser assumes the risk of all defects and imperfections, provided they do not destroy the identity of the thing sold.

**WITH STRONG HAND.** In pleading. A technical phrase indispensable in describing a forcible entry in an indictment. No other word or circumlocution will answer the same purpose. Rex v. Wilson, 8 Term R. 357.

**WITHOUT DAY.** A term used to signify that an adjournment or continuance is indefinite or final, or that no subsequent time is fixed for another meeting, or for further proceedings. See SINE DIE.

**WITHOUT IMPEACHMENT OF WASTE.** The effect of the insertion of this clause in a lease for life is to give the tenant the right to cut timber on the estate, without making himself thereby liable to an action for waste.

**WITHOUT PREJUDICE.** Where an offer or admission is made "without prejudice," or a motion is denied or a bill in equity dismissed "without prejudice," it is meant as a declaration that no rights or privileges of the party concerned are to be considered as thereby waived or lost except in so far as may be expressly conceded or decided. See Genet v. Delaware & H. Canal Co., 170 N. Y. 278, 63 N. E. 350; O'Keeffe v. Irvington Real Estate Co., 87 Md. 196, 39 Atl. 423; Ray v. Adden, 50 N. H. 84, 9 Am. Rep. 175; Seamster v. Blackstock, 83 Va. 232, 2 S. W. 36, 5 Am. St. Rep. 262; Taylor v. Slater, 21 R. I. 194, 41 Atl. 1001; Kempton v. Burgess, 136 Mass. 192.

**WITHOUT RECOERGE.** This phrase, used in making a qualified indorsement of a
negotiable instrument, signifies that the indorser means to save himself from liability to subsequent holders, and is a notification that, if payment is refused by the parties primarily liable, recovery cannot be had to him. See Thompson v. First State Bank, 102 Ga. 696, 29 S. E. 610; Epler v. Funk, 8 Pa. 468; Youngberg v. Nelson, 51 Minn. 172, 53 N. W. 629, 38 Am. St. Rep. 497; Bankhead v. Owen, 60 Ala. 461.

WITHOUT RESERVE. A term applied to a sale by auction, indicating that no price is reserved.

WITHOUT STINT. Without limit; without any specified number.

WITHOUT THIS, THAT. In pleading. Formal words used in pleadings by way of traverse, particularly by way of special traverse, (q. v.) Importing an express denial of some matter of fact alleged in a previous pleading. Step. Pl. 168, 169, 179, 180.

WITNESS, v. To subscribe one’s name to a deed, will, or other document, for the purpose of attesting its authenticity, and proving its execution, if required, by bearing witness thereto.

WITNESS, n. In the primary sense of the word, a witness is a person who has knowledge of an event. As the most direct mode of acquiring knowledge of an event is by seeing it, “witness” has acquired the sense of a person who is present at and observes a transaction. Sweet. See State v. Desforges, 47 La. Ann. 1167, 17 South. 811; In re Lossie’s Will, 13 Misc. Rep. 298, 34 N. Y. Supp. 47 La. Ann. 1167, 17 South. 811; Bliss v. Shuman, 47 Me. 248.

A witness is a person whose declaration under oath (or affirmation) is received as evidence for any purpose, whether such declaration be made on oral examination or by deposition or affidavit. Code Civ. Proc. Cal. § 478; Gen. St. Minn. 1878, c. 73, § 6.

One who is called upon to be present at a transaction, as a wedding, or the making of a deed, will, or other document, for the purpose of attesting its authenticity, and proving its execution, if required, by bearing witness thereto.

In conveyancing. One who sees the execution of an instrument, and subscribes it, for the purpose of confirming its authenticity by his testimony.

—Adverse witness. A witness whose mind discloses a bias hostile to the party examining him; not a witness whose evidence, being honestly given, is adverse to the case of the examined. Brown; Greenough v. Eccles, 5 O. B. (N. S.) 831.—Attesting witness. See Attestation.—Competent witness. See Competent.—Credible witness. See Credible.—Prosecuting witness. See that title.—Subscribing witness. See that title.—Swift witness. See that title.

WITNESSING PART. In a deed or other formal instrument, is that part which comes after the recitals, or, where there are no recitals, after the parties. It usually commences with a reference to the agreement or intention to be effectuated, then states or refers to the consideration, and concludes with the operative words and parcels, if any. Where a deed effectuates two distinct objects, there are two witnessing parts. 1 Dav. Prec. Conv. 63, et seq.; Sweet.

WITTINGLY means with knowledge and by design, excluding only cases which are the result of accident or forgetfulness, and including cases where one does an unlawful act through an erroneous belief of his right. Osborne v. Warren, 44 Conn. 357.

WOOD. Sax. In England. A down or champaign ground, hilly and void of wood. Cowell; Blount.

WOOD’S HEAD. In old English law. This term was used as descriptive of the condition of an outlaw. Such persons were said to carry a wolf’s head, (caput lupinum;) for if caught alive they were to be brought to the king, and if they defended themselves they might be slain and their heads carried to the king, for they were no more to be accounted of than wolves. Terms de la Ley, “Woolferthfod.”

WOMEN. All the females of the human species. All such females who have arrived at the age of puberty. Dig. 50, 16, 13.

WOOD-CORN. In old records. A field. Spelman; Cowell.

WOOD-CORN. In old records. A certain quantity of oats or other grain, paid by customary tenants to the lord, for liberty to pick up dead or broken wood. Cowell.


WOOD LEAVE. A license or right to cut down, remove, and use standing timber on a given estate or tract of land. Osborne v. O’Reilly, 42 N. J. Eq. 467, 9 Atl. 209.

WOOD-MOTE. In forest law. The old name of the court of attachments; otherwise called the “Forty-Days Court.” Cowell; 3 Bl. Comm. 71.

WOOD PLEA COURT. A court held twice in the year in the forest of Clun, in Shropshire, for determining all matters of wood and agistments. Cowell.

WOOD STREET COMPUTER. The name of an old prison in London.

WOODS. A forest; land covered with a large and thick collection of natural forest
trees. The old books say that a grant of "all his woods" (omnes boscos suos) will pass the land, as well as the trees growing upon it. See Co. Litt. 40. See Averitt v. Murrell, 49 N. C. 323; Hall v. Cranford, 50 N. C. 3; Achenbach v. Johnston, 84 N. C. 264.

WOODWARDS. Officers of the forest, whose duty consists in looking after the wood and vert and venison, and preventing offenses relating to the same. Manw. 159.

WOOL-SACK. The seat of the lord chancellor of England in the house of lords, being a large square bag of wool, without back or arms, covered with red cloth. Webster; Brande.

WOOL SORTERS' DISEASE. In medical jurisprudence. A popular name for malignant anthrax, a disease characterized by malignant pustules or carbuncles, caused by infection by putrid animal matter containing the bacillus anthracis, and chiefly prevalent among persons whose business is to handle wool and hides, such as tanners, butchers, and herdsman. See Bacon v. United States Mut. Ass'n, 123 N. Y. 304, 25 N. E. 399, 9 L. R. A. 617, 20 Am. St. Rep. 748.

WORDS. As used in law, this word generally signifies the technical terms and phrases appropriate to particular instruments, or aptly fitted to the expression of a particular intention in legal instruments. See the subtitles following.

---Words of art. The vocabulary or terminology of a particular art or science, and especially those expressions which are idiomatic or peculiar to it. See Cargill v. Thompson, 57 Minn. 534, 59 N. W. 638.—Words of limitation. See LIMITATION.—Words of procreation. To create an estate tail by deed, it is necessary that words of procreation should be used in order to confine the estate to the descendants of the first grantee, as in the usual form of limitation, —"to A. and the heirs of his body." Sweet.—Words of purchase. See PURCHASE.

WORK AND LABOR. The name of one of the common counts in actions of assumpsit, being for work and labor done and materials furnished by the plaintiff for the defendant.

WORK-BEAST, or WORK-HORSE. These terms mean an animal of the horse kind, which can be rendered fit for service, as well as one of maturer age and in actual use. Winfrey v. Zimmerman, 8 Bush (Ky.) 537.

WORK-HOUSE. A place where convicts (or paupers) are confined and kept at labor.

WORKING DAYS. In settling lay-days, or days of demurrage, sometimes the contract specifies "working days;" in the computation, Sundays and custom-house holidays are excluded. 1 Bell, Comm. 577.

WORKMAN. One who labors; one who is employed to do business for another.

WORKS. This term means sometimes a mill, factory, or other establishment for performing industrial labor of any sort, (South St. Joseph Land Co. v. Pitt, 114 Mo. 125, 32 S. W. 449) and sometimes a building, structure, or erection of any kind upon land, as in the civil-law phrase "new works."

---New works. A term of the civil law comprehending every sort of edifice or other structure which is newly commenced on a given estate or lot. Its importance lies chiefly in the fact that a remedy is given ("denunciation of new works") to an adjacent, proprietor whose property would be injured or subjected to a new use if such a work were allowed to proceed to completion.—Public works. Works, whether of construction or adaptation, undertaken and carried out by the national, state, or municipal authority or desig...es or public landings, is certainly a very rare institution. Attorney General v. Merimack Mfg. Co., 14 Gray (Mass.) 587.

WORLD. This term sometimes denotes all persons whatsoever who may have, claim, or acquire an interest in the subject-matter; as in saying that a judgment in rem binds "all the world."

WORSHIP. The act of offering honor and adoration to the Divine Being. Religious exercises participated in by a number of persons assembled for that purpose, the disturbance of which is a statutory offense in many states; see Hamsher v. Hamsher, 132 Ill. 273, 22 N. E. 1123, 8 L. R. A. 556; State v. District Board, 76 Wis. 177, 44 N. W. 967, 7 L. R. A. 330, 20 Am. St. Rep. 41; State v. Buswell, 40 Neb. 158, 58 N. W. 728, 24 L. R. A. 68.

In English law. A title of honor or dignity used in addresses to certain magistrates and other persons of rank or office.

---Public worship. This term may mean the worship of God, conducted and observed under public authority; or it may mean worship in an open or public place, without privacy or concealment; or it may mean the performance of religious exercises, under a provision for an equal right in the whole public to participate in its benefits; or it may be used in contradistinction to worship in the family or the closet. In this country, what is called "public worship" is commonly conducted by voluntary societies, constructed according to certain notions of ecclesiastical authority and ritual propriety, opening their places of worship, and admitting to their religious services such persons, and upon such terms and subject to such regulations, as they may choose to designate and establish. A church absolutely belonging to the public, and in which all persons without restriction have equal rights, such as the church in highways or public landings, is certainly a very rare institution. Attorney General v. Merimack Mfg. Co., 14 Gray (Mass.) 587.

WORT, or WORTH. A curtilage or country farm.
WORTHIEST OF BLOOD. In the English law of descent. A term applied to males, expressive of the preference given to them over females. See 2 Bl. Comm. 234-240.

WORTHING OF LAND. A certain quantity of land so called in the manor of Kingsland, in Hereford. The tenants are called "worthies." Wharton.

WOUND. In criminal cases, the definition of a "wound" is an injury to the person by which the skin is broken. State v. Leonard, 22 Mo. 451; Moriarty v. Brooks, 6 Car. & P. 684.

"In legal medicine, the term 'wound' is used in a much more comprehensive sense than in surgery. In the latter, it means strictly a solution of continuity; in the former, injuries of every description that affect either the hard or the soft parts; and accordingly under it are comprehended bruises, contusions, fractures, luxations," etc. 2 Beck, Med. Jur. 106.

WOUNDING. An aggravated species of assault and battery, consisting in one person giving another some dangerous hurt. 3 Bl. Comm. 121.

Wreckum maris significat illa bona que naufragio ad terram pelluntur. A wreck of the sea signifies those goods which are driven to shore from a shipwreck.

WRECK. At common law. Such goods as after a shipwreck are cast upon the land by the sea, and, as lying within the territory of some county, do not belong to the jurisdiction of the admiralty, but to the common law. 2 Inst. 167; 1 Bl. Comm. 290.

Goods cast ashore from a wrecked vessel, where no living creature has escaped from the wreck alive; and which are forfeited to the crown, or to persons having the franchise of wreck. Cowell.

In American law. Goods cast ashore by the sea, and not claimed by the owner within a year, or other specified period; and which, in such case, become the property of the state. 2 Kent, Comm. 322.


Wreck commissioners are persons appointed by the English lord chancellor under the merchant shipping act, 1870, (section 29,) to hold investigations at the request of the board of trade into losses, abandouments, damages, and casualties of or to ships on or near the coast of the United Kingdom, whereby loss of life is caused. Sweet.

WRECKFREE. Exempt from the forfeiture of shipwrecked goods and vessels to the king. Cowell.

WRIT. A precept in writing, couched in the form of a letter, running in the name of the king, president, or state, issuing from a court of justice, and sealed with its seal, addressed to a sheriff or other officer of the law, or directly to the person whose action the court desires to command, either as the commencement of a suit or other proceeding or as incidental to its progress, and requiring the performance of a specified act, or giving authority and commission to have it done.

For the names and description of various particular writs, see the following titles.

In old English law. An instrument in the form of a letter; a letter or letters of attorney. This is a very ancient sense of the word.

In the old books, "writ" is used as equivalent to "action," hence writs are sometimes divided into real, personal, and mixed.

In Scotch law. A writing; an instrument in writing, as a deed, bond, contract, etc. 2 Forb. Inst. pt. 2, pp. 175-179.

- Alias writ. A second writ issued in the same cause or in the name of another party or in the name of the same defendant, against the same defendant.—Close writ. In English law, a name given to certain letters of the sovereign, sealed with his great seal and directed to particular persons and for particular purposes, which, not being proper for public inspection, were closed up and sealed on the outside; also, a writ directed to the sheriff instead of to the lord. 2 Bl. Comm. 346, 3 Reeve, Eng. Law, 45.—Concurrent writs. Duplicate originals, or several writs running at the same time for the same purpose, for service on several persons, as when there are several defendants to an action. Mosley & Whitley.

—Judicial writs. In English practice. Such writs as issue under the private seal of the courts, and not under the great seal of England, and are tested or witnessed, not in the king's name, but in the name of the chief judge of the court out of which they issue. The word "judicial" is used in contradistinction to "original": original writs being such as issue out of chancery under the great seal, and are witnessed in the king's name. See 3 Bl. Comm. 252. Pulling v. Palace-Car Co. v. Washburn (C. C.) 66 Fed. 792.—Junior writ. One which is issued, or comes to the officer's hands, at a later time than a similar writ, at the suit of another party, or on a different claim, against the same defendant.—Original writ. In English practice. An original writ was the process formerly in use for the commencement of personal actions. It was a mandatory letter from the king, issuing out of chancery, sealed with the great seal, and directed to the sheriff of the county wherein the injury was done, or was supposed to have been committed, requiring him to command the wrong-doer or accused party either to do justice to the plaintiff or to come into court and answer the accusation against him. This writ is now disused, the writ of summons being the process prescribed by the uniformity of process act for commencing
personal actions; and under the judicature act, 1873, all suits, even in the court of chancery, are to be commenced by such writs of summons. Brown.—Patent writ. In old practice, an open writ; one not closed or sealed up.—Peremptory writ. An original writ, called from the words of the writ a "ei te vicini ac uxor," and which directed the sheriff to cause the defendant to appear in court without any option given him, provided the plaintiff gave the sheriff security effectually to prosecute his claim. The writ was very occasionally in use, and only where nothing was specifically demanded, but only a satisfaction in general; as in the case of writs of trespass on the case, wherein no debt or other specific thing was sued for, but only damages to be assessed by a jury. Brown.—Prerogative writs. Those issued by the exercise of the extraordinary power of the crown (the court, in modern practice) on proper cause shown; namely, the writs of procedendo, mandamus, prohibition, quo warranto, habeas corpus, and certiorari.

WRIT DE BONO ET MALO. See De Bono et Malo: Assize.

WRIT DE HÆRETICO COMBURENDÓ. In English law. The name of a writ formerly issued by the secular courts, for the execution, by burning, of a man who had been convicted in the ecclesiastical courts of heresy.

WRIT DE RATIONABÌLI PARTE BONORUM. A writ which lay for a widow, against the executor of her deceased husband, to compel the executor to set off to her a third part of the decedent's personality, after payment of his debts. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 122, 1.

WRIT OF ASSISTANCE. The name of a writ which issues from the court of chancery, in aid of the execution of a judgment at law, to put the complainant into possession of lands adjudged to him, when the sheriff cannot execute the judgment. See Emerick v. Miller (Ind. App) 62 N. E 285; Hagerman v. Heitzel, 21 Wash. 444, 58 Pac. 550; O'Connor v. Schaeffel (City Ct. N. Y.) 11 N. Y. Supp. 737; Knight v. Houghtaling, 94 N. C. 410.

WRIT OF ATTACHMENT. A writ employed to enforce obedience to an order or judgment of the court. It commands the sheriff to attach the disobedient party and to have him before the court to answer his contempt. Smith, Act 176.

WRIT OF DEBT. A writ which lies where the party claims the recovery of a debt; i.e., a liquidated or certain sum of money alleged to be due to him.

WRIT OF CONSPIRACY. A writ which lies where a party claims damages for breach of covenant; i.e., of a promise under seal.

WRIT OF COVENANT. A writ which lies where a party claims damages for breach of covenant; i.e., of a promise under seal.

WRIT OF DECEIT. The name of a writ which lies where one man has done anything in the name of another, by which the latter is damned and deceived. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 95, E.

WRIT OF DELIVERY. A writ of execution employed to enforce a judgment for the delivery of chattels. It commands the sheriff to cause the chattels mentioned in the writ to be returned to the person who has obtained the judgment; and, if the chattels cannot be found, to restrain the person against whom the judgment was given until he returns them. Smith, Act. 175; Sweet.

WRIT OF DETINUE. A writ which lies where a party claims the specific recovery of goods and chattels, or deeds and writings, detained from him. This is seldom used; trover is the more frequent remedy, in cases where it may be brought. Bouvier.

WRIT OF DOWER. This is either a writ of dower unde nihil habet, which lies for a widow, commanding the tenant to assign her dower, no part of which has yet been set off to her; or a writ of right of dower, whereby she seeks to recover the remainder of the dower to which she is entitled, part having been already received from the tenant.

WRIT OF EJECTMENT. The writ in an action of ejectment, for the recovery of lands. See Ejectment.

WRIT OF ENTRY. A real action to recover the possession of land where the tenant (or owner) has been dispossessed or otherwise wrongfully dispossessed. If the disseisor or owner has alienated the land, or if it has descended to his heir, the writ of entry is said to be in the per, because it alleges that the defendant (the second alienee) obtained possession through the original disseisor. If two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the per and cut, because it alleges that the defendant (the second alienee) obtained possession through the first alienee, to whom the original disseisor had alienated it. If more than two alienations (or descents) have taken place, the writ is in the post, because it simply alleges that the defendant acquired possession after the original disseisor.
Co. Litt. 238b; 3 Bl. Comm. 180. The writ of entry was abolished, with other real actions, in England, by St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 27, § 36, but is still in use in a few of the states of the Union. Sweet.

WRIT OF ERROR. A writ issued from a court of appellate jurisdiction, directed to the judge or judges of a court of record, requiring them to remit to the appellate court the record of an action before them, in which a final judgment has been entered, in order that examination may be made of certain errors alleged to have been committed, and that the judgment may be reversed, corrected, or affirmed, as the case may require.

A writ of error is defined to be a commission by which the judges of one court are authorized to examine a record upon which a judgment was given in another court, and, on such examination, to affirm or reverse the same, according to law. Archb. Pr. 1427.

WRIT OF EXECUTION. A writ to put in force the judgment or decree of a court.

WRIT OF FALSE JUDGMENT. A writ which appears to be still in use to bring appeals to the English high court from inferior courts not of record proceeding according to the course of the common law. Archb. Pr. 1427.

WRIT OF FORMEDON. A writ which lies for the recovery of an estate by a person claiming as issue in tail, or by the remainder-man or reversioner after the termination of the entail. See FORMEDON.

WRIT OF INQUIRY. In common-law practice. A writ which issues after the plaintiff in an action has obtained a judgment by default, on an unliquidated claim, directing the sheriff, with the aid of a jury, to inquire into the amount of the plaintiff's demand and assess his damages. Lennon v. Rawitzer, 57 Conn. 583, 19 Atl. 334; Havens v. Hartford & N. R. Co., 28 Conn. 70.

WRIT OF MAINPRIZE. In English law. A writ directed to the sheriff, (either generally, when any man is imprisoned for a bailable offense and bail has been refused, or specially, when the offense or cause of commitment is not properly bailable below,) commanding him to take sureties for the prisoner's appearance, commonly called "mainpernors," and to set him at large. 3 Bl. Comm. 128.

WRIT OF MESNE. In old English law. A writ which was so called by reason of the words used in the writ, namely, "Unde idem A. qui medius est inter C. et prefatum B.;" that is, A., who is mesne between C., the lord paramount, and B., the tenant paraill. Co. Litt. 100a.

WRIT OF PRECIPICE. This writ is also called a "writ of covenant," and is sued out by the party to whom lands are to be conveyed by fine, the foundation of which is a supposed agreement or covenant that the one shall convey the land to the other. 2 Bl. Comm. 349.

WRIT OF PREVENTION. This name is given to certain writs which may be issued in anticipation of suits which may arise. Co. Litt. 100.

WRIT OF PROCLAMATION. In English law. By the statute 31 Eliz. c. 3, when an exigent is sued out, a writ of proclamation shall issue at the same time, commanding the sheriff of the county where the defendant dwells to make three proclamations thereof, in places the most notorious, and most likely to come to his knowledge, a month before the outlawry shall take place. 3 Bl. Comm. 284.

WRIT OF PROTECTION. In England, the king may, by his writ of protection, privilege any person in his service from arrest in civil proceedings during a year and a day; but this prerogative is seldom, if ever, exercised. Archb. Pr. 687. See Co. Litt. 130a.

WRIT OF QUARE IMPEDIT. See QUAER IMPEDIT.

WRIT OF RECAPTION. If, pending an action of replevin for a distress, the defendant distrains again for the same rent or service, the owner of the goods is not driven to another action of replevin, but is allowed a writ of recaption, by which he recovers the goods and damages for the defendant's contempt of the process of the law in making a second distress while the matter is sub judice. Woodf. Landl. & Ten. 484.

WRIT OF RESTITUTION. A writ which is issued on the reversal of a judgment commanding the sheriff to restore to the defendant below the thing levied upon, if it has not been sold, and, if it has been sold, the proceeds. Bac. Abr. "Execution," Q.

WRIT OF REVIEW. (1) A general designation of any form of process issuing from an appellate court and intended to bring up for review the record or decision of the court below. Burrell v. Burrell, 10 Mass. 222; Hopkins v. Benson, 21 Me. 401; West v. De Moss, 50 La. Ann. 1349, 24 South. 323.
WRIT OF RIGHT

(2) In code practice, a substitute for, or equivalent of, the writ of certiorari. California & O. Land Co. v. Gowen (C. C.) 48 Fed. 775; Burnett v. Douglas County, 4 Or. 289; In re Winegard, 78 Hun, 68, 28 N. Y. Supp. 1039.

WRIT OF RIGHT. This was a writ which lay for one who had the right of property, against another who had the right of possession and the actual occupation. The writ properly lay only to recover corporeal hereditaments for an estate in fee-simple; but there were other writs, said to be "in the nature of a writ of right," available for the recovery of incorporeal hereditaments or of lands for a less estate than a fee-simple. Brown.

In another sense of the term, a "writ of right" is one which is grantable as a matter of right, as opposed to a "prerogative writ," which is issued only as a matter of grace or discretion.

WRIT OF SUMMONS. The writ by which, under the English judicature acts, all actions are commenced.

WRIT OF TOLT. In English law. The name of a writ to remove proceedings on a writ of right patent from the court-baron into the county court.

WRIT OF TRIAL. In English law. A writ directing an action brought in a superior court to be tried in an inferior court or before the under-sheriff, under St. 3 & 4 Wm. IV. c. 42. It is now superseded by the county courts act of 1867, c. 322. It is, however, used in cases of trespass to try title, and, under St. 6 & 7 Wm. IV. c. 112, is still a mode of proceeding in the Great Sessions and Courts of Admiralty.

WRIT OF WASTE. The name of a writ to be issued against a tenant who has committed waste of the premises. There are several forms of this writ. Fitzh. Nat. Brev. 125.

WRIT PRO RETORNO HABENDO. A writ commanding the return of the goods to the defendant, upon a judgment in his favor in replevin, upon the plaintiff's default.

WRITER OF THE TALLIES. In England. An officer of the exchequer whose duty it was to write upon the tallies the letters of tellers' bills.

WRITER TO THE SIGNET. In Scotch law. An officer nearly corresponding to an attorney at law, in English and American practice. "Writers to the signet," called also "clerks to the signet," derive their name from the circumstance that they were annually clerks in the office of the secretary of state, by whom writs were prepared and issued under the royal signet or seal; and, when the signet became employed in judicial proceedings, they obtained a monopoly of the privileges of acting as agents or attorneys before the court of session. Brande, voc. "Signet."

WRITING. The expression of ideas by letters visible to the eye. Clason v. Bailey, 14 Johns. (N. Y.) 491. The giving an outward and objective form to a contract, will, etc., by means of letters or marks placed upon paper, parchment, or other material substance.

In the most general sense of the word, "writing" denotes a document, whether manuscript or printed, as opposed to mere spoken words. Writing is essential to the validity of certain contracts and other transactions. Sweet.

WRITING OBLIGATORY. The technical name by which a bond is described in pleading. Denton v. Adams, 6 Vt 40.

WRITTEN LAW. One of the two leading divisions of the Roman law, comprising the legeis, plebiscita, senatus-consulta, pricipum placita, magistratuum edicta, and responsa prudentum. Inst. 1, 2, 3.

Statute law; law deriving its force from express legislative enactment. 1 Bl. Comm. 62, 85.

WRONG. An injury; a tort; a violation of right or of law.

The idea of rights naturally suggests the correlative one of wrongs; for every right is capable of being violated. A right to receive payment for goods sold (for example) implies a wrong on the part of him who owes, but who withholds the price; a right to live in personal security, a wrong on the part of him who commits personal violence. And therefore, while, in a general point of view, the law is intended for the establishment and maintenance of rights, we find it, on closer examination, to be dealing both with rights and wrongs. It first fixes the character and definition of rights, and then, with a view to their effectual security, proceeds to define wrongs, and to devise the means by which the latter shall be prevented or redressed. 1 Steph. Comm. 126.

—Private wrongs. The violation of public or private rights, when considered in reference to the injury sustained by the individual, and consequently as subjects for civil redress or compensation. 3 Steph. Comm. 356; Huntington v. Attrill, 146 U. S. 637, 13 Sup. Ct. 224, 36 L. Ed. 1123; Tomlin v. Hildreth, 65 N. J. Law, 438, 47 Atl. 649.—Public wrongs. Violations of public rights and duties which affect the whole community, considered as a community; crimes and misdemeanors. 3 Bl. Comm. 2; 4 Bl. Comm. 1.—Real wrong. In old English law. An injury to the freehold.

WRONG-DOER. One who commits an injury; a tort-feasor.

WRONGLY INTENDING. In the language of pleading, this phrase is appro-
private to be used in alleging the malicious motive of the defendant in committing the injury which forms the cause of action.

WRONGOUS. In Scotch law. Wrongful; unlawful; as wrongful imprisonment. Ersk. Prin. 4, 4, 25.

WRONGOUS. In Saxon law. Worthy; competent; capable. Athessourthe, worthy of oath; admissible or competent to be sworn. Spelman.

WYTE. In old English law. Acquittance or immunity from amercement.

Y. In the written terminology of various arts and trades, where two or more dimensions of the same piece or article are to be stated, this letter is a well-known symbol equivalent to the word "by." Thus, the formula "3 x 5 in." will be understood, or may be explained by parol evidence, to mean "three by five inches," that is, measuring three inches in one direction and five in another. See Jaqua v. Witham & A. Co., 106 Ind. 547, 7 N. E. 314.

Y A E T NAY. In old records. Mere assertion and denial, without oath.

YACHT. A light sea-going vessel, used only for pleasure-trips, racing, etc. Webster. See 22 St. at Large, 566 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2845); Rev. St. U. S. §§ 4215-4218 (U. S. Comp. St. 1901, p. 2847).

YARD. A measure of length, containing three feet, or thirty-six inches.

A piece of land inclosed for the use and accommodation of the inhabitants of a house.

YARDLAND, or virgata terra, is a quantity of land, said by some to be twenty acres, but by Coke to be of uncertain extent.

YE OMAN. In English law. A commoner; a freeholder under the rank of gentle-

lord. So the owners of wreck must claim it within a year and a day. Death must follow upon wounding within a year and a day if the wounding is to be indicted as murder. Also, a year and a day were given for prosecuting or avoiding certain legal acts; e. g., for bringing actions after entry, for making claim for avoiding a fine, etc. Brown.—Year books. Books of reports of cases in a regular series from the reign of the English King Edward I., inclusive, to the time of Henry VIII., which were taken by the prothonotaries or chief scribes of the courts, at the expense of the crown, and published annually; whence their name, "Year Books." Brown.—Year, day, and waste. In English law. An ancient prerogative of the king, whereby he was entitled to the profits, for a year and a day, of the lands of persons attainted of petty treason or felony, together with the right of wasting the tenements, afterwards restoring the property to the lord of the fee. Abrogated by St. 54 Geo. III. c. 145. Wharton.—Years, estate for. See ESTATE FOR YEARS.

YEAS AND NAYS. The affirmative and negative votes on a bill or measure before a legislative assembly. "Calling the yeas and nays" is calling for the individual and oral vote of each member, usually upon a call of the roll.

YEME. In old records. Winter; a corruption of the Latin "hiema.

YEOMAN. In English law. A commoner; a freeholder under the rank of gentle-
man. Cowell. A man who has free land of forty shillings by the year; who was anciently thereby qualified to serve on juries, vote for knights of the shire, and do any other act, where the law requires one that is probus et legalis homo. 1 Bl. Comm. 406, 407.

This term is occasionally used in American law, but without any definite meaning, except in the United States navy, where it designates an appointive petty officer, who has charge of the stores and supplies in his department of the ship's economy.

—Yeomanry. The collected body of yeomen.—Yeomen of the guard. Properly called "yeomen of the guard of the royal household;" a body of men of the best rank under the gentry, and of a larger statute than ordinary, every one being required to be six feet high. Enc. Lond.

YEVEN, or YEOVEN. Given; dated. Cowell.

YIELD, in the law of real property, is to perform a service due by a tenant to his lord. Hence the usual form of reservation of a rent in a lease begins with the words "yielding and paying." Sweet.

YIELDING AND PAYING. In conveyancing. The initial words of that clause in leases in which the rent to be paid by the lessee is mentioned and reserved.

Yokelet. A little farm, requiring but a yoke of oxen to till it.

York, Custom of. A custom of the province of York in England, by which the effects of an intestate, after payment of his debts, are in general divided according to the ancient universal doctrine of the pars rationabilis; that is, one-third each to the widow, children, and administrator. 2 Bl. Comm. 518.

York, Statute of. An important English statute passed at the city of York, in the twelfth year of Edward II., containing provisions on the subject of attorneys, witnesses, the taking of inquests by nisi prius, etc. 2 Reeve, Eng. Law, 299-302.

Yorkshire Registries. The registries of titles to land provided by acts of parliament for the ridings of the county of York in England. These resemble the offices for the registration or recording of deeds commonly established in the several counties of the states.

Younger Children. This phrase, when used in English conveyancing with reference to settlements of land, signifies all such children as are not entitled to the rights of an eldest son. It therefore includes daughters, even those who are older than the eldest son. Mozley & Whitley.

Youth. This word may include children and youth of both sexes. Nelson v. Cushing, 2 Cush. (Mass.) 519, 528.

Yule. The times of Christmas and Lammas.

Yvernail Ble. L. Fr. Winter grain. Kelham.
ZANJA. Span. A water ditch or artificial canal, and particularly one used for purposes of irrigation. See Pico v. Colimas, 32 Cal. 578.

ZANJERO. Span. A water commissioner or superintendent, or supervisor of an irrigation system. See Pico v. Colimas, 32 Cal. 578.

ZEALOT. This word is commonly taken in a bad sense, as denoting a separatist from the Church of England, or a fanatic. Brown.

ZEALOUS WITNESS. An untechnical term denoting a witness, on the trial of a cause, who manifests a partiality for the side calling him, and an eager readiness to tell anything which he thinks may be of advantage to that side.

ZEIR. O. Sc. Year. "Zeir and day." Bell.

ZEMINDAR. In Hindu law. Landkeeper. An officer who under the Mohammedan government was charged with the financial superintendence of the lands of a district, the protection of the cultivators, and the realization of the government's share of its produce, either in money or kind. Wharton.


ZIGARI, or ZINGARL. Rogues and vagabonds in the middle ages; from Zigi, now Circassia.

ZOLL-VEREIN. A union of German states for uniformity of customs, established in 1819. It continued until the unification of the German empire, including Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria, Wurtemberg, Baden, Hesse-Cassel, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg-Strelitz, and all intermediate principalities. It has now been superseded by the German empire; and the federal council of the empire has taken the place of that of the Zoll-Verein. Wharton.

ZYGOCEPHALUM. In the civil law. A measure or quantity of land. Nov. 17, c. 8. As much land as a yoke of oxen could plow in a day. Calvin.

ZYGOSTATES. In the civil law. A weigher; an officer who held or looked to the balance in weighing money between buyer and seller; an officer appointed to determine controversies about the weight of money. Spelman.

ZYTHUM. Lat. A liquor or beverage made of wheat or barley. Dig. 33, 6, 9, pr.
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Bail. Dig. Bailey's North Carolina Digest.

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**Bennett.** Bennett's Reports, vol. 1 California;—Bennett's Reports, vol. 1 Dakota;—Bennett's Reports, vols. 16–21 Missouri.

**Bent.** Bentley's Reports, Irish Chancery.


**Beor.** Queensland Law Reports.

**Ber.** Berton's New Brunswick Reports.

**Bern.** Bernard's Church Cases, Ireland.

**Berry.** Berry's Reports, vols. 1–28 Missouri Court of Appeals.

**Berson.** Blyth's United States First Circuit Court Reports;—Olcott's United States District Court Reports;—Blake & Hedges' Reports, vols. 2–3 Montana.

**Bisk.** Bissell's United States Circuit Court Reports;—Black's United States Supreme Court Reports;—Blackford's Indiana Reports;—Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports;—W. Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports;—Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports.

**Bl.** Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports.

**Black.** Black's United States Supreme Court Reports;—Black's Reports, vols. 30–53 Indiana;—Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports;—W. Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports;—Blackford's Indiana Reports.

**Bl. Cond. Rep.** Blackwell's Condensed Illinois Reports.

**Black, Const. Law.** Black on Constitutional Law.

**Bla. Ch.** Bland's Maryland Chancery Reports.

**Bla. Com.** Blackstone's Commentaries.

**Bla. H.** Henry Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports.

**Bla. W.** Sir William Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports.

**Black.** Blyth's United States First Circuit Court Reports;—Black's United States Supreme Court Reports;—Blackford's Indiana Reports;—Blackstone's English Common Pleas Reports;—W. Blackstone's English King's Bench Reports;—Blackford's Indiana Reports.

**Black, Const. Prohib.** Black's Constitutional Prohibitions.

**Black, D. & O.** Blackham, Dundas & Osborne's Irish Nisi Prius Reports.

**B. & H.** Blake & Hedges' Reports, vols. 2–3 Montana.

**B. J.** Bissell & Howland's United States District Court Reports;—Blake & Hedges' Reports, vols. 2–3 Montana.

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Boulins. Boulins' Reports, Bengal. 
Bourke. Bourke's Reports, Calcutta High Court. 
Bowen, Pol. Econ. Bowen's Political Economy. 
Bowyer, Mod. Civil Law. Bowyer's Modern Civil Law. 
Br. N. C. Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench. 
Br. B. Broderip & Bingham, English Common Pleas. 
Br. & Fr. Broderick & Fremantle's Ecclesiastical Cases, English. 
Br. & Gold. Brownlow & Goldeshour's English Common Pleas Reports. 
Br. & L. (or Br. & Lush.). Brownlow & Lushington's English Admiralty Reports. 
Br. & R. Brown & Rader's Missouri Reports. 
Brac. (or Bract.) Brac. Bracton de Legibus et Consuetudinibus Angliae. 
Brady Ind. Brady's Index, Arkansas Reports. 
Branch, Max. Branch's Maxims. 
Branch, Princ. Branch's Principles of Legislation and Equitativa.
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Brand. F. Attachm. (or Brand. For Attachm.) Brandon on Foreign Attachment.


Brans. Dig. Branson's Digest, Bombay.

Brant. Brantly's Reports, vols. 80-90 Maryland.

Brayt. Brayton's Vermont Reports.


Brett Ca. Eq. Brett's Cases in Modern Equity.

Brev. Brevard's South Carolina Reports.

Brev. Dig. Brevard's Digest.


Brewst. Brewster's Pennsylvania Reports.

Brick. Dig. Brickell's Digest, Alabama.

Bridg. Bridgeman's Digested Index.

Bridg. J. Sir J. Bridgman's English Common Pleas Reports.


Bright. (Pa.). Brightly's Nisi Prius Reports, Pennsylvania.

Bright. Dig. Brightly's Digest, New York;—Brightly's Digest, Pennsylvania;—Brightly's Digest, United States.


Bright. N. P. Brightly's Nisi Prius Reports, Pennsylvania.


Bristonius. De verborum quae ad jus civile pertinent significatione.


Brit. Cr. Cas. British (or English) Crown Cases.


Britt. Britton on Ancient Pleading.

Bro. See, also, Brown and Browne.


Bro. (Pa.). Brown's Pennsylvania Reports.

Bro. Abr. in Eq. Browne's New Abridgment of Cases in Equity.


Bro. A. & R. Brown's United States District Court Reports (Admiralty and Revenue Cases).

Bro. C. C. Brown's English Chancery Cases, or Reports.

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Brook. Cas. Brockenbrough's Virginia Cases.

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Bro. Stair. Brodie's Notes to Stair's Institutes, Scotch.

Bro. & B. (or Brod. & Bing.). Broderick & Bingham's English Common Pleas Reports.

Bro. & Fr. Broderick & Fremantle's Ecclesiastical Cases.

Brooke (or Brooke [Petit]). Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench.

Brooke, Abr. Brooke's Abridgment.


Brooke N. C. Brooke's New Cases, English King's Bench Reports. (Bellewe's Cases tempore Henry VIII.)

Brooke Six Judg. Brooke's Six Ecclesiastical Judgments (or Reports).


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Inst. Epip. | Epilogue to [a designated part or volume of] Coke's Institutes. |
<p>| Inst. Froom. | Proeme [Introduction to] [a designated part or volume of] Coke's Institutes. |
| Instr. Cler. | Instructor Clericales. |
| Int. Case. | Rowe's Interesting Cases, English and Irish. |
| Int. Private Law | Westlake's Private International Law. |
| Iowa. | Iowa Reports. |
| Ir. | Irish;— Ireland;— Iredell's North Carolina Law or Equity Reports. |
| Ir. C. L. | Irish Common Law Reports. |
| Ir. Ch. | Irish Chancery Reports. |
| Ir. Cir. (or Ir. Cir. Rep.) | Irish Circuit Reports. |
| Ir. Ecel. | Irish Ecclesiastical Reports, by Milward. |
| Ir. Eq. | Irish Equity Reports. |
| Ir. L. | Irish Law Reports. |
| Ir. L. N. S. | Irish Common Law Reports. |
| Ir. L.R. | Irish Law Reports;— The Law Reports, Ireland, now cited by the year. |
| Ir. Law &amp; Ch. | Irish Common Law and Chancery Reports (New Series). |
| Ir. Law &amp; Eq. | Irish Law and Equity Reports (Old Series). |
| Ir. Reg. &amp; L. | Irish Reports, Registry and Land Cases. |
| Ir. St. Tr. | Irish State Trials (Ridgeway's). |
| Ir. T. R. (or Term Rep.) | Irish Term Reports (by Ridgeway, Lapp &amp; Schoales). |
| Ired. | Iredell's North Carolina Law Reports. |
| Ired. Eq. | Iredell's North Carolina Equity Reports. |
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| **Kel. 2.** | William Kelyng’s English Chancery Reports. |
| **Kel. Ga.** | Kelly’s Reports, vols. 1-3 Georgia. |
| **Kel. J.** | Sir John Kelyng’s English Crown Cases. |
| **Kel. W.** | Wm. Kelyng’s English Chancery Reports. |
| **Kelham.** | Kelham’s Norman French Law Dictionary. |
| **Kellen.** | Kellen’s Reports, vols. 146-155 Massachusetts. |
| **Kelly.** | Kelly’s Reports, vols. 1-3 Georgia. |
| **Kelly & Cobb.** | Kelly & Cobb’s Reports, vols. 4, 5 Georgia. |
| **Kelyng, J.** | Kelyng’s English Crown Cases. |
| **Kelynge, W.** | Kelyng’s English Chancery Reports. |
| **Kemble, Sax.** | Kemble, The Saxons in England. |
| **Ken.** | Kentucky (see Ky.);—Kenyon English King’s Bench Reports. |
| **Ken. Dec.** | Kentucky Decisions, by Sneed. |
| **Ken. L. Rep.** | Kentucky Law Reporter. |
| **Kenan.** | Kenan’s Reports, vols. 76-9 North Carolina. |
| **Kann. Par. Antiq.** | Kennett, Parochial Antiquities. |
| **Kenn.** | Kennett’s Glossary;—Kennett upon Improprations. |

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| Kolze. | Transvaal Reports by Kolze. |
| Kulp. | Kulp's Luzerne Legal Register Reports, Pennsylvania. |
| Ky. | Kentucky;—Kentucky Reports. |
| Ky. L. R. | Kentucky Law Reporter. |</p>
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| Moo. &amp; Rob. | Moody &amp; Robinson's English Nisi Prius Reports. |
| Moo. &amp; Sc. | Moore &amp; Scott's English Common Pleas Reports. |
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- **Parker, Cr. Cas. (N. Y.).** Parker's New York Criminal Reports.

- **Parker, Cr. R. (N. Y.).** Parker's New York Criminal Reports.

- **Parl. Cas.** Parliamentary Cases (House of Lords Reports).

- **Parl. Reg.** Parliamentary Register.

- **Paroch. Ant.** Kennett's Parochial Antiquities.

- **Pars.** Parsons (see Par.).

- **Pars. Ans.** Parsons' Answer to the Fifth Part of Coke's Reports.

- **Pars. Cont.** Parsons on Contracts.

- **Pars. Eq. Cas.** Parsons' Select Equity Cases, Pennsylvania.

- **Pars. Mar. Ins.** Parsons on Marine Insurance.

- **Pars. Mar. Law.** Parsons on Maritime Law.

- **Pas.** (Terminus Paschae) Easter Term.

- **Paschal.** Paschal's Reports, vols. 28-31 Texas and Supplement to vol. 25.

- **Pat.** Patent;—Patton's Scotch Appeal Cases;—Paterson's Scotch Appeal Cases;—Paterson's New South Wales Reports.

- **Pat. App. Cas.** Paton's Scotch Appeal Cases (Craigie, Stewart & Paton);—Paterson's Scotch Appeal Cases.

- **Pat. Comp.** Paterson's Compendium of English and Scotch Law.


- **Pat. & H.** Patton, Jr., & Heath's Virginia Reports.

- **Pat. & Mar.** Paterson & Murray's Reports, New South Wales.

- **Pater.** Paterson's Scotch Appeal Cases;—Paterson's New South Wales Reports.

- **Paters. Comp.** Paterson's Compendium of English and Scotch Law.


- **Paton.** Craige, Stewart, & Paton's Scotch Appeal Cases.

- **Patr. Elect. Cas.** Patrick's Election Cases, Upper Canada.

- **Patt. & H.** Patton, Jr., & Heath's Virginia Reports.

- **Paulus.** Julius Paulus, Sententiae Receptae.

- **Pea.** Peake's English Nisi Prius Reports.

- **Peake Add. Cas.** Peake's Additional Cases, vol. 2 of Peake.

- **Peake N. P.** Peake's English Nisi Prius Cases.


- **Pearson.** Pearson's Reports, Pennsylvania.


- **Peck (Tenn.).** Peck's Tennessee Reports.

- **Peckw.** Peckwell's English Election Cases.

- **Peck Tr.** Peck's Trial (Impeachment).

- **Peeples.** Peeples' Reports, vols. 77-97 Georgia.

- **Peeples & Stevens.** Peeples & Stevens Reports, vols. 80-97 Georgia.

- **Peere Wms.** Peere-Williams' Reports, English Chancery.


- **Pen. N. J.** Pennington's New Jersey Reports.

- **Penn. & W.** Penrose & Watts' Pennsylvania Reports.

- **Penn.** Pennsylvania;—Pennsylvania State Reports;—Pennypacker's Unreported Pennsylvania Cases;—Pennington's New Jersey Reports;—Pennewill's Delaware Reports.

- **Penn. Co. Ct. Rep.** Pennsylvania County Court Reports.

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- **Penny.** Pennypacker's Unreported Pennsylvania Cases;—Pennypacker's Pennsylvania Colonial Cases.

- **Penr. & W.** Penrose & Watts' Pennsylvania Reports.

- **Peo. L. Adv.** People's Legal Adviser, Utica, New York.

- **Per. Or. Cas.** Perry's Oriental Cases, Bombay.

- **Per. & Dav.** Perry & Davison's English King's Bench Reports.

- **Per. & Kn.** Perry & Knapp's English Election Reports.

- **Perk.** Perkins on Conveyancing;—Perkins on Pleading;—Perkins' Profitable Book (Conveyancing).

- **Perry.** Sir Erskine Perry's Reports, in Morley's (East) Indian Digest;—Perry's Oriental Cases, Bombay.

- **Perry & D.** Perry & Davison's English King's Bench Reports.

- **Perry & Kn.** Perry & Knapp's English Election Reports.

- **Pet.** Peters' United States Supreme Court Reports;—Peters' United States Circuit Court Reports;—Peters' United States District Court Reports (Admiralty Decisions);—Peters' Prince Edward Island Reports.

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Q. B. Div. (or Q. B. D.). Queen's Bench Division, English Law Reports (1876-1890).

Q. B. R. Queen's Bench Reports, by Adolphus & Ellis (New Series).

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- *Ridg.* Ridgeway's Reports tempore Hardwicke, Chancery and King's Bench.
- *Ridgew.* Ridgeway (see Ridg.).
- *Ridley, Civil & Ecc. Law.* Ridley's Civil and Ecclesiastical Law.
- *Ril. (or Riley)* Riley's South Carolina Law Reports;—Riley's Reports, vols. 37-42 West Virginia.
- *Ril. (or Riley) Ch. (or Eq.)* Riley’s South Carolina Chancery Reports.
- *Riley.* Riley’s South Carolina Chancery Reports;—Riley's South Carolina Law Reports;—Riley’s Reports, vols. 37-42 West Virginia.
- *Rob. Adm.* Chr. Robinson’s English Admiralty Reports.
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- *Rob. Cas.* Robertson's Scotch Appeal Cases.
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- *Rob. Eec.* Robertson’s English Ecclesiastical Reports.
- *Rob. L. & W.* Roberts, Leaming & Wallis’ County Court Reports.
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- *Robards.* Robards’ Reports, vols. 12, 13 Missouri;—Robards’ Texas Conscript Cases.
- *Robb (or Robb Pat. Cas.)* Robb’s United States Patent Cases.
- *Roberts.* Roberts’ Reports, vols. 29-31 Louisiana Annual.
- *Robertson.* Robertson’s Scotch Appeal Cases;—Robertson’s New York Superior Court Reports;—Robertson’s New York Marine Court Reports;—Robertson’s English Ecclesiastical Reports;—Robertson’s Hawaiian Reports. See, also, Rob.
- *Robb (or Robb Pat. Cas.)* Robb’s United States Patent Cases.
- *Roberts.* Roberts’ Reports, vols. 29-31 Louisiana Annual.
- *Robertson.* Robertson’s Scotch Appeal Cases;—Robertson’s New York Superior Court Reports;—Robertson’s New York Marine Court Reports;—Robertson’s English Ecclesiastical Reports;—Robertson’s Hawaiian Reports. See, also, Rob.
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S. A. L. R. South Australian Law Reports.

S. App. Shaw's Scotch House of Lords Appeal Cases.

S. Aust. L. R. South Australian Law Reports.

S. B. Upper Bench, or Supreme Bench.

S. C. South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Same Case;—Superior Court;—Supreme Court;—Sessions Cases;—Samuel Carter (see Orlando Bridgman).

S. C. A. Supreme and Exchequer Courts Act, Canada.


S. C. C. Select Chancery Cases (part 3 of Cases in Chancery);—Small Cause Court, India.

S. C. Dig. Cassell's Supreme Court Digest, Canada.

S. C. E. Select, Cases Relating to Evidence, Strange.

S. C. R. South Carolina Reports, New Series;—Harper's South. Carolina Reports;—Supreme Court Reports;—Superior Court Rules;—Supreme Court of Canada Reports.

S. C. A. South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports, New Series.

S. Ct. Supreme Court Reporter.

S. D. South Dakota;—South Dakota Reports.

S. D. A. Sudder Dewanny Adawlut Reports, India.

S. D. & B. Shaw, Dunlop & Bell's Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st Series).

S. D. & B. Sup. Shaw, Dunlop & Bell's Supplement, containing House of Lords Decisions.

S. E. Southeastern Reporter.

S. F.Used by the West Publishing Company to locate place where decision is from, as "S. F. 59," San Francisco Case No. 59 on Docket.

S. F. A. Sudder Foujdarree Adawlut Reports, India.

S. Just. Shaw's Justiciary Cases, Scotland.

S. L. C. Smith's Leading Cases.


S. R. State Reporter, New York.


S. S. C. Sandford's New York City Superior Court Reports.

S. T. (or St. Tr.). State Trials.

S. T. D. Synopsis Treasurer's Decisions.

S. Teinf. Shaw's Teinf Cases, Scotland.

S. V. A. R. Stuart's Vice-Admiralty Reports, Quebec.

S. W. Southwestern;—Southwestern Reporter.


S. & B. Smith & Batty's Irish King's Bench Reports.

S. & C. Saunders & Cole's English Ball Court Reports;—Swan & Critchfield, Revised Statutes, Ohio.

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S. & R. Sergeant & Rawle's Pennsylvania Reports.

S. & S. Sausse & Scully's Irish Rolls Court Reports;—Simons & Stuart, English Vice-Chancellors' Reports;—Swan & Sayler, Revised Statutes of Ohio.

S. & Sm. Searle & Smith's Probate and Divorce Reports.

S. & T. Swaby & Tristrum's English Probate and Divorce Reports.


Salk. Salkeld's English King's Bench Reports.

Salm. Abr. Salmon's Abridgment of State Trials.

Salm. St. R. Salmon's Edition of the State Trials.

Sand. Sandford's New York Superior Court Reports.

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Sand. I. Rep. Sandwich Island (Hawaiian) Reports.


Sandf. Sandford's New York Superior Court Reports.

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| Shaw Jus. | Shaw’s (John) Scotch Justiciary Cases |
| Shaw T. Cas. | Shaw’s Scotch Teind Court Reports |
| Shaw, W. & C. | Shaw, Wilson & Courtenay, Scotch (same as Wilson & Shaw) |
| Shaw & Macl. | Shaw & Maclean, Scotch |
| Shel. | Sheldon (see Sheld.) |
| Shel. Ca. | Shelly’s Case in vol. 1 Coke’s Reports |
| Sheld. (or Sheldon). | Sheldon’s Reports, Superior Court of Buffalo, New York |
| Sh. Crim. Cas. | Shaw’s Scotch Justiciary Cases; Shaw’s Scotch Teind Court Reports |
| Sh. App. | Shaw’s Scotch Appeal Cases |
| Sh. Dig. | Shaw’s Digest of Decisions, Scotland |
| Sh. Jus. | Shaw’s Justiciary Cases, Scotland |
| Sh. W. & C. | Shaw, Wilson & Courtenay’s Scotch Appeals Reports (Wilson & Shaw’s Reports) |
| Sh. & Dunl. | Shaw & Dunlop’s Scotch Court of Session Reports (1st Series) |
| Sh. & Macl. | Shaw & Maclean’s Scotch Appeal Cases |
| Shad. | Shadford’s Victoria Reports |
| Shan. | Shannon’s Tennessee Cases |
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| <strong>Smith Ind.</strong> Smith's Indiana Reports. |        |
| <strong>Smith J. P.</strong> J. P. Smith's English King's Bench Reports. |        |
| <strong>Smith L. C.</strong> Smith's Leading Cases. |        |
| <strong>Smith, Laws Pa.</strong> Smith's Laws of Pennsylvania. |        |
| <strong>Smith, Lead. Cas.</strong> Smith's Leading Cases. |        |
| <strong>Smith Mo.</strong> Smith's Reports, vols. 61-64 Maine. |        |
| <strong>Smith, Merc. Law.</strong> Smith on Mercantile Law. |        |
| <strong>Smith N. H.</strong> Smith's New Hampshire Reports. |        |
| <strong>Smith N. Y.</strong> Smith's Reports, vols. 15-27 and 147-162 New York Court of Appeals. |        |
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| <strong>Smith Wis.</strong> Smith's Reports, vols. 1-11 Wisconsin. |        |
| <strong>Smith &amp; B.</strong> Smith &amp; Batty's Irish King's Bench Reports;—Smith &amp; Bates' American Railway Cases. |        |
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| <strong>Smith &amp; G.</strong> Smith &amp; Guthrie's Missouri Appeals Reports. |        |
| <strong>Smoul.</strong> Notes of Cases in Smoul't's Collection of Orders, Calculuta. |        |
| <strong>Smy. (or Smythe).</strong> Smythe's Irish Common Pleas Reports. |        |
| <strong>Sneed.</strong> Sneed's Tennessee Reports;—Sneed's Kentucky Decisions. |        |
| <strong>Sneed Dec.</strong> Sneed's Kentucky Decisions. |        |
| <strong>Snell, Eq.</strong> Snell's Principles in Equity. |        |
| <strong>Snow.</strong> Snow's Reports, vol. 3 Utah. |        |
| <strong>So. Aus. L. R.</strong> South Australian Law Reports. |        |
| <strong>So. Car.</strong> South Carolina;—South Carolina Reports. |        |
| <strong>So. Car. Const.</strong> South Carolina Constitutional Reports (by Treadway, by Mill, or by Harper). |        |
| <strong>So. Car. L. J.</strong> South Carolina Law Journal, Columbia. |        |
| <strong>So. East. Rep.</strong> Southeastern Reporter. |        |
| <strong>So. Rep.</strong> Southern Reporter (commonly cited South. or So.). |        |
| <strong>So. West. Rep.</strong> Southwestern Reporter (commonly cited S. W.). |        |
| <strong>Soc. Econ.</strong> Social Economist. |        |</p>
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