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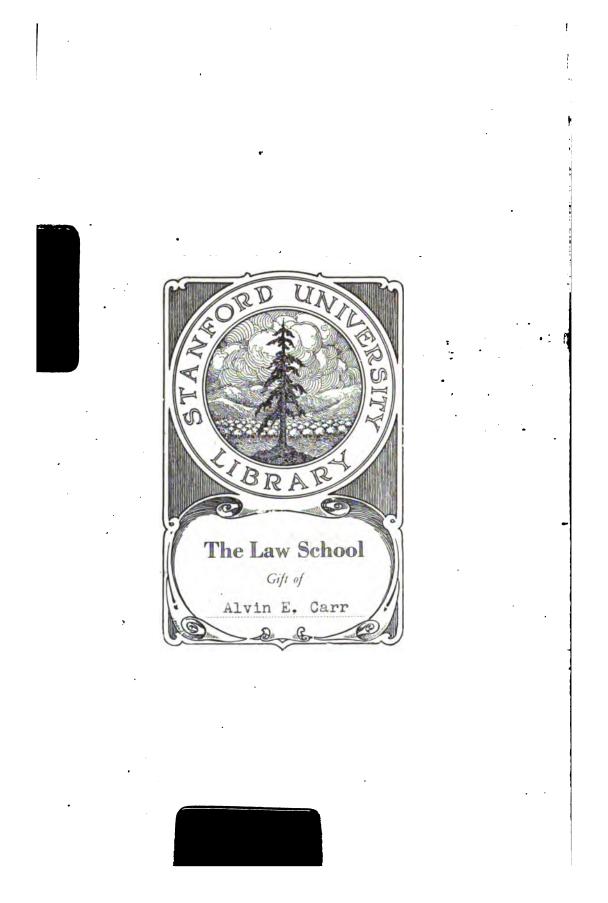
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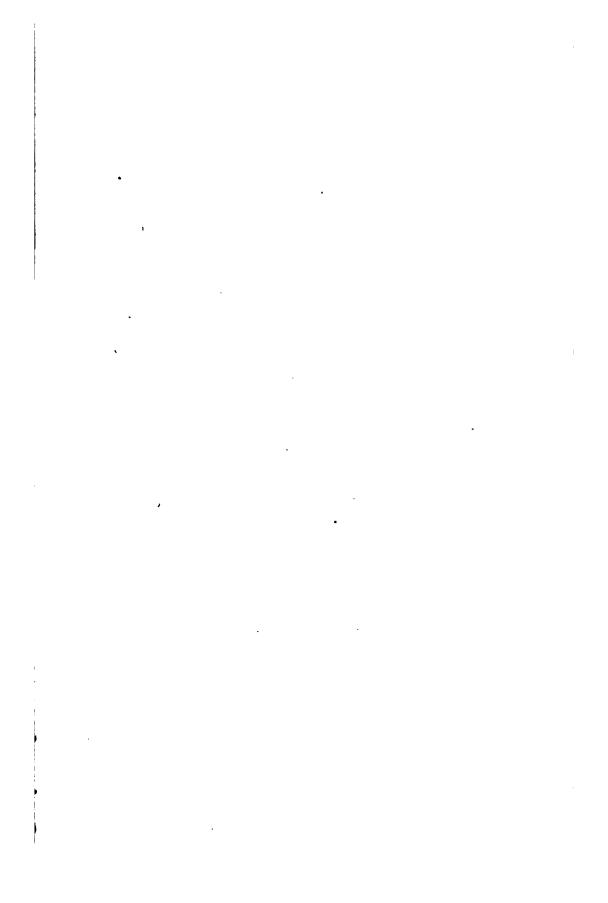
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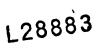
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PREFACE.

This Dictionary is aimed to present to the law student and the busy man, words, expressions and maxims of the law in as concise a form as possible, limiting them to such terms as have a special significance in legal science.

To be able to look up the law, immediately to find a law term, at once to locate the object of the information sought, is a difficult task, and yet what assistance it is to the student or attorney, and how satisfactory to the client when his advisor shows himself thoroughly acquainted with the law and can readily answer from the reports and treatises understandingly, the object of the inquiry, quoting directly from the authority at hand.

The student's greatest difficulty is where to find what he wants. The practitioner's early obstacle is where to locate what he knows is the law, and what to the older members of the profession seems ready knowledge.

Following out this idea of giving a key to the secret chambers of the law has helped the author in avoiding an encyclopedic dictionary, and thus is presented briefly the useful, separated from the non-useful, overcoming the difficulties encountered by the student and the inexperienced.

The author learned years ago the difficulties of the searcher after legal knowledge and in the twelve volumes of Chadman's Cyclopedia of Law, already compiled, sets out the many elements and principles of legal jurisprudence, thus enabling the student to secure a practical working knowledge of the law without necessitating the securing of many works on legal subjects.

The Dictionary is a companion volume to Chadman's Cyclopedia of Law, and concisely defines in ordinary language the legal words and phrases and abbreviations used in the volumes, limiting the definitions to such terms as are peculiarly adapted to the law.

An appendix is also added wherein has been reproduced for the benefit of the reader and student the translations of the great landmarks in the development of English and likewise American liberty-Magna Charta,

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Petition of Rights, Declaration of Rights, and the remarkable arraignment of the judges for over-stepping the known principles of the common law, found in the Mirrour of Justices, one of the earliest treatises on the English law. The appendix also contains the recent uniform legislation, or codification, of the Law of Sales and of Warehouse Receipts, being adopted by the several States.

In the spirit of self-education and home study this volume in its concise and simple form is submitted for the kindly consideration of the student and the profession.

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A CONCISE LEGAL DICTIONARY

Students and all persons English or American Law. mentals of

- alphabet, sometimes used to designate a subdivision of a legal treatise or digest, or page or paragraph of a book from the next succeeding one otherwise marked. In Roman law this letter on a juror's ballot meant absolvo; in elections, antiquo; in Law French, of, at, to, for, in, with, from; in Latin, from, by, at, on, if, of.
- A. An. In law the definite article a or an, is not absolutely limited to a single one, as the power to issue a note for a stated amount may authorize the issue of several equaling the amount named.
- A. 1. Of the highest quality; first class.
- A. D. Anno Domini; in the year of our Lord.
- A. G. Attorney General.
- A. J. or A. J. J. Associate or Assistant Judge or Justice, or A tort. Wrongfully; by wrong. Judges.
- A. R. Anno Regni; in the year of the reign.
- hold.
- A cancellis. A Chancellor.
- A consiliis. Counsellor, of counsel.
- A dato or A datu. From the date.

- A, or a, the first letter of the A forfait et sans garantie. French, equivalent to "without recourse."
 - A fortiori. From the stronger. In argument, from the stronger reasoning.
 - A mensa et thoro. From bed and board; a kind of divorce.
 - A posteriori. From the latter; a train of reasoning which proceeds from the effects backward to deduce the cause; the converse of a priori.
 - A priori. From the earlier. An argument, which assuming the cause, demonstrates the results which must flow from it. From the cause to the effect.
 - A quo; a qua. From which.
 - A rubro ad nigrum. From the red to the black. From the title, which was anciently in red, to the body of the statute, which was in black.

 - A verbis legis non est recedendum. From the words of the law there is no receding.
- A aver et tener. To have and to Ab assuetis non fit injuria. From matters of long standing no injury arises. An expression of the general principle that a person who neglects to insist upon his rights is deemed to have

waived or abandoned them by long acquiescence in the existing state of things.

Ab inconvenienti. From inconvenience or hardship. This phrase designates arguments which seek to refute a proposition by pointing out disastrous consequences or untenable positions to which it necessarily leads.

Ab initio. From the beginning.

- Ab vinculis matrimonii. From the bonds of matrimony; a kind of divorce.
- Ab intestato. From an intestate. Is generally used as the alternative or opposite of ex testamento.
- Abactor. One who steals cattle by herds or droves.
- Abandon. To forsake; abandon; disclaim; relinquish.
- Abatement. A making less, suspension, taking away, removal. Also special meanings in law: 1. As respects debts and legacies. Where the funds of a decedent's estate are insufficient to pay in full debts and legacies, and the legacies are reduced pro rata to make up the deficit, this is termed an abatement. 2. Abatement of a nuisance, is the removal or destruction of it. 3. In pleading, a matter of defense which only tends to delay or suspend the action and does not go to the merits, is termed a plea in abatement.
- Abbreviare. To abridge; to shorten.
- Abbreviation. A shortened expression or symbol or letter

standing for a name, phrase, date or the like.

See the list of abbreviations commonly used in law, as given in the Appendix to this volume.

- Abbroachment. Forestalling; i. e., buying up merchandise to resell at an advance; similar to the modern cornering the market.
- Abduction. The wrongful or violent carrying away of a human being.
- Abdication. The abandonment of power or office, as the surrender of a throne.
- Abeyance. Undetermined; in suspense. An estate is in abeyance when present in no man, but belonging to him who is next to enjoy it. Same as in nubibus, in the clouds, and in gremio legis, in the bosom of the law.
- Abet. To aid; assist; facilitate, as regards the commission of an act or crime.
- Abiding conviction. The settled conviction of guilt which may follow a thorough and complete examination of all the evidence in a case.
- Abjure; abjurare. To forswear; to renounce an oath.

Ab nepos. A great-great-grandson.

Abneptis. A great-great-granddaughter.

Abnormal. Departing from the ordinary and usual.

Abode. One's habitation, dwelling place.

pression or symbol or letter Abolition. Abrogating; annulling.

Abortion. 1. A miscarriage, or the premature expulsion of the foctus. 2. The foctus when brought forth before the term of gestation is completed.	destinely out of the jurisdiction of a court. Absconding debtor. One who goes
 About. 1. Around, close to, near, in the proximity of. 2. When employed to qualify the statement of the length of a line, in a deed, "about" shows that exact precision is not intended. Above, court. The appellate court 	beyond the jurisdiction or con- ceals himself from his creditors. Absence. Non-appearance. The condition of being away or re- moved. Absence beyond seas. Out of England; out of a state or the United States.
to which a cause is removed. Above, defendant. The defendant before an appellate court. Above mentioned. Quoted above.	Absence cum dolo et culpa. Ab- sence to avoid a writ, subpœna, citation, arrest, or to defeat creditors.
The expression arose from writ- ing or scrolls where everything written before was necessarily above.	Absence, necessary. Where a per- son is banished, transported, or confined in a penitentiary or
 Abrasio. Erasing in a writ. Abridge. To shorten, condense, diminish. To make a declaration or count shorter in substance. Abridgment. A compendium; epitome. A digest of the law. The reduction of a claim. The condensation of the work of an author. 	prison. Absentee. One who has departed from the State he lived in with- out leaving anyone to represent him. One who never had a fixed residence in the State and re- sides abroad. Emmerling v. Cucullu, 18 La. Ann. 695. Also, an owner of property who re- sides abroad. Absolute. Unconditional; complete
 Abrogate. To set aside or appeal. To annul. To abolish. Abrogation, express. Repeal by express words. 	in itself; not relative; perfect. Absolute estate. One subject to no condition.
Abrogation, implied. An abroga- tion implied by law from facts or in a statute or treaty from terms of a subsequent one.	 Absolve. To set free; to declare innocent; to deliver from excommunication. Absque. Without; occurs in phrases taken from the Latin;
Abs-cedo. To depart from some place; to withdraw an action. Abscond. To disappear; to hide one's self with intent to avoid	such as: Absque hoc. Without this. These are technical words of denial, used in pleading at common law

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writ to a coroner commanding him to deliver a writ to a sheriff directing the latter to make return on a writ which he had refused or neglected to return.

- Accept. 1. To acknowledge the sufficiency or validity of. 2. To agree to pay a bill of exchange when due. 3. To assent to the terms of; to receive with approval; to receive with intent to retain.
- Acceptance. The agreement to pay a bill of exchange made by the drawee by writing his name on its face when presented. Acknowledging the validity of an act done by another.

Acceptance, conditional. An agreement to pay a bill on the happening of some event.

- Acceptance supra protest, or for honor. The acceptance of a bill of exchange to save some one's credit, after the same has been protested and becoming liable for it if not paid at maturity.
- Access. Approach; or the opportunity of approaching. Usually employed, as a law term, with reference to sexual intercourse; sometimes as importing its occurrence; otherwise as importing opportunity of communication for that purpose, or such a residence of husband and wife with reference to each other that intercourse may be presumed.
- Accessary or Accessory. Accompanying. That which is connected as an incident, or subordinate, with some other thing, deemed its principal. The word

is used both as adjective and noun.

In crimes, one who, without being a direct actor in the perpetration of an offense, or present at its performance, is concerned in encouraging or promoting it, or in protecting the principal offender, is termed an accessory, or accessary.

- Accessary (or accessory) before the fact. One who aids or procures a crime to be done but is absent when it is committed.
- Accessary at the fact. Formerly an aider or abettor, but now called a principal in the first or second degree.
- Accessary after the fact. One who knowingly aids a criminal after he has committed a crime.
- Accessary to adultery. Procuring or bringing about adultery.
- Accession. The right to the produce and increase of property. The uniting of various materials in one product. An increase; an incident to another thing. The mode by which an increase is made. That which is joined to another thing. The acquisition of property of a concomitant nature, by virtue of the ownership of the principal to which it is accessory, or is attached as an incident.

Other uses of the words are that the commencement of a sovereign's reign is called his accession; and if a nation becomes party to a treaty or convention already in force between others, this is called its accession to the treaty.

- Accolade. The act of the king in Accessorium non ducit, sed sequitur, suum principale. The inciputting his hand about the knight's neck in knighthood. dent does not lead, but follows, its principal. Accommodation bill or note. A Accessorius sequitur naturam sui bill of exchange given as an acprincipalis. An accessory folcommodation, instead of money. lows the nature of his principal. A bill endorsed by one person One who is accessory to a for another without charge. crime cannot be guilty of a Such paper, regardless of the higher degree of crime than his want of consideration on the principal. part of the accommodation acceptor or maker, is enforced Accident. An event not the result against him, in favor of a purof negligence or misconduct; an chaser for value, and before unusual or unexpected event; maturity. that which happens without direct human agency. An equita-Accommodatum: commodatum. ble plea for relief, now admitted The lending of a thing, to be rein all the courts of justice. turned in kind. Accident, avoidable. One which Accomplice. Any person conmight, with reasonable care, cerned in a crime with another. have been avoided. Accord. To agree. A compact; Accident, inevitable. In maritime agreement; union. An agreelaw, an accident which could not ment by one injured to be satispossibly be prevented by the exfied with recompense. When the ercise of ordinary care and agreement has been executed. maritime skill. and the thing promised paid or To constitute an accident or performed, the agreement and casualty, or inevitable accident, its execution constitutes an the occurrence must be such as accord and satisfaction. the defendant could not have According to law. As the law avoided by the use of the kind would cause or compel a thing and degree of care necessary to to be done. In accordance with the exigency, and in the circumthe provisions of law. stances in which he was placed. Brown v. Kendall, 6 Cush. 292. Accouchement. The act of being delivered of a child. Accident, unavoidable. Those accidents which are effected or in-Accoucheur. A male assistant in fluenced by the uncontrollable childbirth. operations of nature. Accoucheuse. A midwife; a fe-Accola. One who comes from anmale assistant in childbirth. other country to till land. An agricultural tenant. A class of Account. A computation; a bill. Italian villains. In Civil law, Money had and received by deone who inhabits land near fendant for plaintiff's use. A some well known place. writ or action against a bailiff
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or receiver, to render account A business relation in which debts and credits are created. A detailed statement of debts and credits between parties. A rec- ord of receipts and expenditures. Account implies mutual deal- ings, and the existence of debt and credit. McWilliams v. Allan, 45 Mo. 573. It means a list or catalogue of items, whether of debts or cred- its. Renselear Glass Factory v. Reid, 5 Cow. 587. Account current. An open ac- count to which items are added at intervals; one open to further charges. Account, final. The completing account; one which makes fur- ther action unnecessary. Account, first. One made prior to all others. Account, open. An account with one or more items unsettled; one to which items are added at intervals. Account, partial. An incomplete account. Involving but a part. Account rendered. An account delivered to the debtor, showing the creditor's demand. Account, stated. An account ren- dered and admitted as correct by the debtor. To support a plea of account stated, the evidence must show that the accounting was final; and that the accounts have been examined, and the balance ad- mitted as the true balance be- tween the parties. Bussey v. Gant, 10 Humph. 238.	 La. Ann. 116. Accountant. A man employed in accounts. One who makes a written statement regarding trust property committed to his charge. One who receives anything for which he has to account to another. Accountant-General. An officer in Chancery to receive money lodged in Court. Accounts, mutual. Accounts kept between merchants; those based on a course of dealing wherein each party has given credit to the other. In such accounts the statute of limitations begins to run from the date of the last item. Account, action of. A common law writ or action allowed against a person in a fiduciary office or relation to compel him to render an account. Accouple. To marry, to unite. Accredit. To receive an envoy

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viding that the survivor shall receive the share of the other tenant or tenants on the latter's decease.

- Accumulative judgment. A judgment rendered after another judgment has already been rendered against the same person.
- Accumulative sentence. A sentence passed before the expiration of the first one, which will take effect as soon as the first one ends. A second or additional sentence.
- Accusare nemo debet se. No one is bound to accuse himself. A maxim more frequently expressed in the form, Nemo tenetur se ipsius accusare. The principle embodied is fundamental in the criminal law, and is always upheld by the courts.
- Accusation. An indictment; the charging any person with a crime; censure.

A charge made to a competent officer against one who has committed a crime or misdemeanor that he may be brought to justice and punishment. Bouv.

Accuse. To charge with a crime or offense. The term accused is generally applied to the defendant in a criminal case, and is said to be more appropriate than prisoner or defendant.

Ac Etiam. And also.

- Acknowledge. To admit. To admit the validity of. To avow as one's act.
- Acknowledgment. Confession; avowal; admission; owning to. The act of a party to an instrument in writing, in declaring

before the proper officer, that the instrument is his free act and deed. The official certificate of an officer before whom such a declaration is made.

To acknowledge does not necessarily imply words. Bailey v. Boyd, 59 Ind. 292.

Acknowledgment money. A sum paid by copyhold tenants in England to new landlords.

Acquets. Property acquired by purchase. Profits of property between husband and wife.

- Acquiescence. Consent indicated by silence, or failure to make any objection to a proposition.
- Acquietandas plegiis. A justice's writ to compel a credit to acquit a surety after debt satisfied. Is now obsolete.
- Acquisition, original. That which is obtained or created by one's own effort, and not derived from the act of another or the act of law.
- Acquisition, derivative. That which is obtained by the operation of law or the act of another. Something procured from another, and not newly created.
- Acquit. To set free; to clear from a charge or accusation; to dis-charge; to absolve.
- Acquit a caution. In French law, a certificate stating that security had been given that freight loaded on a ship would not be exported.
- Acquittal. Setting free; a release or discharge from an obligation; the act of a jury in finding a

person not guilty who has been accused of a crime.	Act of attainder. An act of a leg- islature declaring a person attainted.
Acquittal, former. An acquittal in a former prosecution. Acquittal in fact. A verdict of not	Act of bankruptcy. An act which exposes a debtor to proceedings in a court of bankruptcy.
guilty.	Act of God. An accident which results from natural causes.
Acquittal in law. A discharge by operation of law.	without human intervention, and could not have been prevented
Acquittance. A written discharge of a debt.	by any foresight or diligence. Act of honor. Acceptance of pro-
Acquitted. Released from a debt, duty, charge or obligation. Ex- onerated; freed from legal cus- tody; judicially discharged from an accusation. Refers to both	tested paper to save some one's credit. The paper drawn up by the notary when a bill has been paid by a third party after pro- test.
civil and criminal prosecutions, but more commonly used with reference to criminal charges.	Act of Parliament. An act of the legislature of Great Britain.
Acre. An open ground or field. A surface of land containing in England and the United States 43,560 square feet.	Act of insolvency. Such an act as shows a person or corporation insolvent or unable to meet ob- ligations; or, in the case of a bank, failure to do that required
Act. A thing done or performed. The exercise of power. An effect produced by power exerted. A law made by a legislative body.	Act of the law. Operation of the law. That which happens by the act, or mere operation of law, as when a son succeeds to
 Act, adopted. An act for a certain locality which does not come into effect until adopted by the people of that locality. Act in pais. An act out of court; 	Act of settlement. The Stat. 12 and 13 William III., ch. 2, by which the crown of England was limited to the present royal
something not matter of record. Act, judicial. One performed by a	crown to the Princess Sophia of
court or person having discre- tionary power to determine a question.	body being Protestants.
Act of adjournal. In Scotch law an order of the court of judi- ciary entered on its minutes.	Charles II., c. 4, by which the

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 Acta. The acts or proceedings of magistrates and public officers, or courts of record. Records; actions; the acts of individuals. Acta, exteriora indicant interiora secreta. Outward acts indicate inward purposes. Acta diurna. Daily acts. Actat in toga. Acts in the gown. 	 pel a bailee to deliver the thing hired. Actio ex contractu. An action based on contract. Actio ex delicto. One based on tort or wrong. Actio ex empto. An action of purchase; brought by the buyer to
Acta publica. The register of public acts.	obtain possession of the thing bought.
Acte. In French law, writing at- testing the performance of an act or the happening of an event. Thus:	Actio exercitoria. An action against the owner of a ship on contracts made by the owner's slave while the latter was navi- gating the ship.
Actre d'heritier. In French law, act of inheritance. An act indi- cating the intention of an heir to accept an inheritance.	Actio ex vendito. An action of sale; brought by the seller to re- cover the price of the article
Actes de mariage. In French law, certificates of marriage. Actes de deces. In French law, certificates of death.	sold and delivered. Actio ex locatio. In Civil law, an action against one who hired an article.
Actes de l'etat civil. In French law, public documents.	Actio ex stipulatu. In Civil law, an action to enforce a stipula- tion.
Acting. Performing the duties of an office which belongs to an- other; as, acting partner, execu- tor, etc.	Actio in personam. An action against the person.
Actio bonæ fidei. Action of good faith. They were a class of ac- tions at Civil law resembling	Actio in rem. Same as Action in Rem.Actio legis. An action at law.
our equity actions.	Actio negotiorum gestorum. Ac- tions between principal and
Actio calumnize. An action to re- strain another from prosecuting an uncalled-for proceeding.	agent, or growing out of deal- ings of an agent.
Actio damni injuria. In Civil law, a class of actions for damages. Actio de dolo malo. Action of	Actio non accrevit infra sex annos. A plea of the statute of limita- tions to the effect that plaintiff's claim had not accrued within
fraud.	six years.

- Actio non. Abbreviation of actio non habere debet. He ought not to have his action.
- Actio non ulterius habere. The clause in the new plea to the further maintenance of the action, introduced in place of the plea **puis darrein continuance**, that the plaintiff ought not further to have or maintain his action.
- Actio personalis. A personal action.
- Actio personalis moritur cum persona. A personal right of action dies with the person. A maxim which formerly governed the survival of personal actions, now regulated by statute. Thus assault, libel and slander are actions which do not survive to the personal representatives.
- Actio præscriptis verbis. In Civil law, an action based on the unwritten law.
- Actio realis. A real action.
- Actio stricti juris. In Civil law, an action of strict right. Actions determined in accordance with the strict letter of the law.
- Actio transitoria. An action, the cause of which might have arisen in one country as well as another. All personal actions whether ex contractu or ex delicto.
- Action. A civil or criminal proceeding in a court of justice for the determination of some issue of fact or law. A legal demand of a right. A proceeding in a court of law, which at one time ended with the judgment and did not include execution.

The right of recovering in a court of justice what is due or owing to one's self. Brown.

The means by which men litigate with each other. 3 Bl. Com. 117.

Action may be defined as an abstract legal right in one person to prosecute another in a court of justice; and suit, as the actual prosecution of such right, in a court of justice. Matter of Hunter, 6 Ohio, 499.

- Action, amicable. An action brought to settle a doubtful point of law, by the consent of both parties.
- Action, ancestral. One brought to recover land, based on the seizin of the ancestor.
- Action, bailable. One which requires the defendant to furnish bail for his appearance.
- Action, civil. The form of a suit for the recovery of that which is due an individual or firm from another, as distinguished from criminal proceedings, which are for the purpose of punishing crime and the upholding of public justice.
- Action, common law. An action allowed at common law and to bring which statutory authority is not necessary.
- Action, criminal. An action for the punishment of a violator of public law.
- Action, consistorial. In Scotch law, matrimonial cause.
- Action, declaratory. In Scotch law, one in which the right of the plaintiff is requested to be

declared but nothing claimed by the defendant.

- Action, droitural. An action brought to determine a right to the title as distinguished from a possessory action.
- Action emulationem vicini. An action brought merely to distress or injure another.
- Action, ex-contractu. Action for a breach of contract. As assumpsit, debt, covenant and detinue.
- Action, ex-delicto. Action for wrong not connected with a contract. As case, trover, replevin and trespass vi et armis.
- Action feigned. Same as Action, fictitious.
- Action, fictitious. One brought to settle a point of law, there being in fact no controversy.
- Action, formed. One for which a set of words is prescribed.
- Action in rem. An action against a thing; an action for the recovery of a thing against the one possessing it, by the one to whom it belongs as distinguished from an action in personam.
- Action, local. One which must be brought in a particular place.
- Action, mixed. A suit for the thing and against the person who has it. An action partaking of the nature of both a real and personal action, as for the restitution of real property and damages from the one who committed a wrong in connection with it.
- Action of account. An action to compel the defendant to render

an account and pay the balance, if any, to the plaintiff.

Action of account-render. An action against one having money for some purpose, where the jury determines the item in dispute.

- Action of book debt. An action for the recovery of a debt evidenced by a book account.
- Action of debt. An action for the recovery of money due on a contract whether expressed or implied, verbal or written, for a sum certain or which can be reduced to a certainty.
- Action of mesne profits. An action to recover rents, profits, and the value of waste or depredations committed by one who wrongfully held it from the other.
- Action of seduction. An action for the loss of society and services of a wife or daughter, because of having been seduced.
- Action of trespass. An action for damages for injuries resulting immediately from an act of force. If not the immediate result of the forcible act, the proper form of action is case.
- Action, penal. A suit for some penalty or punishment on the parties sued. Action for the recovery of a penalty.
- Action, personal. A suit on any contract or account, or for an offense or trespass; one brought to recover personal property.
- Action, possessory. One brought to recover possession, without determining the right.

- Action, preparatory. An action brought to determine a preliminary matter on which another matter depends, or to determine some question involved in another action.
- Action qui tam. One brought on behalf of the King and the informer.
- Action, real. One for the recovery of real property.
- Action, statutory. An action which can be brought by authority of some statute.
- Action, transitory. One which may be brought in any county.
- Action upon the case. An action at common law for damages for injuries resulting indirectly from some act or force.
- Actionable. That which may be the subject of an action.
- Active debt. One drawing interest.
- Active trust. One which requires action on the part of the trustee.
- Acton Burnel. The statute of 11 Ed. 1, A. D. 1283, ordaining the Statute Merchant.
- Actor. The proctor or advocate in civil courts or causes. A plaintiff, the opposite of reus, a defendant.
- Actore non probante, reus absolvitur. Plaintiff failing in his proof, the defendant is absolved.
- Actor in rem suam. An agent or attorney in his own business.
- Actori incumbit probatio. The burden of proof rests upon the plaintiff.

Actrix. A female actor or plaintiff.

- Acts of Union. Between England and Wales, 27 Henry VIII., c. 27, and 34 and 35 Henry VIII., c. 26; between England and Scotland, 5 Anne, c. 8, and 6 Anne, cc. 6 and 23; between England and Ireland, 39 and 40 George III., c. 67.
- Actual. Existing in fact; that which is real, as contradistinguished from what is only imputed or conceived.
- Actual cash value. The amount of cash which goods will bring in the market.
- Actuary. A short-hand writer. A copyist. A clerk who registered the acts of the convocation. A secretary of a public body or ecclesiastical court. The manager of a stock company. An adviser on matters of calculation. One skilled in the principles of annuities and insurance calculations.
- Actus curize neminem gravabit. An act of the court should prejudice no one. Laches of the court will not be allowed to affect the litigants.
- Actus Dei nemini facit injuriam. An act of God does injury to no one; that is, they will be overlooked by the law, and not be chargeable to any person.

Actus geminus. A two-fold act.

Actus legis nemini facit injuriam. An act of the law does injury to no one. In another form, Actus legis nemini est damnosus. An act of the law is hurtful to no one. An act of the law is to be

limited in its operation, so that into a matter material to a cause it shall not work prejudice to pending. the rights of any person. Illus-Ad interim. In the meantime. trations of the principle are Ad jura legis. For the rights of found in the application of rules the law. relative to the effect upon rights of property, of marriage, di-Ad jura regis. For preserving the vorce, merger of estates. See rights of the Crown. A writ Milbourn v. Ewart, 5 Term, 381. brought by the King's clerk against those who would eject Actus me invito factus, non est him from a living. meus factus. An act done without my assent is not my act. Ad litem. For the suit; with ref-Thus an act performed under erence to the suit; for the purduress is not chargeable to the pose of prosecuting or defendperson so compelled to do it. To ing a suit. excuse, the force exerted on the Ad longum. At length. person must be illegal, and not Ad ostium ecclesise. At the door resulting from a judicial decree. of the church. An ancient spe-Actus non facit reum, nisi mens sit cies of dower. rea. My act will not be guilty, Ad proximum antecedens fiat relaunless my intention be guilty. tio, nisi impediotur, sententia. This maxim does not apply Have reference to the nearest where the law expressly forbids antecedent, unless the meaning the doing of a thing. Broom's hinders. A maxim of construc-Max. 307. tion. Actus Parliament. An act of Par-Ad quem. To which. liament. Ad quæstionem facti non respond-Ad. To; for; at; until; by; near; ent judices, ad quæstionem legis on; on account of; upon; toward; non respondent juratores. To a in relation to; about; concernquestion of fact the judges do ing. not answer; to a question of law Ad damnum. To the loss or damthe jurors do not answer. age. Ad quod damnum. To what dam-Ad ea quae frequentius accidunt, age. A writ directing the sheriff · jura adaptantur. Laws are to be to inquire what damage, if any, adapted to cases which frequentwill result if a specified act be ly occur. done. Ad filum aque. To the thread of Ad quod non fuit responsum. To the stream. which there was no answer. A Ad filum vize. To the middle of the phrase used in old English re way.

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Ad inquirendum. To inquire. A judicial writ directing inquiry

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side, or that an objection was met by the court and not again referred to by the counsel who	quest is destroyed. The act by which this is done. Ad-esse. To be present. To advo-
made it. Ad satisfaciendum. To satisfy.	cate. To defend in law. To un- dertake a legal cause, as an at- torney.
Ad sectam. At the suit of. Ad terminum qui præteriit. For a term which has passed; for an expired term. A writ of entry for lessor or his heirs where lands are withheld.	 Adherence. In Scotch law, an action by either party for the restitution of conjugal rights. Adjacent. Lying near to, or in the neighborhood of.
Ad tunc et ibidem. Then and there. A clause in an indict- ment or other instrument to in- dicate time and place previously mentioned, so that it need not be repeated.	 Adjoin. To lie side by side; to be contiguous to. Adjourn. To put off; to delay; to postpone to a day certain. Adjudge. To determine by the exercise of judicial powers.
Ad valorem duty. Duty levied "ac- cording to value," as distin- guished from specific duties.	Adjudicate. To adjudge; to sen- tence; to determine.
Ad ventrem inspiciendum. An an- cient writ to determine the preg- nancy of a woman.	Adjudication, former. A previous judicial determination of a mat- ter without which a verdict could not have been rendered.
Adalat. Justice. Equity. Court of Justice. Addition. The estate, degree, oc-	Adjust. To regulate; to put in or- der; to determine what is due; to settle. To ascertain and ap-
cupation, and place of abode given one beside his name. In English law, estate, degree, or name of dignity, trade, mystery or occupation, place of resi- dence.	portion. Admeasurement. An assignment by measure; reducing to meas- ure. A writ against persons who usurp more than their share. Adminicle. Aid or support. What-
Adeem. To take away; to revoke. To satisfy a legacy or bequest by some gift or thing, by the tes- tator in advance.	Adminicle. Ald or support, what- ever pertains to judicial proceed- ings. Cumulative or corrobora- tive testimony. Evidence intro- duced to prove a lost deed.
Ademptio. A taking away; a seizure; a revocation of a legacy. Ademption. The disposal of a tes- tator of property devised or be-	Administer. To manage, take care of. To supply. To measure out. To perform the duties of administration.
queathed by his will or testa- ment so that the devise or be-	Administrator. A person appoint- ed by letters from a court of

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probate and charged with the authority of settling up the affairs of a deceased person's estate.

- Administration de son tort. Administration is his own wrong.
- Administration. Aid or assistance. Management of property or public affairs. The service rendered in the settlement of a decedent's estate.
- Administration cum testamento annexo. Administration with the will annexed.
- Administration de bonis non. Administration concerning goods not disposed of, as where one is appointed to succeed an administrator who has died before completing his trust.
- Administration de bonis non, cum testamento, annexo. Administration upon goods not administered and with the will annexed to the letters.
- Administration, letters of. Letters given by the probate court or officer to the person selected to administer upon an estate.
- Administrator pendente lite. One who serves as an administrator while a suit is pending to test the validity of the will.
- Administrator with the will annexed. One appointed where the will names no executor or the one appointed will not or cannot serve.
- Administratrix. A female administrator.
- Admiralty. A court having jurisdiction extending to all matters arising from navigation on nav-

igable waters; also the system of jurisprudence which has grown up in connection with these controversies.

- Admit. To acknowledge; to receive or take, as to admit evidence in the trial of a case.
- Admissible. That which by the rules of evidence should be received.
- Admission. An act of acknowledgment; a confession of or consent to the truth of something asserted.
- Admixture. Intermixture of the goods of different owners so that they are indistinguishable.
- Admonition. A judicial reprimand. An ecclesiastical censure.

Admonitio trina. A triple warning.

- Adnepos. The son of a greatgreat-grandson.
- Adneptis. The daughter of a great-great-granddaughter.
- Adolescence. The age between childhood and manhood or womanhood; from twelve to twentyone in females, fourteen to twenty-one in males.
- Adopt. To receive as one's own. To take as a son or daughter the child of another.
- Adoption. The taking or choosing of another's child or one's own. This right is usually regulated by statute.
- Adrift. Floating on the water and not deposited on the shore.
- Ads., Adsm., Ats. Abbreviations or contractions of ad sectam, i. e., at the suit, as Richard Roe ads. John Doe.

- Adscriptus glebæ. Annexed to the soil. Slaves of the Middle Ages, who were sold with the land.
- Adscriptus, servus colonæ. A slave attached to land as a cultivator.

Adtunc. Then.

- Adult. In Civil law, a person who has reached the age of fourteen if a male, or twelve if female. In Common law, a person aged twenty-one, of full age, or who has arrived at legal majority.
- Adulteress. A woman who commits adultery.
- Adulterine. Children conceived by an adulterous act of intercourse.
- Adultery. Incontinence between two married persons. Sexual intercourse between two persons, one of whom is married to another. A marriage not approved by ecclesiastical authorities. Illicit intercourse by an unmarried man with a married woman is only fornication in him. Com. v. Lafferty, 6 Gratt, 672.
- Adultery, double. Adultery where each party is married to another. Where but one of the parties is married, it is styled single adultery in the one so married.
- Adultery, incestuous. Adultery by persons related within the prohibited degrees of marriage.
- Ad-usque. To, quite, or even to; all the way to.
- Adv. Abbreviation of Adversus, against.
- Advance. To furnish before due.
- Advancement. The act of advancing. Portion of settlement in

life. A settlement or gift made in advance by a parent to or for a child; also that received in that way. An advancement is to be taken in account in the final settlement of a person's estate, and constitutes a part of the recipient's share of the estate, and is distinguishable both from a loan and a gift.

- Adverse. Opposed to; conflicting with; that which resists a claim or proceeding.
- Adverse possession. Possession openly and avowedly contrary to the right or claim of another.

A possession to be adverse must be so open, notorious and important as to give notice to parties that a claim of right is intended thereby; that the right of the true owner is invaded intentionally and with a purpose to assert a claim of title adversely to his. Carroll v. Gillion, 33 Ga. 539.

- Adverse witness. One whose mind is hostile or biased to the party examining him.
- Advice. Legal counsel. Opinion.
- Advise. To give advice; to suggest; to take counsel. To consult, as a court does after the argument and before the decision of a cause.
- Advocate. The patron of a cause in civil and ecclesiastical law. A person privileged to plead for another in court. The patron of a living.
- Advocate, Lord. The chief Crown lawyer and public prosecutor in Scotland.

- Advocate, Queen's. In English law, a member of the Advocate's College and legal adviser and counsel for the Queen.
- Advowson. The right of presentation to a church or ecclesiastical benefice.
- Advowtry. In English law, the continuing, by a married woman to live with a man with whom she had committed adultery.
- Aedificare in tuo proprio solo non licet quod alteri noceat. It is not lawful to build even on your own land what may injure another.
- Aedificatum solo, solo cedit. What is built upon land goes with the land.

Acquitas. Equity.

- Acquitas sequitur legem. Equity follows the law. A maxim in equity.
- Aestimatio copitis. Valuation of life, or of a human life.
- Affiant. A person making an affidavit. Also called deponent.
- Affidavit. A declaration in writing, sworn to before a person competent to administer the oath.
- Affinitas or affinity. The relationship between the respective kindred or blood relations of a married couple.
- Affirm. To confirm a former law or judgment. To confirm a voidable contract. To make a statement as a witness in court without taking oath.

firming, not the party denying, rests the burden of proof.

- Affirmative. The party who has to take the initiative in offering proof; the opposite or negative.
- Affirmance. The confirmation of former law, contract, or judgment. A statement as a witness not under oath.
- Affix. To attach; to append; to fasten to.
- Afforce. To strengthen, add to, increase. To compel. To ravish.
- Afforcing the assize. To obtain a verdict by adding jurors until some twelve of the jury agreed; or, later, by keeping the jury without food and drink till a verdict be reached.
- Affray. A mutual fighting in a public place. Mere words will not constitute an affray. O'Neill v. State, 16 Ala, 65.

Affranchise. To make free.

Afore. Before.

- Aforesaid. As before mentioned. An expression used to avoid repetition.
- Aforethought. Premeditated; prepense; previously designed or intended.

African. A negro.

- After-acquired. Obtained after some event.
- Aftermath. The second crop; the results.
- Against. In opposition to; contrary; in contradiction to.
- Affirmanti, non neganti, incumbit Against the form of the statute. probatio. Upon the party af- In violation of a statute. Essen-

tial words in indictments and declarations on penal statutes.	a creditor of the deceased and pays himself out of the estate.
 Against the peace. A term used to charge a breach of the peace. Against the will. Not voluntarily. Words used to charge violence. Agaima. The impression of anything on a seal. 	caused to perform a part in a crime through another without intention or knowledge of the effect of his act. Agent, special. A person em- ployed for a special purpose; as
Age. The part of time wherein men live. The period at which persons are qualified to perform certain acts. The period of ex- istence of persons or things.	to do a single act or transaction. Agent, sub. A person employed by another agent to do all or a part of his duties. Agent, universal. One who has
Age, lawful. The period in life when one may legally perform certain acts.	all the power to do all the acts his principal can do. Age-prier or prayer. Formerly, a
Age, non. Under the age when certain acts can be legally per- formed. Under the age when one can be held criminally re- sponsible.	motion or plea by a minor that a suit against him be stayed un- til he be of age. Where a de- fendant prayed in aid of the King or another.
Agency. Activity. The relation of an agent to a principal. The means of acting.	Aggravated. Made worse; in- creased in severity.
Agency, commercial. A person or association whose business is collecting information for others regarding the credit of those engaged in trade or com- merce.	Aggravation. A making worse; more injurious; tending to in- crease the amount of damages claimed; tending to enhance the enormity of a crime or the in- jury of a wrong. In Church law, a curse against an obstinate of- fender.
Agent. One employed to act for another, and who does the act by the authority and in behalf of his principal. An agent to dis- tinguish from a servant in that the agent stands in place of the principal.	
Agent and patient. Where the same person is the doer of a	Aggressor. One who begins a dis- pute or quarrel; either by contu- melious language, or by threat-

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Aggrieved. Subjected to an in- jury or erroneous judgment; ex- posed to loss of property or	Eliz., from being brought into England. Agrarize leges. The Agrarian laws;
rights.	land laws.
Agio. The term used in commerce to express the difference in value between one kind of cur- rency and another.	grant; to yield; to settle ami- cably; to concur.
Agist. To put, place, assign, appor- tion. To feed the cattle of strangers in the King's forests. To take in cattle to feed or pas- ture at a certain rate of compen- sation.	Agreed statement of facts. A statement of facts which the parties to a cause agree shall be submitted to a court for judgment. Agreement. A joining together of
Agistment. A species of bailment where other men's cattle are fed at a rate per week. The profit of feeding the cattle of others.	more parties to a contract. To
Agius. Holy.	no more than concord, the union
Agnati. In Civil law, relatives of the father; agnates.	of two minds to the same thing, a concurrence of views or inten- tions.
Agnatus. Born to or connected with by birth. By usage, limited to relations on the father's side; relationship through males. Agnatus proximus. The next or	Agreement, conditional. One which depends on the happening of an event, the performance of a con- dition, or the existence of a
nearest agnate.	state of facts.
Agnomen. In Roman custom a person had four names, the agnomen being the name derived	Agreement, executed. An agree- ment where nothing further has to be done.
by achievement, or personal pe- culiarity.	Agreement, executory. One yet to be performed.
Agnostic. One who believes in the theory that God is unknown or unknowable.	Agreement, express. Such as are in express terms. Agreement, implied. One implied
Agnus Dei. The Lamb of God. An oval piece of white wax, stamped with the figure of a lamb, and consecrated by the Pope. Prohibited by Stat. 13	the obligation upon the feudal tenant to assist his lord in de-

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ciety. Afterwards, understood to import an obligation to contribute to the private necessities of the lord. Aids were not of direct feudal obligation, and were various and uncertain, but became established renders of duty. The three most frequent aids in Normandy were, to make the lord's eldest son a knight, to marry his oldest daughter and to ransom his person.

- Aid and abet. To assist, encourage. To assist another in accomplishing some design or purpose.
- Aid and comfort. An act of benefit to an enemy which would have subjected the doer to punishment for treason by the law of his own country.
- Aider by verdict. Where a defect or error in pleading which might have been objected to is, after verdict, no longer open to objection.
- Aiding and abetting. Being present and doing something to aid a person in the commission of a crime without sharing directly in the deed.
- Aieul. A grandfather.
- Aile. A grandfather. A writ against a stranger who dispossesses a grandson heir.
- Akin. Of kin.
- Al fine. At last; at the end.
- Alcalde. An officer in Spain and some places originally Spanish, with duties similar to those of a mayor or justice of the peace.

- Alderman. Originally a senator or senior. An associate to the magistrate of a city or town corporate. A degree of nobility among the Saxons signifying an earl. Literally an elder. A member of a city or town legislature.
- Alea. In Civil law, a game of chance. Gain or loss of a contract.
- Aleator. In Civil law, a gambler.
- Aleatory. Hazardous; uncertain.
- Aleatory contract. A hazardous contract; a contract of risk; as a contract of insurance.
- Alias. Otherwise; at another; at another time; at other times; on another occasion; formerly; before. A second or further writ, issued after a capias is sued out without effect.
- Alias capias. Another or second capias.
- Alias ca. sa. Alias capias ad satisfaciendum; another writ to take the person; to make satisfaction.
- Alias dictus. Otherwise called. The manner of description of a person known by two or more different names.
- Alias scire facias. That you again cause to be informed. A second writ of scire facias.
- Alias writ. A second writ issued after a previous one has been issued without effect.
- Alibi. In or at another place; elsewhere. A defense in a criminal prosecution, by the accused showing that he was at another place when the crime was committed.

Alien born. A naturalized citizen pending. or subject. Alien enemy. A subject of a foreign nation at war with our own. Aliqualiter. In any way. Alien friend. A subject of a na-Aliter. Otherwise: in another tion, at peace with our own. manner; in other respects. Alienable. That which can be Aliud est celare, aliud tacere. It is transferred from one person to another. always concealment. Alienage. The condition or legal status of an alien. Aliunde. From another source or Alienation. A transferring the property of one thing to anothsic sources. er; conveyance, especially of real property. Changing from eccle-All-fours. Entirely alike. A metsiastical to secular ownership. Alienation imports a transfer of the entire title; a transfer alike in the material points. short of the conveyance of the All rights reserved. An expression title, is not an alienation. 11 Barb. 624. Alienation, absolute. An uncondidramatization. tional and unqualified transfer of real property. Allegans suam turpitudinem non Alienation, conditional. An alienation depending on the happening heard. A maxim in pleading. of some event or the performing of some act. Alience. One to whom property is transferred. Alienor. He who transfers realty. agree. Alieni juris. Under another's au-Allegans contraria non est audienthority; a person subject to the power or authority of another. maxim of pleading. Alimony. Nourishment or mainte-

Allegation. Statement or pleading. Positive assertion.

Alien. One born in a foreign country, not naturalized. An allodial estate as distinguished from a fief.

nance. The allowance or provision for support given a married woman upon divorce or separation from her husband.

- Alimony pendente lite. Temporary alimony allowed while a cause is
- Alimony, permanent. Alimony payable so long as both parties live.
- one thing to conceal, another to be silent. That is, silence is not
- person: from elsewhere. Applied to evidence derived from extrin-
- aphorical expression, applied to decisions and cases which are
- used by authors as notice that they reserve all rights given by law, such as right of translation,
- est audiendus. He who alleges his own infamy is not to be
- Allegata et probata. Alleged and proved. Allegations made in a cause and what is proved. The allegations and proofs must
 - dus. He who alleges contradictory things is not to be heard. A

Allegation, disjunctive. An allegaland or United States. In U. S. tion which states a thing alternait is held subject to the right of tively, or with the use of "or." the State to take when it decides the land is required for public Alleged. Affirmed: declared: purpose. The land is also held pleaded. only on the payment of a sum of Allegiance. The lawful obedience money or any service the State a citizen or subject owes his sees fit to impose; on failure to country or sovereign in return pay or perform the service the for the protection and rights he State can forfeit the land or receives from the common govhold for its own use or benefit. ernment. or grant to another. Allegiance, local. That due from Allonge. A piece of paper annexed an alien or stranger during the to a bill or note, for the purpose time he remains in a country. of making further endorsements, where no room is left for that Allegiance, natural. The allegiance purpose on the instrument itself. a man owes the country he was born in from the time of his birth Allot. To set apart a specific propuntil he leaves it and becomes a erty, or share, to one person. citizen of another country. Also Allow. To permit; to grant; to called absolute and permanent yield; to sanction; to make proallegiance. vision for. Allocatur. It is allowed. The en-Allowance. Sanction; license; perdorsement on a request for a mission; a grant or stipend. writ or order. The writ re-That portion or amount allowed quested. A certificate that costs by a court for any purpose. taxed are allowed same as. "allowed." Alloy. A base or inferior metal mingled with gold or silver to in-Allocatur, non. It is not allowed. crease its serviceability. Allocatus. The demand, by a court, Alluvion. The imperceptible inof a convicted prisoner, whether crease or gain of land from the the latter has anything to say flooding of a stream or the sea. why sentence should not be proand produced by gradual deposnounced. its from the waters. Allodial. That which is not held Alma mater. Benign mother: a fosof any superior; an estate held ter mother. A term applied to free, the opposite of feudal. the college or university where Allodium. Free, absolute, indeone has graduated. It is said to pendent ownership; an estate have been first applied to Camheld in absolute dominion, withbridge. out owing any rent, fealty, service or duty to any superior on Alms-house. A house appropriated account thereof. Land is not for the reception and support of held in allodium either in Engthe poor.

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- Also. Moreover; in addition to. Besides; as well as.
- Alter. To modify or change in form without changing identity.
- Alter ego. Another's self; another like me in appearance or behavior.
- Alteration. The changing of a thing.
- Alteration, suspicious. Such an alteration in an instrument writing as would cause suspicion that it would have a different effect than that first intended.
- Alternative. Giving an option in two things; as, to do an act or show cause, like an alternative writ of mandamus.
- Alternative writ. An order of Court directing a person to do a stated thing or show cause why he does not do it.
- Alterum non dædere. Not to injure another. One of Justinian's three fundamental maxims, the others being honeste vivere and suum cuique tribuere.
- Altius non tollendi. In the Civil law, a servitude due by the owner of a house, by which he is restrained from building beyond a certain height.
- Altius 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.
- Alto et basso. High and low. The absolute submission of all differences.
- Alumni. The foster children of a college (those who have re-

ceived their education at college).

- Alumnus. That which is nourished, brought up. A nursling, a pupil, a scholar; foster-son.
- Amalphitan Code. A collection of sea-laws of the Eleventh Century, covering maritime matters.

Amand. A penalty or fine.

- Amanuensis. One who writes at the dictation of another.
- Ambassador. A diplomatic agent. A person sent by one sovereign power to another, with authority to treat on affairs of state.
- Ambigua responsio contra proferentum est accipienda. An ambiguous answer is to be construed against him who makes it.
- Ambiguity. Uncertainty of meaning in the words of a written instrument, arising from its admitting of more than one meaning.
- Ambiguitas verborum latens verificatione suppletur; nam quod ex facto oritur ambiguum verificatione facti tollitur. A latent ambiguity may be explained by evidence, since an ambiguity arising from an extrinsic fact may be removed by evidence as to that fact. Broom's Maxims, 617.
- Ambiguum placitum interpretari debet contra proferentum. An ambiguous pleading ought to be interpreted against him who offers it. A maxim of pleading.
- Ambiguity, latent. Where the instrument itself is, upon the face of it, intelligible enough, but a doubt arises as to the subject matter to which it applies.

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 Ambiguity, patent. One which appears to be ambiguous upon the face of the deed or instrument itself, and renders it obscure and unintelligible. Ambulatoria voluntas. A movable or changeable will. As long as a man lives he has the power to alter his will or testament. Ambulatoria est voluntas defuncti usque ad vitæ supremum exitum. A will of a decedent is ambula- 	 law of the land; to be deprived of the liberty of swearing in any court; to lose the capacity of be- ing juryman, or being sworn as a witness in a cause; to be no longer "othesworthe." Amnesty. An act of pardon or oblivion. An amnesty is more general than a pardon, it extin- guishes the offense as to all par-
tory up to the last moment of his life.	
 Amend. To make better; to improve. Amendment. The correction of an error in any part of the record of a case. An improvement or addition. Amerce. To punish or fine at the discretion of the court. 	 Amotion. Removal. Dispossession of lands. The wrongful taking of personal chattels. The removal of an officer or member of a cor- poration. Amount. To arise to. The aggre- gate; the sum total. Above. Amount in controversy is the
Amercement. Same as Amerciament.	sum sued for in the complaint. Analogia. Analogy.
A punishment by the purse; a monetary fine assessed by a court upon its own officers for some neglect of duty. Amerciament. A punishment by the	Analogous. A likeness in effects, when the things are otherwise entirely different. Correspond- ing or resembling in certain re-
purse. The pecuniary punish- ment imposed upon an offender against law. Amerciaments differ from fines; fines are fixed by statute; amerciaments are arbi- trarily imposed. No court can fine but a court of record, other courts can only amerce. Ami. A friend. Thus, prochein ami,	 spects. Analogy. An argument or guide in forming legal judgments, and very commonly a ground for such judgments. Reasoning in which from certain resemblances others are inferred. Ancestor. One who has gone before in a family. One from whom
a next friend, etc.	an estate is inherited.
Amicable. Friendly, agreed.	Ancient. Old; of long existence or standing.
Amicus curiæ. A friend to the Court. One who, without inter- est in a cause, gives information to the presiding judge.	Ancient demesne. A tenure by which all the manors in the days of Edward the Confessor and

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William the Conqueror were held.

- Ancient writings. Deeds and other documents more than thirty years old, which do not require preliminary proof if coming from the person who naturally might possess them.
- Ancillary administration. Subordinate to another administration. An administration granted of the assets of deceased in a jurisdiction other than that in which deceased was domiciled at time of death.
- Andromania. Morbid or excessive sexual desire in females. It is also often associated with, or becomes a form of, insanity. Also termed hysteromania, nymphomania, and furor uterinus.
- Anglice. English. A word one time used in pleading as introduction to the English translation of matter described in Latin.
- Animal. Any living creature which can move at will, other than human.
- Animals, domestic. Tame animals used for work and those which contribute to man's needs, as cows, sheep, etc.
- Animals of a base nature. Such as are not fit for food.
- Animus. Mind, purpose, will or intention. Thus:
- Animus et factus. Intention and act.
- Animus furandi. The intention to steal.

Animus hominis est anima scripti. The purpose of the man is the soul of the writing; i. e., the intention is the life of the thing.

- Animus revertendi. The intention of returning.
- Animo revocandi. With intention of revoking. Used in reference to the destruction or mutilation of wills.
- Animo testandi. With intention of making a will.
- Annales. Yearlings; cattle of the first year. Annuals. The Year Books.
- Annex. To attach; to unite to at the end; to add; to join. To connect with permanently.
- Annexation. The union of one thing to another; the fastening of chattels to the freeholds, or letting them into it; which gives them the quality of fixtures.
- Anni et tempora. Years and terms. An old title of the Year Books.
- Anni nobiles. Noble years. The age at which a girl becomes by law fit for marriage; at common law, the age of twelve.
- Anni nubiles. Marriageable years; the age of twelve in the female, and fourteen in the male.
- Anno Regni. In the year of the reign.
- Anno Reipublicæ Conditæ. In the year of the foundation of the Republic.
- Annotation. A written comment. A note. In Civil law, annotatio. The designation of a place of deportation. Summoning an absentee.

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Annual income. That which is re- ceived annually from any prop- erty or investment.	writing in defense of a com- plaint, declaration, bill, libel, etc. Ante. Before, in front, forward.
Annually. Yearly. At the end of each year during a certain period.	Ante exhibitionem billæ. Before the exhibition of the bill. Before the commencement of the suit.
Annuitant. One who is entitled to an annuity.	Ante litem contestatem. Before the suit be contested.
Annuity. A yearly payment of a certain sum of money, granted	Ante litem motam. Before litiga- tion commenced.
to another for life, for years, or in fee, and chargeable on the person of the grantor.	Ante juramentum. An oath to prosecute, anciently required of one who accused another of crime.
Annuity, life. An annuity pay- able during the life of the bene-	Antea. Formerly.
ficiary.	Ante-date. Before date. Applied
Annuity table. A table based upon statistics and used by insurance companies, etc., showing the	to the dating of documents be- fore the day of their execution, such as bills, notes, cheques, etc.
probable longevity of a person at any particular age.	Ante-nuptial. Before marriage.
Annus deliberandi. A year of de- liberation. In Scotch law, the year allowed by law to the heir to deliberate whether he will en- ter and represent his ancestor. Now shortened to six months. Annus et dies. A year and a day. Annus luctus. A year of mourn- ing. In Roman law, the year following a husband's death, during which his widow was re- quired to remain unmarried.	 Antichresis. A contrary use. In Civil law a mortgage in which the debtor transfers the thing or estate to the creditor, who is entitled to retain the use and profits in lieu of interest; the one receiving the property giving the grantor a counter-letter. Antimony. An apparent or real conflict between two propositions or authorities. An opposition, contradiction or inconsistency of laws. Anti-trust law. Act of Congress
Anon. Abbreviation of anony- mous.	July 2, 1890, entitled "To pro- tect trade and commerce against
Anonymous. Wanting a name; nameless. Applied to a case re- ported where the names of the parties are not given.	unlawful restraints and monop- olies." Apex. The extreme end of a thing the point; the summit.
Answer. To make reply to a	

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law. A stricter application of the rules of law even than required by simple justice. A subtlety of law.

- Apices juris. Subtleties or extreme points of law, etc.
- Apices juris non sunt jura. Subtleties of the law are not always rights; i. e. they will not be allowed to delay justice. A legal maxim.
- Apices litigandi. Subtletics of litigation; sharp technical points or captious objections in pleading or practice.
- Apostasy. The renunciation of religious belief already professed.
- Apostate capiendo. An ancient writ for the apprehension of one who, having entered a religious order, abandoned the same, and was acting contrary to the rules of the order.
- Apostate. A deserter from the faith; one who renounces the Christian faith. One who has forsaken the faith, principles, party or sect to which he before adhered.
- Apparent danger. Such conduct or actions on the part of another as would lead a person to believe his life was in danger and makes killing an apparent necessity in self defense.
- Apparent heir. One whose right of inheritance is indefeasible, provided he outlive the ancestor.
- Appeal. 1. In old English law the accusation by a private subject Appendant and appurtenant. Things against another of some crime. 2. The removal of a cause from

an inferior to a superior court. An appeal calls for a rehearing of the cause, removing the cause entirely, fact and law, to review, while a writ of error removes simply the points of law for review. An appeal is of Civil-law origin while writs of error are of Common law origin.

- Appeal bond. A bond given to pay the costs and judgment below, if the appeal be not prosecuted with success.
- Appear. To come before a court. either in person or by an attorney.
- Appearance. To respond to the process of a court. Coming into court as party to a cause.
- Appellant. He who takes an appeal.
- Relating to appeals Appellate. and the review of proceedings of other tribunals. Appellate jurisdiction refers to all reviews of causes from inferior courts. whether on appeal or writs of error.
- Appellee. The party against whom an appeal is made; the party answering to or opposing an appeal.
- Appendant. A thing of inheritance belonging to another thing of inheritance more worthy. Annexed to anything and going with it. Like appurtenant, except that rights appendant to land cannot be created by grant but only by prescription.
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 are joined to another principal thing, by which they pass and go as accessory to the same principal thing, as lands advowsons, commons, piscaries, ways, courts, and divers such like, to a manor, house, office or such others. Apply. To ask or request; to beseech a court or superior. Applicable. Capable of being applied. Suitable. Relevant. Appoint. To nominate or constitute; to designate; to decide upon; to fix, establish, or ordain. To provide with necessary equipments. To use the appointing power. Appointee. One in whose favor a power of appointment is executed. One selected for some particular purpose. Appointment. The act of appointing appointing appointing appointing appointing appointing appointed. 	 Appraise. To value; to fix the worth of; to estimate or set a price upon by authority of law. Appraisement. Same as Appraisal. Appraiser. One authorized to appraise or set a value on articles of property. Apprehend. To grasp mentally or physically; to seize; to arrest: to believe; to conceive; to fear; to dread. Apprentice. A person, usually a minor, bound by indenture to a tradesman or artificer, to be taught in his trade. Appropriare et includere cummuniam. To approve, or separate and enclose a common; to discommon it. Appropriate. To set apart; to annex; to take for one's self; to take as one's own. Fit, proper, suitable; adapted to the purpose. Appropriation. Reserving for a
 pointed, or that which is appointed. Apportion. To divide, assign, or distribute proportionately. Apportionment. The dividing of 	particular purpose. The appli- cation of a sum paid by a debtor to a creditor to the payment of a particular debt. Annexing per- petually a benefice to a religious corporation of which the latter is the patron.
 a thing, other than land, into parts. A distribution according to a certain proportion. A distribution of a common fund or entire subject-matter among all those who have a title to a portion of it. Equitable allotment. The arrangement on the basis of population. Appraisal. A valuation of property by one who is authorized; the act of appraising. 	 Approve. To augment to the utmost; to declare in favor of; to accuse; to improve. Approvement. Improvement; the profit of lands; lands newly improved; the making of an enclosure by a lord, of part of a waste, leaving some common with outlet to commoners.

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 another thing deemed a principal, the two being treated as one subject-matter. Apud acta. Among the Acts; i. e., a part of the proceedings. Appurtenant. Belonging to; acces- sory or incident to. The term de- votes annexed or belonging to, but as an incident rather than a necessity. 	that the matter has been re- ferred to arbitration, and a de- cision given. Arbitration. Examination and de-
 necessity. Apta viro. Marriageable; fit for a husband; a woman of an age to be married. Aqua. Water. Aqua cedit solo. Water passes with the land. Thus a grant of land gives title to the water upon it. Aquæ cursus. Water course; a running stream of water; a body of running water; a natural stream, including rivers and rivulets. Aquæ currit, et debet currerre, et curere solebat. Water runs; i. e., should be allowed to flow in its natural channel. Aquæ immittenæ. Of water to be cast or thrown. In the Civil law, a servitude which occurs where the owner of a house so surrounded with other buildings that it has no outlet for its mature has the cast or thrown. 	Arbitration, International. The submission to arbitration by na- tions of matters in dispute be- tween them.
 water, has to cast water from his roof, or out of his windows, on his neighbor's roof, court or land. At the Common law it was known as an easement of drip (servitus stillicidii). Arbiter. A judge; umpire of the contest; an arbitrator. 	This was a common chest with three locks and keys, kept by certain Christians and Jews, wherein by order of Richard I., all the contracts, mortgages and obligations belonging to the Jews were kept, to prevent fraud.

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- The secret of Arcanum imperii. the empire; the secret of the edge. state. Archaionomia. The chief or principal laws. The title of a colargument or lection of Saxon laws made by modesty; an Mr. Lambard in the time of Queen Elizabeth, in the Saxon language, and to which addidress. tions were made by Doctor Wilkins. Arch-deacon. Originally one having superintendence over all the parochial clergy in a deanery. His jurisdiction is but such as conferred by the bishop whose substitute he is. Archives. The rolls. Any place where records, charters, and evidences belonging to the Government are kept. Argentum. Silver plate; silver bullion or uncoined silver; money paid by weight; money paid by tale, or counted; goods generally. Arguendo. In asserting, proving, arguing; in the course of argu-Frequently abbreviated ment. state. Arg. Arma. Argumentum a simili valet in lege. An argument based on a similar case is of weight in law. Argument. An address, or the rea-
- soning used to sustain a proposition.
- Argumentative. A matter of argument. Indirect, inferential. Said of a plea, the important part of which is stated by implication only.
- Argumentum ad judicium. An argument to the judgment; an ap-

peal made to proofs drawn from any of the foundations of knowl-

- Argumentum ad verecundiam. Aπ appeal to the the appeal to decency of an opponent or person to whom is made an ad-
- Argumentum baculinum. The argument of the staff; an appeal to force; club law.
- Aristo-democracy. A form of government where the power is divided between the great men of the nation and the people. A form of government composed of nobles and commonalty.
- Aristocracy. A form of government in which the supreme power is vested in a council composed of select members, or nobles, or in a privileged order, without a monarch and exclusively of the people. The nobility or chief persons in a state. A privileged class of the persons or political party in the
- A sword; armor; implements of war; arms; both of offense and defense.
- Arma in armatos sumere jura sincent. The law permits arming against the armed; i. e., to repel force with force.
- A Arma libera. Free arms. sword and lance given a servant with his freedom.
- Arma moluta. Weapons that cut, as distinguished from those that break or bruise.

- Arma reversata. Reversed arms; one of the punishments inflicted upon knights convicted of treason or felony.
- Armed. Provided with weapons. Applied to a ship, provided with cannon and ammunition for the same.
- Arms. Weapons of offense and defense. The Constitutional provision giving the right to keep and bear arms, means such weapons as are used for the purposes of war, and does not include weapons not used in civilized warfare; small pistols, for example. Fife v. State, 31 Ark. 455.
- Arms, coat of. The insignia or ensigns of honor anciently stamped on a knight's coat of mail; now used on carriages, stationery, etc. A badge painted on a shield to distinguish armed knights; they were not hereditary until Richard I.
- Army. The organized military forces of a nation.
- Arpent. According to Domesday 100 perches. In U. S., particularly Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri, an area of land containing 37,056¼ square feet. If square, 192 ft. 6 in. by 192 ft. 6 in. An arpen is about sixsevenths of an English acre.
- Arpentator. A measurer or surveyor of land.
- Arraign. To call a person to answer in law. To call one to the bar of a court to answer the matter charged against him in an indictment. Also applied

to the old criminal proceedings by appeal.

Arraignment. The act of arraigning. The arraignment of a prisoner consists of three parts: Calling him to the bar of the Court, and ascertaining that he is the party indicted; reading the indictmen⁴ to him; demanding whether he is guilty or not guilty, and entering his pleas.

Arrangement. Setting in order.

- Arras. In Spanish law, the gift of property by a husband to a wife on account of marriage.
- Array. To set in order. The whole body of jurors summoned to attend court. The list of jurymen, arranged in the panel.
- Arrearages. Money not paid when due. The remainder due on account.
- Arrears. Same as Arrearages.
- Arrest. Restraint of one's person by a lawful warrant; to take a person into legal custody. An arrest is made by taking, seizing or detaining the person by putting hands upon him in the execution of the process or warrant, or by any act indicating the intention to arrest. U. S. v. Benner, Baldw. 234, 239.
- Arrest, double. Holding a defendant twice to bail for the same cause, only allowed under special circumstances.
- Arrest, false. Depriving a person of liberty without lawful cause; false imprisonment.

Arrest, malicious. One made without probable cause.

- Arrest of judgment. The staying of the judgment upon motion in a cause after verdict for error apparent on the record.
- Arrest of inquest. The staying of an inquest. A plea to stay an inquest.
- Arrestandis bonis ne dissipentur. A writ for arresting or attaching goods lest they shall be dissipated, or squandered.
- Arrestando ipsum qui pecuniam recepit. A writ for the arresting of one who, having received prest money or bounty, does not enlist.
- Arrestari et imprisonari. To be arrested and imprisoned.
- Arrestment. Arrest. In Scotch law, a process of attachment or garnishment.
- Arrestum jurisdictionis fundandæ causa. An arrestment for the sake of establishing or founding jurisdiction.
- Arrive. To reach a place of destination by going toward it. To reach the point in a harbor to which a ship is destined.
- Arrondissement. One of the subdivisions of a French department.
- Arsæ et pensatæ. Burnt and money weighed; applied to tested by fire and weighed.
- Arsenal. A public place for the manufacture or storage of arms and military stores.
- Arson. The malicious and felonious burning of the house or Articles of Faith. A statement of out-house of another. The Common law regarding arson is

modified somewhat by state statutes defining the offense.

- Arsure en le main. Burning in the hand. Burning with a hot iron on the brawn of the left thumb; a punishment formerly inflicted upon lay offenders who were allowed the benefit of clergy, to distinguish their persons and prevent them claiming the privilege a second time.
- Art and part. Applied to one who is the deviser and perpetrator of a crime. An aider and abettor as well as accessory before the fact.
- Articles. A system of rules. The specification of matters agreed upon or established by authority. A statute with subject matters under distinct heads. An instrument in writing setting forth matters agreed upon between parties thereto.
- Articles of Agreement. An instrument in writing containing the terms of an agreement.
- Articles of Association. Articles of agreement signed by parties to a proposed joint stock company or corporation as a basis for the granting of a charter.
- Articles of Confederation. The articles which united the thirteen colonies, afterwards called the thirteen original States. They were reported July 12, 1776, ratified July 9, 1778, by eight States and by the last State March 1. 1781. They gave way to the Constitution March 4, 1789.
- the faith of the Church of England, formed by Cranmer, and

revised by the convocation of 1562; it consisted of thirty-nine points of doctrine.

- Articles of Impeachment. The formal statement of the charges against a public officer. The indictment or accusation found by the House of Representatives in the U. S., or Commons in England, against an official for violation of law, or malfeasance in office.
- Articles of Partnership. Articles setting forth the formal terms of the co-partnership agreement between partners.
- Articles of Union. The twentyfive articles agreed to by England and Scotland in 1707 for the union of the two kingdoms.
- Articles of War. Rules and regulation for the Army and Navy of the United States.
- Articuli Magnæ Chartæ. Articles of Magna Charta. The original articles or heads of agreement (consisting of forty-nine heads), at the Congress of Runymede or Runingmede, upon which the charter of King John was founded. The document was entitled Articuli Magnæ Carti Liberatatum sub sigillo Regis Johannis-articles of the Great Charter of Liberty under the seal of King John.
- Artificial Person. A company or corporation to which the law has given a distinct legal entity. Individuals are called natural persons, while corporations are styled artificial persons.
- Articuli super chartas. Articles upon the charters. A statute

passing 28 Edw. I. st. 3, c. 19, confirming or enlarging many particulars of Magna Charta, and the Charta de Foresta.

- Artium Magister. A Master of Arts. The highest college or university degree in arts. Abbreviated A.M.
- Artium Baccalaureus. Bachelor of Arts. Abbreviated A.B.
- As usuarius. A pound lent upon usury, or interest.
- Asaver. To wit; to say; to be understood.
- Ascend. To pass in an ascending line.
- Ascendants. Ancestors in a direct line.
- Ascending line. The line of ancestry which ascends through ancestors, as father, grandfather, great-grandfather and so on.
- Asportation. The carrying away of goods; an essential in crime of larceny.

Asportavit. He carried away.

- Assassin. One who commits murder for pay. A member of an Oriental band of harhish, or Indian hemp eaters, who committed murder for hire. It originated in Persia in 1190, immigrated to Syria, was headed by the Old Man of the Mountain, was prominent during the Crusades and was suppressed in 1272 by the Sultan Bibars of Egypt.
- Assault. To attempt to hurt another by striking at him. Assault is an attempt or offer, with force and violence, to do a cor-

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- Assignment. A grant of personal property, realty, or a chose in action. The written evidence of such grant. The transfering of an interest from one to another.
- Assignment of dower. Setting out dower to the widow of a husband according to the law.
- Assignment, voluntary. One made voluntarily without compulsion of any kind.
- Asignatus utitur jure Auctoris. An assignee acquires the rights of the assignor. That is, the rights of the assignee are the same as grantor, and of same quality and quantity. A legal maxim.
- Assigns. Those to whom assignments are made. Those appointed by act of a party to do an act or enjoy a benefit. A technical word in a conveyance, signifying the persons to whom the grantee may potentially convey in the future; as, "heirs and assigns" in deeds.
- Assisa. An assise, a session. In old English and Scotch law, a species of jury on inquest; a certain number of men, usually twelve, summoned to trv a cause, and who sat together for that purpose. A species of writ or real action. The proceedings in court upon a writ of assise. The verdict or finding of a jury in a writ of assise. A court or sittings of a court. A statute, ordinance or law. A tribute or tax or mulct. The term has been employed for so many different purposes that it has been termed nomen equivocum.

- Assiser. A juror; an assessor; a supervisor of weights and measures.
- Assistance. Help; aid. A writ issued by chancery to execute a decree for the possession of lands.
- Assistance, writ of. A writ out of the exchequer authorizing a public officer to seize goods prohibited or not having paid duty. A writ issued from a Court of Equity to aid the carrying out of its judgment. A writ issued by a Colonial Court before the Revolution, authorizing officers to call assistance in searchingpremises for contraband.
- Assistant. In the United States army, the second in rank in the staff branches, as assistant quartermaster, etc. In the English army, the third in rank. In New England colonies, a member of the Governor's Council. The chief judge of Seville, Spain.
- Assisus reditus. A fixed, certain, set or standing rent. Called rent of assise.
- Assize. Same as Assise. Also to fix, to regulate, to ordain, to make certain, to assess; as assizing of men for arms. In Scotch law, a jury or inquest.
- Associate. One acting or connected with another in any affair.
- Associate justice (or judge). One associated with another or other judges, not the chief justice.
- Association. The act of being joined with another or others in interests. An organization with-

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out charter; any society or body which is not incorporated. A	At arm's length. Out of another's undue influence or control.
patent sent by the king to the justices appointed to take the	At bar. Before the court.
assise; or of oyer and terminer, to have other persons associated with them to take the assise.	At law. According to law, as dis- tinguished from equity or ad- miralty.
Assumpsit. He undertook or promised. An express or im-	At par. At the value indicated on its face.
plied promise to perform or pay something to another for con- sideration. The name of an ac-	At sight. When presented. When seen.
tion on the case, which lies for the party injured by the non- performance of a parol contract. If the contract or promise be express, the action is called special assumpsit; if implied by	Attach. To fasten to; to annex; to affix. To seize or arrest by judicial process. To take a per- son or goods by commandment of a writ or precept and keep for presentment in court.
law, indebitatus assumpsit or general assumpsit. The gist of the actions is the failure to per- form the undertaking or fulfill the promise.	Attache. Attached to; connected with. One attached to the suite of an ambassador; a person at- tached to a foreign legation.
Assumptit, implied. A promise implied by law from the facts or act of the party.	Attachment. Taking a person or property already within the ju- risdiction of the Court. A writ for such purpose. Attachment
Assure. To make certain; to war- rant; to indemnify; to insure.	of the person is employed to compel the appearance of de-
Assurance. Insurance. An instru- ment used as evidence of the title to land. Warranty; cer-	fendant or a recusant witness, or one charged with a contempt, etc.
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Assured. One who is insured, or indemnified.	used to attach the goods of a foreign or absent debtor; is al-
Assurer. An underwriter; one who insures or indemnifies others.	lowed because seizure of prop- erty is necessary to give juris- diction or compel appearance, in
Aster. A man who is a resident. A contemptuous diminutive, as politicaster, an inferior politi- cian.	suit of a creditor. Domestic attachments are those allowed against resident debtors on va- rious grounds, as fraud and the
Asylum. A sanctuary; a place of refuge; a place for the confinement of lunatics, or orphans.	

corruption of blood which followed on being condemned for certain crimes. 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. He is no longer of any credit or reputation; he cannot be a witness in any court, neither is he capable of performing the functions of a man, for, by anticipation of his punishment, he is already dead in law. The consequence of attainder are forfeiture of of property and, corruption blood. In American law, attainder is scarcely known, and is expressly prohibited by Constitution U. S., Art. 1, sec. XI.

- Attainder, bill of. A law pronouncing sentence of death and declaring a person attainted and his blood so corrupted that he could not inherit or transmit property. Were acts of English parliament against political offenders.
- Attaint. To make impure. An English writ to inquire if a jury gave a false verdict; the action was tried by a jury of twentyfour men; and if the first verdict were found false, the twelve men of the first jury were adjudged infamous. Was abolished by statute 6 Geo. IV, ch. 50, § 60.
- Attempt. To endeavor. To perform scme act toward committing an offense. An act which, if consummated, would accomplish the purpose in view.
- Attest. To witness. To certify to. To subscribe. A technical

term signifying the witnessing of a written instrument by a formal subscription.

- Attestation. Evidence. Testimony. The act of witnessing an instrument in writing at the request of the party making the same, and subscribing it as a witness.
- Attestation clause. The sentence in an instrument in writing signed by the witness to its execution.
- Attested copy. A copy of a document which has been verified.
- Attorn. To consent to a transfer; to put in one's place; to make acknowledgment of homage or fealty to a new landlord.
- Attornare. To turn; to exchange; to give one thing in place of another. To attorn; to transfer or turn over.
- Attornare homagium et servitium tenetis. To attorn the homage and service of a tenant.
- Attornato faciendo vel recipiendo. A writing commanding a sheriff of a county or hundred court to admit an attorney.
- Attorney. One appointed by another to act for him; a lawyer. An agent. Also commonly applied to persons qualified to appear for litigants in suits at law, more technically known as attorneys-at-law.
- Attorney-at-law. One who has the authority to act for another in court.
- Attorney in fact. An agent for the doing of some fact specified in an instrument writing. An

attorney in fact need not be an attorney-at-law.

- Attorney-General. The chief law officer of the government in the United States and in England.
- Attorney, warrant of. An authority to an attorney-at-law to appear on behalf of a party to an action and allow the other side to take judgment by default.
- Au besoin. In case of need. In French law, words employed in the direction of bills of exchange, pointing out certain persons who, in case of a refusal or failure of the drawee, are to be applied to, that they may honor and pay the bill; it is the nature of an acceptance supra protest.
- Auceps syllabarum. A catcher of syllables. A quibbler.
- Auction. A public sale to the highest bidder present.
- Auctioneer. One who solicits bids at an auction. One who conducts an auction or public sale. Auditor. One who hears. An officer appointed to examine, ver-
- Auctor in rem suam. A judge, an adviser, a principal in his own affairs.
- Auctoritas. In Civil law, authority. A royal charter. A diploma.
- Auctoritas populi. The authority of the people. The popular will or decision.
- Aucupium. Catching at, or taking advantage of, or laying stress upon trivial mistakes or oversights.
- Audi alteram partem. Hear the other side. A legal maxim in-

volving the right of every person to be heard in his own defence, akin to "due process of law."

Audience. A hearing. An interview with the ruler or chief executive of a nation.

Audire. To hear.

- Audiendo et terminando. To hear and determine; same as Oyer and Terminer.
- Audit. A hearing; an official examination. To examine, adjust and settle accounts.
- Audita querela. The complaint having been heard. A writ to be delivered from an unjust judgment or execution by setting it aside for some injustice which could not be pleaded in bar to the action. It lay for some matter occurring after judgment, amounting to a discharge, which could not have been taken advantage of otherwise.
- Auditor. One who hears. An officer appointed to examine, verify, and approve the accounts of those handling money or supplies, for the local or general government.
- Augur. A particular college of priests at Rome, who pretended to foretell the future by observing the lightning, the flight or note of birds, etc.

Aujourd'huy. To-day.

Aula. A hall or court; the court of a baron or manor; a court baron. A hall or chief mansion house; the usual appendage of a manor. Aula ecclesise. The nave of a church, anciently used by temporal courts.

- Aula, regia or regis. The King's hall or palace. Also called Curia Regis, the King's Court. It was the Supreme Court of the kingdom, established by William the Conqueror in 1066, and was composed of the King's great officers of State, resident in his palace, and usually attendant on his person. Eventually the Aula Regis was dissolved, and its jurisdiction and authority resolved into several courts, as King's Bench, Common Bench, Exchequer, and Chancery.
- Aumone. Lands given to a church in return for prayers offered for repose of the donor's soul.
- Aures. Cutting off the ears. Α punishment inflicted by the Saxons for theft.
- Aurum reginæ. The Queen's gold; a revenue going to the queen consort.

Aussi. Also; in this manner.

Australian ballot. A term applied in U. S. to a ballot or ticket used in the election of different officials, which is in some features similar to that used in Australia. The system is different in different States, but the underlying principle is to enable one to vote secretly and to have no ballots used except those printed by authority of law.

Auter or autre. Another, other.

Auter action pendant. Another Authority, executive. Authority to

ment stating that a prior suit has been begun for the same cause.

Auter droit. In the right of another.

Auter vie. The life of another.

- Auterfoits acquit. A former acquittal of the same charge. Same as Autrefois acquit q. v.
- Auterfoits convict. A former conviction of the same offence.

Authentication. A certificate by the proper officer of a thing done, or, of the authority in one to do a thing.

- Authorities. Those who have the execution of public law. Principles, decision of judges, and statements of law writers, cited to sustain a legal proposition.
- Authority. A power to do an act whether original or delegated; legal power; force; rule; influence. A rule, principle, interpretation or act cited to maintain a proposition; a precedent, or warrant.
- Authority by law. Authority created by statute or operation of law.
- Authority coupled with an interest. An authority for which the agent has given consideration, or which is given as partial security, and to which special rules apply.
- Authority, delegation of. The giving or conferring of authority from one to another.

action pending. A plea in abate- execute or enforce the law.

Authority, general. Authority to perform all acts of a certain character. Authority, implied. That implied from the facts or acts of the principal, or the nature of the tainted. undertaking. Authority, judicial. The authority of a judge or court. Authority, legislative. Power of a legislature: law-making power. Authority, limited. That confined or restricted to certain prescribed limits. Authority, special. Authority to Auxiliary. One do a particular act only. which aids. Authority, unlimited. An authority where the agent is allowed to use his own discretion, without restrictions. Authorize. To give power to; to justify. Auto de fe. Act of faith. The judicial announcement, with its execution, of the sentence of the inquisition, and the ceremonies attending the announcement. Autocracy. An independent or self-derived power. A govern-

self-derived power. A government where the power of the monarch is supreme, unlimited, uncontrolled by law.

Authority, express. That given in

express terms.

Autopsy. The examination of a dead body to discover the cause of death.

Autre. Other, another.

Autre vie. Another's life.

Autrefois. At another time; formerly, before, heretofore. Autrefois acquit. Formerly acquitted. A plea so called, by a criminal to an indictment, that he has been formerly acquitted on an indictment for the same offence. It is a bar to a second indictment for the same offence.

- Autrefois attaint. Formerly attainted. A plea of former attainder in bar to an indictment.
- Autrefois convict. Formerly convicted. A plea by a criminal, in bar to an indictment, that he was formerly convicted of the same identical crime. It is a bar to a subsequent indictment for the offence.
- Auxiliary. One who, or that which aids.
- Auxilium ad filium primogenitum militem faciendum, vel ad filiam primogenitam maritandam. Aid to make the eldest son a knight, or to marry the eldest daughter. An ancient writ which was addressed to the sheriff to levy compulsorily an aid toward the knighting of a son and the marrying of a daughter of the tenants in capite of the crown.
- Auxilium regis. The aid, assistance of the King; the King's aid. Money levied for the royal use and the public service, as taxes granted by Parliament.
- Aval. In French law, undertaking; guaranty; surety for payment. The guaranty or suretyship—avalage—of a bill of exchange; so called because usually placed at the foot or bottom—a val—of the bill.

Avec. With.

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 Aventura. A mischance or accident by which the death of a man is suddenly occasioned without felony. Aver. To state; to plead; to verify; to declare distinctly and formally, as in a pleading. Aver et tener. To have and to hold. 	effect of admitting the facts pleaded by an opponent. Avoir. To possess. Property, es- tate, wealth, money, substance, means, ability, effects, goods, chattels; having those or either of them. Avow. To declare openly, to jus- tify an act.
B. The second letter of the al- phabet. As an abbreviation this letter denotes Bene, Bonus, Bona, Bachelor, Bail, Bankrupt-	 son convicted of burglary was branded on the cheek with B. in indelible ink. B. C. Bail court; bankruptcy

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- Bachelor. A simple knight, and not Knight of the Bath. Anciently applied to an admiral if under the degree of baron. A man who has never been married. One upon whom a college or university has conferred the first degree.
- **Back.** To indorse on the back of a legal paper.

Backing. Indorsement.

- **Backing a warrant.** Where a justice of the peace indorses a warrant issued in another county, thus enabling it to be served in the county he belongs in.
- **Backside.** The rear; a yard in the rear of a house.
- **Baculo et annulo.** With staff and ring. The insignia of a Roman Catholic bishop.
- **Bad.** The technical word for unsoundness in pleading. When applied to a person, means one who violates moral or municipal law habitually.
- **Bad faith.** Unlawful intention. Intent to defraud or to deceive. Taking advantage of a trust or confidence.
- **Badge.** A mark of identification. A device worn by an officer as an emblem of authority.
- **Badge of fraud.** An act or circumstance which causes a transaction to be suspected as fraudulent.
- **Baggage.** That which a passenger carries for personal use. As to what is, is a question of law to be determined by the facts in each particular case. Usually writing execute

limited to articles for use and convenience on the journey.

- Bail. Delivery, custody, guardianship. Delivery of land; livery. The setting at liberty of one arrested or imprisoned on surety taken for his appearance when wanted. A bond given that a person will be produced when wanted. In Canadian law, a lease. Also those who become sureties.
- **Bail, absolute.** Bail given to pay a specified sum if another, entrusted with money, fails to account for the same at the proper time.
- **Bail, civil.** Bail given in civil actions.
- Bail, common (or straw bail). Where the sureties are fictitious and used only for entering an appearance. As distinguished from special bail, or real persons who undertake responsibility for defendant's appearance.
- **Bail, excessive.** Bail unreasonably large in amount.
- **Bail, fixing.** Making the liability of a special bail absolute by judgment or some other procedure.
- Bail in error. Bail given to stay an execution until an alleged error can be passed upon.
- **Bail, justifying.** Ascertaining the sufficiency of bail.
- Bail, special. Where the sureties giving bail are bona fide responsible.
- **Bail-bond.** The instrument in writing executed by a surety.

- **Bailee.** A person who receives a thing in trust upon a contract that the trust will be executed; the one to whom a bailment is made.
- **Bailiff.** An officer of the hundred, of liberties, of manors, of husbandry, etc. A keeper; a steward; a subordinate magistrate. A sheriff's officer or deputy. A tipstaff.
- **Bailiwick.** That over which a bailiff exercises certain powers. The jurisdiction of a bailiff or sheriff. A liberty exempted from a sheriff's jurisdiction; a county.
- **Bailment.** A delivery of goods or chattels by one to another upon an agreement that the latter shall do some act to or with them, and then return or account for them.
- **Bailment, gratuitous.** The receiving and undertaking to do some act with respect to an article, without reward.
- **Balance.** The excess of one account over the other. That which remains after a part has been disposed of; the residue.
- **Balance**, net. Balance after deductions of charges.
- **Ballot.** To vote. To express one's will by a ticket or ball embodying or indicating the same. The ticket or ball so used. The aggregate of votes cast. The act of voting.
- **Ballot box.** A box in which ballots are placed when voting.
- Ban or bann. A proclamation, or public notice. An edict. A

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curse or denunciation. As bans of matrimony, public notice of intended marriage of persons.

- Banc. A seat or bench of judgment.
- **Banc, sittings in.** The sittings of a superior court in full, as distinguished from the sittings of the judges at nisi prius or on circuit.
- Banco regis. The King's Bench. The name of one of the English Courts, which was formerly the highest English tribunal after Parliament.
- **Bancus.** A bench or seat in the King's hall or palace. A bench. A table. A stall. A counter on which goods are offered for sale. A seat of judgment or tribunal for the administration of justice; the ancient and original name of the Court of Common Pleas, or Communis Bancus (Common Bench).
- **Bancus regis.** The King's Bench; supposed to be always held before the King himself. Hence the term, in Banco Regis, in the King's Bench. Abbreviated B. R.
- Bancus superior. The upper bench. During the Protectorate the King's Bench was so called.
- Bandit. An outlaw; a man under the ban of the law.
- **Banishment.** A civil death inflicted on an offender, compelling him to leave the country.
- Bank. A bench; the bench of justice. An official meeting of all the judges of a common law court is called "sitting in bank" (or banc). The expression is

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used of a court sitting to determine questions of law, as distinguished from nisi prius sittings to determine questions of fact. A place where money is deposited. To deposit money in bank. A corporation engaged in the banking business.

- **Bank account.** The fund one has in bank. The statement of the fund as to amounts deposited and drawn out.
- **Bank check.** An order to a bank to pay on demand from the funds of the drawer on deposit, a specified sum of money to either the bearer or a person mentioned.
- **Bank credits.** Accommodations allowed by a bank to one who deposits security.
- **Bank, national.** A bank organized by authority of and in accordance with the Federal banking laws of the United States.
- **Bank, savings.** A bank established to receive and safe keep small deposits of money.
- **Bank, state.** A bank established by virtue of State laws.
- **Bank bill.** A promissory note payable to bearer on demand, issued by a bank and intended to circulate as money.
- **Banking.** The business of receiving, lending, issuing or dealing in money and discounting commercial paper.
- Bankrupt. Originally, one who attempted to defraud his creditors. Now, defined by statute, but the term is generally applied to one without sufficient

means to meet his pecuniary obligations. Also one who has filed, or against whom has been filed a petition in bankruptcy, or who has been adjudged a bankrupt.

- Bankrupt, involuntary. One against whom a petition in bankruptcy has been filed without his consent, by his creditors.
- Bankrupt, voluntary. One who voluntarily files a petition in bankruptcy.
- Bankruptcy. The condition of a bankrupt. That division of law by virtue of which a debtor's assets are divided among his creditors and he is thereafter discharged of all existing indebtedness.
- **Bankruptcy, act of.** An act to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy in the U. S., the act of July 1st, 1898.
- **Banneret.** A title of dignity in England between a baron and a knight.
- Bannire. For a judge to cite one to appear in court.
- Banns. The announcement in church of an intended marriage.
- Bannus. An edict, statute, or public ordinance; a ban. In old European law, a fine or penalty. A tribute. Banishment or exile. Proscription; confiscation. An anathema or curse. A proclamation or publication as the proclamation of marriage contract in a church. A field or territory; the limit or precinct of a town.

- Bans of matrimony. A public announcement of a contemplated marriage.
- Bar. Any obstacle which obstructs, hinders or defends; a The railing that enbarrier. closes the place which counsel occupy in courts of justice. The Baron. The lowest rank of nobilplace in court where prisoners are stationed. A plea sufficient to destroy the plaintiff's action. Members of the legal profession.
- Bar, plea in. A final plea which bars or defeats an action. plea which alleges ground for barring an action.
- Bar to a common intendment. An ordinary plea or defense, generally to the declaration.
- Bar. trial at. Trial before a quorum of judges of a superior court.
- Baratarius. A barrator; one who encourages barratry.
- Baratria. The crime committed by a judge who is induced by a bribe to pronounce a judgment.
- Bargain. An agreement of one party to buy and another to sell real or personal property. A mutual agreement.
- Bargain and sale. At early English law the contract for the conveyance of land without actual transfer. A contract for the sale and conveyance of land. The delivery of personalty followed by actual sale. The transfer of the property in a thing from the seller to the buyer, for a valuable consideration.

- Bark. The letter of a statute or instrument in writing as distinguished from its meaning. Equivalent to the "brusk" or outside of a theory as distinguished from its meritorious parts.
- ity in England, next below a viscount. The governor of a province or seignory. A freeholder who held directly of the King. A husband. A freeman. A judge of the Court of Exchequer.
- Baron and feme. Man and wife. Same as baron et feme.
- Baron et feme. Man and woman: husband and wife.
- **Baronet.** A dignity originally created in 1611, descendible to male issue, and taking precedence of all knights.
- Barons of the Exchequer. The six judges of the English Exchequer.
- Barony. The honor and territory which gives title to a baron. An old name for a manor.
- Barratria. Barratry; fraud, deceit, criminal fault, embezzlement, etc. In the Italian law, barratria has the sense of fraud or deceit committed in contracts and sales.
- Barratrous. Having the quality or character of barratry; fraudulent.
- Barratry. An act by the master or sailor of a ship which is grossly negligent, fraudulent, or criminal, which benefits the actor to the injury and without

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Ev-Base fee. A tenure at the will of the consent of the owner. ery species of fraud, knavery, or the lord. One descendible to criminal conduct in the master heirs of the holder, but terminor marines of a ship by which able on an uncertain event; one the owners or freighters are inwhose continuance is contingent. jured. In Scotch law, the crime Base services. The lowest menial of a judge who receives a bribe labor. pronounce to 2 judgment. Fraud, deceit, criminal fault, Base tenant. One bound to perembezzlement. 2. The offence of form base or inferior services. frequently or habitually exciting Base tenure. A tenure by base or stirring up suits at law and services, as villenage or customquarrels, same as Barretry. ary services. Barrenness. A condition which Basileus. King. Emperor. The prevents conception. title given to the Emperor Jus-Barretry. The offence of disturbtinian in some of his novels. A ing the peace by the maintetitle given to the King of Engnance and bringing of numerous land, in charters before the consuits at law. quest, in imitation of that assumed by the Emperors of the Barrister. An English term for a East and West. pleader at the bar; a counsellor learned in the law and admitted **Basilica.** A compilation of Roman to plead for others in a court. and Greek law, supposed to have Is the same as counsellor in the been made during the latter part United States. of the ninth and beginning of tenth centuries. An abridgment Barter. To exchange one comof the Corpus Juris Civilis of modity for another. Same as a Justinian, which was the basis sale, except that the price is of the law throughout the Eastgiven in goods instead of money. ern Roman Empire until the Bas or base. Low; base; inferior. fall of Constantinople in 1453. **Bas chevaliers.** Inferior knights Bassa justitia. Low justice. In by tenure of military fee. Bachfeudal law, the right of a feudal elors. lord to try persons accused of petty offences or trespasses. **Bas court.** Any inferior court not Bastard. One born out of wedof record, as a court baron, lock. Under old English law Base animals. Those which canand in the U.S., unless changed not be used for food. by statute, the marriage of its parents did not legitimize, but Base estate. An estate held by a under Canon and Civil law it did. base service, as at the will of the feudal lord, or to render in-Bastard, adulterous. One produced ferior service. by persons one or both of whom

are married to another when the child was conceived.

- **Bastard eigne.** Bastard elder; an older bastard son. The child of two unmarried persons who afterward intermarry and have another and legitimate son, who is known in law as filius mulieratus or mulier puisny, the first or bastard son being the bastard eigne.
- **Bastard, special.** One made legitimate by the subsequent marriage of its parents.
- **Bastardy.** Begetting an illegitimate child. The condition of being a bastard. The plea or objection of illegitimacy.
- **Bastardy bond.** A bond given by the father of a bastard to pay a fixed sum periodically for the support of the child for a specified length of time, to prevent his becoming a public charge.
- **Bastardy, incestuous.** The issue begotten by those not married but related within the prohibited degrees of marriage.
- **Battel.** A trial by combat; the last three occurred in England in 1571, 1631 and 1638, respectively. Abolished 59 Geo. III. 46. See Battel, Wager of. The battel in trials of writ of right was by champions lest the suit be abated by the death of one of the hitigants.
- **Battel, wager of.** A practice which prevailed in the courts of chivalry of trial by personal combat. In some cases the parties might fight by champions. If the appellee were vanquished he was

hanged; if he killed the appellant or fought a certain length of time, he was acquitted. If the appellant cried craven, the appellee recovered damages, but the appellant lost his liberam legem and became infamous.

Battery. The unlawful beating of another; the least touching of another's person, willfully or in anger constitutes battery. Every battery, a fortiori, includes an assault, but may not include a battery.

Bawd. A procurer.

- **Bawdy-house.** A house of illfame. A house in which two or more women reside and engage in unlawful sexual intercourse for money; a brothel.
- Beach. Land along the coast, washed by the sea or waves.
- **Bearer.** Used to indicate the person to whom a bill or note is payable when no payer is named; one of the words used to denote the negotiability of commercial paper.
- Bearing date. Having date. Being dated.
- **Beast.** A four-footed animal used for labor, food or sport.
- Beau-pleader. Fair pleadings; apt or correct pleading; or the fair or favorable hearing of a plea or suit. Lord Coke considers it a fine imposed for the privilege of pleading fairly, by way of amendment, after a former vicious plea. A writ prohibiting a fine for inapt pleading, given by statute of Marl. 52, Hy. Ill., cii.

Bed. 1. The right to sexual in- tercourse, as bed and board. 2. The part of the land under a lake, river or bay, which is rarely exposed, but usually covered with water.	of the truth of a proposition without immediate personal knowledge. Belligerency. The state of a na- tion or people, who are at war with another.
Before the Court. Within the juris- diction and control of a court for consideration.	Belligerent. One who is at war with another. A citizen of a na- tion at war with another.
Before trial. After the institution of a suit, but before the issue is placed before the court or jury for determination.	Bello. To carry on war; to war; to make war.
Beggar. One who lives by solicit- ing alms.	Bello parta cedunt reipublicæ. Things acquired by war go to the state.
Begging. Soliciting the gift of money or articles.	Bellum. War; an armed contest between nations.
Begin, right to. The right of the party upon whom the burden of proof rests to introduce his evi- dence first, and to open and close the argument; the right of one who affirms.	Bench. The dais or elevated seat of the judges in court, hence— a tribunal of justice; a seat of judgment; the court; the body of judges, as distinguished from the bar.
Begins to run. When a cause of action first arises, or is subject to the operation of law; the time from which the statute of limi-	Bench, King's. Formerly the high- est court of Common law in England. Bench, Queen's. Formerly the
tations is computed. Begotten. Procreated. Behavior. Personal conduct or de-	highest court of Common law in England during the reign of a Queen.
meanor. Conduct.	Bench warrant. A warrant issued
Behavior, disorderly. Behavior in violation of law or the pro-	by a judge or court for the ar- rest of a person.
ceedings of a court or legally constituted body.	Beneficial. Benefiting; tending to benefit; comporting; assisting; useful.
Behoof. Use; benefit; advantage. Belief. Conviction drawn from facts known, but where the be- liever knows that other facts might exist which would change his opinion if known. Persuasion	Benedicta est expositio quando res redimitur a destructione. The interpretation is best when the subject matter is rescued

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- Beneficial enjoyment. The enjoyment one has in an estate for his own benefit and not for another.
- Beneficial interest. Interest in an estate which arises from other than ownership.
- Beneficiary. One who derives a benefit from anything. He who is in possession of a benefice. A cestui que trust.
- Beneficium. A privilege, a favor, right; any particular privilege. Originally an estate held for life, only given to military men. An estate received from a superior.
- Beneficium cedendarum actionem. The benefit of making over actions. In the Civil law, the privilege by which a surety could, before paying the creditor, compel him to make over to him the right of action.
- Beneficium clericale. The clerical privilege; the privilege of clergy. (Abolished by Stat. 7 and 8, Geo. IV., c. 28). Same as benefit of clergy.
- Beneficium inventarii. In Roman law, the privilege of an heir to have the testator's property inventoried before he took possession that he might know whether the assets exceeded the liabilities or not.
- Beneficium separationis. In Roman law, the right granted a creditor to have the property of a testator separated from that of an insolvent heir.

Benefit. Profit. Advantage.

Benefit of clergy. The ancient exemption from capital punishment of those who were clergymen; afterwards extended to all those who could read. Abolished by Stat. 7 and 8, Geo. IV., c. 28.

- Benigne faciendæ sunt interpretationes chartarum, propter simplicitatem laicorum, ut res magis valeat quam pereat; et verba intentioni, non e contra, debent inservire. The interpretation of written instruments is to be liberal, on account of the errors of the laity, so that the subject matter may have effect and not become void; and the language should be subject to the intentions and not the contrary. An ancient legal maxim applicable to construction.
- Bequest. A gift of personalty by testament. It is an inchoate property until the executor delivers possession.
- Bequest, executory. The bequest of a contingent, or future interest in personal property.
- Bequest, residuary. The bequest of all of the remainder of a testator's property after debts, legacies, etc., have been paid.
- Bequest, specific. A bequest of property of a particular kind.
- Berghmote or Berghmoth. Anciently an assembly or court on a hill to decide controversies among miners of Derbyshire, England.
- Bering Sea dispute. The dispute between the U. S. and England which arose, originally, through the objections of the U. S. to the killing by Canadians in Bering Sea, of female seals during pregnancy or while caring

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for their young. The question was submitted to a board of ar- bitration which made an award in Paris in 1893.	isdiction, and while it continues the statute of limitations do not run. Bi. Two; twice.
Best. That which excels all others. That which is most beneficial or advantageous under the circum- stances.	Bid. To make an offer on some- thing offered for sale. The offer itself. The amount for which a contractor proposes to do cer-
Best evidence. This term as applied to the rule requiring best evidence, means the highest or most direct evidence which the fact admits of must be adduced. The highest grade of evidence.	tain work. Bid off. To bid successfully at an auction. Bidding, by. Fraudulent bidding of a puffer at an auction to cause bona fide bidders to offer
Bestiality. Carnal intercourse with lower animals. See Buggery.	a higher price. Bilbrief. In maritime law, a
 Bet. A wager. Betrothment. An agreement between a man and a woman to marry at a future time. Better. Legally or equitably su- 	written statement furnished an owner by a ship builder of a vessel's measurement and di- mensions. In Danish law, a con- tract of bottomry.
perior. Betterment. An improvement	Biennially. Once in every two years.
which substantially increases the value of land. The increased value of land through public im- provements.	Bigamy. Originally meant being twice married. Now, marrying a second time while the first marriage is still in force.
Betting. Wagering; an agreement between two or more persons that a sum of money, to which each has contributed, shall be- come the property of one or more on the happening of an event.	 Bigot. A name at one time applied to Rollo and the Normans. An intolerant adherent to a creed, system, or opinion. Bi-lateral. Two sided. A contract in which both contracting parties are bound by reciprocal ob-
 Beverage. A liquor drunk for pleasure, as distinguished from one drunk for health. Beyond sea. Out of the kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. In United States it means out of the State, or out of the United 	ligations. Bilge. The flat part of a ship's bottom. To stave in the bilge of a ship so it leaks. Bill. A formal declaration or com- plaint in writing; a proposed in- dictment placed before a grand
States. Means beyond the jur-	

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law. A common engagement for money. A single bond without condition. A written statement of an indebtedness.

- Bill, creditor's. A bill to enforce a debt or judgment out of property not subject in law to execution. A bill to set aside a fraudulent conveyance, and subject the property to the payment of a debt or judgment.
- Bill, cross. One filed by the defendant against the plaintiff or by another against both parties in relation to the subject-matter of the original bill. A bill of exchange or promissory note given in consideration of another bill or note.
- Bill for a new trial. A bill in equity to enjoin a judgment at law and praying for a new trial.
- Bill for foreclosure. A bill in equity filed by a mortgagee for the sale of the mortgaged property and satisfaction of the debt, interest and costs.
- Bill, foreign. A bill of exchange drawn or payable in a foreign country.
- Bill in Chancery or Bill in Equity. A statement of the facts in proper form, addressed to the Chancellor of a Court of Chancery, which are the ground for requesting the relief prayed for.
- Bill in the nature of a bill of review. A bill in equity filed by one not a party to a proceeding to have the same re-examined and the decree reversed.
- Bill in the nature of a bill of re- Bill of divorce. A petition pray**vivor.** A bill in equity filed to ing for a divorce.

revive a suit where a bill of revivor is insufficient to supply the defect or remedy the abatement.

- Bill in the nature of a supplemental bill. A bill introducing new parties and new interests in a cause already commenced. It is distinguished from a supplemental bill, as in the latter, the parties or the interests are the same as those of the original bill.
- Bill of adventure. A writing made by a shipper of goods or common carrier showing that the shipment is the venture of another person and that the shipper or carrier is not responsible for anything but delivery as consigned.
- Bill of certiorari. A bill in equity to remove a cause to a superior court.
- Bill of costs. An account rendered of the costs taxed against the parties to a suit.
- Bill of credit. A writing requesting one to give credit to the bearer on the guarantee of payment by the writer. A document issued by a State, and designed to circulate as money, promising to pay a certain sum. United States Constitution prohibits bills of credit being issued by a State.
- Bill of discovery. A petition in equity praying for an order requiring a party to disclose certain facts within his knowledge.

Bill of exceptions. A statement in fictitious trespass and the real writing of the exceptions to the cause of action. rulings of the court. Bill of parcels. An invoice or statement of the articles com-Bill of exchange. A written order from one person to another for posing a parcel or package of goods; usually sent to the purthe payment of money to a third person. A form of negotiable inchaser with the articles. strument. Bill of particulars. A written ex-Bill of exchange, domestic. A bill hibit or statement of items condrawn on a person living in the stituting a demand for which same State or country with the suit is brought, or facts upon drawer. which the indictment or charge is founded. Bill of indictment. A formal written accusation presented by a Bill of peace. The name of a pegrand jury in court. tition in equity filed by a person to consolidate a number of Bill of information. A bill in threatened actions in order to equity filed on behalf of the State to obtain that due it or prevent multiplicity of suits concerning the same matter. damages. Bill of review. A bill to review a **Bill of interpleader.** A petition in judgment in chancery, when equity by the holder of a fund there is error or some new evito hear those claiming it, to litidence. gate the right or title between themselves so as to relieve him Bill of sale. An instrument in from the liability of their claims. writing by which the transfer of title to personal property is de-Bill of lading. A receipt or writclared and established. An inten acknowledgment by a carstrument writing in the nature rier of the delivery of goods for of a mortgage for the transfer transportation. of title to personal property, as Bill of Middlesex. A process by security for a debt. which the Court of King's Bench sitting in Middlesex, obtained Bill, original. A bill stating a ground for relief never before in jurisdiction of a person without litigation between the same parobtaining an original writ. The ties. method was to allege a fictitious trespass in the county of which Bill payable. A bill of exchange, the court always had jurisdicpromissory note, or other writ-

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- **Bill, public.** A legislative bill for the benefit of a public at large as distinguished from a private bill.
- **Bill quia timet.** Bill because he fears. A bill to prevent apprehended injury to property, by restraining it before committed.
- Bill rendered. The written statement of a claim for money owed. A previous statement of account.
- **Bill, supplemental.** A bill filed to supply some omission or defect in the original bill which could not be cured by amendment.
- **Bill to perpetuate testimony.** A bill to obtain the testimony of persons whose testimony may be required regarding a matter not yet in litigation but which may be in litigation.
- Bill to quiet title and possession. Same as bill to remove cloud upon title.
- **Bill to remove cloud upon title.** A bill brought to settle and confirm a title which is really good, so that the possessor cannot be annoyed in the future by another person who holds evidences or deeds, but has not brought action.
- Bill to take testimony. A bill filed for permission to take the testimony of a witness aged or infirm or liable to die or leave the country. Same as perpetuating testimony.
- Bill to take testimony de bene esse. Same as bill to take testimony.

Billa cossetur. Let the bill be quashed. A form of judgment for defendant at common law.

Bill, true, or billa vera. The indorsement made on a bill of indictment by a grand jury, when they found it sufficiently sustained by evidence.

- Billet de change. A billet or letter of exchange. In French law, the billet de change is given when the party with whom the contract is made is not at present prepared to give the bill of exchange agreed on, and merely gives a billet, by which he engages hereafter to furnish one.
- Billet wood. Firewood; fixed by statute 43 Elizabeth, at three feet four inches long and seven inches in compass; under this size was forfeited to the poor.
- Billingsgate. 1. A fishmarket in England. 2. Abusive and vulgar epithets.
- Bills, inland. Domestic bills of exchange.
- Bind. To put under a definite legal tie or obligation, as by a bond or covenant.

Binding. Making obligatory.

- **Binding out.** Obligating one to perform certain labor for a certain time; apprenticing.
- Binding over. Obligating one to keeping the peace or appear as a witness.
- **Bi-partite.** In two parts; divided in two. An indenture where there were two parties, and two parts of the deed, one going to each of the contracting parties.

Tri-partite, of three parts, and quadripartite, of four parts, are also used.

- Bis. Twice; in two days; in a twofold manner.
- Bissixtile or bisextilis annus. Leap Year. The bissextile year has one more day than the other years and happens every fourth year; it was ordained by the statute de Anno Bissextili, 21 Hen., III., that the day increasing in the Leap Year, and the day next before, should be accounted but one day. Under modern usage a twenty-ninth day is added to the month of February.
- **Bishop.** Chief of the clergy in his diocese.
- Bishopric. The diocese of a bishop.
- Black acre and white acre. Terms anciently applied to pieces of land to distinguish them.
- Black Act. The Statute of Geo. I., cap. 22, against persons committing crimes with blackened faces.
- Black Book. One of several books so named because of the black binding. A record of commissions under Henry VIII., detailing alleged practices in monasteries.
- Black Book of the Admiralty. An ancient repository of Admiralty law, containing the laws of Oleron with many ordinances and commentaries.
- book in the Exchequer of Eng- herbs, etc.

land, containing ancient charters, conventions, etc.

- Blackleg. A professional swindler, especially by the use of games of chance.
- Blackmail. A certain rent in money, consisting of corn or base money. A tribute formerly paid the border chiefs by those living in the northern counties of England, to secure protection from the border thieves and moss troopers. In modern usage it signifies a contribution to prevent the carrying out of a threat of injury. To obtain money by threats. Hush money. Extortion.
- Black Maria. The wagon in which prisoners are carried between a court and a jail.
- Black rod. Chief usher to the King and custodian of all peers when first committed for crime.
- Blacks. Negroes; persons of African descent.
- Blackstone, Sir William. The author of the compilation of English common and statute law. known as Blackstone's Commentaries. They were first delivered as lectures at Oxford College, England, and published in 1765-69.
- Blada a solo separata. Grain separated from the soil; grain after it has been harvested.
- Blada crescentia. Corn or grain growing.
- Black Book of the Exchequer. A Blade. Fruit, corn, hemp, flax,

- Blanc or Blancus. White, blank, smooth.
- **Blanc seign.** A blank paper signed and delivered to one to fill in at discretion.
- Bland-Allison Act. An act of congress dated Feb. 28, 1878, directing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase not less than two nor more than four million dollars worth of silver bullion per month and coin the same into standard silver dollars of 4121/2 grains each.
- **Blank.** A space in a document left free from writing or print that it may be filled with appropriate words or marks when required. Also the document with such unfilled spaces.
- Blank acceptance. An acceptance written before the bill is made.
- **Blank-bar.** A plea in bar in trespass obliging plaintiff to assign the certain place where trespass was committed.
- Blank indorsement, or indorsement in blank. A bill on which an indorsement is made without naming an indorsee, and which is then payable to holder or bearer, who may add his name as indorsee.
- **Blasphemy.** Denying what is deemed to be due the God of the Christian religion. It was an offence at common law. Blasphemy consisted in wantonly reproaching God or religion, or denying the existence of God or the birth and divinity of Jesus Christ, or in profane scoffing at the Holy Scriptures.

- **Blended fund.** The proceeds from the sale of both real and personal property. Usually applied to the estate of deceased person.
- **Blockade.** The cutting off of communication or commerce from a port by force. A war measure, defined by the usages of International Law.
- Blockade, paper. One proclaimed but not made effective by adequate naval force.
- **Blockade**, public. That established by proclamation and enforced in fact.
- Blockade, simple. That established by a naval officer without the direction of his government.
- **Blood.** Kin; of the same stock; having a common ancestor. Includes the half-blood. Brothers and sisters are of the wholeblood when they have the same father and mother; and are of the half-blood when they have only one parent in common.
- **Blood money.** Money anciently paid by a man slayer as compensation to the next of kin of the person slain; the amount varying with the rank of the killed.
- Blue laws. Drastic or severe laws based upon religious or moral ideas, and affecting the conduct of the individual in the home and matters of everyday occurrence.
- the birth and divinity of Jesus Christ, or in profane scoffing at the Holy Scriptures. Board. A table. That which is given on a table as food. A body of persons charged with

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some duty, as a board of di- rectors.	Bona fide. Good faith; without fraud or deceit.
Board of Trade. In England, a committee on commerce, selected from the privy council.	Bona fide emptor. A purchaser in good faith; a bona fide purchaser.
In U. S. an association of mer- chants for the promotion of business interests.	Bona fide possessor. A possessor in good faith.
Boc. A writing; a book; a char- ter. Land bocs, or other evi-	Bona fide præscriptio. A pre- scription in good faith.
dences of title corresponding to modern deeds.	Bona fide purchaser. A purchaser in good faith.
Bockland. A possession or inher- itance held by evidence in writ- ing. Lands held by charter in	Bona fides. Good faith; the opposite of mala fides and dolus malus.
allodium descendible to all the sons and called gavelkind and devisable only by will and termed terræ testamentales.	Bona fides non patitur ut bis idem exigatur. Good faith does not allow satisfaction for the same thing to be taken twice.
Body. A human being. The principal part of a thing. An artifi-	Bona gestura. Good behavior; good-abearing.
 cial organization. A number taken collectively. Body corporate. An artificial person, as a corporation. 	Bona gratia. By or through kind favor; with good grace; by mu- tual good will or consent. Ap- plied in the Civil law, to a spe- cies of divorce where the parties separated by mutual consent.
Body politic. A State. A munici- pal or public corporation having governing powers.	Bona memoria. Good memory.
Body-snatching. Taking a human body from a grave without legal authority.	Bond. To secure by bond. To place goods in a bonded ware- house. To encumber with a debt. A deed in which the ob-
 Bon. Good; sufficient in law. Bona. Goods; personal chattels; movable property; also chattels real as well as personal at the Civil law. 	liger agrees to pay a certain sum at a day appointed. In a servile state; captive. An interest- bearing certificate. In Scotch law, a bondman.
Civil law. Bona et catalla. Goods and chat- tels; personal or movable prop erty.	Bond and mortgage. A bond for the payment of money and a mortgage of realty as security for the performance of the bond.
Bona notabilia. Goods of notice- able value.	Bond, bail. An instrument under seal by which a defendant and

usually two sureties are bound to pay a sum to the sheriff if the defendant does not appear and answer to the action in which he has been arrested and held.

- **Bond, convertible.** A bond of a stock company convertible into stock at the option of the holder.
- **Bond, cost.** A bond conditioned that the party or his bondsman will pay all costs which may be taxed against the former in a particular action.
- Bond, counter. A bond given against another bond, as where a bond is given to protect one seizing goods and the holder of the goods gives a bond to hold them pending a determination of the ownership.
- **Bond, delivery.** A bond that goods or their value will be delivered up at a certain time, or upon certain conditions.
- Bond, dormant. One on which no payment has been made for twenty years.
- **Bond, income.** A bond payable from net earnings or a percentage of such earnings. A bond which pledges the income of **a** corporation for the payment of certain obligations.
- **Bond, joint and several.** A bond in which the obligors bind themselves jointly and severally.
- Bond, general mortgage. A bond secured by a mortgage upon the whole of the corporate property,

even though parts of the property are already mortgaged.

- **Bond, official.** One given by a public officer that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.
- **Bond, public.** One issued by a government either National, State, or a political division thereof, for public purposes.
- Bond, refunding. A bond stipulating that money paid for any purpose will be repaid if it subsequently appear that the payment should not have been paid.
- Bond, registered. A bond for the payment of money registered in the owner's name.
- **Bond, replevin.** A bond given by a claimant of property delivered to him under writ of replevin, that he will return the property if he does not show that its detention by the defendant was unlawful.
- **Bond, straw.** A bond in which the obligors are not responsible for the payment if forfeited, or in which the sureties are fictitious.
- Bondsman. The person who is bound to insure the performance of some act by another. A surety.
- Boni et legales homines. Good and lawful men.
- Boni judicis est ampliare jurisdictionem. A good judge will enlarge his jurisdiction; that is, will seek to expand his remedial jurisdiction to new matters to attain justice.

- **Bonus.** Good; good in law. A premium paid for a loan or the use of one's credit, or for a special favor, or for an extraordinary service, or for a grant or privilege. A premium paid to a grantor or vendor. An extra dividend out of profits of a stock company. A sum of money paid to an agent in addition to the agreed compensation.
- Bonus judex secundum æquum et bonum judicat, et equitatem stricto juri præfert. A just judge decides according to justice and fairness, and prefers equity to strict law. But this maxim will not override settled rules of law.
- **Book-account.** An account kept in a book regularly used for that purpose.
- **Book, account.** A book in which business transactions are entered by a merchant or trader.
- **Book** of original entries. The book containing the first entries of facts relating to any contract or article bought, sold, or exchanged.
- **Book-land.** Free socage land. Tenemental land held by deed under certain rents and free services.
- **Boom.** An enclosure in a stream made to hold floating logs.
- **Boot** or **bots**. A Saxon word, equivalent to estovers. Compensation; recompense.
- **Booty.** The spoil of war, captured on land. Goods taken by robbery.

- Born. Brought into being. Issued from a woman's womb.
- Borough. A place of safety; a town or village having a wall or enclosure. A town that sends burgesses to Parliament; a corporate town. A part of a township with a municipal charter.
- **Borough English.** A custom prevailing in certain boroughs in England that the land shall descend to the youngest son or youngest brother instead of to the **eldest.** This custom existed in the reign of Henry II. (1154-1189).
- Borrow. To obtain under a contract to return.
- **Bottomry.** The lending of money to the owner of a ship and taking a mortgage on the ship as security.
- **Bottomry bond.** The instrument writing containing the provisions of a bottomry contract.
- Bought and sold note. The memoranda of a sale given by a broker to both the buyer and seller of merchandise; the bought note is given to the seller, and the sold note to the buyer. This is stated conversely by some authorities.
- Boundary. The line between two estates or territories.
- **Boundary line.** A dividing line or mark. In shipbuilding the line where the hull meets the stem, keel and stern post.
- Boundary, natural. A natural object on the boundary line, as a river.

- **Bounds, metes and.** Boundaries, or lines marking the limits of an estate in lands. See Metes and Bounds.
- **Bounty.** An inducement or gratuity, either money, property, or some right offered for the performance of some act. Anything given or offered to a man to enlist in the military or naval service. Compensation paid to or a benefit conferred upon a person or class of persons.
- **Bourse.** An exchange or meeting place for merchants.
- **Boycott.** To combine in refusing to deal or associate with a person or company. Abstaining from association or dealings with a person, for the purpose of coercion or intimidation.
- **Boycott, secondary.** An organized attempt to injure by refusing to deal with or buy the products of a company or person who sells to or buys from a person or company that is being boycotted.
- **Boycotting.** Refusing to have business relations with a person or corporation until a request is complied with. The attempt by organized forces to compel or coerce their demands by intimidating methods, including refusal to deal with the person or company. Used chiefly by labor organizations in the United States to secure their demands.
- **Brace de la mer.** An arm of the sea. A portion of the sea where the tide flows and reflows.

- **Branch.** A separate part of a class of persons descended from a common ancestor. A stream tributary to another.
- **Brand.** To stamp. To impress with a red-hot iron. To mark. The mark thus impressed.
- **Branding.** Placing a brand on a person or thing. A punishment for certain offences after being allowed benefit of clergy so the person could not obtain the exemption a second time.
- **Brawl.** A noisy quarrel or tumult; a noisy disturbance of the public peace.
- **Brawling.** In England, the offence of quarreling or creating a disturbance in a churchyard.
- **Breach.** Breaking. Violation of a duty or obligation. The part of a declaration which charges breach of contract.
- **Breach of contract.** Neglect or failure to perform its conditions whether by commission or omission.
- **Breach of prison.** An escape of one lawfully confined in prison or under arrest for a crime.
- **Breach of privilege.** A violation of the rules and rights of either house of Parliament, of Congress, or of a State legislature.
- Breach of promise. The breaking or violation of an agreement or undertaking. Used especially with reference to failure to perform or carry out a promise to marry.
- Breach of trust. Deviation from the provisions of a trust. Ap-

propriating a thing entrusted to a wrong purpose.

- **Break bulk** or **Breaking bulk**. To commence unloading a cargo. The act of a carrier or bailee who opens a package or parcel of anything and uses it. Opening and using part of a shipment or lot of articles, so as to thereby manifest an intention to keep them.
- Break doors. To open doors by force.
- Break jail. To escape when legally confined. The escape of a prisoner out of the place of custody.
- **Break seals.** To remove or break the seals placed on articles by authority of law.
- Breaking and entering, actual. The removal of any part or fastening of a house by force and entering therein.
- Breaking and entering, constructive. The obtaining of an entrance into a house by fraud, threats, or conspiracy, with intent to commit felony.
- Breast of the court. Discretion of the court.
- Brethren. Brothers. Members of an association. When applied to an individual family includes sisters.
- **Breve.** Short; a writ; an original writ by which all actions in the Superior Courts of England were formerly commenced; no one was permitted to sue without a writ. Any writ of the King under seal, whereby he

commanded anything to be done for the furtherance of justice. A commission to a judge or justice of a Superior Court in the form of a breve. In Roman law, brevia were in the form of letters.

- Breve ad quod damnum. A writ as to what damage. A writ commanding the sheriff to inquire by the oaths of jurors as to the damage, etc., before the crown will grant certain liberties, for changing of ancient highways, etc. In American law, in certain cases, to inquire, etc., where lands and tenements are appropriated for public use.
- **Brevet.** A commission advancing a military officer to a higher rank, without increase of pay.
- Bribe. Anything of value asked, given, promised or accepted with a corrupt intent, or to induce one to violate his duty while acting in a public capacity.
- **Bribery.** Any attempt to influence a public officer in his official conduct by the offer of a reward or pecuniary compensation.

Bridewell. A house of correction.

- Bridle road. A narrow street for pedestrians and those on horseback, and not for general use by wagons or carriages.
- **Brief.** A writ. A papal rescript sealed with wax. An abridged statement of a person's case. A citation of the authorities relied upon to maintain a legal proposition. A legal argument.
- Brief of title. An abridged and orderly statement of the deeds,

 mortgages, and all matters affecting title to a piece of real property. A chain of title. An abstract of title. Brigand. A lawless fellow, a robber, freebooter. Britton. A work on English law, founded on Bracton and Fleta, written during reign of Edw. I. 	 Brother of the whole blood. One who has the same mother and father with another. Brotherhood. Those of the same occupation or profession. A society. Brothers, consanguine. Two who descend from different mothers but have the same father.
The authorship is not definitely known.	Brothers, germane. Brothers hav- ing the same father and mother.
Brocage. The compensation of a broker.	Brothers, uterine. Two who de- scend from the same mother but have different fathers.
Broken on the wheel. A species of torture by which the victim was placed upon a wheel and his bones broken by being struck with an iron bar.	Browbeat. To intimidate by look or action.
	Bruise. A contusion. An injury without breaking the skin.
Broker. An agent empowered to buy or sell property without having the responsibility of its custody or delivery. A person employed to make contracts for others.	 Bubble Act. An English Act of Parliament passed in 1720 to prevent fraudulent speculations. It was repealed in 1825. Bucket shop. The common desig- nation of a place where people
 Broker, discount. One who discounts notes and bills, and lends money on securities. Brokerage. The occupation of a broker. The compensation of a broker. 	gamble in futures after the form and on the prices quoted by the large stock exchanges. A gambling place where options or futures are bought and sold. Budget. The annual statement of the English Chancellor of the
rother. A male person, the child of the same parents or parent with another person.	penditures of the government. The total estimate of the cost of the local or general government for a definite period.
Brother of the half blood. One who is a child of either the same father or mother, with an- other, that is, only one parent is common to both.	Buggery. Carnal copulation by a man or woman with a beast, or a man with a man, or with woman unnaturally. Carnal copulation against nature.

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- **Building and loan associations.** Associations for accumulating money by contributions from the members and for lending the same to such members on receiving real estate as security, being designed to assist its members in building on or improving real estate.
- **Building lease.** A lease of land for a long term of years containing an agreement by the lessee to build thereon.
- Buildings, public. Those owned or used by the government.
- **Bulk.** 1. The part of a building which projects beyond the foundation. 2. The principal part of anything. 3. The whole of a ship's hold.
- **Bull** 1. A brief, edict or mandate from the Pope or Bishop at Rome. 2. One who speculates in the stock exchange for a rise in the market, by buying stock which is expected to advance in price. A Bear is one who sells stock short expecting prices to fall, when he can adjust his sales on the lower value and gain the difference.
- **Bulldoze.** To intimidate by threats, or threatening manner.
- **Bulletin.** An official announcement of public matters. In France, the registry of laws.
- **Bullion.** Gold or silver in mass before being coined.
- **Bundesrath.** The Federal Council of Germany, which shares the legislative power with the Reichstag. The name of the Federal Council of Switzerland.

Bundle. For a man and woman to lie together on the same bed without undressing; once a custom of lovers and engaged couples in Wales, and parts of New England and Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania courts have passed on this practice, in connection with suits for seduction, holding that a father cannot recover where he allows his daughter to bundle.

Bungalow. An East Indian country house.

- Burden of proof. The obligation resting upon a party to a cause to establish the truth of a proposition. The party seeking to be benefited by any fact is bound to establish it, so that the burden of proof may be upon plaintiff or defendant, according to the issue.
- **Bureau.** An office. Also a branch of an executive department, for the transaction of certain kinds of business. As:
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A bureau of the Treasury Department of the U. S. which designs, engraves, prints and finishes all government notes, bonds, certificates, national bank notes, stamps, drafts, checks, licenses, etc.
- **Bureau of Equipment.** A bureau of the U. S. Navy Department charged with everything relating to the equipment of vessels of the navy.
- Bureau of Immigration. A bureau of the U. S. Treasury Department charged with the administration and enforcement of the

immigration and alien contract labor laws.

- **Bureaucracy.** Government by bureaus. Undue authority by bureaus. The officials collectively in the executive departments of a government.
- **Burgesses.** Men of trade or the free inhabitants of a walled town. Those who represent a borough in Parliament. Magistrates or chief officers of boroughs.
- **Burgh-mote.** A court of a borough. A court held in burghs or towns three times a year, at which the earldorman or alderman presided.
- **Burglar.** One who breaks and enters an apartment, dwellinghouse, church or public building in the night time with intent to commit a felony.
- **Burglarious.** With intention to commit burglary.
- **Burglariously.** A technical word required by the common law to be used in an indictment for burglary.
- **Burglary.** At common law the breaking and entering the house, room or apartment of another, or a public building, or a church, in the night, with intent to commit felony. Statutes have enlarged the meaning of the word.
- Burgomaster. The chief executive of a German city, town or borough.
- **Burking.** Murder for the purpose of selling the bodies for dissection.

- Burning in the hand. The old practice of burning on the thumb those given benefit of clergy.
- Burying alive. The ancient English punishment of those who made contracts with Jews; also of those found guilty of sodomy.
- Business. Avocation; calling. Includes everything about which a person can be employed.
- **Business hours.** The hours during which the community usually transacts business.
- Business, in course. In accordance with business methods or usages.
- Business, place of. The place where one usually transacts his business.
- Business usages. The customs usually observed in business circles or transactions.
- Butted and bounded. A phrase used in describing the end and side of circumscribing lines to a piece of land.
- Buy in. To buy one's own property at public auction.
- **Buying title.** Buying the right of a disseissee. It was not allowed by the common law, and it was made an offence in England by Stat. 36, Henry VIII.
- **By estimation.** A term equivalent to "more or less;" meaning that the quantity is by estimate and not by actual measurement.
- **By God and my country.** The old form of an answer of an accused to the question, "How wilt thou be tried?"

By the bye. Incidentally; without special process. At one time applied to a declaration filed in a new cause against one in cus- tody at the suit of another plaintiff.	the general law. By-laws against public policy or statute law are void.
By-laws. Rules for the regulation of corporations or associations	Bystanders. Persons present in court.

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 C. The third letter in the alphabet. C. O. D. Collect on delivery. C. P. Common pleas. 	ish-American law, in the heads of Indian villages and succes- sors.
 C. Q. T. Cestui que trust. C. T. A. Cum testamento annexo; with the will attached. Ca. Sa., Capias ad satisfaciendum, a common law writ of execu- tion. 	 Caciques. Heads of Spanish-American villages. Cadet. A student training for the army or navy. Caduca. Civil law, an inheritance; property that descends.
 Cabal. A term applied to the ministry in reign of Charles II., who sought to restore the power of the Pope. The initials of their names spelled the word. They were Clifford, Ashley, Buckingham, Arlington and Lauderdale. Cabinet. Members of the Privy Council of England. It was established in 1693. In U. S. a cabinet has no legal existence, but the term is applied to the chief officers of the branches of the executive department who are appointed to carry out the policy of the President in executing law. Cable. To send a message by submarine cable. A rope or chain used to moor vessels. A large conductor of electricity, composed of several wires. 	 Calamus legis. The pen of the law. Calendar. 1. A list of things arranged with details of information. 2. A system of fixing the order, length and subdivisions of years and months. England and the U. S. use that of Pope Gregory XIII., Russia and Greece that of Julius Cæsar. Calendar Amendment Act. An English statute passed in 1751 changing the first of the year from March 25, to January 1, and destroying the eleven days difference between the new and old style. Calendar, Gregorian. The calendar established by Gregory XIII., which changed the Julian Calendar by making Oct. 5,

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1582, Oct. 15, 1582, and then continued regularly after that day. Gregory also made the last year of a century 365 days' duration except one divisible by four. Gregory's system is called the New Style.

- **Calendar, Julian.** The calendar established by Julius Cæsar. By it every three years of 365 days is followed by a year of 366 days. It is twelve days behind the Gregorian Calendar, on account of being faulty.
- Calendar Mohammedan. A calendar used in countries having the Mohammedan religion. It reckons time from the Hegira, July 16, A. D. 622. The year is twelve lunar months of 29 days, 12 hours and 44 minutes.
- **Calendar month.** A month, the length of which is fixed by the calendar as distinguished from the lunar month, or one periodical revolution of the moon; being twenty-eight days.
- **Calendar of causes, or court calendar.** A list of the causes made by the clerks, containing the title, the form of action, the date of issue, and the names of the attorneys in each cause.
- **Calendar of prisoners.** The names of prisoners and the judgment against each kept by a sheriff.
- **Calends.** The first day of the Roman month. If any number be placed with it, it signifies that day in the former month, which comes so many days before the month named, thus: the first calend is the day before the first of the month mentioned, the

second calend, the second day before, and so on.

- Calends, Greek. Words meaning time never to come, as the Greeks had no calends.
- Call. To summon. An assessment for paying of subscription of a stock company or to pay losses. A notice that bonds will be presented for payment. A contract conveying the privilege of demanding within a designated period, and agreeing to deliver on demand some article, on payment of the stipulated price. A natural object mentioned in the descriptive part of a deed. Money payable on demand is on call.
- **Call a docket.** To announce the cases on the docket, and make inquiry of the parties as to whether they are ready for trial, argument or motion.
- **Call a jury.** To select the names of those who are to serve, subject to challenge.
- **Call a party.** To call a party's name in open court and request his appearance.
- **Call a witness.** To request his appearance in open court; to present him for examination.
- **Call day.** In English law, the day law students are called to the bar.
- **Call of the House.** A call of the names of a legislative body to determine who of the members is present.
- **Calling the plaintiff.** A formal nonsuiting when the plaintiff desires to abandon the case, effected by his non-appearance

 at the call of the crier. Entitles the defendant to a nonsuit and judgment for costs, but does not prevent plaintiff from bringing another action for the same matter. Calling to the bar. Admitting to the practice of law. 	 instrument in the manner of a lattice or cross. To strike out of existence. Cancella or Cancellaria. Chancery; the chancery; the Court of Chancery; a court of equity. Cancellarius. A porter; a door-
 Calling upon a prisoner. The inquiry of a prisoner of why judgment should not be passed upon him. Calvin's case. A case in 7 Rep. I. which decided that those born in Scotland after the accession of James I. to the crown of England were natural born English subjects. Cameralistics. The science which treats of obtaining and expending money for public purposes. 	 keeper. A director of chancery; the head clerk in chancery; the chancellor. Cancellarius de Scaccario. Chan- cellor of the Exchequer. An officer of the British crown, who formerly sat in the exchequer with the regular judges to watch the interests of the crown. Candlemas-day. The second day of February. Set apart by the Roman Catholics in honor of the Virgin.
 Campio conductivus. A hired champion who took the place of another in a trial by waiver of battle. Campus. An assembly of the people. In feudal and old English law, a field or plain. The field marked out for the duel in the trial by battle. The combat itself; camp fight. Campus Maii. The field of May. An anniversary of the Saxons, held on May Day, when they assembled to consider the deel. 	 dean, of a cantedral of conege church. A person possessing a prebend. Canon law. A body of ecclesias- tical law, which originated in the Church of Rome, relating to matters of which it has jurisdic- tion. It is styled Corpus Juris
fence of the kingdom. Campus Martii. The field of March; the national assembly of the Franks, held in the month of March. Cancel. To satisfy. To destroy or efface, to make null by draw- ing lines across the face of an	Canons of descent. The princi- ples governing the transmission of property from the ancestor to the heir. Rules for deter- mining descents. Canons of construction. Laws governing construction or in-

Canons of inheritance. Same as Canons of Descent.

- **Canvass.** To examine and count votes at an election. The act of so doing.
- **Capacity.** Competency to give or take an estate or thing, or to sue or to be sued. Power, qualification.
- **Capax doli.** Capable of doing wrong. Having sufficient mind or capacity to commit crime.
- Capax negotii. Capable of negotiating.
- **Cape ad valentiam.** Take to the value; take equal to the value. A writ given a voucher against the lands of a vouchee who makes a default.

Capere. To take.

- Capias. You may take. A judicial writ in actions at common law, so termed from the commanding words in the writ when in Latin. The general name applied to several kinds of writs of attachment or arrest, as-
- **Capias ad audiendum judicium.** You take to hear judgment. A writ to bring in a defendant who was found guilty of a misdemeanor, to receive his judgment.
- **Capias ad computandum.** You take (the defendant) to make a count.
- **Capias ad respondendum.** You take to answer. An original writ, by which sections at law were frequently commenced. Later the writ only issued after the suit has been commenced by

summons, where an arrest of the defendant is required.

- Capias ad satisfaciendum. You take to satisfy. A writ after judgment to take the defendant and hold him to satisfy the plaintiff's debt and damages.
- Capias ad satisfaciendum, ita quod habeas corpus ejus, etc. You take (the defendant) to satisfy, so that you may have his body, etc.
- Capias ad valentiam. You take to the value. A kind of grand cape allowed the defendant in a real action where the demandant recovered because the person called to warrant made default. It directed a sheriff to take land of vouchee to the value of the land recovered.
- Capias exigi facias. You take to cause to be driven out, or expelled.
- Capias in withernam. You take in reprisal. A writ allowed where a distress is driven out of the country, or concealed and the sheriff, upon a replevin, cannot make deliverance to the party. A taking of other cattle or goods in lieu of those that were formerly unjustly taken away.
- Capias in withernam de homine. You take for a servant in reprisal.
- Capias pro fine, or misericordia. You take for the fine or in mercy. A writ for taking one condemned to pay a fine to the King, and to imprison him until he paid it.

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Capias simul cum. You take to- gether with. A writ directing the sheriff to take a certain de- fendant together with other de- fendants in the action.	Capita, succession per. Where the claimants are next in de- gree to the ancestor, in their own right and not by right of representation.
 Capias utlagatum. You take the outlaw. A writ to take the body of one outlawed and hold him to answer. Capias utlagatum et inquiras de bonis et catallia. You take the outlaw and inquire concerning his goods and chattels. Capiatur pro fine. Let him be taken for the fine. A clause in a judgment in debt; directing that the party be taken until he paid a fine, being a punishment for the public misdemeanor as well as the private injury. Capita. To take; lay hold of, seize To have a right of inheritance. To take, seize, or arrest. To take or receive judicially. Capita. The heads. The entire body whether of men, or animals, or inanimate things. Capita, divided per. A division where each heir inherits an equal portion whether the issue of an immediate heir or the immediate heir himself. Thus, if a man leave four sons and one of these sons die and leave two heirs and the estate of the ancestor is to be divided per capita, the two grandchildren share equally with their three uncles and do not, as in a division per stirpes, simply receive the share of their father. 	 Capital. Principal. First of importance. Offences punishable by death. Relating to death in consequence of crime. Available produce or assets. The money paid in by shareholders of a corporation. A sum of money invested. The seat of government of a State or Nation, or chief city. Capitol is the building at the capital in which the business of government is transacted. Capital crime. A crime or felony punishable with death. Capitalis. The head, chief, or principal, as applied to persons, judicial proceedings, property, etc. Capitalis justiciarus banci or de coram rege tenenda. Chief justice for holding pleas before the King. The title of the chief justice of the King's bench, first assumed in the latter part of the reign of Henry III. Capitalis justiciarus banci or de banco. Chief justice of the bench. The title of the English Court of Common Pleas. Capitalis (or summus), justiciarius totius angliæ. Chief justice of all England.
Capita, per. By heads. In equal shares.	Capitalism. A so-called system of concentrating the capital or ag-

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gregate products of industry in the hands of a few. The power of such a concentration.

- Capitatio. A poll tax. Capitation. A tax laid on persons or individuals. A direct tax.
- Capitation or Capitation tax. A counting of heads. The act of assessing by heads. A poll tax; a tax imposed yearly on the head or person. A direct tax.
- **Capite.** Of, from, by the head. The name of a tenure held directly from the King.
- **Capite, tenure in.** A tenure held directly of and created by the sovereign, and not one which the King obtained by escheat.
- Capitis estimatio. The estimate of a man's value in money; a fine paid by the Saxons for murder, etc. Under Saxon law the King's value was thirty thousand thrymsæ or £500, and if killed, half the five went to the people and half to the King's relatives. An Archbishop or Earl, fifteen thousand thrymsæ or £250; a Bishop or Earlderman, eight thousand thrymsæ or £133, 6s, 8d; a Belli Emperator or Summus Præfectus (highest chief, general, or governor) four thousand thrymsæ or £66, 4s: priest or thane, two thousand thrymsæ or £33, 6s, 8d; a common person, two hundred and sixty-seven thrymsæ or £4.9s.
- **Capitula.** A collection of laws, regulations or ordinances arranged under different[•] heads. Schedules. Chapters or assemblies of ecclesiastical persons.

Capitula, itineris. Schedules of the matters to be heard by the justices on the circuits.

- **Captio.** A taking or seizure of a thing. The taking or arrest of a person. A holding of a court. A taking or receiving.
- Captio rei unius in alterius satisfactionem. A taking of one thing in satisfaction of another.
- **Caption.** 1. An arrest, taking or seizure. 2. That part of an instrument in writing which shows where, when, and by what authority it is taken, found or executed. The title or heading of a legal document, including the name of the court, and the parties plaintiff and defendant.

Captives. Prisoners of war.

- **Capture.** A taking or seizure of the goods of an enemy; a taking of prizes in time of war, particularly at sea. The taking of a prey. An arrest or seizure.
- Captus et in prisona detentus. Taken and detained in prison.
- **Caput feudi vel terræ.** The head of the fee or land; the chief lord of a fee.
- **Caput lupinum.** A wolf's head. An outlawed felon who could be knocked on the head like a wolf by anyone without committing any crime. In the reign of King Alfred, and until some time after the Conquest, no man could be outlawed but for felony, and then the outlawed person was said to have caput lupinum, because he might be put to death by any man, as a wolf might.

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- **Caput**, principlum et finis. The head, origin and end. A term applied to the King as head of Parliament.
- **Cartel est notre plaisir.** For such is our pleasure. Words used by a King in an ordinance.
- **Cardinal.** A Roman Catholic Church dignitary next in rank to the Pope.
- **Care.** Attention; vigilance; watchfulness. The different degrees of care cannot be defined except in a general way; the facts in each case where the question arises must govern.
- **Care, due.** That which is proper and legal under the circumstances.
- **Care, great.** More than ordinary attention and diligence.
- **Care, ordinary.** That which a person of ordinary mind exercises over his own property.
- Care, reasonable. Same as due care.
- **Care, slight.** A small degree of care such as is exercised by persons of good sense, but careless habits.
- **Cargo.** Merchandise carried by a vessel for transportation by water.
- **Caricature.** An exaggerated picture or description calculated to produce ridicule or contempt.
- **Carlisle tables.** Life and annuity tables compiled in 1780 at Carlisle, England.
- Carnaliter cognovit. Carnally knew. Carnaliter cognovit, Carnalis, Carnalitas, and Carna-

liter, were technical words in indictments, and once held essential to charge the defendant with the crime of rape.

- Carnally knew. Had sexual connection, or at least penetration.
- **Carrat.** A weight or burden; a weight of four grains used in weighing diamonds.
- **Carriage.** 1. The act of a carrier in transporting merchandise or persons. 2. The vehicle of transportation.
- **Carrier.** One whose occupation is the transportation of persons or property for hire.
- **Carrier, common.** One who makes it a business to carry persons or merchandise from one place to another for pay. One who holds himself out to the public as ready to carry for all alike for a compensation.
- **Carrier, private.** One who carries merchandise or persons from one place to another in a particular instance. One who though carrying for hire in a special instance, does not carry for the public generally, and does not make it his special vocation.
- **Carrier, special.** Same as private carrier.
- **Carrying away.** The act of removing articles. An essential element necessary to constitute larceny.
- **Cart bote.** Wood or timber which a tenant is allowed by law to take from an estate, for the purpose of repairing carts and other instruments of husbandry.

- **Carta** or **Charta**. A charter, deed or writing. In Spanish law, a deed; a letter; a power of attorney.
- Carta de una parte. A charter or deed of one part.
- **Carta indentata**, or indentura. A deed indented, or indenture. A deed executed in parts, or as many copies as there are parties, each indented like the teeth of a saw, or in a waved line, on the top or side, to correspond with the other.
- **Carte blanche.** A white or blańk sheet of paper. An authority to do any act relating to any affair. A blank sheet signed, given with authority to fill the space above.
- **Cartel.** An agreement concerning the exchange of prisoners between two hostile States. A written challenge.
- **Cartel ship.** A ship of truce, unarmed, used to exchange prisoners, carry messages, etc., between two hostile States.
- **Cas fortuit.** A fortuitous event; an inevitable accident.
- **Case.** An occurrence. A question for determination. A controversy. A state of facts. A suit. A claim put in such form that a court can act upon it. An action at law, equity, or admiralty. A statement of facts or of law for the determination of a court. 2. Case is also used as an abbreviated name for action on the case, or the special action of trespass on the case, which grew up at Common Law.

- **Case, action upon the.** A special action of trespass upon the case, being one of the Common Law forms of actions.
- **Case, agreed on or case stated.** A statement of facts agreed to by both parties to a cause and submitted for decision, to the court, without a trial on the facts. Is styled both case agreed on, and case stated.
- **Case certified.** A case certified from the judges of an inferior to a superior court, for a decision of a question arising in a case, where the inferior judges cannot agree.
- **Case in judgment.** The facts of a legal controversy, pending or decided.
- **Case law.** Law which is established on the authority of court decisions alone. Precedents.
- **Case, made.** A statement of facts submitted to a court as basis for a motion.
- **Case on appeal.** A transcript of the proceedings on the trial of a case, for the use of the appellate court. A case shows the whole evidence, so that the reviewing court can review the findings of the jury, as well as those of the trial judge.
- **Case, reserved.** A case wherein the jury find a verdict for plaintiff subject to the opinion of the court on a question of law. Same as case made.
- Case, special. In English practice, a case made up by agreement of the parties without pleading. The parties agree on

the facts and state the questions of law arising thereon for the opinion of the judge.

- **Case system.** A system of studying or teaching the science of law by means of court decisions on questions of law.
- **Cash. Lawful money.** A cash sale of payment, means the opposite of credit. Gold dust is not cash. 1 Cal. 45.
- **Cash price.** A price for cash as distinguished from one for credit.
- **Cashier.** The person or officer who has charge or control of the cash.
- **Cassation.** In French law, the act of reversing or annulling the validity of a judgment.
- **Cassation, court of.** See Cour de Cassation. The highest court of review in France.
- **Cassetur breve** or billa. That the writ or bill be quashed. The form of the judgment for the defendant on a plea in abatement, where the action was commenced by original writ.
- **Cast.** To defeat in a suit. Thrust upon. Vest with.
- **Caster.** A suffix added by the Romans to places or towns where castles were built, as, Lancaster.
- **Castigation.** A correcting, chastising, punishment, correction, reproof, etc.
- **Castigatorium.** An old English device for the punishment of female scolds. It was also called the tumbrel, tre-bucket, scold-

ing stool, cucking stool, ducking stool, gogin stole, coke stole. It consisted of a stool fixed to the end of a long pole on which the scolding woman was seated and plunged in water.

- **Castle.** A fortress in a town. A citadel; a stronghold. The mansion of a nobleman. More than eleven hundred castles were demolished in England during the civil war.
- **Castrate.** To remove the testicles from a male animal.
- **Casu consimili.** In a like case. A writ of entry given a reversioner against the alience of a tenant in courtesy, or a tenant for life.
- **Casual ejector.** The ostensible or nominal defendant in a common law action of ejectment.
- **Casu consimili.** In the like case, or similar case. The name of an early English writ.
- **Casualis conditio.** A condition depending upon chance.
- **Casus.** A case; combination of circumstances, as
- **Casus fortuitus.** Are unforeseen and inevitable accidents.
- **Casus omissus.** An omitted case; a case not provided for. Applied to failure to provide in a statute, contract or regulation for cases which may arise.
- Casus omissus et oblivioni datus dispositioni communis juris relinquitur. A case unprovided for by statute, and forgotten, must

be disposed of according to the Causa cognita. A known cause. common law. Upon the cause being judicially examined. Catchpole. In old English law, a sheriff's officer, assistant, or Causa exponere. To present a jubailiff, probably so called bedicial process or cause. cause he caught by the poll or Causa frigiditatis. On account of head the party arrested. coldness, frigidity. In old Eng-Catholic creditor. In Scotch law, lish law, a cause for divorce, a a creditor who has security for vinculo matrimonii. his debt on several parts of the Causa impotentiæ seu frigiditatis. debtor's property. Because of impotency or frigidity. An ancient ground for di-Catholic Emancipation Act. Stat. vorce. 10 Geo. IV., c. 7, which restored Roman Catholics to civil Causa mortis. In prospect or exrights except the holding of ecpectation of death; in anticipaclesiastical and certain other tion or contemplation of death; offices. in view of death. Chattels. Includes mov-Catalla. Causa mortis donatio. A gift in ables and immovables except contemplation of death; one fees and freeholds. made in extremis. Catonia regula. In Roman law. Causa præcontractus. On account the rule that what is void at of precontract. A ground for the beginning will not become divorce. valid by time. Causa proxima. The proximate Cattle. Among the early Saxons, cause. The nearest cause. any kind of wealth; later any Causa proxima, non remota, speclive stock kept for profit. Now tatur. The near or proximate, confined to domestic bovine aninot the remote cause, is remals such as oxen, bulls, cows and calves. In some cases the garded. The direct cause and not the remote is regarded in term is held to include horses law. and asses as well as horned animals. Causa remota. The remote cause. A cause producing an effect Caucus. A private meeting of perthrough another or other causes. sons to formulate plans, or policies, or for other political Causa sine qua non. A cause purposes. without which a thing cannot Causa. A cause; motive, ground; be or exist. reason or consideration. Cause. The motive, reason, in-Causa causans, or causata. The diducement, consideration for makrect or immediate cause, as oping a contract or performing an posed to causa causa causantis, act. An action or suit at law. meaning a proximate cause. Any civil or criminal question

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contested before a court or tribunal. Reason, motive, consideration. Anything which produces an effect.

- **Cause, adequate.** In Criminal Law, such cause as prevents an ordinary mind from reflecting before committing an act.
- **Cause, for.** Because of some legal disability. For good and sufficient reason.
- **Cause of action.** The ground for an action. Synonymous with right of action.
- **Cause**, probable. Good or sufficient cause or reason. Such facts as would lead an ordinary mind to believe that further inquiry might prove guilt.
- **Cause, proximate.** The nearest cause; the dominant cause. The result complained of.
- **Cause, reasonable.** Probable cause. Facts that would influence an ordinary mind.
- **Causes Célébres.** Celebrated trials, or famed and renowned cases. A book containing French decisions of importance during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.
- **Caution.** To warn; a warning. Care to avoid injury. In Scotch law, security given for the performance of some obligation. The person who gives the security.
- **Caveat.** Let him beware; let him take heed. At one time process issued by an Ecclesiastical Court, to prevent the proving of a will or the granting an administration. In old English

law, a writ to prevent the granting of letters patent. A formal notice to a court, judge, or public officer, not to do a certain act. A process in the nature of an injunction, to prevent the granting of a patent for lands. A description of an incompleted patent filed in the U. S. Patent Office, which filing entitled the inventor to protection for a stated time until he can effect his patent.

- Caveat actor. Let the doer beware.
- **Caveat emptor.** Let the buyer beware. A rule or maxim in regard to sales of chattels. A purchaser of property must examine as to its title and quality before buying, otherwise he cannot complain, in the absence of fraud.
- **Caveat venditor.** Let the seller take heed. A maxim of the Civil Law, which implies that the seller must beware lest he make himself responsible for the quality of an article he sells. This is directly contrary to the Common Law, where the seller is not bound except on giving an express warranty or practicing fraud.
- Caveat viator. Let the traveller take care. A traveller, given permission to cross private land, does so at his own risk and must use reasonable care in avoiding defects in the road. It also applies to the duty of a traveller on the public highway to use due care to avoid injury.

Cede. To transfer; to pass the title to. Generally applied to the transfer of territory from one sovereignty to another.	Centimeter. In metric system, 0.3937 inches in length. Century. One hundred. A hun-
Cedo. I grant. Used in Mexi- can conveyances.	dred men. A hundred years. Centumviri. A hundred men. The judges in a Roman tribunal.
Celation. Concealment of preg- nancy or delivery.	Cepi corpus. I have taken the body. The return made by a
Cemetery. A burying ground apart from a church.	sheriff to a capias that he has taken the body of the party.
Cens. In French and Canadian Law, a tax, tribute or payment imposed on a tenant. A quit- rent.	Cepit. Took, he took. The em- phatic word in a writ of trespass and replevin. When the action in replevin, is for the taking
Censor. A Roman magistrate who had supervision of public man-	only, it is said to be "in the cepit."
ners and morals and the reg- ister of property. for taxation. In some countries an official who examines manuscripts with power to allow or permit the same to be published. A Chinese official who sees that	Cepit et abduxit. He took and led away. The teste in writs of trespass, where the writ was for living things, either persons or animals. Cepit et asportavit. He took and
decrees agree with ancient prec- edent. A college officer simi- lar to a dean.	carried away. The teste in writs of trespass where the writ was for dead things.
Census. An official enumeration of the population of a state or country. A valuation. Collec- tion of statistics regarding per- sons and their possessions. A tax or tribute; a toll. A yearly	Cepit in alio loco. He took in an- other place. A plea in replevin where the defendant took the goods or cattle in another place than that alleged, and he de- sires a return of the same.
income or revenue. In Scotch law, a subsidy or tax. The cen-	Certain. Definite. Established. Known.
sus is taken in the U. S. every tenth year in accordance with constitutional provision.	Certainty. Confident belief; assur- ance. That which is subject to one meaning or intention. Real
Cent. In U. S. and Canada and	state; truth, fact; regularity.

Hawaiian Islands, a coin valued Certainty, moral. Such an imat one-hundredth part of a dolpression upon the mind that an allegation is true as causes one to accept it as true and act acsystem, 0.6102 cubic inches dry or 0.338 cordingly. A strong presumption drawn from facts.

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fluid ounces liquid measure.

Certainty to a common intent. person named therein, or to his The taking of words capable of order. artificial and natural sense, in Certificate, silver. Certificates istheir natural sense. sued by the U.S., as currency Certainty to a certain intent in redeemable in silver deposited general. That which upon a for their redemption. reasonable construction may be Certificate, trial by. Where the deemed certain without resortpoint at issue is determined by ing to possible facts which do the certificate of the only aunot appear. thority competent to decide. Certainty to a certain intent in Certified check. A check upon particular. The greatest techwhich the cashier or bank telnical accuracy. ler has stamped and written Certificatio assisæ novæ disseiswords which indicate that there inæ. A certification of assise are funds to pay the same, and of novel disseisin. An obsolete they will be held to meet that English writ. particular check. It is equivalent to an acceptance on the part of Certificate. An instrument in the bank. writing certifying to some fact or record, or giving assurance Certiorari. To be informed of; to that a fact exists or does not be certified of. A writ from a exist. superior to an inferior court directing it to certify or send up Certificate from a holder of propthe record of a cause. A mode A certificate erty attached. of appeal from the judgment of stating the amount and chara special tribunal or a court not acter of the property and the of record. The words in the defendant's interest therein. original writ were. Ouia certis de Certificate, gold. Certificates iscausis certiorari volumus (Since sued by the U. S., as currency, we wish to be informed conredeemable in gold deposited for cerning certain causes). their redemption. Certiorari, bill of. An original bill Certificate into Chancery. The filed to remove a suit in an inwritten opinion of a common ferior court of equity to the law court on a matter arising high court of chancery, on acin a chancery suit. count of irregularity or hardship in the proceedings in the Certificate of assise. A writ inferior tribunal. granting a retrial before justices of assise. Certiorari, writ of. A common law writ to remove the record of a Certificate of deposit. A receipt issued by a bank showing that cause from a lower to a higher a certain sum has been de-It effects an appeal. court. Same as Certiorari. posited, and is payable to the

- **Certum est quod certum reddi potest.** That is certain which may be made certain. A legal maxim applicable to construction of written instruments.
- **Cessavit.** He has ceased. A writ to recover land where a tenant ceases to pay rent or perform service for two years, or a religious house ceases to perform spiritual services.
- **Cessante ratione legis, cessat ipsa lex.** The reason for the law having ceased, the law itself ceases. A maxim that indicates that if there is no reason for it there should be no law.
- **Cessavit per biennium.** He has ceased through two years, a writ, same as Cessavit.
- **Cession.** The act of ceding; a transfer; a yielding up or giving over. The assigning by a debtor of his property to his creditors. The vacating of a benefice by accepting another not compatible. A transfer of territory from one sovereignty to another.
- Cestui or Cestuy. Used in law— French phrases, as the following:
- Cestui que trust. He in trust for whom, or for whose benefit another is enfeoffed or seized of lands or tenements, or is possessed of personal property. The beneficiary under a trust. The one entitled to the profits though not seized of the legal title.
- Cestui que use. He for whose use. He who for whose benefit land is held by another.

Cestui que vie. He for whose life. He whose life is the measure of the duration of an estate, as where a grant is made to A during the life of B, here B is called the cestui que vie, and A is known as a tenant pur auter vie, for the life of another.

Cestuis que trustent. They in trust for whom.

- **Ch.** Abbreviation of chapter, chief, chancellor.
- **Chaffering.** Bartering one thing for another.
- **Chain of title.** A statement in regular order of the grantors and grantees of a particular piece of land with the dates of the conveyances and other facts briefly stated relating to the title. Same as abstract of title.
- **Challenge.** An exception to jurors when called to try a case. An invitation to a contest of any kind. Act of a sentry in demanding the countersign from those who appear at his post.
- Challenge for cause. A challenge upon cause or reason alleged.
- **Challenge for favor.** A challenge because the juror is favorably inclined toward the other side.
- **Challenge, general.** A challenge to a juror on the ground that he is incompetent to serve in any case.
- Challenge, peremptory. A challenge allowed in civil and criminal cases without alleging any cause. The number of such challenges is regulated by statute. More are allowed in criminal than in civil cases.

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Champert. A share or division of land; champerty. An agreement to divide matter sued for, if the suit be successful the champer- tor is to carry on the party's suit at his own expense. In Scotch law, a gift or bribe taken by a judge.
Champertous. Relating to champerty. Affected by champerty.
Chance-medley. A casual meeting or affray. The accidential killing of a man in self-defense upon a sudden encounter, or sudden quarrel.
Chancellor. The presiding judge in the Court of Chancery, or Lord Chancellor. The officer of the Exchequer who held the
seal of the Court of Chancery. The President of the Federal Council in Germany. In France, the keeper of the Great Seal under the Eastern Empire, a part of the holy Roman Empire. In Scotch law, the foreman of a jury. In some of the United
States, the chief officer of a court of equity. The chief officer of a university.
Chancellor, Lord High. The high- est judicial officer of England, supreme in the Court of Chan-
cery, keeper of the Great Seal, privy counsellor and prolocutor of the House of Lords. Chancellor of the Exchequer. The principal financial officer of Great Britain. Formerly one who presided over the Court of Exchequer and also sat on the equity side. Chancellor, vice. An equity judge whose decree is reviewable by

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the Chancellor. In Roman Catholic Church, the head Cardinal of the Chancery charged with the Pope's briefs and bulls.

- **Chancery.** Equity; a court of extraordinary jurisdiction in cases of equity; in U. S. equivalent to court of equity.
- **Character.** The natural qualities or habits of a person. Character and reputation are frequently used as synonymous, but are to be distinguished; character is what a person really is, while reputation is what he is supposed to be, or reputed to be.
- **Character, general.** The estimation of a person in the community where he lives, and among those familiar with his conduct and habits of life. Reputation.
- **Character, good.** Good reputation for one or more qualities. Good natural qualities.
- **Charge.** To accuse of an offence. To instruct in the law. To impose an obligation to pay money. To enter into an account a memorandum of money due. To place one under an obligation of knowing some fact or duty. A thing done that binds him that does it. A tax. A lien. In Scotch law, a written command of the crown and the instrument containing it.
- Charge and discharge. The exhibition by complainant and respondent of their accounts against each other before a master. A former method of taking an account before a master in chancery. The complain-

ant's claim was called a charge, and that of the defendant **a** discharge.

- **Charge and specification.** The allegation of guilt with a statement of the particular overt acts.
- **Charge, average.** Charges determined by dividing the receipts by the tonnage carried, and obtaining the charge per ton per mile.
- **Charge, collateral.** An obligation which descends with an estate and binds the heir or executor.
- **Charge d'affaires.** A person in charge of the affairs of an embassy. The title of an inferior diplomatic representative, or minister of the fourth class.
- **Charge, general.** The instruction of a judge to a jury upon the entire case.
- **Charge, special.** A charge made to a jury at the request of counsel upon some particular point.
- **Charging part.** In a bill in Chancery, the allegation intended to anticipate the answer.
- Charitable uses. An expression denoting that a gift has been made to some benevolent or religious organization, or to advance some public utility.
- Charta or carta. A deed; charter; statute.
- **Charta communis.** A common or mutual charter or deed. A deed or charter containing mutual obligations, and to which both parties could refer to establish their respective rights.

Charta	de	confirmatione.	Α	char-
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- **Charta de feoffmento.** A charter or deed of feoffment.
- **Charter libertatem regni.** The charter of the nation's liberty. Applied to Magna Charta as the grantor of liberty.
- **Chartel.** A letter of defiance or challenge to a single combat. An instrument in writing for settling the exchange of prisoners of war.
- **Charter.** Originally this word included all sealed instruments. A grant of privilege in writing. An act of incorporation. A power to establish a branch of an organization. The lease of a vessel. The act of leasing a vessel. An exemption. To hire. To establish.
- **Charter member.** One of the incorporators or organizers of a society or corporation.
- Charter Oak. An oak tree at Hartford, Conn., in which, in November, 1687, the charter of Connecticut, granted by Charles II., of England, was hidden when James II. sent Sir Edmund Andros to seize all the liberal charters that had been granted, and resume royal control.
- Charter of incorporation. The instrument evidence of the creation of a corporation.
- Charter party. A lease of a vessel. A contract in writing among merchants and sea-faring men, setting forth the covenants or agreements between them regarding merchandise

and maritime affairs. It states the terms as to the condition of the cargo of the ship and the freight, and binds the master to deliver the cargo in good condition at the place of consignment, dangers of the sea excepted. It need not be under seal.

- Charter rolls. English records of royal charters granted from 1199 to 1516.
- **Chase.** A large extent of open woods, less than a forest, and larger than a park, used for keeping and hunting wild animals.
- **Chaste.** Pure in conduct. Abstaining from unlawful sexual intercourse.
- **Chastity.** Moral purity. Refraining from unlawful sexual intercourse.
- **Chastity, solicitation of.** Soliciting another to have unlawful sexual intercourse.
- Chattel interest. An interest less than a freehold.
- Chattel mortgage. A mortgage upon chattels or personal property.
- Chattels. All movable or immovable goods except such as are part of the freehold. Includes, strictly, every species of property less than a freehold, but more commonly applied to movable articles, as distinguished from interests in lands, and rights in actions.
- Chattels personal. Movable personal goods. Property which can be moved from place to

 place, not permanently fastened to realty. The condition of the property in its present state de- termines whether it be a real or personal chattel. A growing tree is part of the realty, but when cut down becomes per- sonal property. Chattels real. Such as are an- nexed to or issue out of the realty. Chaud-medley. The killing of a person in an affray in the heat of blood and while under the influence of passion. 	 Chief Justice. The presiding judge of an Appellate Court. The pre- siding justice of any Superior Court. The title given the principal or ranking judge of the Supreme Court of the U. S. Chief Justice of England. The chief justice of the King's Court or Queen's Bench. Chief justiciar. The presiding judge of the Aula Regis under the Norman kings, who was also minister of state, and guar- dian of the kingdom in the King's absence.
Cheat. To defraud or swindle; one who defrauds.	Chief, in. First; direct; opposed to second or cross.
Check or cheque. A written order on a bank to pay a specified sum to the bearer, or person men- tioned on the latter's order.	Chief, tenants in. Tenants in capite, those holding immedi- ately under the King or chief lord.
Check, raised. One fraudulently	Child. An infant of either sex. A
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claim protection from it. In U. S., one born within the jurisdiction, or made a citizen by law. In Roman law, one who had the freedom of a city and the right to exercise civil and political rights. In England, an inhabitant of a city. Also a civilian as distinguished from a soldier.

- Citizen, complete. In Roman law, one having both civil and political rights.
- Citizen, naturalized. One who has been made a citizen by law. One who has been accepted as a citizen of another country after having renounced his allegiance to his native country.
- Citizen, partial. In Roman law, one having civil, but not political, rights.
- Citizenship. The condition of a citizen. But it is held not to involve the right to vote and hold office, political and civil rights being distinguishable. 43 Cal. 43; 10 Op. Att.-Gen. 382-387.
- **Citra causæ cognitionem.** Without a judicial examination or cognizance of the cause.
- **City.** An incorporated town. A municipal corporation, having corporate officers. A municipal corporation having over a stated population.
- **Civic.** Relating to a city or citizen.
- **Civics.** Civil government. The science which treats of the relations between citizens and the government.
- **Civil.** Pertaining to a citizen and a State. Pertaining to organ-

ized society as represented by government. Established by law. Opposed to criminal, military, ecclesiastical, political or natural. Occurring within a State or between citizens.

- **Civil action.** An action or suit between private persons, in a court of justice.
- **Civil death.** The extinction of a person's legal right in consequence of being outlawed, or attainted, or entering a monastery, etc.
- **Civil corporation.** A class of corporations not eleemosynary or charitable, as business and municipal corporations.
- Civil injury. A wrong which affects an individual as an individual, and for which he has a personal right to damages or other redress. Opposed to public offence.
- Civil law. Is that which regulates the civil ordinary affairs of the people, as distinguished from military and international matters. Also the municipal law of the Roman Empire, as distinguished from the common law, etc.
- Civil liberty. Liberty of the individual to conduct his own affairs as he sees fit, subject only to the rights of others and the law of the land. Natural liberty so far restrained by human laws as is generally deemed expeditious for the public good. The measure of liberty which man enjoys in a state of society.

- **Civil list.** The appropriation in the U. S. for the expenses of the government; in England, for the expenses of the royal household and establishment. The list of civil causes in a court.
- **Civil officer.** One charged with the administration of ordinary government functions, as distinguished from an officer in the army or navy.
- Civil polity. The method and machinery of the government.
- Civil process. A writ or order in a civil suit.
- **Civil rights.** Those common to all persons under civilized governments.
- **Civil Rights Acts.** Acts of Congress creating and extending civil rights to all citizens without regard to race, color or previous condition of servitude. These acts were based on the 14th Amendment of the Constitution.
- Civil Rights Cases. Cases before the Federal courts which arose under the 13th and 14th Amendments and the Civil Rights Acts. 100 U. S. 303, and 109 U. S. S.
- **Civil service.** The executive branch of the public service.
- **Civil Service Commissioners.** The commission appointed by the President of the U. S. to execute the Civil Service Act.
- **Civil Service Act.** An act of Congress prescribing rules for the admission and retention of persons in the civil service, with a

- view to make their tenure of office independent of the political party in power.
- **Civil side.** The civil jurisdiction of a court having both civil and criminal jurisdiction.
- **Civil state.** The whole people organized under law and government.
- **Civil status.** Condition with respect to being of age, married or unmarried, legitimate or illegitimate.
- **Civilian.** One learned in the Civil Law. One not belonging to the army or navy.
- **Civiliter.** Civilly. The opposite of criminaliter—criminally.
- **Civilter mortuus.** Civilly dead; dead in law. Condition of one who has lost his civil rightscivil death.
- **Civilization.** A law or judgment which converts a criminal proceeding into a civil one. An improved condition of a people. Opposed to barbarism.
- **Civilly.** In accordance with civil procedure, as distinguished from criminal and military.
- **Civitatis jura.** The laws of a city or State; civil law.
- Claim. To demand as a right. A challenge of the ownership of property that one has not in possession, but which is detained by wrong. A demand as of right, or of anything due. A mechanic's or other lien. A tract of land taken up under the U. S. Public land laws.

Claim, adverse. A claim in conflict with that of another.Claim, affidavit of. A sworn statement in substantiation of one's claim on demand.	like characteristics, or in the same occupation, or having a common purpose, or in similar circumstances.
Claim of conusance. An ancient	Clause. Close. A sentence or part
claim of jurisdiction over a	of a law, an instrument in writ-
cause which the plaintiff had be-	ing, a written or printed docu-
gun out of the claimant's court.	ment.
Claim of liberty. A petition to the	Clause, attestation. See Attest-
King in the Court of Exchequer	ation Clause.
to have liberties and franchises	Clause of forfeiture. The clause
confirmed there by the Attorney-	in a contract which provides
General.	that on default, a specified sum
Claim of title. A claim to the title of property.	shall be paid as penalty. A clause which provides that the subject-matter of a deed or con-
Claimant. Anciently, the plaintiff	tract shall be forfeited on cer-
in the action of ejectment. One	tain conditions.
who makes a claim.	Clause, residuary. The clause in a
Clamantem et auditum infra qua-	will, devise or testament which
tuor parietes. Crying and being	disposes of, or directs the dis-
heard within the four walls. An	position of, what remains after
expression applied where a man	previous legacies have been sat-
married a woman, seized in fee,	isfied.
and a child was born, which had	Clause, rotten. A clause in a con-
been heard to cry. The mother	tract for insurance of a ship pro-
being alive at the birth and the	viding that, if the ship on inspec-
child being capable of inheriting,	tion shall be found seaworthy,
gave the father an inchoate right	because rotten, the insurers
as tenant in courtesy.	shall be released of the obliga-
Clamo. I claim; to demand or	tion.
challenge; to assert a right to	Clause, saving. An exception. One
do a thing.	which excludes or exempts
Clamor. A claim or suit. A com- plaint; clamor. A cry or out- cry. The cry of a newly born	from the operation of a law, or instrument in writing.
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babe. A proclamation, an ac-	court. In old Scotch law, a term
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- **Clamor patrise.** The cry of the country, "the hue and cry."
- Clamor popularia. The cry of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. A treaty between the U. S. and Great

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Britain, signed by their agents respectively, John M. Clayton and Henry Lytton Bulwer, dated April 19, 1850. It related to the proposed Nicaragua canal and stipulated among other things that neither country should ever obtain or maintain for itself any exclusive control over the said canal, and that neither should ever erect or maintain any fortifications commanding the same or in the vicinity thereof, or occupy, or fortify or colonize or assume or exercise any dominion over Nicaragua, Costa Rico, the Mosquito coast or any part of Central America.

- **Clean hands.** An expression meaning free from illegality, injustice, etc., in the matter of a claim. Used in connection with one of the Maxims of Equity.
- **Clear.** To be free from. Beyond doubt.
- **Clear days.** The days between and exclusive of the dates mentioned. When anything is to be done, in a certain number of clear days, the first day as well as the last day is excluded.
- **Clearance.** A certificate from the authorities that a vessel has complied with the law and has leave to sail. The granting of a clearance certificate by the collector of customs.
- **Clearance certificate.** One which permits a vessel to leave or clear from a port.
- **Clearing.** The settlement between banks arising through interchange of checks, etc. A tract

of forest land after the trees are removed.

- Clearing House. An office established by the banks of a city where their representatives meet daily to exchange checks, drafts, etc., and adjust balances.
- **Clearly.** Without uncertainty or doubt.
- **Clergy.** The body of ecclesiastics; ministers of a religion as a body. An abbreviated form of "benefit of clergy," of 2.
- Clerical. That which pertains to the office or functions of a, clerk. An act not involving discretion or judgment. Clerical error. An error in writing.
- Clericus parvae bagae, et custos rotulorum, et domus conversorum. Clerk of the petty bag, and keeper of the rolls, and of the house of the converts. Applied to the Master of the Rolls.
- Clerk. A secular priest. One who could read and write. A person employed to keep records. A person employed to do writing.
- Clerk of Courts. In some states the title of the officers who keep the records of the courts, and issues their processes.
- Clerk of a Court. An officer of a court, whose duty comprised entering and keeping its records and seal, issuing summons and processes, certifying to copies, etc.
- Clerk of the House of Commons. One of the chief officers of the lower House of Parliament.

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Chancery. The office no longer exists. Clerkship. The time spent by a a delibe	tters or patents. its. Private and sealed lirected by the King to ar persons and not in- for the public. They are
Clerkship. The time spent by a deliber	d in the Close rolls. Fo invest.
student at law in the office of	The method of debate in erative body.
to examination for admission to good on	n law, claim, whether bad. previation of company;
drawing pleadings and entering them in Latin in the court hand. A position where the duties are	onty. Meaning with; to- complete.
those of a clerk. Co-adjuto Client. One receiving the protec-	r. A fellow helper; an t.
tion of another. One for whom Co-admini	strator. One who is ad- itor with another or
Clientage. Clients, as a body. agreeme	In French law, an int between two or more
	do a thing except on a n agreed upon. A con-
	he land on the edge of a bordering on the sea.
obstruct. To bring together. To enclose. To come to an agree- ment. Limited. Not public. A piece of land surrounded by a fence, or an invisible boundary existing in law only. A term ap- plied to private or close writs	d Geodetic Survey. A of the U. S. Government with the survey of the , Gulf, and Pacific coasts U. S. and the survey of ters to the head of tide or navigation. Its work sounding and observa-

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Coasting trade. Trade carried on in navigable waters within the jurisdiction of one and the same government. As between different places on the coast of the U. S.

Coastwise. Along the coast.

- **Cocket.** A seal belonging to the King's Custom House; a certificate that customs have been paid; to give such certificate; a place where imported goods are first entered. A kind of bread. A measure.
- **Cockpit.** The old name for the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, so called because the room where it sat was on the site of the old cockpit of Whitehall.
- **Code.** A system of law. A systematic body of law enacted by a legislature and intended to take the place of all other law within the jurisdiction. A system of signals. The explanation of a cipher. In Civil and Roman law, a classified collection of laws.
- Code, Alfred's. An alleged compilation of laws made by Alfred the Great, A. D. 887.
- **Code, Amalfitan.** The oldest existing code of Admiralty law, compiled in the 11th century by the merchants and magistrates of Amalfi, an Italian seaport.
- **Code, Black.** The laws regulating the colored race in the South of the United States before their freedom.
- Code, Burgundarian. A collection of Roman laws for the govern-

ment of the Roman subjects of the Burgundarians, compiled between 517 and 523 A. D.

- **Code, Civil.** A code relating to civil rights and remedies. The Code Napoleon. A civil code in France, governing rights of persons and property.
- Code, Criminal. A code defining crimes and fixing punishment for the commission thereof.
- **Code de procedure civil.** That part of the Code Napoleon which relates to the courts and the procedure therein.
- **Code, Eaton.** A collection of laws made by Governor Eaton by authority of the General Court of New Haven Colony. First published in 1656 in London.
- Code, Gregorian. A collection of Roman laws covering a period between 196 and 295 A. D.; compiled by Gregory about 300 A. D.
- Code, Gentoo. The laws of the Hindus translated while Warren Hastings was Governor-General of India.
- Code, Hermogenian. A code of Roman laws supposed to be from 287 to 304 A.D., named after Hermogenianus, a Roman jurist.
- **Code, Justinian.** Same as Code Justinianeus, or Corpus Juris Civilis.
- Code Napoleon. The civil code of France prepared by direction of Napoleon I, 1803-10. It was the first of six codes, the last of which was compiled in 1829.

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Code of Frederick the Great. A codification of Prussian laws made by Frederick the Great in 1751. Code of Honor. The rules of	piled by Tribonian and nine as- sociates, under the direction of Justinian, A. D. 529. This code was the first of the four collec- tions of laws which make up the
duelists.	Corpus Juris Civilis.
Code pleading. A method of plead- ing substituted by statute for the common law pleading, used in several American states. It	Codicil. A supplement to a will. It implies that there is a will to which it is an addition. Codification. The act of compil-
has no particular form and va- ries in different states.	ing a code of laws. The reduc- ing of laws to a systematic form.
Code, Theodosian. A collection of	Codifier. One who compiles a code.
Roman laws from the time of Constantine to that of Theodo-	Codify. To compile a code.
sius II. It comprises 16 books	Coercion. Duress.
and was first published in 438 A.D.	Coercion, direct or positive. Dur- ess by physical force.
Co-defendant. One joined as defendant with another.	Coercion, implied, or legal coer- cion. That coercion which the
Codes, Barbarian. The laws made by Gothic tribes on Roman ter- ritory. They comprised the Breviary of Alaric, Papian Code and Edict of Theodoric.	 law implies from the relation of the parties, as a wife assisting her husband in an act. Co-executor. One who is executor with another or others.
Codes, Field's. Codes compiled by a commission of which David Dudley Field of New York was member and named for him. Some of the ideas of these codes have been adopted in other	Cognates, Cognoti. In the Civil Law, relations by the mother's side, or through females exclu- sively.
States. Codex. The trunk of a tree, the	consanguinity as distinguished from affinity. In the Common
stock, the stem. A book, a vol- ume, a roll, a writing. A code of laws; a body of laws; a col-	
lection or compilation of laws by public authority.	Cognatio a latere. Relationship from the side; collateral consan- guinity. Relationship which ex-
Codex Justinianeus. The Code of Justinian. So called by Justin- ian himself to distinguish it from the Code of Theodosius. It is a collection of imperial con- stitutions in twelve books com-	ists between persons who are descended from the same stock or ancestor, as between two brothers from the same father, or two cousins from the same

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	 tion of another court; jurisdic- tion; judicial power. Cognizee. The party plaintiff in the proceedings, to whom the acknowledgment of the other's right to the land in question was made. Cognizor. The party levying a amending the laws relative to mints and assay offices and coin- age. Coinage Repeal Act of 1893. An act approved November 1, 1893, which repealed that part of the Sherman Coinage Act, provid- ing for the purchase of silver 	 which the relatives are descended the one from the other. Cognation. The relationship, in Civil Law, between two persons of the same blood. Cognation, civil. One which results from family ties only. Cognation, mixed. One resulting from both family and blood ties. Cognation, natural. That resulting from blood only. Cognizance, or Cognisance. An acknowledgment of a fine. An answer of a bailiff who has made a distress. An exclusive right to try causes. A privilege granted to a city or town which may be pleaded to oust jurisdic- 	 and have sexual intercourse. Cohabitant ut vir et uxor. They were living together as man and wife. Cohabitation. The living together after the manner of husband and wife. Coif. A title applied to sergeants at law. A lawn skull cap. Coin. To stamp metal and make it money. A piece of metal made money by law. Coinage. The power to coin money. The act of manufacturing money. The money coined as a whole. Coinage Act of 1873. The act of February 12, 1873, reversing and
edged the other party's right to the land in question; the party defendant in the proceedings. Cognomen. A surname. In Roman law, the third name, denoting the family or house to which the person belonged. Coke, Sir Edward. The supposedly greatest and most learned Com- mon Law lawyer who ever ex- isted, 'either in ancient or modern times. Chief Justice of England during reign of James I., and author of Coke on Littleton, and other works, including the cele-		 Cognovit. He has acknowledged. Cognovit actionem. He has acknowledged the action; a confession that the plaintiff's action is just. Cohabit. To live with one. To live together as husband and 	brated reports and the remainder of the Institutes, of which Coke on Littleton is the first. Cold water ordeal. An ordeal by which persons condemned to it were cast into a river. If they

fastened to them they were acquitted; if they floated they were held guilty, it being claimed that the water rejected them because guilty.

Collateral. On the side; not direct; an accompanying or subordinate fact or condition. Property hypothecated as security for a debt. Corroborative. Secondary.

Collateral act. An act, other than payment of money, for the performance of which a bond was given.

Collateral ancestors. Ancestors on the side, as uncles, aunts, granduncles, etc.

Collateral assurance. An assurance made by bond outside of the deed.

Collateral consanguinity. Those related or descended from the same stock or ancestor, but do not descend from each other, as the issue of two sons.

Collateral impeachment. An attempt in a collateral proceeding to destroy the effect of a judgment rendered in another action.

Collateral limitation. A limitation which makes the duration of an estate depend on some other event than the life or blood of the grantee.

Collateral undertaking. An agreement to do an act or pay money because of another existing contract, debt or liability.

Collaterally. In a collateral manner. In an independent proceeding, as to attack a judgment collaterally. Indirectly.

Collect on delivery. To collect the money due the seller and the charges of carriage, on delivery of the goods.

- **Collection.** The act of obtaining payments of money.
- **Collection, for.** An endorsement on a note or check, meaning that the endorser desires and gives authority to have it collected when due.

Collector. A public officer who collects public dues.

- **College.** A corporation, company, or society legally established for educational purposes. An association of persons living together. An assembly of persons for some public purpose.
- **College, Electoral.** In the United States a body composed of the electors chosen by the people of each State who are charged with the election of a President and Vice-President.
- **Collegium fecialium.** The college of fetiales. A Roman college of priests, who sanctioned treaties when concluded and performed the ceremonies attending a formal declaration of war.

Collegium vel universitas. A corporation or community.

- Collision. A striking together of two bodies; applied to the running together of vessels.
- **Collision and damage.** A suit in admiralty for damages for injuries caused by collision.
- Collision by inscrutable fault. Where it is impossible to determine through whose fault the collision occurred.

Colony. A settlement in a foreign Collision by inevitable accident. land, but under control of the Where the collision resulted by parent government. The terrinatural causes and not the fault of those in charge of either vestory so settled. sel. Color. In law, appearance of legality. Pretended legality. A plea Collision by mutual fault. Where to draw the issue from the jury the collision was due to the fault to the judge by giving color to of those in charge of both vesthe plaintiff's title and thus raissels. ing a question of law. Having Collocation. The arrangement or more than one-sixteenth African marshaling of the creditors of blood. an estate in the order in which Color. express. Where the defence they are to be paid according to pleads feigned matter from law. which a good cause appeared to Colloquium. A conversation, apexist, but not in reality. plied to that part of a declara-Color, give. In pleading, to admit tion in slander alleging that dean apparent right to exist in an fendant spoke the words. opponent. Collusion. An agreement between Color, implied. That which is two or more for one to bring an given by the character of the action against another in order defendant's defence. to defraud a third person; a Color of office. Pretended authorsecret agreement for unlawful ity of office; that which is done purpose. A deceitful agreement between two or more persons, by an officer under the semto defraud another of his rights, blance of his official authority. by forms of law, or to obtain but is not really within the something forbidden by law. scope of his duties, is said to be done colore officii, or by color of Colonia. A possession in land; a office. landed estate; a farm. Abode, Color of law. Apparent legality. dwelling in general. A colony, colonial town, settlement. Α Color of right. Semblance of portion of land assigned to a right. single colonus for cultivation as Color of title. That which pura task. A country house with ports to be title, but is not; as sufficient land for the support of a deed from one having no ina husbandman and his family. terest to convey. Color of title Colonial. Relating to a colony. is that which the law considers Relating to the U.S. when they prima facie a good title, but were colonies of Great Britain. which by reason of some defect. not appearing on its face, does Colonist. A member of a colony. not in fact amount to title. 33

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Colonize. To establish a colony.

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Colorable. Specious, a false appearance. Not what it purports to be.	Comitatus. A county or shire. An earldom. A county court. A train, suite, following, attend- ance or household.
Colorable imitation. Such an imi- tation as is likely to deceive.	Comites. Companions; followers; retainers; adherents; earls;
Colored person. One of African descent. One having more than one-sixteenth of African blood.	counts. Persons attached to a public minister.
Colorless will. One which does not indicate the motives for its provisions.	Comitia. In Roman law, an as- sembly. Comity. Courtesy between na-
Combat. A duel. A battle be- tween two or more.	tions or States. Comity, judicial. The courtesy ex- hibited by different judicial juris- dictions each for the other.
Combination. A joining two by two; a union of persons or things. In patent law, a union of two parts as of machines or	Comity of Nations. The courtesy by which one nation recognizes or follows the law of another.
machinery. Combine. To bring into close union. To associate for a pur- pose. In United States, a com-	Comity of States. The comity of nations or states. Command. Order; power; rule.
bination of persons to effect secretly what open methods would not obtain. A conspiracy.	To govern; to order; to lead; to have the supreme authority. Commence. Begin.
A combination, in the form of a trust to raise prices or obstruct the ordinary course of trade.	Commencement of a declaration. The names of the parties, the character in which they stand,
Come. To appear in court. The form "now comes" is used in pleading to indicate the appear-	method by which jurisdiction of
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defends the action. Comitas gentium. Comity of na- tions.	Commendation. Anciently, where the owner of land under the feudal law placed himself under the protection of a lord, there-
Comitas inter gentes vel communi- tates. Courtesy between nations or communities.	by becoming his vassal. The

- **Commerce.** An exchange of property of any kind between nations or individuals.
- **Commerce, Domestic.** That carried on wholly within the limits of a State or country.
- **Commerce, foreign.** That carried on with a foreign State or country.
- **Commerce, International.** That carried from one nation to another.
- **Commerce, Interstate.** Commerce between the several States or persons living in different States.
- **Commercial.** Relating to commerce.
- **Commercial agent.** A person living in a foreign country and having certain consular authority by appointment from his own government. A consul.
- **Commercial marine.** Facilities for carrying on trade on the ocean. Everything used in transportation of commerce on the sea.
- **Commercial paper.** Negotiable paper, bills of exchange, promissory notes, etc. Paper instruments for the payment of money governed by the rules of the law-merchant.
- **Commissariat.** The department of an army having charge of supplies of food, etc. The officers of a commissary department. The supplies furnished an army. In Scotch law, the office or jurisdiction of a commissary.
- **Commissary.** One who exercises ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the

out places of a diocese. One who takes charge of the supply and distribution of provisions for an army. In Scotch law, the judge of a Commissary Court.

- Commission. Perpetration. The performance of an act. A written authority empowering or directing a person named to perform some act or exercise certain jurisdiction or official duties. The persons appointed to exercise the jurisdiction or duties. In Civil Law, a bailment without reward to perform some act in connection with the article bailed.
- **Commission Agent.** One who sells goods for another on commission.
- Commission, Interstate Commerce. A commission or court created by the Interstate Commerce Act of Feb. 4, 1887. It is composed of five commissioners and their jurisdiction is fixed by the act, and supplemental acts.
- **Commission of Assise.** In old English law, the commission from the crown appointing and directing two or more commissioners in England to go on a circuit about the kingdom to try, by a local jury, such matters then pending before Westminster Hall. These commissioners were called judges of Assise and Nisi Prius.
- **Commission of Lunacy.** A commission out of a court to inquire into a person's sanity.
- Commissioner. One who holds a commission or is authorized by law to examine into any public

matter or execute any public act. An officer appointed to assist a court in any particular. In Scotch law, one selected to manage the affairs of an unincorporated town.

- **Commissioner of Internal Revenue.** An officer of the U. S. Treasury Department charged with the assessment and superintendence of the collection of internal revenue taxes and enforcement of internal revenue laws.
- **Commissioner of Patents.** An officer of the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., charged with the administration of the patent law, the issuing of letters patent for inventions, and the registration of trade-marks.
- **Commissioner of Pensions.** An officer of the Interior Department at Washington, D. C., charged with the administration of the laws granting bounty lands or pensions on account of service or for injuries in any war in which the United States has been engaged.
- **Commissioner of Railroad, U. S.** An officer of the United States at Washington, D. C., charged with an examination of the accounts and condition of railroads all or in part west, north or south of the Missouri river, to which the U. S. have granted subsidy, credit, or loan. He is required to make an annual report to the Secretary of the Interior regarding the same.
- Commissioner of the General Land Office. An officer of the Interior Department at Washington, D.

C., charged with the survey, management and sale of the public domain.

- **Commissions.** Compensation paid an agent or other as a percentage on the amount of money received or expended, or business transacted.
- **Commit.** To perpetrate. To be guilty of. To place in trust. To send to a place of confinement.
- **Commitment.** An order in writing consigning a person to prison. The act of sending to a place of confinement, same as mittimus.
- **Commitment, Warrant of.** Authority in writing to place one in confinement. A mittimus.
- **Committee.** Those to whom any matter is referred for execution or report. One to whom the care of an insane person is committed.
- **Committitur.** He is committed. An order or minute setting forth that the person named in it is committed to the custody of the sheriff. Generally employed on the surrender of a defendant by his bail, in which case it is a minute of the surrender and commitment.
- **Committing Magistrate.** One having authority to hear criminal charges and commit to jail or hold to bail for future action by a higher tribunal.
- Commodati actio. In Civil Law, an action for a thing lent.
- **Commodity.** Merchandise. All movables which are objects of commerce.

- **Common.** 1. An incorporeal hereditament, being the right or privilege to take from or use another's property. 2. Belonging equally to the public, to many, or to more than one.
- **Common appendant.** A right of common, appendant to an estate established by presumption only. A right to feed commonable cattle on other lands of the same manor. Commonable cattle are such as beasts of the plough or that manure the ground.
- **Common appurtenant.** A right of common annexed to an estate which must be established by grant or prescription. A right to feed cattle on the land of another; it may extend to cattle not commonable.
- **Common assurances.** Legal evidences of title. See 2 Bl. Com. 290.
- **Common Bench.** The bench, as distinguished from the King's Bench; the English Court of Common Pleas.
- **Common carrier.** One whose business or calling is to transport merchandise for hire, and who holds himself out to carry for all who desire to employ him, whether a person or company.
- **Common carriers of passengers.** Such as make a business of carrying for hire all persons who apply for transportation.
- **Common Council.** The law making body in a municipality. A branch of the city council.
- Common counts. Averments or statements of a cause of action,

so framed as to cover the proof, in addition to the allegations of the declaration.

- **Common intendment.** Common understanding or meaning; natural sense; a simple, not strained construction.
- Common intent. The natural or ordinary meaning of language or expression.
- **Common labor.** Manual labor; also includes buying or selling, and the like. See 15 Ohio, 225.
- Common Law. See Law, Common.
- **Common nuisance.** A public nuisance, one that operates to the prejudice of the public in the neighborhood generally.
- **Common of digging.** The right to take for one's own use, soil from the land of another.
- **Common of estovers.** The right to take wood necessary for use or repairs.
- Common of fowling. The right to take wild fowl from the land of another.
- Common of pasture. The right of feeding one's beasts on another's land, in common with the owner, or with other persons.
- Common of piscary or fishery. The right to fish in another's waters.
- Common of turbary. The right to dig turf on another's land.
- Common pleas. Name of a court with somewhat general jurisdiction. Civil cases. Pleas between subjects as opposed to crown pleas.

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 Common prostitute. A prostitute. A common woman. Common recovery. A former mode of transferring the title to land by a fictitious suit, to evade statutes restricting the right of alienation. Common sans nombre. Common 	Commoner. One enjoying a right of common. A member of the English House of Commons. An English subject who is not a peer. One of the common peo- ple. Hon. W. J. Bryan, who was lovingly referred to by his followers in the presidential campaign of 1908 as the "Great
 without stint. The right to common an indefinite number of cattle. Common scold. A quarrelsome woman; one who by habitually scolding and contending with her neighbors, becomes a public nuisance. Is an offence at common law, being a species of nuisance. Common seal. One adopted and used by a corporation. 	Commoner." Commons. Land set apart for the public, or over which people have rights of common of pas- ture. The freeholders of Eng- land not peers of the realm. Commons, House of. The popu- lar branch of the English and the Canadian Parliaments. Prior to 1868 the popular branch of the North Carolina legislature.
Common sergeant. An English judicial officer who assisted the recorder at "Old Bailey" in dis- posing of criminal cases. Common stock. See Stock, com- mon.	 Commonwealth. The common weal. The people as a whole. Another name for a state. A republican form of government. Commorancy. Inhabitancy. The dwelling in any place as an in-
Common, tenancy in. The status of tenants in common.	habitant, which consists in usually lying there; a temporary residence.
 Common traverse. See, Traverse, common. Common vouchee. The person who is vouched to warranty in a common recovery. Common wall. A party wall. Common weal. The public welfare; the common good. Commonalty. The barons and tenants in capite were anciently so styled. The masses of the peo- 	 Commotion, civil. An insurrection with or without acts sufficient to amount to a rebellion. Communal, land. Land held by the ancient Irish tribes and divided annually. Land held in common, or partly so. Commune. Commonalty; people. a self-governing town. In old French law, a municipal corporation. The committee of the peo-
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- Commune concilium. The common council of a corporation.
- **Commune concilium regni Angliæ.** The common council of the King and the people assembled in Parliament.
- **Commune forum.** The common forum or place of justice. Applied to the seat of the principal courts, especially those that are fixed.
- **Commune placitum.** A common plea or action; an action of debt.
- **Commune vinculum.** A common bond or tie. Applied to the common stock of consanguinity and the feudal bond of fealty between lord and tenant.
- **Communes reipublicae sponsiones.** The common obligations of the State. The common obligation of inhabitants to observe the laws of a kingdom or state.
- Communi lege. Of, from, or by, the common law.
- **Communia.** Common; common to several. Common things. Communities. Towns enfranchised by the crown about the twelfth century and made free corporations by charters of community.
- Communia pasturæ. Common of pasture.
- Communia placita. Common pleas, causes, suits, or actions. In old English law, civil actions between subject and subject, as distinguished from pleas of the crown.
- **Communication, confidential.** Information given or obtained by persons occupying positions of

trust toward each other and which is to be kept secret.

Communication, privileged. Communications which the law will not require one to disclose, or which in law of libel is not a defamation, or which cannot be shown as an admission. A confidential communication.

- Communion of goods. In Scotch law, the right of married persons to personal property owned by them.
- Communis error facit jus. Common or general error makes law. A maxim, indicating that error if long acquiesced in becomes a rule of law.
- Communis patria. The common country.
- **Communism.** A system or scheme of government in which there is a community of property.
- Community. Mutuality. A mutual interest in property acquired during marriage by husband and wife, in Louisiana, Texas and California. In Civil law, a corporation or body politic. People living together and enjoying equal rights. The social state. The body of the people in a state or commonwealth.
- **Community, legal.** A community in property between husband and wife which is implied by or arises by operation of law.
- **Community property.** Property acquired by married persons during marriage.

Commutation of homestead entry. The buying of land entered under the U. S. homestead law

after residence and cultivation for a statutory period. tributed.

- Commutation of punishment. Substituting a less for a greater ounishment. Changing one punishment for another.
- Commutation ticket. A ticket for transportation permitting repeated trips at a less sum than the aggregate of all the trips.
- Commute. To put one thing in place of another. To take that which is less in lieu of something greater. To pay in money in place of in gross or in kind. In U. S. public land, to acquire by purchase, land entered under the homestead law before the settler would otherwise obtain title. To shorten a sentence of imprisonment.
- Compact. A contract; a mutual agreement. Applied to agreements between nations or sovereigns.
- Compact, original. The so-called implied contract entered into by the members of a community by which they surrender natural rights in return for protection and legal rights.
- Company. An association of persons in an enterprise or business. A word supposed to indicate the existence of another partner whose name is not publicly made known. A corporation. Two or more persons astogether sociated in trade whether incorporated or not.
- handwriting. Comparison of The method of ascertaining the **Complainant**. One who charges genuineness of a signature by comparing it with other writing

by the person to whom it is at-

- Compass. An instrument used in navigation containing a magnetic needle which points North. To grasp. To procure. To obtain.
- Compensatio criminis. A set-off of guilt. A weighing or balancing of crime. A plea of recrimination in a suit for divorce.
- Compensation. 1. Under the Civil and Scotch law a cross-demand or counter claim; a demand equalized by setting of another demand to reduce its amount or totally extinguish it. 2. That which is given for something else. Something paid for service. injury or privation.
- Compensation, just. Compensation equal to the service or loss.
- Comperuit ad diem. He appeared at the day. A plea of an action of debt on a bail bond.
- Competency. The condition of being competent under the law. Authority. Ad-Qualification. missibility.
- Competent. Legal; authority or capacity; legally qualified.
- Compilation. A work made up of selections from different authors.
- Compile. To take selected extracts from other authors or sources and arrange in a new form.
- another with crime or wrong. One who brings a suit in equity.

- **Complaint.** A charge made in legal form and manner of the commission of an offence. The statement of a cause of action. Under some state codes, the name of the first pleading in a civil action.
- **Compos mentis.** Sound in mind. Having control or possession of mental power or faculties. A man in such a state of mind as to be qualified legally to sign a will, deed, etc.
- **Composition.** An agreement or compromise for the reduction of a claim. Money paid in compensation for crimes committed. An agreement of a number of creditors of an insolvent debtor to accept less than their entire demand. An amicable arrangement of a lawsuit.
- **Composition deed.** An agreement between a debtor and his creditors by which they are to take part payment in full of their demands.
- **Composition in bankruptcy.** An agreement by creditors to accept part in satisfaction of the whole of a debt.
- **Composition of matter.** In Patent law, a combination of matérials. The process of combining materials.
- Composition, real or of tithes. An agreement under English Ecclesiastical law made between the parson and landowner, with consent of the ordinary and patron, that certain lands shall be discharged of tithes for some real recompense given in lieu thereof.

Compound. Composed of two or more elements. To make a compromise or settlement. To give or accept pay for an offence or injury. To agree for a consideration to refrain from prosecution. To add interest and principal together. To take part in satisfaction of the whole.

- **Compound interest.** The adding of the interest on a sum of money to the sum itself, and then computing interest on this new principal.
- Compounding a debt. Settling or discharging a debt for less than the sum due.
- **Compounding a felony.** Agreeing for a valuable consideration not to prosecute one charged with felony.
- Compromise. An agreement to settle a suit, claim or demand.

Compulsion. Duress.

- **Compurgator.** Anciently one who by oath testified to another's innocence.
- Compurgators. In old English law, the eleven persons who swore with the defendant, in a trial by wager of law that he was not guilty, or did not owe the plaintiff anything; the twelve persons who swore with the defendant that he was not guilty, in the trial of a clerk for felony. This act was termed compurgation.
- Computatio temporis. A computing or reckoning of time; computation of time; the account and construction of time by rule of law.

- **Conceal.** To keep secret, hide, keep from view. To withold information. In Insurance law, for an insured to withhold a fact material to a risk.
- **Concealed weapons.** Weapons wilfully or knowingly covered or kept from sight. 31 Ala. 387.
- **Concealment.** The intentional suppression of a material fact by one party to a contract.
- **Concelatores.** In old English law, detectors or discoverers of concealed lands. Persons appointed by letters patent to discover lands, which were suspected of being concealed or withheld from the crown. (Lord Coke called them turbidum hominum genus—a troublesome, disturbant sort of men.)
- **Conceptio in jus.** In Civil law, a formula in conformity with law.
- **Conception.** The vitalization of the ovule or egg in the womb of the female by contact with the generative fluid of the male.
- Concern. Interest. Business. An establishment.
- **Concessio.** A grant; one of the Common law forms of transferring or conveying the property of incorporeal hereditaments or things which cannot pass by delivery.
- **Concession.** The conveyance of territory from one sovereignty to another. Yielding a demand or dispute.
- **Concilium.** A court; a council. A time and place of meeting. Argument; the sitting of a court to hear argument. The legislative

body in the government of a city or borough. An advisory body selected to aid the executive. The counsel in a cause or matter.

- Concilium Regis. An English tribunal during the reign of Edw. I and Edw. II., to which cases of unusual difficulty were referred.
- Concilium regis privatum. The King's private council.
- **Conclude.** To determine, finish, shut up or close. To prevent a person from pleading or claiming any other thing. To bar or shut out; to hold a party to a position which he has taken.
- **Conclusion.** The end of a plea; a bar. The ending. An inference.
- **Conclusion to the country.** The tender of issue to be tried by jury, at the end of a plea or traverse.
- Conclusive presumption. One that cannot be dispersed.
- Concord. An agreement, accord. A compromise.
- **Concordia.** An agreement; concord; accord. An agreement of a jury. An agreement between two or more persons, upon a trespass committed, by way of amends or satisfaction for it. An agreement between the parties to a fine of lands, how and in what manner the land should pass.
- **Concourse.** In Scotch law, concurrence of criminal and civil actions based on the same facts.
- **Concubinage.** An exception against a woman who sues for dower. In Civil law, a species

of marriage authorized by law. A natural marriage; cohabita- tion as man and wife without marriage. Concubine. A woman not mar- ried to a man who lives with him as his wife.	cation annexed to a thing which
Concurrence. Co-equal right, priv- ilege or authority. Agreement in mind. Concurrent. Having equal author-	Condition, collateral. That which is annexed to a collateral act, or incidental to another condition.
ity, legality or operation.	Something collateral to the principal act or transaction.
Concurrent jurisdiction. The same power to exercise authority, whether legislative, executive or judicial.	Condition, disjunctive. One re- quiring only one of several things to happen.
Concurrent remedy. One which will give the person injured re- lief equally with another, as trespass and case in certain in-	Condition, expressed. A condition created by express words. One expressed in the deed by which it is created.
stances. Condemn. To find guilty; to doom	Condition, implied. One implied from the nature of the estate.
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Condemnation. A sentence or	descends to the heir with the land.
judgment which condemns some one to do, to give, to pay or suffer something, or which declares that his claim or pre-	Condition, insensible. One impossible or contradictory to the main condition.
tensions are unfounded.	Condition, mixed. One which depends on the will of the party
Conditio si non nupserit. A condition if he (or she) shall not have married.	with some other, or some other event.
Conditio viduitatis. A condition of widowhood. A condition re- straining marriage of the testa-	Condition, negative. That which requires something not to be done.
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 Condition, subsequent. One which happens after the main act. Conditional. Depending upon or subject to a condition. Conditional fee. One limited to descend to a particular class of heirs; changed by the Statute de Donis into fee-tail. Conditional limitation. An estate so limited by the words creating it, that it can only exist until the contingency happens, upon which it fails. See 1 Steph. Com. 309, 310. Conditions, concurrent. Conditions, dependent on each other and to be performed at the same time. Conditions, impossible. Those incapable of being performed under the circumstances. Conditions, lawful. Those allowed by law. Conditions, unlawful. Those prohibited by law, not in accordance with law, or against public policy. Condonation. Forgiveness of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either express or implied from actions, of a breach of marriage obligations. In cases of divorce, the forgiveness, either expressly or im- Condone. To expressly or im- 		
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- Confession. An admission of guilt. C An admission that the plaintiff's action is good.
- **Confession**, and avoidance. Applied to pleas which admit the facts alleged in the declaration, but aver new facts to avoid the legal effect of what is admitted.
- **Confessions, extra-judicial.** Confession made out of court or before other than a magistrate with jurisdiction to hear the same.
- Confession, incidental. One made in connection with the confession of some other fact or matter.
- **Confession, indirect.** One implied from acts.
- **Confession, judicial.** One made before a court or magistrate with jurisdiction to hear the same.
- **Confession of judgment.** An admission of the jurisdiction of the court, the truth of the plaintiff's cause of action and assent to judgment being entered. In criminal law, a plea of guilty.
- **Confessional.** Relating to a confession to a priest. In old English law, it was not a privileged communication, but in some of the States of the U. S. it has been made so by statute.
- **Confessor.** A priest of the Christian church who hears confessions in confidence from the members of the church.
- **Confidence.** The trust one reposes in another.

- Confidential communication. Knowledge obtained under such circumstances that the law does not require it to be divulged. See privileged communications.
- **Confidential relation.** The relation which exists between those who transact matters for another, as attorney and client, agent and principal.
- Confinement. Imprisonment.
- **Confirm.** To complete that which was incomplete. To ratify that done without authority.
- Confirmatio chartarum. Confirmation of the charters. After Magna Charta and after Charta de Foresta English Kings were required to confirm these charters. The title of the statute passed 25 Edw. I., A. D. 1297, directing Magna Charta to be allowed as the Common Law.
- **Confirmation.** The conveyance of an estate in lands to another who has the possession or an estate therein. The strengthening of an estate. An assent to an estate already created. Affirmation. The sanction of a court.
- **Confiscate.** To forfeit. To condemn. To convert. To transfer to the public treasury, for the use of the State.
- **Confiscation.** The act of confiscating, or condemning property as forfeited to the sovereign power.
- **Confiscation Acts.** Acts of U. S. Congress of August 6, 1861, and July 17, 1862, making the property of rebels the subject of capture and prize.

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- **Conflict of laws.** The opposition to each other of laws on the same subject. A branch of jurisprudence treating of the application of conflicting laws of independent states or nations, to matters claimed to be within the jurisdiction of each. See Story, on "Conflict of Laws."
- **Conformity.** Correspondence in form. In England, adherence to the established church.
- Confront. To bring to one's view.
- **Confronted.** Brought before one for inspection and examination.
- **Confusion.** A mingling; admixture. The intermingling of the goods of two or more persons, so that the several portions can no longer be distinguished.
- **Confusion of boundaries.** The conflict of boundaries of land. The branch of equity which adjusts disputed or uncertain boundaries.
- **Confusion** of **debts**. The existence of two adverse rights to the same thing in the same person.
- **Confusion of goods.** Such an intermingling of the goods of two or more that one cannot be distinguished from the other.
- **Conge.** Leave, license, or permission. In French law, a species of passport. Permission to navigate; a clearance.
- **Congregation.** A gathering of persons for religious purposes.
- **Congress.** A coming together. An assembly of representatives. The Federal legislature of the U. S. A meeting of representatives of

different nations of the settlement of affairs in which they are interested. Sexual intercourse.

- Congress, Continental. The Congress held by the American Colonies, except Georgia, from Sept. 5, 1774, to Oct. 26, 1774. Also a Congress held by the thirteen colonies from May 10, 1775, to Dec. 12, 1776. Also a body which met from Dec. 20, 1776, to March 1, 1781.
- Congress, Federal. The Congress which met under the Articles of Confederation from 1781 to 1789.
- **Congress, number of.** To get the number of Congress subtract 1789 from the year of the first session, divide by two and add one.
- **Congress, U. S.** The Senate and House of Representatives of the Federal Government of the U. S., and law-making power, under the present Constitution. It first met March 4, 1789. It consists of representatives elected by the people of certain districts within the States only, and Senators elected by the legislature of States. The term comprises a long and short session.
- **Conjugal rights.** Rights belonging to husband and wife as a result of the marriage state.
- Conjunction. Jointly.
- **Conjuration.** Swearing together; an agreeing; a confirmation under oath; a combination under oath to do public harm; a conspiracy.

- Conjurator. One who swears with or is sworn with others; one bound by oath with others; a compurgator.
- Combination. Connection. Union. Contact. Sexual Relationship. intercourse.
- Connivance. Actual consent or wilful or corrupt indifference to the commission of a wrong.
- Connive. To intentionally forbear to see a fault or other act; voluntary oversight.
- Acquisition; anv Conquisition. means of acquiring an estate out of the common course of inheritance.
- Consanguinity. The relation existing between those who come from a common ancestor. Blood relationship; kindred by birth.
- Consanguinity, collateral. The relation existing between two or more not descended one from the other, but from a common ancestor; as brother and sister, uncle and nephew, cousins, etc.
- Consanguinity, lineal. The relation which exists between two or more descended one from the other, and in which each generation counts as a degree, as father and son.
- Conscience, rights of. The right to hold any religious opinion; or engage in any religious practice not in violation of law.
- Consensus. Agreement of minds. Accord.
- Consensual. Created by consent. In Civil Law, while a contract Consequential damages. See Damof sale is created by consent, a

contract for the loan of an article does not exist until the article is delivered.

- Consensus non concubitus, facit matrimonium. Consent, not concubinage, constitutes marriage. The agreement to become man and wife is more important than the act of intercourse.
- Consensus et concubitus. Consent and lying together. Applied to a marriage by those who went to Scotland to be married in order to escape the formalities of the English law.
- Consensus tollit errorum. Consent removes the error. A legal maxim upon which is based the doctrine of waiver.
- To agree; to comply; Consent. to assent. An agreement to what is proposed.
- Consent, age of. The age under which seduction is punishable as rape. It is fixed by statute and varies in the different States.
- Consent, express. That expressly given either in spoken or written words.
- Consent, implied. That implied from acts.
- Consent to marriage, age of. Age when a male or female arrives at puberty.
- Consequences. That which results from an act.
- Consequential. Flowing from a cause; resulting from an act.

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and the same time, or a direction that the judgment of one shall be applied to all of several involving the same issue.

- **Consolidation rule.** An order requiring one who has instituted several suits against the same defendant to consolidate them if proper pleading permit.
- **Consols.** Abbreviation of Consolidated Annuities, or various funds for the payment of the national debt of England.
- **Conspiracy** Originally an agreement of two or more to have a third indicted. A combination or agreement of two or more persons to accomplish an unlawful purpose, or a lawful purpose by unlawful means. 48 Me. 218
- Conspirators. Persons guilty of conspiracy.
- **Constable.** Anciently an officer of the highest dignity in England, though at first a superintendent of the King's stables. Now, a conservator of the peace and server of processes for justices of the peace.
- **Constable, Lord High.** An ancient officer in England with jurisdiction over matters in chivalry. The office was forfeited in 1521, but has been occasionally conferred since.
- **Constabulary.** Relating to constables. Constables as a body.
- **Constituent.** One represented by another. A client. A principal. One possessing political rights. One who is represented by another. The electors in a district are said to be constituents of

him whom they elect to Congress.

- **Constitute.** To make. To establish by authority. To give power to. To appoint.
- **Constitution.** An act, statute, or ordinance; an establishment. A provision of a statute. Establishment. Creation. The fundamental laws of a State or nation; the form of government. A sum paid according to agreement.
- **Constitution, U. S. The** instrument by which the Federal Government is established and powers delegated to it by the States. It went into effect March 4, 1789. It contains seven articles and fifteen amendments. The organic law of the United States as a nation.
- **Constitutional.** In accordance with the constitution.
- **Constitutions of Clarendon.** The sixteen articles adopted at the assize of Clarendon. Ten of these were condemned by Pope Alexander as hostile to the church; six were tolerated as less evil. Henry II (A. D. 1164) had these adopted to settle the points in controversy between him and Becket.
- Constraint. Restraint. In Scotch law, duress.
- Construct. To put together. To erect.
- **Construction.** The act of interpreting. Drawing conclusions respecting subjects that lie beyond the direct expression of the text. Determining the sense and

application as to the case or sub- ject-matter in question. Inter- preting so as to obtain the inten- tion of the parties or makers.	Consul-General. A consul having supervision of the other consuls in the country to which he is accredited.
Construction, liberal. A construc- tion which goes beyond the mere letter and enlarges or restrains	Consul-General, Deputy. One who is an assistant to the Consul- General.
the meaning to carry the intent of the makers of an instrument in writing or rule law.	Consul-General, Vice. One who acts in absence of a Consul-General and also has other duties relating to the office.
Construction, strict. A construc- tion which confines the meaning to that expressed.	Consul-General, Vice and Deputy. An assistant or deputy to a Con-
Constructive assent. Assent implied from acts or conduct as distinguished from that ex-	sul-General, who also acts as Consul-General in the latter's absence.
pressed.	Consultation. A special conference to determine some question.
Constructive fraud. That which operates to defraud, is con-	English writ, analogous to pro- cederdo.
sidered as fraudulent, without proof of intent to defraud. That which is deemed fraud under the circumstances.	Consummation. Completion; per- fection. In marriage law, sexual intercourse.
Constructive notice. Notice or	Contemporaneous. Occurring or existing at or near the same
knowledge imputed to a person regardless of the fact of actual	time.
notice. See public notice.	Contemporaneous exposition. A construction after taking into
Construe. To obtain the meaning of an instrument of statute by arrangement and inference.	consideration the time and cir- cumstances, or a construction made soon after a statute was
Consuetudo loci est observanda. A custom of a place is to be ob-	• enacted or an instrument writing executed.
served; i. e., will be recognized as part of the law.	Contemporaneous expositio est op- tima et fortissima in lege. A timely construction is the best
Consul. A governmental officer stationed within a foreign state	. and strongest in law.
or country with duties designed	Contempt. Disregard of the or- ders or authority of a court or
to assist the commercial welfare of the nation he represents.	legislative body. Wilful disre-

Consul, Deputy. One who acts as assistant to a consul.

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acting in opposition to the au- thority, justice, and dignity thereof. 21 Conn. 185.	event that may or may not come to pass. A possibility.
Contempt, constructive. Failure to obey orders of court to be per- formed without the presence of the court.	Contingency with a double aspect. Two contingencies in a condi- tional limitation so arranged that one is the substitute for the other should one fail, though
Contempt, criminal. Contempt committed in the view or pres- ence of the court.	neither is in derogation of the other.
Contempt of court. Same as Con- tempt.	Contingent. That which may or may not exist. Possible, but not certain.
Contentious. Litigious. Proceed- ings in ecclesiastical courts upon matters in dispute, as distin-	Contingent legacy. A legacy made contingent upon some uncertain event.
guished from its voluntary juris- diction, probate, etc., where there is no dispute.	Contingent remainder. A remain- der whose vesting is made to de- pend upon a contingency which
Contents. A sum promised to be paid, in a note, bill, or bond. That which a thing contains.	may never happen, or which may not happen until too late for it to vest.
Contest. To dispute. To dispute a right claimed by another. To	Contingent use. One which may or may not vest.
resist. The style of a proceed- ing in U. S. public land law in which a right is disputed. A controversy.	Continuance. A postponement. Continuando. By continuing; in continuing. A word used in a declaration of trespass, where
Contestant. One who disputes a right claimed by another. A litigant.	the plaintiff could recover dam- ages for several trespasses in the same action.
Contestatio litis. A narrative of claims or pleadings by the par-	Continuance. Postponement or adjournment.
ties, by which they arrived at the issue to be tried; hence, the dispute itself.	Continuation. A continuance; an adjournment. The adjournment. The adjournment of the pro-
Context. Words immediately pre- ceding or following the words	ceedings in a cause from one term or day to another.
under consideration in a statute or instrument in writing.	Continuous adverse use. Adverse use without interruption.
Contiguous. In close contact. Touching. Lying next to.	Contra. Contrary; against; other- wise than; opposite to; toward.

Contra bona morea. Against good morals.	Contract, accessory. One which promises the performance in an- other contract.
 Contra formam doni. Against the form of the grant. Contra formam statuti. Against the form of the statute. The concluding words in indictments and declarations on penal statutes. 	Contract, aleatory. An uncertain contract; one the performance of which depends on an uncer- tain event, as a contract of in- surance.
Contra formam statuti in tali casu edito et proviso. Against the form of the statute in such case made and provided. The usual conclusion of an indictment for a statutory offense.	
Contra omnes gentes. Against all persons. Words used in old covenants of warranty.	on the will of the party, or one which owing to circumstances can only be performed as agreed.
Contra pacem. Against the peace. Words used formerly in declara- tions in trespass.	Contract, conditional. A contract in which performance depends on a condition.
Contraband. Contrary to a ban, or public proclamation. Things by law forbidden to be sold or transported.	Contract, commutative. A contract where the payment or perform- ance on one side is equivalent to that on the other.
Contraband of war. Articles that are prohibited by the laws of war for a neutral to furnish either of two belligerents. A fugitive slave who escaped from a rebel master and took refuge	Contract, consensual. One com- plete by the mere agreement of the parties. One which can be dissolved by mutual consent. Contract, executed. One already performed.
within the Union lines during the Civil War. Contract. An agreement between	Contract, executory. One which requires something to be done in the future.
two or more persons, for a con- sideration, to do or not to do a certain act. See 2 Bl. Com. 442; 2 Kent Com. 449; 9 Cal. 81.	Contract, express. One formally stated in terms whether written or verbal.
Contract, absolute. An agreement to perform without regard to what may occur.	Contract, fiduciary. A contract by which one delivers a thing to an- other to be returned when wanted.

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Contract, gratuitous. A contract without consideration. If, how-	Contract, reciprocal. A mutual contract.
ever, the promisee suffer damage or forbear to do something be- cause of a gratuitous promise, the promisor is bound though no benefit accrue to him.	Contract, special. One containing particular provisions, or relating to some particular matter con- nected with another contract, or in addition thereto. A speciality,
Contract, illegal. A contract to do that which is against public pol- icy, or forbidden by law.	or sealed contract. Contract, sub. A contract to per- form all or part of that which
Contract, implied. One implied from acts and circumstances.	another has contracted to do. Contract, unilateral. A one-sided contract. A contract where the
Contract, impossible. A contract in which performance by one party at least is inherently im-	agreement is made in express terms by one party only.
possible. Contract, indemnity. A contract	Contract, verbal. Same as Con- tract, Parol. In Civil law, one arising from something said.
by which one person agrees to hold another harmless from a claim or liability for any loss or damage therefrom.	Contract, void. One that cannot be enforced. One which is un- lawful or illegal of itself, as a contract against public policy or
Contract, independent. One in which the acts do not depend one on the other.	prohibited by law. Contract, voidable. One which can be avoided if the parties de-
Contract, joint. One in which two or more are jointly bound or are to be benefited jointly.	sire, but can be made valid on subsequent ratification, as a con- tract to which a minor is a party,
Contract of sale. A contract in which one party agrees to sell and the other to buy.	which the latter can ratify on coming of age and thus make valid.
Contract, oral. One not in writ- ing.	ing that the parties thereto are
Contract, parol. A verbal or writ- ten contract not under seal.	ing of some uncertain event in which they are not interested.
Contract, pre. A previous contract which prevents the carrying out of another.	public policy and void.
Contract, quasi. Resembling a contract. That which is in the nature of a contract.	

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judge, and to which equitable defences could be made.	contest over an election before a court or legislative body.
Contractus stricti juris. Contracts of strict law. In Roman law, contracts determined in accord- ance with law only and to which no equitable defence could be made.	Contumacy. Refusal to obey the order of a court or tribunal hav- ing power to issue orders. Con- tempt of court. Contumacy, actual. A refusal in open court to obey an order of
Contradict. To deny or dispute. To prove that the statement of a witness is incorrect or false.	court. Contumacy, presumed. Failing to appear on being cited.
Contrary. To oppose. In violation of; not in accordance with.	Contusion. A bruise without breaking the skin.
Contribution. That given by one as his share. Average. General	Conusance. Cognizance or juris- diction; conusance of pleas.
average. Contributor. One who makes, or is liable to, contribution.	Conusant. Knowing, understand- ing; privy to. Same as Cogni- zant.
Contributory. Applied in law of torts to negligence on the part of the person injured, which contributes to his injury. Casually sharing in some act. A shareholder in a joint stock company who is required to pay his contributive share of its debts, on its being wound up.	 Convene. A coming together. To call or summon to appear, as by judicial authority. To convoke. To assemble for some public purpose, or to take concerted action. Conventio vincit legem. An express agreement overcomes the law.
Control. To exercise governing influence over. Regulation. Di- recting or governing influence.	Conventio privatorum non potest publico juri derogire. Private agreements cannot run counter
Controller (Comptroller) of the Currency. An officer of the U. S. Treasury having the enforce- ment of law relating to the na- tional banks.	to public right. Convention. A mutual compact or engagement between sovereign powers. A treaty. An irregular meeting of a Parliament or Con-
Controversy. A dispute, conten- tion; a suit at law or in equity; a civil action or proceeding.	gress of its own motion. An agreement between military com- manders in time of war. A body
Controvert. To oppose; to dispute; to deny.	of persons elected by the people or appointed by an official to meet at some specified time for
Controverted. A contested matter. A term applied in England to a	a specified purpose. In Civil

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Convict. To condemn. To find guilty of crime. One found guilty of an offence by a jury, or upon his own confession. Convicted. Adjudged guilty of a crime by a competent tribunal.	heirs; such as have a united in- terest in the inheritance of an ancestor. Those taking a co- parcenary estate. Co-partner. A joint partner; sharer.
 Conviction. The finding guilty by a jury. The judgment by a court that the accused is guilty. Conviction, abiding. See Abiding Conviction. 	 Co-partnership. A partnership. Joint partnership. Copula. That which joins to- gether, or binds fast. A bond, a connection. Carnal connection.
Conviction, former. A plea that the defendant has been once convicted of the same offence. Autrefois convict.	Copulate. To have sexual inter- course. To unite. Copulation. Sexual intercourse.
Convince. To satisfy with proof. Convocation. A convoking, calling or assembling together. An as- sembly of representatives of the clergy.	Copulatio vestorum indicat accep- tationem in eodem sensu. By connecting words it is indicated that they are accepted in the same sense. Copy. A reproduction of a writ-
Co-obligor. One bound with an- other in an obligation.	ten instrument, or other thing. The transcript of an original writing.
Cool blood. The absence of anger. Cooling time. A legal phrase re- ferring to the time required for a person under the influence of passion or excitement to become calm and cool, after which there would be no excuse for commit- ting a crime.	 Copy, certified. One attested or certified as correct by the officer having charge of the original. Copy, examined. One that has been compared with the original. Copy, exemplified. A copy certified by a competent court as a true copy of the original. A
Co-ordinate. Of the same order, rank or authority.	complete or full copy. Copyhold. A base tenure held at
Co-parcenary. Joint inheritance; an inheritance by co-parceners. The estate inherited by co-par- ceners. The estate resulting when title to land descends to two or more as one heir. There is a unity of interest, though not necessarily an equality.	the will of the lord; anciently a tenure held in villeinage, which has been so held out of memory. The only evidence of title is the copy of rolls made by the stew- ard of the lord's court.

the publication of a literary or other production within the copyright statute for a certain period of time. In U. S. the right is granted for 28 years with a renewal of 14 years.

Copyright, Common Law. Probably did not exist, as very few could write, printing was not known, and courts of equity were not introduced until long after the Common law was established.

Copyright, International. An arrangement between nations by which copyright in one nation carries protection of the work copyrighted to such other nations as are parties to the arrangement.

Coram. Before, or in the presence of.

Coram ipso rege. Before the King in person.

- **Coram nobis.** Before us-before the Court of King's Bench. The name of a writ of error on judgments of the Court of King's (or Queen's) Bench.
- **Coram non judice.** Before one who has no authority or jurisdiction. A cause determined by a court without jurisdiction; proceedings in a competent court which are void for irregularity.
- **Coram paribus.** Before the peers or freeholders, before whom instruments in writing were once acknowledged or executed.
- **Coram vobis.** Before you (the Common Pleas). A writ of error directed to the same court

which tried the cause, to correct an error in fact.

Co-respondent. One summoned to answer with another in an Admiralty, Ecclesiastical, Divorce, or Probate Court. One named in a divorce proceeding with the husband or wife, and with whom he or she is charged with having committed adultery.

Corner. An angle made by two boundary lines. To buy up a commodity in order to control the market and fix its price. The condition of the market caused by such condition. Similar to the English forstalling.

Coroner. Anciently an officer to enquire into certain matters which concerned the coronam regis, as sudden deaths, shipwrecks, treasure trove. They were also conservators of the peace. In the United States their duties are to enquire into the cause of sudden deaths and serve writs where the sheriff is not qualified so to do.

Corporal. Relating to the body.

Corporal oath. An oath where the witness lays his right hand on the New Testament.

Corporate. Concerning a corporation; considered as one; belonging to one.

Corporate body. A company or corporation.

Corporate existence. The life or period of time for which a corporation is created. As to when it begins depends on the law which creates it.

- Corporation. A natural person, or body of persons, given a legal entity or existence, and certain powers by law. A body politic. An artificial person or being, endowed by law with the capacity of succession, existing in contemplation of law, and possessing no powers not conferred by law.
- **Corporation aggregate.** A collection of individuals united in one legal being.
- **Corporation, business.** A private corporation engaged in any character of commercial enterprise.
- Corporation, charitable. One engaged in charitable matters.
- **Corporation, domestic.** One exercising its powers within the jurisdiction of the government which created it.
- **Corporation, foreign.** One created by another state or government.
- **Corporation, municipal.** A public corporation created to carry out objects of the government proper, the purpose of which is to promote the public interests.
- **Corporation, national.** A corporation created by the Congress of the United States, or under a Federal law.
- **Corporation, private.** A corporation created for other than the interest of the government or the administration of political power. One that is conducted by and in the interests of private persons.
- **Corporation, public.** One created for the public benefit and to carry out the affairs of the State.

A public corporation is one that is created for political purposes, with political powers, to be exercised for purposes connected with the public good in the administration of civil government.

- **Corporation, quasi public.** One which is incorporated partially for the benefit and convenience of the public; as a railroad, bridge, turnpike, ferry and similar corporations. 37 Cal. 543.
- **Corporation, quasi.** One exercising powers of a corporate character, but which was not created a corporation by law.
- **Corporation, sole.** A corporation consisting of one person only and his successors, the mention of whom is necessary, in order that they may succeed to rights or duties conferred upon the present representative of the corporation.
- Corporations by prescription. Those existing by virtue of immemorial right or privilege. In England, corporations which have exercised the privilege of such beyond the memory of man to the contrary.
- **Corporations, close.** Where a few and not all of the members have the election of officers.
- **Corporations, lay.** Such as exist for business purposes, or other than religious purposes.
- Corporations, open. Where all the . members vote on the election of officers.
- Corporeal. That which is material. Having a body. That

Corporeal hereditaments. Inheri- table things of a material nature.	C
Corporeal property. Such as can be seen and handled.	C

- Corpse. The dead body of a human being.
- **Corpus.** A body. Any object composed of materials perceptible by the senses; body; substance.
- **Corpus comitatus.** The body of a county, the inhabitants of citizens of a whole county as distinguished from a part of the county or a part of its citizens.
- **Corpus delicti.** The substance of the fault, or body of the offense. The subject of the crime or its visible effect. It is said there can be no conviction of a crime until the corpus delicti is proven, this means that there must be proof that there was a crime committed.
- Corpus juris. A body of law; the body of the law.
- Corpus juris civilis. The bulk of the Civil (Roman) Law, comprising the Pandects in 50 books, the Institutes, the Codex Repetitæ Prælectionis, the Novellæ or Novallæ Constitutiones. The Codex Prælectionis was a revised edition of the Codex Justinianeus. Also frequently referred to as simply corpus juris.
- **Correction.** Punishment by one having authority over the one punished.

- **Corroborate.** To support. To confirm. To strengthen or fortify, in reference to evidence. Auxiliary evidence, is said to corroborate that which has gone before.
- **Corruption of blood.** Destruction of the inheritable quality of the blood. The effect of attainder. A condition by which one is deprived of the right to inherit, hold, or transmit property. If a noble, he and all his posterity are rendered base and ignoble. The U. S. Constitution confines corruption of blood for treason to life of person attainted. Being deprived of civil rights by reason of commission of crime. Similar to attainder.
- **Corsned.** The morsel of execration; the mouthful of execration. Ordeal bread among the Saxons. It was cursed or blessed by a priest and an accused compelled to swallow it. If it choked him he was guilty, otherwise he was innocent.
- **Co-servant.** Same as fellow servant. One working with and in the same line of employment as another.
- **Cost.** All which is paid for an article up to the time it is sold.
- **Cost, actual.** The actual price as distinguished from the market price.
- Cost price. The price paid for a thing when bought.
- **Costs.** The expenses of litigation allowed by law to the successful party in a suit. Costs were allowed as costs by Common Law, but before Statute of Gloucester

(6 Edw. I. cap. I.), were included in damages obtained or taxed by the justices in Eyre. After Statute of Gloucester, juries taxed the costs and judges sometimes allowed additional costs, termed costs de incremento.

- **Costs, double.** A double sum for costs by way of penalty. In U. S. double costs vary. In some States common costs and onehalf more; in other States double the single costs. At one time in England common costs and onehalf more.
- **Costs, treble.** In U. S. in some States common costs and threefourths more; in others three times the single costs. At one time in England common costs and a half and quarter.
- Couchant. Lying down.
- **Couchant and levant.** Lying down and rising up; applied to animals which trespass on land for one night or more.
- **Council.** An advisory or administrative board in some states. The legislative body in some municipalities.
- **Council of the North.** A court established by Henry VIII. in 1537 to dispense justice in the northern counties of England. Because of its harshness it was abolished by the same act which did away with the Star Chamber.
- Counsel. A pleader. A counsellor. An advocate. Advice. Purpose. Design, information.
- Counsellor. A lawyer. An officer of a court whose occupation is

giving advice and pleading the causes of others in a court of justice. Term not distinguished in U. S. from that of attorney. Corresponds to barrister in English usage.

- **Counsellor-at-law.** An attorney-atlaw. There is no difference between an attorney-at-law and a counsellor-at-law except in a few states which make such distinction. In U. S. Supreme Court there is no distinction.
- **Count.** A brief statement of plaintiff's case in court at common law. One distinct statement of a cause of action of which there might be several slightly different to avoid a variance in the proof. A particular charge in an indictment. A title of nobility.
- Counter-Claim. A cross-demand existing in favor of defendant and against the plaintiff; if proved it reduces plaintiff's claim by so much.
- **Counterfeit.** That which is falsely and fraudulently made in imitation or semblance of something genuine.
- Country, God and my. Answer of an accused when arraigned at Common Law and asked how he would be tried.
- **Country, puts himself upon the.** Submits to the verdict of a jury. The conclusion of the defendant in certain pleas when he desires the issue he raises tried.
- **Counts, common.** Statements of a cause of action framed in different forms so as to agree with possible variation in the proof.

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 Counts, money. Common counts for money had and received, paid, lent, or due. Counts, special. Counts stating the particular facts relating to the 	name in 1804. Course of business. The usual cus- tom in business or a particular line of business.
case. County, Shire. A portion or cir- cuit of the whole territory into which a state or nation is di- vided for the more convenient administration of justice and other public affairs.	Court. The place. A place where justice is administered in accord- ance with legal forms and prin- ciples. The judge and jury when court is in session. Also means the judge or judges alone as dis- tinguished from the jury.
County seat. The town or city of a county in which the county officials are located and county	Court, Appellate. A court having jurisdiction to hear causes on appeal and writ of error.
 courts are held. Coup d'etat (Kö dā-tā'). Literally a stroke of state. A stroke of policy in public affairs. An ex- traordinary and sudden measure taken by a government or a clique, to change or alter by vio- lence or intrigue the form or method of government. Coupled. Connected or associated 	Court, Baron. A court which was an incident to every manor, of which the freeholders were the judges.
	Court, Bas. An inferior court not of record, as a Court Baron.
	Court below. One from which an appeal is taken or to which a writ of error is directed.
together. Connected with. An- nexed to. Coupled with an interest. See in-	Court, Central Criminal. The Eng- lish court which superseded the "Old Bailey."
terest, coupled with an. Coupon. A certificate represent- ing interest due at a time cer- tain attached to a bond, to be cut off and presented for pay- ment when due. A detachable part of a ticket or instrument in writing representing something connected therewith. 43 Me. 232. Cour de Cassation. The Court of Cassation. In French law the supreme judicial tribunal and court of final resort in France;	 Court, Circuit. One having sessions at different places within a certain circuit. Also the name of the County Court in Michigan. Court, Circuit of the United States. Originally held by one of the justices of the Supreme Court on circuit, but now by a circuit judge with whom a Supreme Court justice sits. Its jurisdiction is fixed by statute. Court, Civil. One which has jurisdiction of civil causes as distin-
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- **Court, County.** A court which among the Saxons was presided over by an alderman or earl and a bishop; one judged by the Common, the other by Ecclesiastical law. Subsequently it became a sheriff's court. More recently, in England, a court for the trial of small causes. In the U. S. it is a statutory court, the duties of which are different in different states. In some cases it has criminal and appellate jurisdiction.
- **Court, Criminal.** One with jurisdiction to hear and determine criminal charges.
- **Court, Customary.** A court baron which heard matters relating to customary tenants and copyholders; the lord or his steward was the judge.
- **Court, District.** A court of original jurisdiction in several of the U. S. having territorial jurisdiction within a defined district. Matters of which it has jurisdiction within the extent of its district are fixed by statute.
- **Court, District of United States.** Inferior Federal court having civil, criminal, admiralty or prize jurisdiction and presided over by a Federal judge.
- **Court, divided.** A court in which there are judges who do not agree with the decision rendered by the majority. An opinion which is not unanimous, is said to have been given by a divided court, as a majority of the judges only is necessary to a decision.

- **Court, Ecclesiastical.** English Courts held to determine matters that concerned religious doctrine and special matters of which they were given cognizance.
- Court for the correction of errors. A court for the correction of errors of law and equity. The name of an appellate court as formerly constituted in some states.
- Court, General. The court or assembly of the public. A legislature. The name of the legislature of New Hampshire and Massachusetts.
- **Court hand.** The style of handwriting in which records were recorded in England from an early period.
- **Court, High Commission.** An Ecclesiastical court of extensive jurisdiction established during reign of Elizabeth and abolished during reign of Charles I.
- **Court, House of Lords.** The Supreme Court of England, having appellate jurisdiction over common law courts and chancery, now over Court of Appeal. Original jurisdiction in impeachment only. The Lord High Chancellor is the presiding judge.
- **Court of Impeachment.** A court organized and authorized to try charges against a public officer.
- Court, Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. A Committee in England having jurisdiction over certain colonial causes, and ap-

 pellate from the Courts of Admiralty and Commissioners of Lunacy. Court, Justiciary. The highest criminal court of Scotland. Court, King's. A body composed of men of importance anciently attendant on the King of England. It was the successor of the Aula Regis. It had the jurisdiction and also appellate jurisdiction from Popular Courts. In 12th century another King's Court was created with five judges. In 1179 the justiciars went on circuit, also sat in presence of the King as the Bench. The first and larger King's Court had appellate jurisdiction over smaller King's Court. From the first came the Privy Council, from the second, the King's Bench. Court, Leet. An ancient English court of record held once a year within a particular hundred or manor, before the steward for 	 services at sea. Court, Maritime. A court of Admiralty. Court, Market. An ancient court in the market for the trial of misdemeanors committed in the market. Court-Martial. A judicial tribunal created by statute for punishment of soldiers, according to what is termed the law military, or martial law. They are provided for by federal statutes, and by state statutes for the regulation of the militia. Court-Municipal. A city courtmartial. Court Nisi Prius. An ordinary court for the trial of civil cases by a jury of the county and a single judge. The name of a former Philadelphia court.
the trial of minor offences, and the transaction of manorial busi- ness. Court, Lord Mayor's. The highest court of record in London with law and equity jurisdiction over personal and mixed actions with- in the city without limit as to the amount. Theoretically the	a court which did not have ju- risdiction above forty shillings and did not enroll its proceedings nor proceed according to the Common law. One that does not keep a formal record, though this is not the only distinction, and aside from statute it is diffi- cult to decide what are and what are not courts of record.

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of small causes. Same as jus-

Court, Marine. A New York city

court having, among other mat-

- Mayor presides, but in reality Court of Appeals. In the United States an appellate court, the jurisdiction of which differs in Court, Magistrate's. A local court different States.
 - Court of Appeals in cases of capture. A court having appellate jurisdiction in prize cases, established by the Confederate Con-

gress prior to the adoption of the U. S. Constitution.

- Court of Appeals of U. S. Circuit. A Federal court of appellate jurisdiction next below Supreme Court. Its jurisdiction is fixed by statute. Created March 3, 1891.
- Court of Chancery. In England, the court of the Lord High Chancellor. Its ordinary jurisdiction consisted in issuing royal writs. Its extraordinary jurisdiction was what is known as equity.
- Court of Chivalry, or Military Court. An ancient English court presided over by the Lord High Constable and the Earl Marshal, which determined civil matters relating to war and deeds of arms for which the common law had not provided.
- **Court of Claims.** A court for the consideration and determination of claims against the U. S. Government.
- Court of Common Pleas. (Com-Derived from munis Bancus.) It had exold King's Bench. clusive jurisdiction of real actions and universal, and for a time exclusive, jurisdiction of personal actions between subjects. It was composed of four puisne and one chief justice. In modern times, a Common law court of record, having original jurisdiction of matters civil and criminal. Generally of statutory jurisdiction.
- **Court of Consistory.** An ecclesiastical court held by each bishop with appeal to the archbishop.

- **Court of Construction.** A court which is called upon to construe a will, as distinguished from one which merely to decide whether it be valid or not, as a Probate Court.
- Court of County Commissioners. A court of record held in Alabama counties composed of the Probate judge and four commissioners.
- **Court of Equity.** A court having jurisdiction to exercise equity powers as distinguished from a court of law. Equity powers are such only as cannot be exercised by a court of law. Strictly a court of equity has no jurisdiction of any matter in which a remedy can be obtained in a court of law.
- **Court of Error.** The court of Exchequer Chamber and House of Lords. A court having appellate jurisdiction in law, equity or admiralty.
- Court of Errors and Appeals. The highest appellate court in New Jersey.
- Court of Exchequer. In England, originally the royal treasury, to keep accounts, collect revenues, etc. Afterwards had two sides; receipt side, which managed revenues, and plea side, which was the court or judicial part. It had equity and common law jurisdiction until 1842, after which its equity jurisdiction was given to Court of Chancery.
- Court of Exchequer Chamber. An intermediate Court of Appeal between Superior Courts of Com-

mon law and House of Lords. When on appeal from one court, judges of the other two courts sit.	Court of Ordinary. In some of the United States a court having jurisdiction of probate matters. Court of Oyer and Terminer. An
Court of First Instance. Court of primary jurisdiction.	English court of two or more
Court of General Jurisdiction. One having jurisdiction to hear and determine various causes, both civil and criminal.	determine criminal causes. In United States, a state court of criminal jurisdiction, or a crim- inal branch of a court of general jurisdiction.
Court of General Sessions. A court of general criminal juris- diction.	Court of Piepowders, or Piepou- dre. A summary court of record anciently held at fairs to do jus-
Court of Green Cloth. A court within the King's (or Queen's) household having charge of the King's Court and keeping the peace therein. It was held in the counting house, at a board covered with green cloth, from which it takes its name.	tice between buyer and seller. Court of Quarter Sessions. A court held quarterly. An in- ferior criminal court held four times a year in each county. Court of Record. A court which enrolls or records its proceed- ings. In England, one that has
Court of High Commission. An ecclesiastical and admiralty court of appellate jurisdiction established under Henry VIII.	power to fine and imprison. But see, Court not of Record. Court of Review. One whose prin- cipal function is passing upon
Court of Hustings. A court held in London before the mayor and aldermen and having jurisdic- tion of pleas of lands within that city. A court of local ju-	final decisions of other courts. Court of Sessions. Courts of crim- inal jurisdiction in several of the United States.
risdiction peculiar to some Vir- ginia cities.	Court of Star Chamber. A tyran- nical English tribunal which usurped jurisdiction and created
Court of King's, or Queen's Bench. It in theory followed by the King's person; in face sat at Westminster. It was the highest court of Common law in Eng- land. It had four puisne and one chief justice and took cog- nizance of criminal cases on Crown side and civil cases on plea side.	offences and punishments not known to any statute of the common law. It consisted of several lords and two common law judges, and acted without a jury. It had statutory jurisdic- tion which was limited by stat. 3 Henry VII, c. 1., to matters therein specified. It was abol- ished in 1640.

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Court of the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace. A crim- inal court in New Jersey. A	Court of Probate and Divorce Court.
county criminal court in Eng- land.	Court, Supreme of the United States. Court of last resort in Federal matters.
Court, Open. One in session. One open to orderly spectators.	Court, Surrogate. An Orphans' or Probate Court.
Court, Orphans'. A court having jurisdiction over the estates of deceased persons and the guard-	Courtesy of England. See Cour- tesy.
ianship of orphans. See Probate Court.	Courts, Appellate. In U. S. Bank- rupt law of 1898, means Circuit Court of Appeals, the Supreme
Court, Police. A city court for the trial of small offences.	Courts of the Territories, and the Supreme Court of the U. S.
Court, Prerogative. Originally in England, an ecclesiastical court having cognizance of all testa- mentary causes. In New Jer- sey, a court held by the chan- cellor sitting as ordinary to de- termine appeals from the Or- phan's Court.	held in a foreign country by the consul of another country sta- tioned there, for the trial of causes to which citizens of the same country as the consul are parties.
Court, Probate. A court having jurisdiction of the proof of wills, of guardianship, and the settle-	Courts, Inferior. Those from which an appeal may be taken or to which a writ of error may be directed.
ment of estates. Court, Registers. A Pennsylvania court with probate jurisdiction. Court, Superior. A court in some	Courts, Local. Courts whose jurisdiction is confined to certain territory. In the United States, the State, as distinguished from the Federal Courts.
of the United States between the inferior and Supreme Courts, the jurisdiction of which is fixed by statute. Court, Supreme. In some States	Courts, Naval. Courts held to en- quire into naval matters. A board in the English navy authorized to enquire into various matters relating to the conduct of offi-
of the United States, the court of last resort.	cers and sailors.
Court, Supreme of Judicature. In England, a consolidation of the High Court of Chancery, King's Bench, Common Pleas, Excheq- uer, High Court of Admiralty,	1898, the District courts of the U. S. in the several States, the

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of Columbia, the District courts of the several territories, and the United States Courts in the Indian territory and the District of Alaska. Their jurisdiction is specified in the act above mentioned.

- **Courts of the United States.** The courts established by the Constitution and by Congress. These comprise the Senate, when sitting as a court of impeachment; the Supreme Court; the Circuit Court of Appeals; the Circuit Courts; District Courts; Court of Claims, and the Legislative Courts in the Territories and District of Columbia.
- **Courts, Stannery.** Courts in Devonshire and Cornwall, England, for the administration of justice among the tin miners. They were courts of record and were held before the Lord Warden by virtue of various acts and grants of Parliament.
- Courts, Superior of Common Law. In England, King's Bench, Common Pleas, Exchequer.
- **Courts, Superior of Equity.** In England, Court of Chancery; Master of the Rolls; three Vice-Chancellor's Courts; two courts of Lord Justices of Appeal; Court of Appeal in Chancery.
- **Couverture.** In French law, a deposit placed with a broker to indemnify the broker against possible loss in making purchases for his principal.
- **Covenant.** A mutual agreement made by deed, signed, sealed and delivered, or inferred by law from certain words. A form of

express contract contained in a deed, to do a direct act, or to omit one. The word covenant need not be used to create one.

- Covenant, absolute. An unconditional covenant.
- **Covenant, affirmative.** A covenant which requires something to be done.
- Covenant against incumbrances. A covenant that there are no incumbrances upon an estate.
- **Covenant, alternative.** A covenant reserving the right of electing which of certain things to do.
- **Covenant, collateral.** One relating to a conveyance, but not directly connected with it.
- **Covenant, disjunctive.** One which allows an election as to the performance of one or more things.
- Covenant for further assurance. A covenant by a seller of real estate to perform all other or future acts which may be necessary to perfect the title to the land granted.
- **Covenant of quiet enjoyment.** A covenant that the grantee or lessee shall be allowed to enjoy the land without interruption.
- **Covenant of right to convey.** An assurance that the covenantor has title and right to convey the land in question.
- **Covenant of seisin.** An assurance by the covenantor that he has the estate he pretends to convey.
- Covenant of warranty. A covenant that the grantor and his heirs

will warrant and defend and if necessary make good the title granted.

- **Covenant, personal.** A covenant to be performed in person or where some particular person is to have the benefit. One which binds the covenator personally and is not binding upon the real estate.
- **Covenant, real.** A covenant by which one agrees to convey real property. A covenant which binds the heirs. A covenant which runs with the land.
- **Covenant running with land,** or **Real Covenant.** A covenant which is so annexed to land that it cannot be separated by a transfer of the title. A covenant that each succeeding assignee or heir is bound to observe or is entitled to the benefit of. One that binds each successive owner of the property to which it attaches.
- **Covenant to convey.** An agreement under seal to convey a certain estate on certain conditions.
- **Covenant to stand seized to uses.** A covenant by which a man bound himself and his heirs to stand seized of certain lands to the use of another or others.
- **Covenant, transitive.** Covenant which passes to the representatives of the covenantor.
- **Covenants for title.** Covenants which guarantee complete title and full uninterrupted enjoyment of the estate conveyed. Covenants of seizing, a right to convey, for further assurance, of

quiet enjoyment, of warranty, and against incumbrances.

- **Coventry Act.** Stat. 22 and 23 Car. 11, c. 1, providing for the punishment of assaults with intent to disfigure or maim. The act was passed because of an assault upon Sir John Coventry. Now superseded by acts punishing mayhem.
- Covert. Under cover.
- **Covert baron**, or covert feme. A married woman. A woman under the authority or protection of a husband.
- **Coverture.** Marriage as a status. A state of being covered or protected. Formerly that condition of a woman wherein her existence was suspended and incorporated in that of her husband.
- **Covin.** A kind of conspiracy between two or more persons to defraud and prejudice another of his rights.
- **Crassa neglegentia.** Great or gross negligence. The want of that care which every man of common sense, under the circumstances, takes of his own property.

Crave. Beseech; request; demand.

- **Create.** To bring into existence. To make something which never existed before.
- **Credentials.** The papers or letters which introduce the representative of one country to another and define the capacity in which he comes. A certificate showing one entitled to the authority claimed by him.

- Credible witness. One worthy of belief.
- **Credibility.** Condition of being worthy of belief or competent to be heard as a witness. Trustworthy.
- **Credit.** Confidence or trust in one's ability to meet obligations. The condition of being trusted. That which is due a person, as distinguished from what he owes.
- Credit, Mobilier. An institution incorporated in France, in 1852, to carry on financial enterprises. A company incorporated in Pennsylvania which undertook the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1863, and failed amid scandal.
- **Creditor.** One who has a money claim against another. The person to whom a debt is owing. In U. S. Bankrupt law of 1898, anyone, or his agent, attorney, or proxy, who owns a demand or claim provable in bankruptcy.
- **Creditor's bill.** A bill in equity by creditors seeking to apply equitable interests of a debtor to the payment of his obligations.
- Creditor, judgment. One who has obtained a judgment against his debtor.
- **Creditor**, **junior**. A subsequent creditor to another. One whose lien is subject to that of another.
- Creditor, preferred. A creditor en-, titled to be paid before others.
- **Creditor, secured.** One whose debt is secured by a lien on property or some form of security.

- **Credits.** All which is due one as distinguished from that which is due from him. All claims and demands due a person over and above what he owes.
- Crier. To proclaim; to make proclamation. An officer of a court whose duty it is to make proclamations, call parties, jurors and witnesses, and to perform similar services.
- Crim. con. An abbreviation of criminal conversation.
- Crime. A violation of law which subjects the doer to punishment. An act or omission forbidden by law under pain of fine, imprisonment, or other more serious punishment. Crimes signifying the more weighty offences, misdemeanors, the lesser ones. 4 Bl. Com. 5.
- Crime against nature. Sodomy or buggery.
- Crime at Common Law. One which was an offence at Common Law.
- Crime, infamous. One which renders one convicted of it infamous. A crime to which infamous punishment is affixed.
- Crime, statutory. An act made a crime by statute.
- Crimen. A crime; a fault. A charge or accusation.
- Crimen falsi. The crime of falsifying. Applies to any crime involving falsifying or deception, forgery, counterfeiting, perjury, and the like.

Crimen furti. The crime of theft.

Crimen incendii. The crime of burning. It included arson, also	crime.
the burning of a man, beast, or other chattel. Crimen innominatum. The name-	by a defendant against the plain-
less crime; sodomy.	cause arising out of the same controversy.
Crimen raptus. Rape.	
Criminal. One guilty of crime. Relating to crime or the admin- istration of criminal law.	
Criminal act. A crime.	Cross-claim. A claim by one
Criminal action. Prosecutions by indictment or information, of one accused of a criminal of-	as cross-ucmand.
fence. Also same as Criminal	Cross-complaint. In California practice a complaint which a de-
Act.	fendant is allowed to file with
Criminal cases. Prosecution for violation of penal statutes.	his answer if there be any relief
-	he desires the court to afford
Criminal conversation. Adultery. The style of an action for dam- ages by the husband for the de-	him in and about the subject- matter of the plaintiff's suit.
bauching or seduction of his	Cross-examination. The examin-
wife.	ation of a witness by the party
Criminal information. An accus-	against whom he has been called to testify. By statute in some
ation of a criminal offence pre-	states parties may now be called
sented by a prosecuting officer	for the purpose of cross-examin-
on oath. It brings the accused to trial without the intervention	ation in the first instance.
of a grand jury.	Cruelty. A malicious act causing
	physical pain or reasonable fear
Criminal lawyer. One who devotes his attention to the practice of	of such pain.
criminal law, that is, prosecuting or defending those accused of crime.	Cruelty, extreme. Such cruelty as causes serious pain or reason- able fear that severe bodily
Criminal accountion A analog	harm will result therefrom. A ground of divorce in many
Criminal prosecution. A proceed- ing for the purpose of determin-	states. It has been held to in-
ing the guilt or innocence of one charged with a crime.	clude many things aside from corporal or bodily harm.
Criminaliter. Criminally. The term distinguishes criminal from civil	Cruelty to animals. The causing of unnecessary pain to a dumb
liability, the latter being indi- cated by the word civiliter.	beast by abuse or neglect of the same.

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Cruelty to children. The infliction of severe punishment, or neglect- ing to properly provide for them.	ership in land. But by special grant one may own the surface, and another the mineral wealth under the service.
 Cuckold. An ancient designation of the husband of an adulteress. A man whose wife is false to his bed. A man who knows his wife's infidelity and submits to it. Cui licet quod magnus, non debet quod minus est non licere. He who has the right to perform the more important things, may not be denied the doing of the less important. 	 Culpable. Blameworthy; wrong-ful; censurable; criminal. Culprit. A mild term imputing crime. An accused; a legal teste to denote a person who is accused of a crime, or is supposed to be guilty of a crime. See 4 Bl. Com. 339.
	Cum copula. With connection. Cum onere. With a burden or in- cumbrance. Subject to claims.
Cuicunque aliquis quid concedit, concedere videtur et id sine quo res ipsa esse non potuit. When a grant is made to anyone, it in- cludes in the grant those things without which the thing granted	Cum testamento annexo. With the will annexed. Applied to an administrator appointed by a court, who is to administer an estate according to the terms of testator's will.
could not exist. That is, a grant includes the incidentals, and necessary adjuncts, without ex- press mention in the words of the grant.	Cumulative. Additional. Of the same kind. Cumulative evidence, means evidence of the same kind to the same point.
Cuilibet in sua arte perito est cre- dendum. One skilled in his own art is worthy of belief. A max- im admitting the opinions of ex- perts as to matters within their	 Cur. adv. vult. An abbreviation of Curia advisare vult—the court wishes to deliberate; or the court will be advised. Cured by verdict. Put in a con-
 particular knowledge. Cujus est dore, ejus est disponere. Who so has the right to give, his is the right to dispose; that is, he who grants may limit or qualify the grant. Cujus est solum, ejus est usque ad coelum et ad inferos. He who 	 dition where it cannot be objected to. Applied to a defect which could have been objected to in pleading, but which cannot be after verdict. Curfew. Cover fire. A bell which was rung at eight o'clock in the evening in the time of William the Conqueror, by which every
owns land, owns to the sky and center of the earth. A legal maxim as to the extent of own-	one was commanded to cover over his fire, put out his light,

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of the regulation is said to have been to prevent meetings of Saxons to plot against the Normans. (Abolished by Henry I.). In Scotland the bell was at one time rung at nine o'clock, at another time at ten o'clock. In modern time applied to the ringing of a bell or blowing of a whistle when it is time by municipal ordinance for children under certain ages to be off the streets.

- **Curia.** A court; the place or household of a sovereign; the residence of a nobleman; a manor; a lord's court, as being held in his manor; a judicial tribunal or court held in the sovereign's palace; the civil or secular power as distinguished from the church.
- Curia advisare vult. See Cur. adv. vult, ante.
- Curia Regis. The King's Court. The supreme court of judicature of the kingdom, established by the Normans. An ancient name of Parliament. The King's council, composed of earls, barons and the great men of the realm.
- Current. Existing at the present time. Applied to money means lawful money.
- **Cursus curse est lex curse.** The practice of the court in the law of the court.
- **Curtesy.** An estate to which a man is entitled, on the death of his wife, in the lands or tenements of which she was seized in fee-simple or fee-tail, during

the marriage, provided he had issue by her, born alive during the marriage, and capable of inheriting her estate. Same as Courtesy of England. In many of the states of the U. S. courtesy is now abolished and husband and wife are given by statute reciprocal rights in each other's property on the death of either.

Curtesy, initiate. See Initiate Curtesy.

- Curtilage. A garden, yard, courtyard or piece of ground about a dwelling and the out-buildings, necessary for the convenient occupation of the house, as distinguished from ground lying in open fields.
- **Custody.** In a sentence means imprisonment; control of; detention; the duty of keeping guard; wardship or guardianship.
- Custody of the law. In custody by virtue of a legal process.
- Custom. A usage which by long acquiescence has become a rule or law. A duty payable by a vendor or importer.
- Custom, general. That which is general to the whole country.
- Custom of merchants. A system of customs or rules relative to bills of exchange, partnership, and all other mercantile matters. Law Merchant.
- Customary. According to custom; established by custom; held by custom. A written or printed statement of laws and customs.

- Customs. Taxes on imports and exports.
- **Customs Union.** A union of several nations for imposing and collecting custom duties in common.
- Cy pres. As near; as near as; as near as can be. The power of the English Chancellor to apply a charity to objects different

from those intended by the donor. The power of an Equity court to substitute for a particular charity which has failed, another of the same kind (cy pres) as nearly as may be. The doctrine of interpreting written instruments so as to carry out the intention of the makers as nearly as possible if the rules of law will permit.

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 D. The fourth letter of the alphabet. D. C. L. Doctor of Civil (or Canon) law. D. D. Divinitatis Doctor—Doctor of Divinity. Also, Dono dedit, has presented or given. 	Damages, consequential. Dam- ages which are the indirect con- sequences of an act, usually through the agency of a second act. Damages, double. Damages with an increase made by the court.
Damage. Injury; loss; deprivation.	Damages, exemplary. Damages
Damages. Any injury to a person or his estate. The amount	given by way of punishment for fraud, malice, or oppression.
claimed or recompense for an injury.	Damages, nominal. A small sum awarded, where technical wrong
Damages, actual. Damage for ac- tual loss or injury.	has been done, but no loss or in- jury sustained.
Damages, civil. Damages for in- juries to one's civil rights, or rights as a member of a family.	Damages, remote. Damages which indirectly result from an act through agencies far removed from the first act.
Damages, compensatory. Damages which compensate for the ac- tual loss.	Damages, speculative. Prospect- ive damages, where there is
Damages, constructive. Such as are implied in law.	more than a faint doubt as to an injury being sustained.
Damages, contingent. Contem- plated damages from an event which may or may not happen.	Damages, substantial. Compen- satory damages. (Opposed to nominal.)
Damages, continuing. Damages which result from and continue during a continuing act	Damages, unliquidated. Damages not fixed either by the parties or by the court

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 Damnosa Hereditas. An onerous inheritance. One where the lia- bilities exceed the assets. Damnum. Damage, loss, hurt, in- jury. Damnum absque injuria. A loss 	forced the patron in the presen- tation of a clerk to a void bene- fice, directing the sheriff to sum- mon a jury to determine who was the last patron.
without wrong (hence without redress). A damage which is not actionable at law; a loss arising from an act other than one tor- tious, and for which no dam- ages can be obtained.	Dartmouth College case. A lead-
Damnum fatale. A loss by fatal- ity. In Civil law, a loss beyond human control; or by inevitable accident.	granted a corporation. Data , or date . The date, the day when given. The time given or specified. The date of a writ,
Damnum injuriosum. Injurious damage; unlawful damage. A loss or damage for which an ac- tion lies.	called in modern practice the teste; the time when it was is- sued.
Damnum sine injuria. A damage or loss without wrong. Damage without legal wrong.	Date, false. One intentionally false. Datio contrahendi animo. A trans- fer to create an obligation or
Dampner a la mort. To condemn to death. Danegeld. A tribute of one shil-	receive an equivalent. Datio in solutum. A giving in payment. A giving in satisfac-
ling laid upon every hide of land in England, and paid to the Danes. A tax to maintain a force to drive Danish pirates from	tion. Datio solvendi animo. A transfer to discharge a debt.
British seas. It existed as a right of the English crown to the time of Stephen.	Day. The time between the rising and setting of the sun, called ar- tificial day; the time from noon
Danelage. Dane custom or law; the law of the Danes by which they governed part of England.	to noon or from midnight to midnight, called the natural day; twenty-four hours, beginning and ending at midnight, called
Dangerous. That which is likely to cause great injury or death.	the civil day. The period a face can be distinguished without ar- tificial or moon light, before
Darrein continuance. The last continuance.	which breaking and entering is not burglary. A given number
Darrein presentment. The last presentment. An ancient writ	of days are customarily reck-

including the last; that is, ten days from the 1st of the month would include all of the eleventh day.

- **Day book.** A daily memorandum; a merchant's book in which accounts of the day are entered.
- **Day in court.** The right to be heard in court. The day on which a person is heard in his own behalf.
- Day, solar. From the rising to the setting of the sun.
- Day, without. Indefinite. See Sine Die.
- **Daylight.** The light of day, as distinguished from night and twilight.
- Daytime. That part of a natural day during which a man's features can be recognized without the aid of artificial light or moonlight. From sun up to sun down.
- Days of grace. Time allowed in addition to that stated, in which to pay a note or bill. The time allowed within which to pay a note, bill or insurance premium after it is due. So called from the fact that they were first allowed as a matter of favor; they are now abolished in many jurisdictions by statute.
- **Day's work.** The work of one day. Work payable by the day, not by the entire job.
- De. In the titles of statutes, writs, and the general formula of court proceedings, the most prevalent and frequent occurring signification of de is: Of, from, about, concerning, respecting in rela-

tion to. The first word in many Latin phrases used in law.

- De admensuratione dotis. A writ of admeasurement of dower.
- De ætate probanda. For proving age. A writ to summon a jury to enquire whether or not the heir to an estate be of age.
- De alto et basso. Of high and low. An expression used in ancient times to express the absolute submission of all differences, high and low, to arbitration.
- De advisamento et consensu consilii nostri concessimus. By the advice and consent of our council we have granted or conceded. The common form of the King's grants.
- **De banco.** Of the bench. A term applied to the justices of the Court of Common Pleas or Bench.
- De bene esse. Provisionally. Of well being. To be of good form. Of good precaution; of contingent or possible utility or effect; of conditional or permissive va-. lidity; to pass as a matter of form; to be allowed as of present formal sufficiency, with reference to some matter or question in the future; to be valid for the present, but subject to some further future proceeding, etc. The testimony of a witness de bene esse is taken subject to the contingency of his being able to attend court at the trial. A jury may render a verdict subject to the opinion of the court, and this strictly is a proceeding de bene esse.

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fully taking and carrying away personal property. De bonis non. Abbreviation of de bonis non administratis. Of the goods not yet administered.	
Debonis non administratis. Of the goods unadministred. Where an administrator dies or is re- moved before the administration is completed and a new one is appointed, the latter is termed an administrator de bonis non. cutting a debtor in pieces. In Roman law, a law of the twelve tables of uncertain meaning. Some contend that it permitted the actual cutting of a debtor to pieces by his creditors or others, that it merely meant the divi- sion of his estate.	
De bonis testatoris, or intestati. Of the goods of the testator or intestate. A judgment against the estate of a deceased as dis- tinguished from one against the executor or administrator per- sonally.	
 De bonis testatoris ac si. From the goods of the testator if he have any, and if not from those of the executor. The form of a judgment when an executor is to be responsible in case the testator's estate is not sufficient, or where the executor pleads falsely on any matter as a release. De bono et malo. For good and evil. A former phrase by which a party accused of crime put himself upon a jury for trial. It was also the name of a special writ. statute commonly called "Statute introduced perpetuities and entails into English law. De dono malo. Of or based upon fraud. De facto. Of fact; from; arising out of, or founded on fact; in fact; in point of fact; in deed, actually, really. Of fact or act, actually, but without right, as distinguished from de jure, of right. De fragentibus prisonam. Concerning those that break prison. 	
De certificando.A writ for certi- fying.Stat. 1, Edw. II., proving that thereafter prison breaking should not be punished with loss of life or limb.	
De consilio. Of counsel. Concern- ing advice to commit an offense. De gestu et fama. Of behavior and reputation. An ancient writ	

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in cases of impeachment of a person's conduct and reputation.

- De homine replegiando. For replevying a man. A writ to replevy a man out of prison or out of restraint on giving security to the sheriff for his appearance when wanted to answer a charge.
- De injuria. Of wrong. Technical words used in a replication in an action of tort, enabling the plaintiff to deny the effect of matters of excuse offered by the defendant.
- **De judicato solvendo.** For payment of the amount adjudged. In Admiralty law, applied to bail to the action, or special bail.
- **De judiciis.** Of judicial proceedings. In the Civil law, the title of the second part, including the fifth to the eleventh books inclusive of the Digests.
- De jure. Of right; of the right by law; growing out of right; rightful; lawful. By or at law, according to law; as distinguished from de facto, which may be accepted, but is not rightful.
- De jure immunitatis. In respect to the right of exemption from public duties, obligations, etc.
- De jure maris. Of the law of the sea.
- De jure maris, et branchiorum ejusdem. Of the law of the sea, and the branches of the same.
- De jure maritimo. Of or concerning maritime law.

De jure nature. Of the law of nature; by the law of nature.

- De la plus belle. Of the fairest. A species of dower, so called because she was given the fairest or best portion. Jacob.
- De lunatico inquirendo. For inquiring about a lunatic or lunacy. A former commission to enquire into the condition of a person's mind, and whether the party be a lunatic or not.
- De malo villæ. Of illness in a town. An excuse made by a party who had appeared in court.
- De medietate linguse. Of half tongue. An ancient jury, half of one language, and half of another, or half denizens and half aliens.
- De melioribus damnis. Of better (greater) damages. The election by a plaintiff against which of several defendants he will take judgment where the damages have been separately assessed.
- De mercatoribus. Of merchants or traders; relating to merchants.
- De minibus non curat lex. The law does not concern itself about trifles. See Broom. Max. 142.
- De modo decimandi. Of a modus of tithing. Applied to a prescription to have a special manner of tithing.
- De non apparentibus et non existentibus eadem est ratio. As regards things which do not appear and things which do not exist, the reasoning is the same.

A legal maxim meaning that things which are not stated are deemed not to exist.	
De novo. Anew; from the first; a retrial.	De termino Hilarii. Of Hilary term. One of the four terms of
De odia et atia. Of hatred and	the English Courts of Common
ill-will.	Law; so called from the festival
De officio. Of office. Officially.	day (St. Hilary's day) which
In the discharge of official duty.	immediately preceded its com-
De pace et plagis fracta contra pacem. Of (breach) of the peace and for wounds inflicted against the peace. An old crim- inal appeal which lay in cases of assault, wounding and breach of the peace.	on the 23rd of January and end- ed on the 12th of February, but afterwards began on the 11th and ended on the 31st of Janu- ary in each year.
De pœnis. Of penalties, punish- ment. A title in the Civil law.	terms of the English Courts of Common Law; so called from the festival day (Easter) which
De quota litis. For or concerning	immediately preceded its com-
a proportional part of the suit.	mencement. It began on the
A contract in respect to a claim	15th day of April and ended on
difficult to recover, to give a	the 8th day of May each year.
part, for services in recovering	De termino Sancto Michaelis. Of
the whole.	term of St. Michael (Michael-
De rapto virginum. Of the ravish-	mas Term). One of the four
ment of virgins. An old appeal	terms of the English Courts of
in cases of rape.	Common Law; so called from
De retorno habendo. For having a return. Applied to the judg- ment for the defendant in an action of replevin, awarding him a return of the property replev- ined; and to the writ issued thereon. Also to the pledges to return.	 the festival (St. Michael's day) which immediately preceded its commencement. It began on the 2nd and ended on the 25th day of November. De termino Trinitatis. Of Trinity term. One of the four terms of the English Courts of Common Law; so called from the festival
De son tort, executor. Of his own	day (the Holy Trinity), which
wrong. An executor de son tort	immediately preceded its com-
is one who has acted in the ca-	mencement. It began on the
pacity of an executor without	22nd day of May and ended on
authority.	the 12th day of June.
De statuto. Founded upon stat-	De testamentis. Of testaments. A
ute. Applied to writs.	Title of the Digest.

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- De ultra mare or De transmare. Of or beyond the sea. A place that the party was detained in parts beyond the seas.
- **De una parte.** Of one part or party; an act or contract of one as distinguished from inter partes.
- De vicineto. From the neighborhood; vicinage.
- **Dead freight.** The amount paid by a charterer for the part of a vessel which he does not use, after contracting for it.
- Dead ground. In mining, ground through which work has to be done in order to reach ore.
- Deadhead. One other than an employee allowed to travel on a public conveyance without paying fare. One allowed to send telegraph messages without paying toll.
- Dead line. The line in military regulations across which a prisoner is not allowed to go without being fired upon.
- **Deadly feud.** A term applied among the Saxons where a murderer did not make satisfaction and the murdered man's relatives took up the quarrel for revenge. It was sanctioned by law.
- **Dean.** A term derived from the Latin words Decanus and Decem, and the old French deien. Originally a Roman Catholic ecclesiastic presiding over ten canons or prebendaries. The head of a capitulum or chapter, which, with the dean, was the bishop's council. Originally a dean was chosen by the chapter

with permission of the King and confirmed and installed by the bishop. After the time of Henry VIII. they were appointed by letters-patent without being elected or confirmed. The head of a theological, medical or law In Oxford and Camschool. bridge University one who superintends the discipline. The head of any constituted body, who acts as its executive or organ. The presiding officer of a society of lawyers.

- Deathbed. In Scotch law, sickness which ends in death; last sickness.
- Death, civil. The deprivation of legal rights.
- Death, natural. Cessation of life. Physical death as distinguished from civil death. Death from natural causes or disease and not from violence.
- Death penalty. Capital punishment.
- Death sentence. One directing the taking away of life.

Debar. To disbar.

- Debauch. To entice or corrupt. To seduce. To have sexual intercourse with.
- Debenture. A bond to pay a charge or sum due out of some particular fund or property. A bond of an English company. A Custom House certificate that an importer is entitled to a drawback. An acknowledgment of a debt. A government paying order. Debentures create an equitable rather than a legal right in their holder.

Debenture stock. An issue of a species of stock in order to bor- row money, by a corporation for the payment of which all or a part of its property is liable.	 Debt, floating. A debt due at different times and in different amounts. Debt, funded. Outstanding debts converted into bonds.
Debet et detinet. He owes and detains. Words employed in an action of debt.	Debt, future. In Scotch law, a debt which will not come due until a future day.
Debit. To set down as a debt. The amount so set down.	Debt, judgment. A debt estab- lished by a judgment.
Debitum in presenti. A debt ow- ing at the present time.	Debt, passive. One not bearing in- terest. Debt, preferred. One having prior-
Debitum in præsenti, solvendum in futuro. A debt now, but payable in the future, that is, a present obligation which is not payable until a future time.	ity of payment. Debt, public. The debt of a nation, State, or political division. Debtor-executor. One who is the executor or administrator of his
Debt. A sum of money due by express agreement or judgment. What one man owes to another.	deceased debtor. Debtor, joint. One of two or more who owe a debt jointly. Debts, mutual. Debts due by each
Debt, active. One which bears in- terest.	of two persons to the other. Decagram. In the Metric system, 0.353 ounces avoirdupois.
Debt, antecedent. A prior debt. A debt entitled to payment be- fore another.	Decaliter. In the Metric system, a measure of capacity equal to 9.0
Debt, bill of. A written acknowl- edgment of a debt, stating amount, place and date of pay-	quarts dry or 2.64 gallons liquid measure. Decameter. In Metric system, a measure of length equal to 3.937
ment. Debt, book. A debt created by	inches.
goods sold and delivered and work performed, evidenced by an entry in an original book.	Decease. Death. To die.
Debt by simple contract. A debt based on a verbal or implied agreement, or one written but not under seal.	tate.
Debt by specialty. A card. A debt acknowledged by writing under seal.	writ to recover land lost in a

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original writ to recover damages for forgery, collusion or fraud. Deceit, writ of. An original or judicial writ for one who was in- jured by deceit.	 Decimeter. In Metric system, a measure of length equal to 3.937 inches. Decision. The determination of a question by judge or other per-
Decem tales. Ten such. When a full jury was not present at a trial a writ apponere decem tales is issued to make up a full jury.	 son. The result of the deliberation of a tribunal. Judgment or decree. Declarant. One who declares a thing affirmatively.
Decennary. An English town or tithing consisting of ten families of freeholders.	Declaration. A statement, allega- tion or assertion. That which is declared. A plaintiff's allegation of the facts which constitute his
Deception. Fraud, cheating, craft; collusion used to deceive and defraud others.	cause of action or demand. The formal pleading at old English law which followed the declara-
Decide. To come to a decision. To render judgment. To determine.	tion were the defendant's an- swer, then the plaintiff's repli- cation, then defendant's rejoind- er, then plaintiff's surrejoinder,
Decido. To decide; to determine. To fall to; to remain to; to escheat.	then defendant's rebutter, then plaintiff's surrebutter. Declaration, dying. The declara-
Decies tantum. Ten times as much. An early English writ against an embracer or a juror who took money for giving his verdict, to recover ten times the sum taken.	tion of one who is in extremis and who believes he will die; such declarations are admissible in evidence under certain circum- stances.
Decigram. In Metric system, 1.543 grains avoirdupois.	Declaration, Mecklenburg. The draft of the Declaration of Inde- pendence of the American Col-
Deciliter. In Metric system, a measure of capacity equal to 6.122 cubic inches dry or 0.845 gills liquid measure.	onies, made at western North Carolina, May 20th, 1775, and sent to the Continental Con- gress at Philadelphia.
Decima. The tenth part; tithe. A tithe, as a tax on landholders in provinces.	Declaration of Independence. The public act or declaration of the Colonial Congress of the Ameri-
Decinatio. Decimation: the tenth.	can Colonies of July 4th, 1776, setting forth the rights and
Decimation. The punishing by lot, by the Romans, of every tenth soldier for any violation of duty.	grievances of the American col- onies, and declaring their inde-

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- Declaration of intention. The declaration of an alien that he intends to become a citizen of the U. S.
- Declaration of Paris. An agreement by the leading powers arrived at in the International Convention held at Paris in 1856. that they would adhere to certain rules in time of war. These were, a blockade must be effective to be binding; privateering will not be authorized; neutral flag protects any goods not contraband; neutral goods in enemy's ship will not be confiscated if not contraband.
- Declaration of trust. A declaration in writing acknowledging a trust.
- Declaration of war. A proclamation by a nation that war exists between itself and another nation.
- Declaratory. Making clear. Explanatory. A declaratory statute is to explain the existing law rather than to prescribe a new one.
- Declaratory decree. One which simply declares the rights of the parties without making any order.
- Declaratory statement, soldier's. In the U.S. Public Land law, a declaration by a soldier or sailor that he intends to make homestead entry of a certain piece of land within six months.
- Declaratory statutes. Those which declare the existing law.
- Declare. To prepare, file and serve a declaration. To proclaim. To Decreta. Decrees.

state before witness. To announce. To interpret. To define. To assert.

- Decoration Day. The 30th of May, a Legal Holiday.
- Decoy letter. A letter prepared and sent for the purpose of detecting those guilty of tampering with the U.S. mails.
- Decree. A decision. The judgment or decision of a Court of Equity or Admiralty. The title of first division of the Canon law.
- Decree, execution of. The carrying out of a decree.
- Decree, final. A decree which terminates and finally disposes of a cause or action.
- Decree, interlocutory. One which disposes of some plea or issue in a cause during the progress of the same, and does not decide the merits of the controversy.
- Decree nisi. One which will be made absolute on motion unless some reason to prevent intervenes. In English law, a divorce decree not to take effect until after a stated period, during which time it may be questioned.
- Decree pro confesso. One by default. A decree rendered when the defendant is in default, that the averments in bill in equity be taken as confessed, and the plaintiff be allowed to proceed ex parte.
- Decrementum maris. Decrease of the sea; receding of the sea from the land.

- Decretal order. A Chancery order, in the nature of a decree, made on motion.
- Decretales Gregorii Noni. Decretals of Gregory IX. Α collection on Canon law, collated from the decretal rescripts, or epistles of the Popes, published by Pope Gregory IX., A. D. 1234.
- Decretalis. A volume of the Canon law, containing the decrees of the Popes, or a digest of the Letters of the Pope canons. determining some question of Canon law.
- Dedi, concessi, barganizavi et feoffavi. I have given, granted, bargained and enfeoffed. The operative words of conveyance in an ancient charter of feoffment, and deeds of gift and grant.
- Dedi et concessi. I have given and granted. Aptest words to create a feoffment or grant.
- Dedication. Setting apart private property for public use, and its acceptance by the proper authorities.
- Dedimus et concessimus. We have given and granted. Words used in old grants where there were more than one grantor, or where the King made the grant.
- Dedimus potestatem. We have given power or authority. A writ giving authority to perform some judicial or other act. A commission to take testimony.
- Dedimus potestatem de attornato faciendo (recipiendo). We have Deed inter partes. A deed between given the power of making (re-

- ceiving) an attorney. An authority without which a party before the Statute of Westminster II., 13 Edw. I., could not appear in court by attorney.
- Deducere rem in judicium. To bring a matter into court; or make it the subject of judicial investigation.
- Deduction. The act of taking away or subtracting. Inference, Conclusion.
- Deduction for new. In marine insurance, an allowance to the insurers on the cost of repairing an injured vessel, on the theory that the part repaired with new material is better than the old was before the injury.
- Deed. A contract in writing signed, sealed and delivered by the parties thereto. A writing under seal transferring real estate. An act. A thing done. A conveyance.
- Deed, collateral. A deed made at the same time with another, with conditions which may change or defeat the estate conveyed by the original deed.
- Deed de una parte. A deed wherein only one party grants or binds himself to perform.
- Deed, indented. A deed executed in parts, as many copies as there are parties, and each part cut and indented on the top or side to correspond with the other: which deed, so made, is called an indenture. One in which the parties contract reciprocal obligations to each other.
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of two or more make convey- ances or enter into covenants.	Deed, title. A deed conveying a title, or a sealed evidence of title.
Deed of bargain and sale. A real contract for the passing of lands for a valuable consideration. An- ciently it was indented and rolled.	Deeds, execution of. The signing, sealing, delivery and acceptance in accordance with law.
Deed of covenant. A separate deed containing covenants relating to land, made in order to keep them off the title of an estate, so they would not run with the land.	Deeds under the Statute of Uses. Deeds that by the Statute of Uses conveyed an interest in lands without entry or livery of seizin, as lease and release, bar- gain and sale.
Deed of feoffment. The written evidence of a feoffment. Deed of grant. Originally a deed	Deemster. A judge on the Isle of Man, selected from the inhabit- ants, who decided controversies without process writings or
conveying an incorporeal hered- itament; now applied to a deed	charge.
conveying anything corporeal or incorporeal.	Defalcation. The act of one who defaults or fails to account properly for funds under his control.
Deed of partition. A deed by those holding property jointly, in common or coparcenary, which has the effect of vesting in each a separate and distinct portion of the property.	A fraudulent appropriation of money held in trust. Deduction of a claim by deducting a coun- ter claim. The amount deducted or cut off. A deficiency caused by breach of trust.
Deed of release. An instrument in writing under seal by which a right or interest is relinquished.	Defamation. The act of injuring a person's reputation, fame, or character, either by spoken or
Deed of trust. A deed that creates a trust.	written words. Written defam- ation is called libel, and spoken slander.
Deed, poll. A deed signed and sealed by but one person. A deed not indented, as dis- tinguished from a duplicate deed.	Defamatory. Tending to cause in- jury to one's reputation. Libel- lous or slanderous.
Now applied to deeds by sher- iffs, executors, and the like.	Default. Omission of what ought to be done. To allow judgment
Deed, quitclaim. A deed convey- ing the interest of the grantor at the time it is delivered. It	to be taken because of some neglect or failure to appear or answer.
vests such an estate as firmly as any other kind of deed.	

- **Defaulter.** One who neglects to account for money placed in his charge.
- **Defeasance.** To defeat or undo. A collateral deed providing that the other deed is to be void upon the happening of certain conditions. A condition in a bond which when performed defeats the latter; if in the same deed it would be called a condition.
- **Defeasible.** Capable of defeating, destroying, or impairing.
- **Defeat.** To make void; to annul; to deprive of. Making void.
- **Defence** or **Defense.** Resisting force with force. In pleading, the grounds of the defendant offered to defeat the claim of plaintiff; an answer to or denial of a cause of action.
- **Defend.** To prohibit; to forbid; to deny. To claim, vindicate, or prosecute at law. To guard, to protect, support, maintain.
- **Defendant.** One who is sued or charged with a crime. The party against whom an action at law or in equity, civil or criminal, is instituted.
- Defendant in error. One who is defendant in a cause taken up on writ of error; he may or may not have been the defendant below.
- **Defendant, material.** One in equity from whom relief is requested or who has an interest adverse to the plaintiff.
- **Defendant, nominal.** One in name only, not having a substantial interest adverse to plaintiff.

- **Defender of the Faith.** A title conferred upon Henry VIII of England by the Pope for writing against Martin Luther in behalf of the Church of Rome. Catholicus was applied to the King of Spain, and Christianissimus to the French King.
- Defense. See Defence.
- Defense au fond en droit. A defense from the foundation or ground in right; i. e., a demurrer.
- Defense au fond en fait. A defense from the foundation or ground in fact or deed; i. e., the general issue.
- Defense, dilatory. One not intended to meet the issue raised, but to delay, dismiss, or obstruct the prosecution.
- Defense, equitable. One resting upon equitable grounds.
- Defense, full. A defense, at one time made by the defendant in stating in his plea that he defends the wrong and injury when and wherever it shall behoove him and the damages and whatever else he ought to defend, etc.
- **Defense, general.** A denial in general terms of the statements in the complaint.
- Defense, half. A defense made in Common law pleading by the defendant simply stating in his plea that he "defends the wrong and injury and says," etc., instead of the words used in full defense. The distinction between full defense and half defense has long been abolished.

 Defense, legal. A defense based on law as opposed to equity; or a defense good in law. Defense, peremptory. A plea that the plaintiff never had the right or if he did he has it no longer. Defense, sham. A pretended de- fense existing neither in fact nor law. Defense, special. A defense in which special facts of law are set up. Defensor Didei. Defender of the Faith. 	freehold from another. Deforcement. A keeping out by force or wrong. A wrongful withholding of lands or tene- ments from the rightful owner. It includes an abatement, an in-
Deferred payments. Payments postponed, or not made when due.	by fraud. To deceive; to cheat. Defunct. Deceased; a deceased per- son; the deceased.
 due. Deficiency. That which is wanting. Deficit. A deficiency in amount. Define. To clearly bring out the limits of. To explain. To interpret. To declare what constitutes, as to define a crime. Definite. Certain. Fixed. Precise. Bounded. Defined. Definition. Specifying the principal ideas which go to make up a thing or compound idea. The act of defining. A description of a thing by its substance or properties. Definitive. Determinate. Exact. Bringing to an end. Conclusive. Final. 	
 Definitive sentence. The final judgment of an ecclesiastical court. Defloration. Seduction. The act which deprives a female of her virginity. May constitute rape or only fornication. 	to, irrelevant, unconnected with. A word used in pleading, in same sense as aliunde.

- Del bien estra. Of well being. De bene esse.
- Del credere Commission. One with credit, trust or warranty. An agreement by which, in consideration of a larger commission or premium, an agent or factor guarantees the payment of the price for which he sells the goods of his principal on credit. It makes the agent a surety.
- **Delectus personæ.** The choice of a person. An election or choice of the person who becomes tenant. The right of a partner to determine what person or persons shall be introduced into the firm as new partners.
- **Delectus personarum.** Choice of persons.
- Delegata potestas non potest delegari. Delegated authority cannot be delegated, i. e., the agent or delegate cannot redelegate the authority unless specially authorized.
- **Delegate.** To empower. To give authority. One appointed to act for another. A representative of a U. S. Territory in Congress. He can talk but not vote.
- **Delegation.** The transfer of authority from one person to another. The act of making a delegate. An assignment of a debt. In Civil law, the substituting one debtor for another by the agreement of all three parties.
- **Delegatus.** One chosen to represent or act for another.
- **Deliberate.** To weigh facts without haste. To premeditate after cooling time. To examine and

discuss without haste, in order to form an opinion.

- **Delict.** A misdemeanor, fault, tort, crime. A wrong or injury inflicted with or without intent. In Civil law, the act of causing injury to another by malice.
- **Delictum.** A tort or wrong, as distinguished from contract. A crime or offence; a violation of law constituting a crime or misdemeanor for which one may be punished.
- Delimit. To mark out the limits of a district or country.
- **Delimitation.** The act of determining or marking the limits or boundaries of a locality, district, or territory.
- **Delinquent.** In Civil law one convicted of a crime or violation of duty.
- Delirium. A temporary insanity. As to whether a mental condition be a delirium must be determined by the facts in each case.
- **Delirium tremens.** Trembling delirium. A violent delirium; an affection resulting from excessive indulgence of strong liquors, opium or tobacco.
- Deliveraunce de goal. Goal (jail) delivery.
- **Delivery.** The act by which possession is transferred. Release. Delivery is one of the requisites to the validity of a deed or pardon. In Medical Jurisprudence, the act of giving birth to a child.
- Delivery, absolute. A delivery without qualification or condition.

Delivery, actual. Delivery in fact. Delivery, conditional. A delivery coupled with a condition which prevents title vesting until it is fulfilled or comes to pass.	Demesne lands of the crown. Lands originally reserved for the crown or which came to it from various sources. Demi-monde. (Literally, half-
Delusion. A symptom of mental failing, characterized by fancies that things exist which do not exist except in imagination.	world.) Disreputable female so- ciety; abandoned women. Demi-rep. A woman of question- able chastity.
 Dem. For demise; on the demise of. Demand. To request payment, or restoration of a right, or performance of an obligation. A claim or legal obligation. 	 Demi-sangue. Half blood. Blood from the father's or mother's side only. Demi-vill. One of the smallest of the ancient divisions of England, comprising only five freemen,
 Demand, cross. One set up against another. A set-off. Demand-in-law. An entry on land, distress for rent, etc., without words or writing. 	Demise. A word creating a cove- nant or warranty of title. A con- veyance of an estate in fee, for life or for years. Death.
Dementia. Insanity arising from weakness or loss of mind. Men- tal derangement, involving total inability to reason correctly. As to what comes within must be determined by the facts in each particular case.	the King, which causes the
Dementia naturalis. Idiocy; nat- ural or permanent madness.	transfer of the property of the crown to his successor.
Dementia, senile. Decay of the mind from old age. The imbecility of old age.	Demisi. I have demised, or leased. Democracy. Government by the people or in which the people
Demesne. Own; one's own. Lands of which a lord had proper do- minion or ownership, as distin- guished from the land which an- other held of him in service.	select the rulers and exercise the sovereign power. See Sec. 29, Chadman's Cyclopædia of Law.
Demesne land. That held by the lord or King for his own use and not granted out. Same as de- mesne.	tives are elected directly by the

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Democratic. Relating to democfact alleged may be true it is racy; or to a political party so not sufficient in law to constitute called. an offense. Demurrer, general. One which ex-Demonetization. The act of withdrawing from use as money. The cepts generally to a pleading act of divesting a metal formerwithout alleging any particular ly used as money of its characcause. ter as money. Demurrer in equity. A plea to de-Demonstrative. Pointing out; destermine whether the bill shall be answered because of insufignating. As applied to **a** ficient equity therein. legacy; means one that directs its payment out of a specified Demurrer in law. A plea which fund. admits the facts but questions their sufficiency. Demonstrative legacy. One to be paid out of a specified fund. Demurrer, speaking. A demurrer Dempster. in equity which alleges new mat-In old Scotch law doomsman, or an officer of the ter. court whose duty it was to pro-Demurrer, special. nounce the sentence or doom of states the particular cause of the court. objection. Demur. To stop, pause, abide, rest Demurrer to the evidence. A plea in law or judgment. To object allowed in some jurisdiction that to a pleading for legal insufthe evidence is insufficient to ficiency. maintain the case usually made Demurrable. That which can be by plaintiff to defendant's evidemurred to. dence. Demurrage. The stoppage, stay, Demurrer to the interrogatory. The detention of a vessel by the reason given for not answering freighter beyond the time alan interrogatory. lowed by the charter-party for Demurrer Book. In English law the loading or unloading, or for a transcript of all the pleadings The allowance, paysailing. upon an issue of law. 3 Steph. ment, compensation made for Com. 511. such detention or delay. Denariatus. A penny's worth. Demurrer. An exception or objection by one of the parties to Denarii. Pennies; pence. Money an action, to the pleading of the in general. opposite party, as not being Denarii de caritate. Customary sufficient in point of law to sustributes paid cathedrals. tain the claim made, though the facts alleged are thereby ad-Denarius. An ancient English mitted for the purpose of the penny, originally a Roman silver demurrer. In criminal law, a coin, at one time it was gold and plea admitting that while the later copper.

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Denarius Dei. God's penny; earnest money given to bind a bargain, so called because anciently earnest money was given to the church or the poor and was not part of the consideration, but only used as a token or pledge passing between the parties to contrac ts.

Denarius Petri. Peter's pence.

- Denarius tertius comitatus. Among the Saxons, a third of the fines of the county courts, which belonged to the earl.
- Denial. Declaring a statement to be untrue. A traverse of a statement by the other side. A controversion.
- Denial, general. A denial in general terms, as distinguished from one that makes a specific denial of each charge. A pleading which simply denies all the allegations of the complaint.
- Denier a Dieu. Money from God; God's penny. In French law, a sum of money which one party gives to another in consideration of a contract. Either party may annul the contract within twenty-four hours, the one by demanding, and the other by returning the money given. Similar to Denorius Dei.
- Denization. The act of making a foreigner a denizen.
- Denizen. An adopted or naturalized citizen. A stranger admitted to reside in a foreign country. A dweller; an inhabitant.

- Denunciation. In the Civil law. the act informing a public prosecuting officer, that crime has been committed. In old English law, a public notice or summions. In Scotch law, the announcement that a person is a rebel.
- Deodand. A thing given to God. Any personal chattel which caused or occasioned a man's death. Anything which causes the death of a reasonable creature. Deodands were forfeited to the crown, to be applied to pious uses, and distributed in alms.
- Department. One of the branches of a government. Charged with certain duties of government. A division of the Executive Department of the U.S. Government. A division of territory.
- Department, Executive. One of the subordinate branches of the Federal Government of the U. S. Charged with executing the law. It is subordinate to Congress, but while the President cannot pardon one sentenced by Congress, nor refuse to obey Congress; he can pardon one sentenced by the judiciary and refuse to obey its orders. See Congress, U. S.; also Judiciary.
- Department, Interior. An Executive Department of the U.S. Government having charge of the public lands, patents, pensions, Indian affairs, geological survey, census, and a bureau of education. It was organized March 3, 1849.
- Department, Navy. A branch of Denomination. Description, title. the Executive Department of

- U. S. Government charged with the administration of naval affairs. It was organized April 30, 1789.
- Department of Agriculture. The branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government charged with the collection and dissemination of information relating to agricultural subjects. It was created Feb. 9, 1889.
- Department of Justice. The branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government which acts as legal counsel for the government. An Attorney General was first provided for by act of Sept. 24, 1789. The present department was created by act of June 22, 1870.
- Department of Labor. A department established by act of Congress, approved June 13, 1888, to obtain and disseminate various information in which both capital and labor are interested.
- Department, Postoffice. A branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government charged with the care, transportation and delivery of the mail. It was established by acts of Sept. 22, 1789; Feb. 20, 1789; May 8, 1794; March, 1799, and April 30, 1810.
- Department, State. A branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government charged with conducting foreign affairs and having custody of the Great Seal and Acts of Congress. It was organized Sept. 15, 1789. Prior to that it was termed the Department of Foreign Affairs.

- Department, Treasury. A branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government charged with the collection, custody and distribution of the public revenues. It was established Sept. 2, 1789.
- **Department, War.** A branch of the Executive Department of the U. S. Government charged with the administration of military affairs. It was organized August 7, 1789.
- Departure. In pleading, the contradiction in a subsequent pleading of what has been alleged in a previous pleading. A changing of the cause of action or line of defence from that stated in an earlier pleading. It tends to confuse the issue and is therefore bad pleading.
- **Departure from the State.** The leaving and remaining away from a state to prevent service of process.
- **Dependency.** A territory apart from, but dependent upon and governed by a sovereign power. It differs from a Colony in not being settled by the citizens of the sovereign state.
- **Dependent.** Depending upon something else for completeness or validity. A person supported by another.
- Depesas. Land reserved in Spanish-American towns for common or pasturage.
- **Depone.** To testify in writing. To give testimony.

Prior to that it was termed the **Deponent.** One who depones, or Department of Foreign Affairs. gives testimony under oath.

 Deposit. A bailment without reward. To give to the care of another, to be taken care of and returned without pay. Deposit, account. An account of money placed with a bank, not to be withdrawn except after notice as agreed upon. Deposit, certificate of. A written statement by a bank that money has been deposited there by a person named, and may be withdrawn on return of the certificate properly endorsed. Deposit company. A company which makes a business of renting fire and burglar-proof boxes for the deposit of valuables. Deposit, gratuitous. One in which the depositary receives no compensation other than the custody of the things deposited. Deposit, involuntary. One arising without the consent or knowledge of another, as articles thrown upon a person's land by a flood, or wreck. Depositary for hire. One who receives anything to be taken care 	 Depopulation. A laying waste, marauding, pillaging. The act of dispeopling. Deportation. Banishment for life; exile; abjuration of the realm; outlawry. In Roman law loss of civil rights and perpetual ban- ishment. Deposel. To make oath in writ- ing; to state under oath. 2. To deprive of office or official posi- tion. 	 Deposition. The testimony of a witness written down for subsequent use, upon due notice to the other side of a controversy, and in the manner and form prescribed by law. Depositiones testium. Depositions of the witness. Depositum. A bailment of goods, deposited by one man with another to keep for the use of the
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 Dereliction. An abandoning. The gaining of land from the water; as when the sea shrinks back below the usual water mark. Dernier. Latest, final; highest, greatest, utmost; lowest, vilest, meanest. Descend. To pass on or down by succession. Descendant. One descended from the pergon or stock spoken of. Descent. Passing downard. The title by which a person obtains a freehold on the death of an ancestor. Hereditary succession. Descent and Distribution. The distribution among the descendants of a deceased person of his property, in accordance with law. Such statutes are known as statutes of descent and distribution. See Bouv. L. Dict. 	 without leave. Continuous cessation of matrimonial cohabitation without cause. Desfontaines. The name of the oldest law writer on the law of France. It was on the French law of custom and published in 1253. Despatch. 1. To transact or execute promptly. Prompt performance of work. 2. A message sent in haste by special means. Despot. An arbitrary sovereign. A master. A tyrant. Detainer. One who detains or withholds. The wrongful detention of another's goods, though received lawfully. A writ. Detainer, forcible entry and. An entry upon and detention of real property by force. An action to recover property wrongfully withheld by one who was a tenant.
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the mother.	
Descent in a collateral line. Descent through an ancestor and down from him through collaterals.	Detinet. He detains; he keeps. The term has given name to the mode of declaring in certain ac- tions of debt, as against execu- tors and administrators.
 Descent lineal. Descent in a direct line as father to son, grandfather to grandson; not uncle to nephew, etc. Descriptio personæ. Description of the person. Description of office or agency. Desertion. Abandonment of a duty. Abandonment of public service in the army or navy 	Detinue. To hold from, or with- hold. A form of an action to recover the specific possession of a personal chattel or its value, and damages for its de- tention, wrongfully detained from another, where the original taking was lawful. It is classed as an action ex-contractu. 3 Bl.

- Detinue of goods in frank marriage. An old writ allowed a divorced wife to recover goods given her when married.
- Detinuit. He has detained; he kept back, withheld.
- **Denterogamy.** A second marriage. A marriage after the death of a wife or husband.
- **Devastation.** A laying waste; squandering. The waste of the property of a deceased person by his executor or administrator.
- Devastavit. He has wasted. The mismanagement and wasting of a deceased person's property by his executor or administrator or one holding it as a trustee.
- **Devastavit by direct abuse.** That caused by the wrongful appropriation of the assets of the estate.
- **Devastavit by neglect.** That caused by negligence on the part of executor or administrator to collect moneys due, or to sell perishable or other goods at the proper time.
- Devil on the neck. An ancient contrivance to gradually or suddenly break the back. It was used as a means to extort confessions.
- **Devisavit vel non.** Did he devise or not? An issue directed from a court of equity to a court of law, to try by a jury the validity of a will upon some alleged fact, such as alleged incapacity on the part of the testator; fraud; etc.

Devise. A gift of land by will. An instrument in writing signed, declared and witnessed, making a gift of lands or other real estate to take effect on the death of the donor.

- Devise, conditional. One which depends on some uncertain event.
 - Devise, executory. A devise of real property by will which does not vest in the devise at the death of the devisor but only on the happening of some event after the latter's death. This is contrary to the rule of conveyances of real property but allowed to be good in a will; it differs from a contingent remainder, as the latter must have an estate to support it. If there be such a supporting estate in a devise, it is a contingent remainder, and not an executory devise.
 - Devise, specific. A devise of a specific piece of property.
- **Devise, vested.** One which vests distinguished from a contingent or executory devise.
- **Devisee.** The person who receives lands or other real property by will.
- **Devisor.** A testator. One who wills lands to another. The maker of a will of lands or real estate. One who makes a devise.

Devoir. Duty.

Dialogues de scarrio. Dialogues of the Exchequer. The title of an ancient treatise on the Court of Exchequer.

 Dicastery. An ancient Athenian law court. One of the bodies of the Grecian citizens who repre- sent the people as a jury. The number varied, sometimes reaching 500 in an important matter. Dicta. A saying or remark. 	 Dies artificalis. An artificial day from the rising to the setting of the sun. Dies cedit. The day begins. In Civil law, a phrase indicating that an interest has vested. Dies civilis. The civil day. The time from midnight to midnight.
 Dictionary clause. The clause in a statute which defies words or terms therein. Dictum. (Obiter Dictum.) A saying. An extra judicial opinion aside from the point in question, and not necessary to the decision of the point or points in issue in the case in which the dictum is announced. Diei dictio. In Roman law, a notice by a magistrate that he intends, on a day mentioned, to impeach a citizen before the public for a crime. 	 Dies clara. Daylight. Dies communes in banco. Common days in banc or court. Days for appearance of parties in the courts; also return days, origi- nally peculiar to the Court of Common Bench. Dies consilii. The day of impar- lance. Also a day appointed to argue a demurrer. A day to hear the counsel of both parties in court. Dies continui. The successive or following days; consecutive
Diem clausit extremum. He has closed his last day. A writ di- recting the escheators to ascer- tain the lands of which a tenant in capite died seized and restore them to the King.	days. Dies dominicus. The Lord's day; Sunday. Dies fasti et nefasti. In Roman law, business days and new busi- ness days.
 Dies. A day. The civil day of twenty-four hours. Dies a quo. The day from which. In Civil law, the day from which a transaction begins. Dies ad quem. The day to which. In the Civil law, the concluding day. 	 Dies feriales. Ferial days; holidays. Working days, or week days as distinguished from Sunday. Dies nefasti. In Roman law, days on which the courts were closed, days on which no public business was: transacted. Holidays. Also unlucky days.
Dies amoris. A day of love. A day of grace, a day granted by the court to a party, as a mat- ter of favor, out of the usual course of proceedings.	Dies non. In Roman law, an abbreviation of Dies non juridi- cus, i. e., non-judicial days, when no legal business could be trans- acted.

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 Dies pacis. Days of peace. All days in the year were anciently either days of peace of the King or of the church. Dieu et mon droit. God and my right. Motto of the Kings of England; it was first adopted by 	unusually careful persons exer- cise in their own affairs. Diligence, ordinary. Such care and attention as an ordinary man exercises with his own affairs. Diligence, alight. That degree of
Richard I. Dieu et son acte. God and his act; the act of God. An act beyond human foresight and control. One that will excuse the per- formance of an agreement or	care which careless persons usually take in their own affairs. Dime. A U. S. silver coin valued at one-tenth of a dollar, or ten cents.
contract. Digest. A compilation or epito- me in orderly arrangement, with the various subjects classi- fied. The book of Pandects of the Civil law. A reproduction of the points decided in legal cases in the form of an index. A	 Diminution (or Diminution of the Record). Decrease, an incompleteness of a record. An allegation that part of the record is omitted, which is then asked to be completed. Dimisi. I have demised, let go, given up. Dimisi, concessi, et ad firman
body or system of laws; a code; a system. Dilato. To spread out, to dilate; to enlarge, amplify, extend.	tradidi. I have demised, grant- ed, and to farm let. Old words of operation in a lease. Dinero. In Spanish law, money.
Dilatoria exception. A dilatory exception or plea; a plea for de- lay. Dilatory. Tending to cause delay.	Dingley Bill. The Tariff Act of Congress, approved July 24, 1897, entitled "An act to provide rev- enue for the government and to encourage the industries of the
Dilatory pleas. Such as are put in for delay, since while they ob- struct, they do not go to the merits of the action.	Diploma. From a Greek word signifying folded double. An in- strument given by colleges, so-
Diligence. Care and attention re- quired by law in certain cases. Reasonable and ordinary care, according to the circumstances or situation.	cieties, etc., certifying to the at- tainments and qualifications of the person in certain courses of study. A license granted to a clergyman or a physician, to practice a profession, etc. In the
Diligence due. Such diligence as is reasonable under the circum- stances.	civil law, a royal charter; letters patent granted by a prince or sovereign.

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- Diplomacy. The method of carrying on negotiations between nations. The acts comprising the negotiations. Skill in obtaining a desired end without friction. The science which concerns the relations and intercourse between sovereigns or independent nations.
- **Diplomat.** The person who represents a nation in conducting negotiations with another nation.
- **Diplomatic corps.** The whole body of diplomatic persons credited to a country.
- **Dipsomania.** Thirst mania; rage for drink. Often applied to habitual drunkenness and to delirium tremens.
- **Dipsomaniac.** One afflicted with an uncontrollable desire for intoxicating liquor.
- Direct evidence. The opposite of circumstantial evidence. That which goes immediately to prove the question at issue.
- Directory statute. One which directs that an act should be done in a certain manner, but does not invalidate it, if done otherwise, or impose a penalty for not so doing.
- **Direct examination.** The first examination of a witness by the party calling him, as opposed to the examination by the adverse party, called cross-examination.
- Diriment impediments. Those impediments which make a marriage void from the beginning even though entered into.

- **Disability.** Legal incapacity. Any cause which prevents one from performing a duty, or taking or acting under the law.
- **Disability, absolute.** One annexed to a person and to his heirs or successors.
- **Disability, canonical.** In a marriage one which makes a marriage voidable, but not void.
- Disability, civil. Incapacity created by law. In marriage, one which. makes a marriage or act void.
- **Disability, general.** Complete; One which incapacitates to perform legal acts of a general nature.
- Disability, legal. A disability placed upon one by law, because of age, condition, etc.
- Disability, personal. One which is annexed to a particular person only.
- Disability, physical. An infirmity of body or mind.
- **Disability, special.** A disability which incapacitates one to perform a particular act or function.

Disable. To make legally incapable.

Disaffirm. To set aside. To reverse. To refuse to confirm. Disaffirmance. The act by which a voidable contract is repudiated by the person who has the right to so avoid it.

Disagreement. A failure to agree.

- Disavow. To reject. To refuse to acknowledge as binding. To repudiate the act of an agent as beyond his authority.
- Disbar. To take away the privilege of attorney at law. To expel an

 attorney or barrister from the bar. To strike off the rolls. Disceptatio causae. The argument of a cause by the advocates of both sides. Discharge. To set at liberty by legal process. To free of a charge, duty, or obligation. To free from imprisonment. To vacate. To dismiss. To satisfy. A written evidence of such action. In U. S. Bankrupt law of 1898, the release of a bankrupt from all his debts as allowed by that act. Disclaimer. A disavowal or renunciation. A plea denying or renouncing a title or claim. The relinquishment, renunciation, waiver, refusal of an estate, right or interest. The refusal to act as executor. In Patent law, the renunciation of a claim to a part of a title or specification of a patent. 	 ure. The act of revealing any matter by a defendant in his answer in equity. Discretion. That part of the judicial function which decides questions arising in the trial of a cause, according to the particular circumstances of each case, and as to which the judgment of the court is uncontrolled by fixed rules of law. Bouv. Discretion, age of. The age at which a person becomes liable for criminal acts, or is capable of transacting his own affairs. Disentail. To bar an estate tail. To break an entail. Disentailing deed. In England, an enrolled deed made in pursuance of 3 and 4 Wm. 1V., c. 74, by which a tenant in taiL could convey his estate absolutely. Disfranchise. To deprive one of
 Discommon. To change from a common, to private or reserved land. To deprive of the privilege of *using a common. In English Universities to deprive a tradesman of the privilege of trading with students. Discontinuance. An interruption or breaking off. The termination of a suit by the failure or neglect of plaintiff. Discontinuance of plea. The answering in a plea of but a part of the declaration. Discovert. Unprotected, uncovered. A woman unmarried, either spinster or widow. 	 franchise, privileges or rights. To deprive of the rights and privileges of a free citizen, or of political rights. Disfranchisement. The act of de- priving one of a privilege. To deprive one of a right to vote or any privilege given by a gov- ernment or corporation of which one is a member. Dishonor. A term signifying that one has failed or refused to pay a note or bill of exchange at maturity. The act of so doing. Disinherit. To declare in a testa- ment, will, or devise, that a nat- ural heir shall not inherit any part of the ancestral estate.

Disinheritance. The act of depriv- ing one heir of an inheritance, which he would otherwise in- herit.	Disposing mind. The capacity to dispose of property by will, testament, or devise. Testa- mentary capacity.
Disinterested. Not having any in- terest in the matter referred to, or which is in controversy.	Dispossess. To deprive of posses- sion; to eject. Dispositive clause. The clause in a
Disjunctive allegations. Those which charge or plead a matter so as to leave it uncertain what is intended, as by stating it in the alternative form. Such plead- ing is bad for uncertainty.	will or grant which disposes of the subject matter. Disprove. To refute; to show to be illegal. Disputatio fori. In Civil law, argu-
Dismes. Tithes. Tenths. Formerly applied to the ten cent pieces of the U. S.	ment before a court. Dispute. To question the legality of. A controversy. A contest of words.
Dismiss. To reject without hearing. To send out of court.	Disqualify. To incapacitate. To make incompetent.
Disorder. That which disturbs the peace. Violation of law. Breach of good conduct or good morals. Disorderly house. One within which acts in violation of law are	Disseisin. In old English law, de- privation or turning out of seisin wrongfully; the wrongful turn- ing the tenant out of his tenure, and usurping his place and feud-
habitually committed. A house of ill fame or prostitution. Disorderly person. One who vio-	al relation; a wrongful ouster of him who is seized of an estate of freehold.
lates law by disturbing the peace. Disparagation or Disparagement. An unequal alliance or unsuit-	Disseisin, actual. Turning out of possession when the person dis- seised was in actual possession at the time he was disseised.
able connection in marriage. The matching an heir or ward in marriage, under his or her de- gree or condition, or against the	Disseisin by election. Disseisin where the freeholder allowed himself to be disseised.
rules of decency. Dispauper. To take away the right	Disseisin by force. More properly deforcement (which see).
to sue as a pauper after it has been granted.	Dissent, Disagreement; witholding of assent; disapproval.
Dispense. To set aside or suspend the law or custom in a particu-	Dissenters. Those who separated from their church.
	Dissolution. A dissolving of a con- tract by relieving the parties of

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its provisions. The act of ren- dering a legal proceeding void or changing its character. The extinction of a corporation.	Distribution. A sum paid creditors of a bankrupt. Division of per- sonal property among a number of persons.
Dissolve. To loosen asunder, sep- arate, destroy. To discharge what one owes. To annul; to set free from obligation. To sunder a contract relation.	Distribution, statutes of. Statutes which direct how the estate of an intestate shall be distributed. Distributive. Received or due un- der a distribution; a share.
Distincte et aperte. Distinctly and openly. Words used in old writs of error stating how return shall be made. Distrahere controversias. To settle	District Attorney. An officer of the U. S. or a State who represents the Government, or the State, in a particular district, as its attorney.
a controversy. Distrahere matrimonium. To dis-	District Clerk. A clerk of the Federal or State district court.
solve matrimony. Distrain. To levy a distress; to take by distress.	District election. A division of ter- ritory for conveniences in con- ducting an election and counting the votes cast.
Distress. A common law remedy by which personal property was taken as a pledge for something due, or a satisfaction for wrong	District Judge. The judge of a dis- trict. The judge of a federal or a state district court.
committed. To take the goods of a defendant to compel appear- ance in court. The act of such taking. In Scotch law, a pledge of goods given to the sheriff by persons attending a fair as se- curity for their good behavior.	District of Columbia. The seat of the United States Government. It orginally comprised 100 square miles and was obtained by ces- sion from both Maryland and Virginia, and lay on both sides of the Potomac. The present
Distress infinite. A distress which has no bounds with regard to its quantity. A distress made again and again to compel one to perform some obligation; the	area is seventy square miles, ten of which are under water. The other thirty square miles were ceded back to Virginia, on July 11, 1846.
things distrained could not be sold but were restored on the person performing the obligation or satisfying the debt.	Distringas nuper vice comitem. That you distrain the late sher- iff. In England, a writ to dis- train the goods of a former
Distribute. To apportion; to divide among several.	sheriff for neglect or non-per- formance of duty while in office.
Distribute. One who receives part	Distringo. To draw asunder, to

of the estate of an intestate. | stretch out. To detain a person

anywhere, to hinder; to occupy, to engage; to distrain; to coerce or compel. To bind fast or strain hard.

- Disturbance of common. The hindering or annoyance of one in the lawful enjoyment of a right of common.
- Disturbance of franchise. Wrongfully interfering with one in the enjoyment of a franchise.
- Divers. Several, sundry, various.
- Diversities des courts. Diversity of the courts. A treatise on the courts and their jurisdiction, written in French, and printed in 1525 and again in 1534. The author is unknown though thought to be Fitzherbert.
- Diversity of person. Difference of person. A plea that there is a mistake as to identity.
- Dives costs. The rich man's costs. The ordinary costs as distinguished from those paid by a person suing in forma pauperis.
- Dividend. A share or part allotted in the division of a thing; the profits of a corporation divided among shareholders; the interest paid on public funds as expressed in stock or bonds; the division of a bankrupt's or insolvent's effects among creditors. A part of a deed or indenture executed in two parts.
- Dividend, preferred. A profit or sum paid on a certain interest before any is paid on another intérest in the same enterprise or corporation.
- Division of opinion. Such a dis- Do ut facias. I give that you may

a decision being rendered by a majority.

- Divorce. The separation of a man and woman who are married by law. The judicial dissolution of the marriage contract.
- Divorce a mensa et thoro. A divorce from table and bed, or suspension of the marriage relation. Commonly expressed from bed and board. A partial divorce
- Divorce a vinculo matrimonii. A divorce from the bond of marriage. An absolute dissolution of the marriage tie. Under old English law there were many causes for divorce a vinculo matrimonii; among which were pre-contract, fear, impotence or frigidity, affinity and consanguinity.
- Divorce causa consanguinitatia. Divorce by reason of consanguinity or relationship.
- Divorce causa frigitatis. Divorce by reason or on account of coldness, frigidity.
- Do. I give or grant. The most ancient term of grant or conveyance.
- Do, dico, addico. I give, I say, I adjudge. In the civil law, words used by the Praetor to express the execution of his civil jurisdiction.
- Do, lego. I give, I bequeath; or I give and bequeath. Formal words in making a bequest or legacy.
- Do ut des. I give that you may give. A civil law form of entering into an innominate contract.
- agreement by judges as prevents | do. A civil law form of entering

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into a class of contract in which one agreed to give something if the other did something.	bail for the appearance of plain- tiff or defendant when such bail
Dock an entail. To destroy, cut off, or bar an entail.	Dole. Saxon for portion. In Scotch
 Docket. To enter in a docket. To enter a proceeding in a docket. A book kept by a court clerk for the entry of the title of courses and the proceedings therein. Doctor of Civil law. An honorary title sometimes conferred upon persons by institutions of learning. One versed in the Civil law. 	 law, criminal intent. Doles. Portions. Doli capaces. Capacity to commit a crime. Used in connection with the liability of infants to punishment for crimes. Doli incapax. Incapacity to commit a crime. Incapable of doing
 Abbreviated, D. C. L. Doctor of Laws. An honorary title conferred upon distinguished persons by institutions of learning. Abbreviated LL.D. Doctor of Medicine. One who is licensed or permitted by law to practice medicine. Abbreviated M.D. Doctors' Commons. Buildings near St. Paul's churchyard, London, England, where the Ecclesiastical and Admiralty Courts used to be held. 	wrong. Dollar. A piece of money valued differently in different and even in the same countries. The word does not stand for any particu- lar value, but simply a piece of money. In U. S. and Canada, it is the monetary unit and equal to a hundred cents, or in Canada 4s. 11/3d. In U. S. a silver coin composed of 371.25 grains of silver and 41.25 grains of alloy. A gold piece of 25.8 grains 9/10 fine. A legal tender note.
 Document. A record, writing, precept; written instructions or directions; and evidence of right or title. In U. S. Bankrupt law of 1898, any book, deed or instrument writing. Document, ancient. One more than thirty years old. Document, public. Any public record or instrument in writing made by public authority. Doe and Roe. John Doe and Richard Roe. Fictitious names used at common law when the names of defendants were not known. 	 Dollar, Hard. Spanish dollar coined previous to 1772 in Mexico. Dollar, Pillar. Those coined in Mexico after 1772; the best known coin in the western world up to 1800. Dollar, Spanish. At the time of the adoption of the Constitution it was a Spanish silver piece of eight which varied in weight from 368 to 386 grains of pure silver of 10 3/4 out of 12 fine. Dollar, Standard. The standard dollar of the U. S. as established

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by the coinage act of Feb. 28, 1878, known as the Bland-Allison Act.

- **Dollar, Trade.** A silver dollar of 420 grains, not a legal tender; formerly coined by the U. S. for trade with Eastern Asia.
- Dolo. In Spanish law, wicked design.
- **Dolus bonus.** Fair or good design. That degree of artifice which one may lawfully use to advance his own interest or in self defense against an attack of an enemy, or for other justifiable purpose.
- **Dolus malus.** Evil design. The intentional endeavor to injure another by a criminal device, fraudulent delusion or other unlawful means.
- **Domain, Eminent.** The right to take private property for public use. Under our Constitution this can only be done on compensating the individual from whom it is taken.
- **Domain, National.** Land owned by the government.
- Domain, Public. Public lands.
- Domain Royal. Crown lands.
- Dombec. Dome-book.
- **Dome.** A judgment, sentence or decree. An oath. The oath of one swearing homage.
- **Dome-book.** A lost work, compiled by King Alfred of England and supposed to contain the local customs of the different provinces of the Kingdom, the principal maxims of the Common law, the penalties for misdemean-

ors and the forms of judicial proceedings.

Domesday. The title of a book alleged to have been written in the time of St. Edward the Confessor. Lombard and Camden assert that this book was made in the time of William the Conqueror, A. D. 1086-1087. It describes the land in England, their value, and who held them during the reign of King Edward and also of King William. It is styled respectively, The Decisive Record of Judgment; the Survey of England; The Tax Book of England; The King's Roll and the Book of Winchester.

Domesday Book. Domesday.

- **Domestic.** Pertaining to one's own home, State or country. Relating to the jurisdiction of the county, State or political division spoken of. A household servant.
- Domestic Attachment. One against a resident.
- Domicile. To domiciliate. That place where a man has a fixed and permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning. The relation created by law between a person and a locality.
- Domicile by birth. The place of birth.
- Domicile by choice. That voluntarily acquired by a party.
- Domicile by operation of law. One conferred by law; that which is consequential, as that of the wife acquired from marriage.

- **Domicile of origin.** The place of birth.
- Domicilium matrimonii. A domicile acquired by marriage, as by a wife, whose domicile is that of her husband. Dominium directum et absolutum. The direct and absolute domin-
- **Domicilium necessarium.** A necessary domicile. One acquired through attention to public duty; or at the domicile of a husband or father.
- **Domicilium originis vel nativitatis.** The home of a family or nativity, the home of the parents; the domicile of nativity.
- **Dominant.** An estate which enjoys an easement over another is socalled.
- Dominica potestas. The master's power.
- **Dominicide.** The crime of killing one's lord or master.
- **Dominicum.** Domain, demesne. Ownership of land. That portion of a lord's lands retained in his own possession as distinguished from that which was granted out to tenants. That in which one had a free tenement or freehold.
- Dominicum antiquum. Ancient demesne.
- **Dominium.** Ownership; right of property, and the right of possession or use. The right of property which the lord had in the fee of his tenant. The estate of a feoffee to uses. A lordship. Sovereignty.
- Dominium directum. Right of ownership; the right of a lord, as distinguished from that of his tenant. The title of the King in

all the lands of the kingdom, they being held either mediately or immediately of him. Allodial property.

- **Dominium directum et absolutum.** The direct and absolute dominion. Applied to property of which one is seized absolutely.
- Dominium directum et utile. The direct ownership and use; the union of the title and exclusive use.
- **Dominium eminens.** Eminent domain. The right claimed by the people of a State, in and to all lands within the jurisdiction of the State.
- Dominus capitalis. A chief lord; the king.
- Dominus litis. Master or controller of a suit. An advocate, who, after the death of his client, carried on a suit for the executor. In Admiralty practice, one defending a suit in behalf of the real party.
- **Dominus rex.** The lord or the King, the sovereign lord.
- Dominus Deo. The house of God. Applied to hospitals and religious houses.
- Dona clandestina sunt semper suspiciosa. Secret gifts are always to be regarded with suspicion.
- Donate. To give without consideration.
- **Donatio.** A gift or donation of lands or chattels.
- **Donatio ante nuptias.** A gift before marriage. A gift by a bridegroom to a bride as security for the **dos** she was to bring.

Donatio inter vivos. A gift be- tween living persons. A con- tract by which one divests him- self of title to property and vests it in another.	 Dormant claim. One in abeyance, not enforced. Dormant partners. Those who do not take any active part, but share in the profits or losses of a
Donatio mortis causa. A donation or gift made in view or in con- sideration of death to be kept by the donee if death take place.	business. Dorse. The back. Dos. A dowry, or marriage por- tion.
Donatio propter nuptias. A gift in consideration of or on account of marriage. In Roman law, a gift, after marriage as security for the dos she has brought.	Dos adventitia. An adventitious dowry or marriage portion. In the Roman law, a dowry or por- tion given by another person than a parent.
Donationes velatæ. Veiled or con- cealed gifts. The term is applied to deeds granted by a wife to third parties in trust for her husband's use.	 Dos rationalibus. A reasonable marriage portion. Dossier. In French law, the brief of an advocate. A package of papers relating to a public mat-
Donatrix. She who gives. A fe- male donor.	ter or subject of investigation or litigation.
 Donee. In old English law, one to whom lands are donated; one to whom lands or tenements are given intail. One to whom a gift or donation is made. The party executing a poser; otherwise called appointor; in New York, called the grantee. Donor. One by whom lands were given to another; the party who makes a donation. One who gives, donates lands or tenements to another in tail. The party conferring a power. In New York, called the grantor. 	 Dot. Dowry or marriage portion; independent settlement. Dotage. Feeble mental condition resulting from old age. Dote. In Spanish law, the marriage portion of a wife. The property which the wife gives to the husband on account of a marriage, or for the purpose of supporting the matrimonial expenses. To be feeble from age. To be silly. A marriage portion. Dote assignando. For assigning dower. A writ to the escheator
New York, called the grantor. Dormant. Sleeping; in abeyance; suspended; not in exercise; not apparent; not known. Applied to a partner. Also applied to an execution, when it is delivered to the sheriff with directions to levy and not to sell.	dower. A writ to the escheator to assign dower to the widow of a deceased tenant of the King. Dote unde nihil habet. In old Eng- lish law, a writ allowed a widow to whom no dower had been as- signed, in lands sold by her hus- band.

- **Double damages.** Twice the amount of damages assessed by the jury. Also, regular common costs and half as much again.
- **Double entendre, or entente.** A double meaning. An ambiguous expression to which two meanings may be attached.
- Double plea. One in which two separate matters are alleged in bar where one is sufficient.
- **Double voucher.** A method of transferring land by a common recovery in which the estate was first conveyed to a person called the tenant to the præcipe, he vouched the real tenant, who in turn vouched the common vouchee.

Dow. To give or endow.

- Dowable. Entitled to dower. Subject to dower.
- Dowager. A widow endowed or having a jointure. A widow who either enjoys a dower from her deceased husband, or who has property of her own brought by her to her husband on marriage, and settled on herself after his decease. A title given in England to a widow, to distinguish her from the wife of the husband's heir bearing the same name. A title applied chiefly to the widows of princes, dukes, and other personages of rank and title.
- **Dower.** A widow's life interest in a third part of the lands and tenements of which her deceased husband was seized during the marriage. By Gavelkind, it was held, in some places in England

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it was the whole; but in no case was it more than a life interest.

- Dower ad ostium ecclesiae. Dower at the church door or porch. In old English law, the naming by the husband of particular lands as dower for his wife, not more than a third, which she could enter upon on his death without other assignment. It was anciently conferred by the husband himself at the church door or porch. It is supposed to have been derived from the donatio propter nuptias of the Civil law. It has been abolished.
- Dower by custom. Dower according to the particular custom of the place or manor, or, so long as she lives sole and chaste.
- Dower by the Common law. A third part of the husband's land, allowed the wife by the law so long as she lived.
- Dower de la plus belle. Dower of the fairest part. Where the wife was endowed with the best lands. Abolished since 3 and 4 Wm. IV. ch. 105.
- Dower ex assensu patris. Dower by the assent of the father. Where certain lands were set apart for the wife's dower with the consent of the husband's father, and put in writing as soon as the son was married. On his death she could claim no other dower. Also abolished.
- Dower, profectitious. That given by a father or mother, or another relative, in a contract for the marriage of a daughter.

Dower unde nihil habet. Dower whereof she has nothing. A writ allowed a widow to whom no dower had been assigned, against a tenant from the hus- band.	 Droit, civil. An individual Civil right, not dependent on citizen- ship. Droit de bris. The right to the fragments, from shipwreck. In old French law, a right which
Dower, writ of—right of. A real action against a tenant who had deprived a widow of part of her dower.	French lords claimed to persons and property shipwrecked, cast upon the shore.
Dowress. A tenant in dower; a woman entitled to dower.	Droit civilis. In French law, pri- vate rights of those residing in France, whether citizens or aliens.
Dowry. A portion or property given with a woman to her hus- band in marriage. If in lands it was called maritagium. If in personal property, it was called marriage portion.	Drunk. Under the influence of intoxicating liquor to such an extent as to have lost the nor- mal control of one's bodily and mental faculties.
Draco regis. The military colors of England.	Drunkard. One who habitually becomes drunk.
Draft. An order drawn by one person or party on another for the payment of money to a third person. A rough copy of a legal document. To outline in writ- ing; to compose or draw up a first form of.	 Drunkenness. The condition which results from the excessive drinking of intoxicating liquors. Duces et milites limitanei. Commanders and soldiers upon the frontiers.
Drawee. The person whom a bill of exchange or order for the payment of money is drawn.	Duces tecum. That you bring with you. A writ of subpœna commanding a person other than a party to the cause to appear
Drawer. The person who draws a bill of exchange or order for the payment of money.	at a day certain and bring with him books, instruments in writ- ings, or other things the court
Dred Scott Case. The case of Dred Scott vs. Sandford, 19 How. 393.	
 Droit-droit. A double right, as of possession and property. Droit. A French law term, signi- 	An absolute writ to the sheriff to bring his prisoner though sick.
fying right, justice, equity, law. Equivolent to jus in Roman law.	Due. Payable; owing and demand-

Due bill. A written acknowledg- ment of debt without a promise	Dummodo. Provided that: a word of limitation or exception.
to pay. Due care. Not negligent or guilty of violating any law. Proper and sufficient care as required under the circumstances.	 Dun. An insistent demand for payment of a debt. Duodecim Tabularum Fragmenta. Portions of the Twelve Tables, the first laws of Rome.
Due course of law. Regular legal procedure. Due process of law or according to the law of the land.	Duodecima Manus. The twelfth hand. The oath of a jury of twelve men.
Due process of law. Proceedings according to the established rules and principles of the juris- prudence of the country.	 Duodena manu. Twelve hands; the twelve witnesses required to purge a criminal of an offense. Duplex Placitum. A double plea.
Duel. Anciently the trial by bat- tle, or a fight for the trial of the truth. A fight between two per-	One containing averments or de- nials of several facts, and con- stituting separate defenses.
sons by agreement, with deadly weapons, to satisfy some pre- vious quarrel or insult.	Duplicate. A counterpart or double of anything; a copy or transcript of a writing equiva- lent to the original.
Dum. While; while that. So long as, if so be that, provided that, if only. A word of limitation.	Duplicity. In pleading, a fault consisting of uniting more than
Dum bene se gesserit. While he conducted himself properly. During good behavior.	one cause of action in one count in a writ, or more than one de- fence in a plea, or more than a single breach in a replication.
Dum fuit in prisona. While he was in prison. An ancient writ to recover lands which a man had	Durante absentia. During absence.
aliened under duress of im- prisonment.	Durante minore ætate. During minority.
Dum fuit infra ætatem. While he was under age. An old writ to recover lands aliened by an in-	Durante virginitate. During vir- ginity. Durate vita. During life.
fant. Dum fuit non compos mentis. While he was of unsound mind.	Duress. Coercion; personal re- straint; compulsion by putting in fear.
An old English writ to recover lands aliened by a person of un- sound mind.	Duress of imprisonment. Actual imprisonment or deprivation of personal liberty.
Dum sola. While sole. While re- maining unmarried.	Duress per minas. That con- straint of personal action caused

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by threats of violence to life or limb.

- Duty. That which one ought to do; an obligation; a custom or tax.
- **Dwell.** To inhabit; to live in a place.
- **Dwelling house.** A building inhabited by man. The term includes the outbuildings attached to the main dwelling or surrounding it.
- **Dying Declaration.** See Declarations. The statement of a person in his last sickness and under the solemnity of impending death. They are receivable in evidence in some instances.
- Dying by one's own hand. Voluntary suicide.
- Dying without heirs, or issue. A failure of issue at the death of the decedent; that is, an indefinite failure of issue, or the total extinction of decedent's family.

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E or Ex. From; out of.

- **E.** Contra. From the opposite side; to the contrary; conversely.
- **E** converso. On the contrary; conversely.
- **E** Pluribus Unum. From many one; the motto of the United States of America, implying the union of the several states into one government.
- Earl. An English title of nobility.
- **Earnest.** Money paid or advanced to bind the bargain, or as part of the purchase price.
- **Easement.** A right or privilege to use the land of another without compensation, which is distinct from the ownership of the land. A right in the owner of one piece 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.

- Easement of convenience. An easement which enables the owner of it to prosecute his business with greater comfort or facility.
- **Easter Term.** In English law, one of the terms of court beginning April 1 and ending May 8th.
- Eat inde sine die. That he go hence without delay. In English law, words used on the acquittal of a prisoner, or in recording a judgment for a defendant.
- Ecclesia. A church or place of religious worship.
- **Ecclesiastical Corporation.** One for religious purposes, or the advancement of religion; one which is composed of spiritual persons as bishops.
- Ecclesiastical courts. In English practice the name of those courts which were given the cognizance of spiritual matters, and formerly including testamentary and matrimonial causes.

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Ecclesiastical law. The law and practice derived from the canon or Civil law as administered in	Elector. The person who has a right to cast a vote for a public officer.
 English ecclesiastical courts. Edict. A law, decree, proclamation or ordinance by sovereign power which commands or forbids something to be done. Effect. The operation of a law, contract or agreement. Ei incumbet probatic qui dicit, non qui negat. Upon him who affirms rests the burden of proof, not upon him who denies. Eight Hour Laws. Laws making a day's labor consist of but eight hours. Eign or Eisne. Eldest. 	 Electors of President, or Presidential Electors. The persons designated by the constitution of the United States, to be selected in the different states to make the formal legal choice of President and Vice-President. Electoral Commission. A commission created by the U. S. Congress January 29th, 1877, to decide the question relating to the election of President at the election held in November, 1876, at which R. B. Hayes and Samuel Tilden were the respective candidates. This commission was composed of 15 members; of which 5 were justices of the
 Eject. Dispossess; to evict; to cast out. Ejectment. The name of an action at common to recover the possession of real property with damages for its wrongful detention. 	Supreme Court, 10 members of the U. S. Senate. This commis- sion seated Hayes as President. Eleemosynary. A term applied to a corporation, and meaning that the corporation is one organized for charitable purposes only, or those constituted for the perpet-
 Ejus est interpretari cujus est condere. The right to interpret belongs to him who enacts. A maximum of the Civil law, by which the emperor had the right to interpret as well as enact law. Ejusdem generis. Of the same class, kind or nature. Elect. To choose; to select by a vote or otherwise. 	execution requiring the sheriff to levy upon the goods of the defendant, and deliver them to a
Election. 1. The act or power of choosing. 2. The selection of a person by vote or otherwise to fill a private or public posi- tion of office.	Elisors. Electors or choosers. Persons appointed by the court to select a jury when the sheriff or coroner are challenged for partiality.

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In Civil law a purchase

or the act of purchasing.

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and living with another man. Employe. A laborer; one in the Emancipation. To set free. In employ of another in whatever Roman Law, emancipatio sigcapacity. nified the enfranchisement of a Emptor emit quam minime potest, son by his father, that is liberatvenditor vendit quam maxime ing him from the paternal aupotest. The buyer purchases thority. for the lowest price he can, the Emancipation Proclamation. The seller sells for the highest price proclamation issued by Presihe can. A maxim recognizing dent Lincoln Jan. 1, 1863, dethis right in the buyer and the claring all the slaves in the seller. Southern states to be free. Employer's Liability Act. The Embezzlement. The act of ap-English statute of 43 and 44 propriating to one's self that Vict. c. 42, regulating the liabilwhich is received in trust for ity of employers in action for another. The fraudulent appronegligence for their workmen priation of property by a person and greatly limiting and modito whom it has been intrusted, fying the common law doctrine or to whose hands it has lawfulof common employment. This ly come. 160 U. S. 268. act puts a working man in the same position as an outsider and Emblements. The products of andoes away with the "fellow servnual sowing; standing and ripenant" rule, and the acceptance of ing grain; the privilege of reapdangers incident to the employing the crop that had been ment previously sown. They did not Similar statutes have been eninclude grass, fruit or articles acted in some of the States, and not the result of the tenant's others are being advocated from own care and labor. time to time. Embracery. The crime of offer-En ventre sa mere. In its mothing money to jurors to influence er's womb. their action. An attempt to corrupt or influence a jury by Enact. To perform, to decree; to money threats or persuasion. establish. Emigrant. A person who has left Encumbrance. A lien, or liability his country for the purpose of upon land, as an incumbrance. settling and becoming domiciled in another state or country. Enfranchise, To make free; to Eminent Domain. The superior admit as a member to a society right of the sovereign power to or corporation; to confer polititake the property of private percal privileges and rights; to

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Elopement. The act of a married

sons for public needs.

woman in leaving her husband

Enfranchisement of copyhold. A conversion of a copyhold estate into a freehold estate.	Envoy. One sent. A public min- ister or diplomat ranking next to an ambassador.
Engross. To write in a large plain hand; to copy in full in permanent form a document or statute. In English law the name of an offense consisting in buy- ing up provisions in order to ad- vance the market price by creat- ing a scarcity, and then selling at a profit.	 Eodem ligamine quo ligatum est dissolvitur. An obligation is ex- tinguished in the same way that it is created. Equitable. According to natural right or justice. Equitable assets. Assets of a de- ceased person, which can only be reached by proceedings in a
 Enjoin. To prohibit by decree of a court of equity; command. Enroll. To enter upon a roll; to record; to register. As to en- roll a deed. 	be reached by proceedings in a court of equity. Equitable assignment. An assign- ment in equity; one conferring a title enforceable in equity and not at law.
 Entente cordial. A pleasant or satisfactory relation or under- standing. Entail. To restrict an inheritance of lands to a particular class of issue or heirs; to create an es- tate tail. 	Equitable conversion. A method of changing or considering the nature of property changed from real estate to personalty and vice versa, in order to effect some equitable purpose, as to carry out the intention of a testator.
 Entirety. The whole, as distinguished from a part or moiety. Entry. The taking possession of lands by one who has title thereto. In Criminal law the act of entering a dwelling house for the purpose of committing a crime. In popular use to write down the particulars of a matter or account. Entry of judgment. The entering of a judgment on the roll or present of the purpose of the roll or present of the purpose of the roll or particulars. 	 Equitable estate. An interest in land acquired and held under rules of equity; one recognized only in courts of equity. Equitable mortgage. A charge or lien on real property recognized by equity, as arising without an express contract or deed. The mortgage of an equitable estate or interest. Equitable plea. A defense or plea in a legal action upon equitable grounds.
records of the court. Enumeratio unius est exclusio al- terius. The naming of one thing is the exclusion of a different thing.	Equity. That branch of jurispru- dence or remedial justice which aims to reduce the severity of strict rules of law by the appli- cation of conscientious and

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equable rules formulated in the court of chancery. That system of jurisprudence which has developed in the chancery courts of England and the United States.

Ergo. Therefore; consequently.

- Erotic mania. Abnormal sexual desire.
- **Error.** A mistake in law or of fact. Technically, such an irregularity, mistake or wrong ruling as will warrant a reversal of the judgment or decree affected thereby.
- **Error juris nocet.** Error of law is injurious. That is, errors of law will not be excused.
- Error scribentis nocere non debet. A clerical error ought not to injure. A maxim recognizing that clerical errors or those of fact ought to be disregarded.
- **Error of fact.** Ignorance or mistake as to the existence of a matter of fact.
- **Error of law.** Ignorance of the prescribed rules of law, or of the law governing facts.
- **Escape.** An unlawful or forcible deliverance of a person in prison from such imprisonment.
- **Escheat.** A falling or happening. In English real property, an escheat is the reverting of an estate to the lord or original grantor through some unforeseen contingency, causing the estate to revert to the lord rather than to decend to the heirs of the tenant. The estate which reverts is called an escheat. The forfeiture of lands to the king or state.

- **Escrow.** A deed or other instrument delivered to a third person to be delivered to the grantee upon the happening of an event or when certain conditions have been fulfilled.
- **Esnecy.** The privilege of the eldest; giving the eldest of coparceners the first choice of one of the parts of the estate.
- **Esquire.** Anciently, one who attended a knight. Now a title of courtesy or dignity.
- **Essoin.** Formerly an excuse for not appearing in court at the return of the process.
- Establish. To fix permanently; to dispense or administer justice.
- **Establishment of dower.** A dower or property settlement between husband and wife on marriage.
- **Estate.** The condition or circumstance in which the owner stands to his property. The degree, quality, nature and extent of one's interest or ownership in land. The property which one owns.
- Estate at will. One which exists at sufferance of him who granted it.
- **Estate by the curtesy.** The estate which a husband has in lands and tenements of which his wife died seized, providing they had issue, born alive and capable of inheriting her estate.
- Estate for life. A freehold estate in lands, not of inheritance, which the tenant holds 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, but not beyond the period of a life.

- **Estate for years.** Such an interest in lands as entitles the tenant to the possession for a fixed and determinate period of time, and one usually created by contract of lease.
- **Estate** in common. One in which there is a unity of possession.
- **Estate in coparcenary.** An estate held by two or more persons as heirs at common law, an estate held by female heirs.
- **Estate** in entirety. One held by husband and wife, and which anciently could only be created by deed or devise. In U. S., if not prohibited by statute such an estate may be created by operation of law, by devise, or by statute. It is neither common coparcenary, nor joint tenancy, though the survivor takes the whole estate.
- **Estate in expectancy.** Remainders and reversions.
- **Estate** in fee simple. An estate granted to a man and his heirs forever. The most perfect estate that can be granted.
- **Estate** in joint tenancy. Where there is a unity of interest, unity of title, unity of time, and unity of possession; and if one tenant dies the entire estate vests in the survivor or survivors.
- **Estate in remainder.** An estate which is to take effect after the expiration of a preceding estate.

Estate in reversion. An estate to revert to the grantor after the expiration of a particular estate granted out of it.

- Estate in severalty. An estate held in one's own right and not with another.
- Estate per autre vie. An estate for the life of another.
- **Estate tail.** An interest in land or tenements given to a person and the heir, or heirs of his body.
- Estate tail, general. Where lands are given to one and his heirs begotten, that is, by all his heirs whether by one or more marriages.
- **Estate tail, special.** Where the es-tate is limited to certain heirs of the donor.
- Estate upon condition. One which is to vest only upon the happening or not happening of an uncertain event.
- Estates less than freehold. Those for years, at will, and by sufferance.
- Estates not of inheritance. Such estates as are less than freehold.
- **Estates of freehold.** Those which could not be conveyed without livery of seisin, as of inheritance and for life.
- Estates of inheritance. Those which are granted to a person and his heirs.
- **Estoppel.** A bar to an action arising from one's own act or previous conduct; or by matter of record, or where one is forbidden by law to speak in denial of his own deed.

Estoppel by deed. A bar arising by Et habeas ibi tunc hoc breve. And one's own act or deed. have you then there this writ. Estoppel by matter of record. A Et hoc paratus est verificare. And bar resulting from some matter this he is prepared to verify. of record. Et hoc petit quod inquiratur per patriam. And this he prays may Estoppel equitable. Such an estoppel as a court of equity enforces by inquired of by the country. upon one who has made misrep-Et inde petit judicium. And thereresentations or concealed facts. upon he prays judgment. as where an owner of property Et inde producit sectam. And has stood by and seen it sold thereupon he brings suit. without disclosing his title or objecting to the sale. Et modo ad hunc diem. And now at this day. Estoppel by matter in pais. One that arises from the acts and dec-Et non. And not. larations of a person by which Et sequitur. And follows. he purposely and designedly in-Et sic. And so. duces another to alter his position injuriously to himself. Et uxor. And wife. Eundo, morando, et redeundo. In Estovers. Any kind of support or assistance; that support or aid going, remaining, and returning. which a tenant has from the de-Evict. The recovery of lands by mised premises, necessary for law; dispossession; ejection. The his fuel, fences, and other agricompelling tenant to abandon or cultural needs. leave demised premises and restoring them to the possession Estray. An animal, the subject of of the landlord. property that has escaped from its owner and is wandering at Evidence. The testimony of witnesses, writings, records or arlarge. ticles. All the means by which Estreat. The true extract or copy matters of fact, proof of which of some original written record is under investigation is sought especially of fines, amercements, to be established or disproved. etc. That which demonstrates, makes Estrepe. To commit waste, to strip clear or ascertains the truth of or lav bare. the very fact or point in issue. 3 Bl. Com. 367. It is called evi-Et. And. dence, because thereby the fact Et alius. And another. is made evident. Jacob. Etcaetera. And others; and other Evidence, circumstantial. The proof things. of facts which usually append other facts sought to be proved: Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. And of this he puts himself upon such as is made up of facts which, when taken together, are the country.

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supposed to establish the fact in issue.	things are presumed to have been done rightly and in due form.
Evidence, conclusive. Such evi- dence as satisfies the judge and	Ex dolo malo. Out of fraud or de- ceit.
jury, and conclusively estab- lishes the truth of a fact.	Exemptio. Out of purchase.
	Ex facto. Out of fact.
Evidence , direct. That which comes directly to the proof of the point in issue.	Ex facti jus oritur. Out of the fact the law arises; i. e., the law arises to govern facts.
Evidence, extrinsic. Evidence out- side of a document or instru- ment in writing.	Ex mora. From delay or by de- fault.
Ex. From; out of; of; by; accord- ing to.	Ex officio. From office. By virtue of office.
Ex aequo et bono. According to what is just and good; in justice	Ex parte. From one part or one side.
and fair dealing. Ex antecedentibus et consequenti- bus it optima interpretatio. From	Ex post facto. From an after act; in consequence of a subsequent act.
what precedes and what follows the best interpretation is made.	Ex proprio vigore. By its own force.
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Ex arbitrio judicis. By the discre- tion of the judge.	Ex relatione. Upon the informa- tion; on the relation. Abbreviated
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Exception. An objection. In con-
tracts, a clause in a deed by
which the lessor excepts some-
thing out of that which was be-
fore granted by the deed. So
in a statute an exception is a
clause excluding from the oper-
ation of the law some persons
or things, which would other-
wise be included.

- **Exceptions** peremptory. Those made with a view to having an action dismissed.
- **Exchequer.** An ancient court of record in England, in which matters affecting the revenue and rights of the crown were heard.
- **Excise.** An inland imposition, upon the consumption or retail sale of a commodity.
- Excusat vel extenuat delictum in capitalibus, quod non operatur iden in civilibus. That which excuses or extenuates a wrong in capital cases, does not so operate in civil suits.
- **Execute.** To complete, to finish, to perform. To deprive of life by authority of law.
- **Executed.** That which is accomplished or performed.
- **Execution.** The completion or entire performance of something. The act or mode of putting the sentence of the law in force. A writ directing the satisfaction of a judgment, the final process in a suit. The act of signing, sealing or delivering a deed or instrument in writing or of signing or publishing one's last will.
- Executed contract. One which has been performed or carried out.

- **Executio est finis et fructus legis.** The execution is the end and fruit of the law.
- **Executive.** That power which secures the due performance of the laws, under our tri-partite system of government.
- **Executor.** One appointed to execute or perform a duty or trust by virtue of having been named for the office in a will; the legal personal representative of a testator.
- **Exempla illustrant non restringunt** lex legum. Examples illustrate but do not restrict the law.
- **Exemplary damages.** Excessive money judgments which are allowed the plaintiff, in some cases as additional compensation and by way of punishment to the defendant.
- **Exemplification.** A perfect copy of a record or public document made in form to be used as evidence, and properly authenticated.
- **Exempt.** To except or excuse from the operation of the law; the condition of being excepted or excused.
- **Exequatur.** The official rescript or order given by the foreign department of a state to a consul or commercial agent, authorizing him to exercise his powers in the country to which he is accredited.
- **Exhibit.** To produce publicly; a document produced and identified for use as evidence.
- **Expatriation.** The act of an individual in forsaking his own

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country renouncing his allegiance, and becoming a permanent citizen or resident in another country.

Expectant estate. An estate in lands which consists in a present vested contingent right of future enjoyment.

Expert. Experienced; skillful. A person having skill and experience in certain professions, or peculiar knowledge upon particular subjects.

- **Export.** To send out of a country; the converse of import. Exports. The things which are sent from one country to another.
- **Express.** Declared in specific terms; openly stated; set forth in exact words; the converse of implied.
- **Expressio eorum quae tacite in**sunt nihil operatur. The expression of things which are tacitly implied avails nothing; i. e., they might be omitted.
- **Expressio unius est exclusio alterius.** The expression of one thing is the exclusion of another; i. e. by expressly mentioning a thing in a contract all others not mentioned are excluded.
- **Expressum facit cessare tacitum.** What is expressed supersedes or controls what is not mentioned.
- Expulsion. Removal from membership; casting out.

Extinguishment. The destruction or annihilation of a right.

- **Extortion.** The unlawful taking by an officer under color of his office anything of value that is not due to him, or more than is due, or before it is due. 4 Bl. Com. 141.
- Extra. Beyond. More than; outside of.
- **Extra-judicial.** Beyond jurisdiction. An act or decision by a court beyond its proper authority.
- **Extra-territorial.** Without the territory. Said of a law which operates beyond the territory of the government by which it was passed.
- Extra-viam. Outside the way, beyond the way.
- **Extradition.** The surrender by one government to another of a person who has fled to the territory of the latter to escape the operation of the laws of the former. The delivery by one nation or state to another, of criminals or fugitives from justice in pursuance of laws or treaties existing between such states or nations.
- **Extremis.** The extreme. Said of a person he is sick beyond the hope of recovery. Last sickness.
- **Eyre.** A journey; an itinerant court or justice. The court of the justices itinerant, or justices in eyre.

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F. This letter was branded on Felons who took benefit of clergy in early English law. **F.** This letter was branded on give. Facio ut des. I do that you may give. Facio ut facias: I do that you may do. Phrases in civil

law representative of classes of False pretences. False representations and statements, made with contracts. fraudulent intent to obtain some-Fac-simile. An exact copy or imithing of value. tation of the original. False representation. A representa-Factor. A kind of agent. One tion which is known to be unwhose business it is to sell for true when made or made without account of the owner merchanregard to its truth or falsity for dise forwarded to him for that the purpose of deceiving or inpurpose, and on which he rejuring another. ceives a commission for his services. The term is equivalent to Falsus in uno, falsus in omnibus. a commission merchant. False in one respect false in all. Factors' Acts. Statutes enlarging Falsa grammatica non vitiat chartthe power of factors to deal am. False grammar does not viwith goods consigned to them. tiate or destroy a deed. Failure of issue. A want of de-Falsa orthographia non vitiat chartam. False spelling does not scendants; lack of heirs who can take a decedent's estate. destroy a deed. Fauces terrae. The jaws of the Failure of issue, definite. The abland. Projecting headlands, closesence of a legal heir at a spely approaching each other and cific time or event stipulated by enclosing an arm of the sea. deed or will. Fealty. Fidelity; allegiance; the Failure of issue, indefinite. The duty of a feudal tenant or vassal time when the issue of a person to render service to the immedibecomes extinct, whatever that ate lord. The oath compelled of time may be. a tenant in ancient times. Fair preponderance. With refer-Federal. Relating to a compact beence to evidence, the fair and aptween independent states. The parent preponderance or weight. government formed by the union False. Illegal, fraudulent, counterof a number of independent feit, contrary to truth or fact. states or provinces. It implies a purpose to deceive. Fee. A reward or compensation. A freehold estate held of a su-False personation. The representperior lord on a condition of ing one's self to be another persome service. An estate granted son with intent to obtain someto one and his heirs. thing of value. A misdemeanor at common law, and a felony Fee simple. An estate in fee, withunder some statutes. out condition or restriction. An absolute inheritance. False pretence. The making of an Fee-tail. inheritable estate untrue allegation, wilfully and An knowingly to defraud another of which is limited to descend to certain classes of heirs only, as property.

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 Feigned issue or action. An action or issue brought by consent of the parties, or by direction of a court of equity to determine a disputed question of fact before a jury. Felo de se. A felon of himself; a self murderer; a suicide. 	throughout Europe during the Middle Ages, and was introduced into England by William the Conqueror. Under this system all lands were regarded as be- longing to the King, and were apportioned by him among his tenants or retainers to hold by making proper returns to him,
Felon. One who commits a felony, an offense between treason and misdemeanor, or one punishable	but the title remained in the King. Feudal tenures. The tenures by
by imprisonment in the peniten- tiary.	which land was held under the feudal system.
Felonice. The Latin word equiva- lent to English "feloniously," a word necessary to be used in in- dictments for felony.	Feudum. A feud or fee. The right of holding and using land, grant- ed from a lord paramount, on the rendering of service to the feudal lord.
Felony. Anciently an offense for which the convict forfeited his fee and goods. Now one pun- ishment by imprisonment in the penitentiary.	Fiat. Let it be done. An order or warrant from a magistrate di- recting the doing of an act there- in stated.
Feme. A woman or wife.	Fiat justitia. Let justice be done. The words written by the king,
Feme covert. A married woman. Feme sole. A spinster or single	on a petition for a writ of error, or for a redress of wrongs.
woman. Feoffment. The conveyance of a fee by livery of seizin. The gift of any corporeal hereditament to another. Also, the deed or char- ter of such conveyance.	Fiction. The assumption as a mat- ter of law that something which is or may be false is true. That which is feigned or pretended to be true for some ends of justice. Fieri facias. That you cause to be
Ferae naturae. Of a wild nature.	made. A writ of execution.
A term applied to animals wild by nature as distinguished from domestic animals.	Fieri feci. I have caused to be made. The return of a sheriff to a fieri facias.
Feud. Land held of a superior on condition of rendering him serv- ices. A feud is properly only a right in land not the land itself.	Fidei commissum. A matter com- mitted to one's faith or confi- dence; a devise or bequest in trust; a trust.

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Fiduciary. A term borrowed from the civil law, and imports that one has been placed in a posiview. tion of trust or confidence, as to deliver an inheritance over to the person designated by the one cess. creating the trust. A relation founded upon trust or confidence. and having relation to the fidelity and integrity of the person, rather than to his credit or ability. them. Fieri non debet, sed factum valet. It ought not to be done, but if done it is valid. File. Originally a thread or wire upon which writs and exhibits in courts were fastened for convenience or safe keeping; to place papers upon a file; to deposit or exhibit a paper to the court, by leaving it in the clerk's office.

- Filius mulieratus. A lawful son. The first son of a married woman who previously had a bastard to the same man.
- Filius nullius. The child of no one. A bastard.
- Filius populi. A son of the people. A natural child, or bastard.
- Filum Aquae. A thread or line of water. The middle line of a stream.
- Filum viae. The middle line of a road or way.
- Final. The end. Something conclusive, as distinguished from that which is intermediate or interlocutory.
- Final decree, or judgment. One which conclusively determines

the questions involved. Also, one which does not permit of a review.

- Final process. Writs of execution, as distinguished from mesne process.
- Find. Finding. The determination of a question in controversy. The conclusion of the court or jury, formally expressed, upon matters of law or fact submitted to them.
- Fine. Money paid as a punishment. To adjudge money to be paid as a punishment for an offence committed. A fee paid by the tenant to the lord in addition to the rent, on certain occasions, or for certain privileges.
- Fire-arm. An instrument or weapon for the propulsion of a shot or bullet by the explosion of gunpowder.
- Fire insurance. A contract for the purpose of indemnifying the owner of property, called the insured, by the payment of a specified sum to the one indemnifying, called the insurer.
- Firm. A company or partnership. The persons composing a partnership.
- Firm name. The name under which the business of a partnership is transacted.
- Fiscal. Of or pertaining to the treasury or public finances.
- Fitzherbert. A law writer, and author of a grand abridgment of the Year Book, and of the new Natura Brevium, a treatise on writs existing during the reign of Henry VIII.

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Fixture. A chattel so fastened to the land or building as to become in contemplation of law a part of it, a thing which, although movable in its original nature has been so affixed to the realty as to become a part of it, and no longer removable by the original owner without consent of the owner of the fee.	 Flotsam. Wreckage that floats; floating. Jetsam. Wreckage that sinks. Flying switch. An expression re- ferring to the switching of cars on a railroad while in motion and after the locomotive which gave them the impetus has been uncoupled and passed ahead on the main track.
Flag. The act of congress of April 4, 1818, as now embodied in Rev. Stat. Secs. 1791, 1792, enacts that the flag of the United States shall be thirteen horizontal stripes, al- ternate red and white; and the union of the flag shall be thirty-	Forticide. The offence of destroy- ing the human fortus, or causing an abortion. Folc Land, Folk's Land. A Saxon term for common land, or com- mons.
seven stars, white in a blue field; and that on the admission of a new state into the Union, one star shall be added to this union	Forbearance. Refraining from claiming a right; giving time or extension of time.
of the flag; and such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July then next succeeding such admission.	Force and arms. Violence. The Latin words being Vi et Armis were formerly necessary in dec- larations for trespass.
A symbol of nationality carried by soldiers, ships, etc. and used in many places where such a symbol is necessary or proper.	Forcible detainer. The offence of keeping possession of real prop- erty without authority of law.
Bouv. L. Dict.	Forcible entry. The wrong or offence of taking possession of
Flagrante delicto. In the very act or heat of the offence; in the act of committing a crime.	real property without legal right. Forcible Entry and Detainer is the expression commonly used for both of the above.
"Flee to the wall." An expression implying the use of every means of getting away from an assail- ant before one is excused for killing him.	Foreclosure. Barring out. An equitable proceeding for the pur- pose of shutting off and barring the right of redemption of a mortgagor or pledgor in prop-
Fleta. An ancient law book founded on Bracton, and reputed to be written by a lawyer confined in	erty, after default made. Also applied to the enforcement of a mechanic's lien.
Fleet Prison during the reign of Ed. I.	Foreign. That which pertains to another country or sovereignty.

Foreign attachment. An attach- ment of property upon the ground of the non-residence of the debtor.	course on the part of an unmar- ried person.
Foreign corporation. One created by the laws of a country or state different from the one in which it is doing business.	Fortier et potentior est dispositio , legis quam hominis. The dispo- sition of the law is stronger than that of man. That is, the force of the law supersedes the inten-
 Foreign decree. A decree rendered by a tribunal of an independent jurisdiction. Foreign divorce. A divorce ob- tained in a different jurisdiction from the one where the mar- riage was contracted. Foreign jury. A jury drawn from another county from that in which the venue of the issue to be tried lies. Forestall. Forestalling. The offence 	 tion of the grantor. Forum. The name of the place where courts were held and other public business transactions were held in Rome and the cities of the 'Roman Empire. A court. A judicial tribunal; Also, the place where a remedy is sought to be applied. Forum contractus. The court, or place where a contract is made. The law or jurisdiction of the place where a contract is made.
of buying up provisions on the way to market so as to sell them at a higher price. A conspiracy to enhance the value of merchan- dise or victuals. Forfeit. The loss of one's prop- erty through the commission of some fault or offense. The thing lost or given up. Forgery. The making or altering of any written or printed instru-	 Forum domicilii. The court of the domicile. Forum rei gestae. The court of the transaction. The forum of the place where the act was done. Forum rei sitae. The place or forum where the property in controversy is situated, considered as a place of jurisdiction.
 ment for fraudulent purposes or to the prejudice of another's right. Forms of action. Various classes into which personal actions of common law were divided or forms of action. Each was dis- tinguished by some technical words or peculiarities, from which it derived its name. Formedon. An ancient writ of right granted to a person inter- ested in an estate tail. 	 Founder's shares. In England, shares issued in payment of something assigned or transferred to a corporation, but which do not represent the capital and do not share in profits until a certain dividend has been paid on the capital stock. Four corners. An expression meaning all parts of an instrument. That shown on its face. Four seas. The four seas enclosing England.

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Franc. A French silver coin of the value of 19.3 cents.	Fraud, implied. That which arises by implication of law from the facts of the transaction.
Franchise. A liberty or privilege. A privilege emanating from the government or sovereign power, by grant, shown or supposed, and vested in an individual or body politic.	Fraudulent conveyance. A convey- ance made in fraud of a previous purchaser, or which will operate to defeat the rights of creditors. Fraus dans locum contractui. A
Frank. Free. The stamp or sig- nature of one having the right to send mail matter free.	fraud occasioning the contract. A fraud without which the con- tract would not have been made.
Frankalmoigne. An ancient ten- ure, whereby lands were held by religious institutions free of all dues and rents except religious services.	Fraus est celare fraudem. It is a fraud to conceal a fraud. So the concealment of the truth may amount to fraud.
Frank marriage. An ancient es- tate or tenure in tail special, granted to one who married the donor's female relative, to them and their heirs, free of all service except fealty, unto the fourth generation of their descendants.	 Fraus est odiosa et non presumen- da. Fraud is odious and not to be presumed. Fraus latet in generalibus. Fraud may be concealed in general ex- pressions. Free. Emancipated. Not subject
Frank-pledge. A pledge or guar- anty required in early England of each free-born man at the age of fourteen, to insure his good behavior.	to arbitrary rule. Certain or honorable; the opposite of base. Not held to apprenticeship or servitude or under parental do- minion.
Fratricide. One who kills his brother. Also, such a crime.	Free born. Not born in slavery. Freehold. An estate in real prop-
 Fraud. Deceit, whether resulting from a suppression of the truth or suggestion of falsehood. Said to be a term incapable of definition. An endeavor to alter rights, by deception touching motives, or by circumvention not touching motives. Bigelow, Fraud, 5. Fraud, actual. That which is actually committed. An act done with intent to defraud, as distinguished from implied or constructive fraud. 	 erty either of inheritance or for life. Freeholder. The owner of a freehold estate. An actual owner of land. Anciently must have been also a freeman. Freeman. In old English law one who had been granted a freehold estate. One enjoying civil and political rights. Friendly suit. A suit in equity by a creditor against an executor or administrator, but being really a suit by the executor or administrator.

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istrator in the name of the creditor against himself for the purpose of compelling creditors to take an equal distribution of the assets. A suit in which the parties agree upon the facts and ask the court to judicially determine the law applicable to the same.

- Frivolous. An answer or plea is said to be "frivolous" which is insufficient because it does not controvert the material allegations of the complaint.
- Front foot. A foot on the highway, street or waterfront. When applied to lots the term means a foot front and running the entire depth of the lot. As distinguished from a square foot. Assessments for sewers, sidewalks and street paving are frequently made by the front foot on the abutting property.
- Fructus. Fruit; the increase of a thing; the usufruct or profit.
- Fructus industriales. The fruits of industry; industrial fruits. Those obtained by the labor or industry of the man and not those produced spontaneously by nature.
- Fructus naturales. Natural fruits. The increase or fruits of a thing produced solely by the powers of nature, as the fruits of trees growing without cultivation. The young of animals, wool, etc.

- **Fructus pendentes.** Hanging fruits. Fruits or increase while remaining unseparated from the thing which produced them.
- Fugitive. One who has left a jurisdiction to escape prosecution, punishment or service of process.
- Fugitive from justice. One who has fied or escaped the jurisdiction where he has committed a crime.
- Fugitive slave law. U. S. Statutes of 1793 and 1850 providing for the return of slaves to their masters.
- Full age. The age of majority. Generally the age of twenty-one years.
- Functus officio. Having discharged the office, or having performed the function. Hence a person or thing that has fully performed its function.
- Furiosi nulla voluntas est. An insane person has no will. A person of unsound mind can neither make a will nor a contract.
- Future estate. An estate which is to commence in possession in the future; also termed expectancies or estates in expectancies, including remainders and reversions.
- G.
- **Gage.** A pawn or pledge; security given to assure a payment animals in a state of nature.
- rity given to assure a payment or performance. In French law, the name of the contract of pledge as well as the article pledged.
- Gaming. A contract between two or more persons by which they agree to play by certain rules

at cards, dice, or other contrivance, and that one shall be the loser and the other the winner. Illegal gaming implies gain and loss between the parties by gaming such as would excite a spirit of cupidity.

- Game laws. Laws regulating the taking or killing of animals in a state of nature, or protecting game from being exterminated.
- Gaol. Same as jail.
- Garnishment. Originally a notice or warning of the pendency of a suit, given to a person not a party, that he might appear and explain his interest in the subject of a suit. Now generally used of the process of attaching money or goods due a defendant in the hands of a third party. The third person in whose possession such property is attached is called the garnishee, because he is garnished, i. e., summoned or warned not to deliver them to the defendant, but to appear and answer the plaintiff's suit. Garnishment is a proceeding to apply the debt due by a third person to a judgment defendant, to the extinguishment of that judgment, or to appropriate effects belonging to a defendant, in the hands of a third person, to its payment. 4 Ga. 393.
- **Garrote.** An instrument for executing criminals in Spain and Portugal. It consists of an iron collar with a sharp point or blade, in which the neck of the condemned is inclosed. By turning the crank, the point or blade is forced onto the spine at the base of the brain.

Gauge. To measure. The distance between the rails of the railroad.

- **Gauge, broad.** A distance between the railway tracks of more than 56½ in. Formerly 5 ft.
- Gauge, narrow. The distance between railway tracks less than standard gauge, usually 24 or 30 in.
- Gauge, standard. Distance between railway tracks of 4 ft. 8½ in.
- **Gavelkind.** A sockage tenure in Kent, Eng., by which the land descends to all the heirs or sons together, and was characterized by other special incidents.
- **General.** Relating to a whole class, genus or kind. Widespread; unrestricted; common to the greatest number; comprehensive.
- General agent. An agent whom the principal employs to transact all of his business of a particular kind.
- General damages. Those which the law regards as arising by implication from a tort or breach of duty, and may be awarded in the discretion of the jury, without requiring evidence of the exact loss.
- General election. An election held throughout a state, to fill state offices, as distinguished from a local election, to fill local offices only.
- Generalia verba sunt generaliter intelligenda. General words are to be understood in a general sense. A maxim of construction.

- Generalibus speciala derogant. Special provisions derogate or detract from general ones.
- Gentleman. A man well born. In England all persons above yeoman. In U. S. applicable to most any one.
- **Gestio pro hærede.** Behavior as heir. An expression from the Roman law indicating an intention on the part of the heir to enter upon the inheritance and become liable to the debts of the ancestor.
- Gerrymander. To change the voting districts regardless of adjacent territory so that a particular party or candidate may be benefited. Making up an election district so that one party may have a majority of the voters therein. Name derived from Eldridge Gerry, Governor of Massachusetts, the originator of the scheme.
- **Gestation.** The period required for the development of a foctus beginning at conception and ending at birth. For a child it is usually 280 days.
- Gift. A transfer of property without consideration; also the thing given or transferred.
- **Gist.** The essential ground or meaning of a thing; the essence of a right of action.
- **Give.** To transfer title or possession of property without compensation. To allow; to admit; to communicate.
- Give bail. To furnish bail or security for one's appearance in court at a specified time.

- Give time. To a court extension or forbearance to a debtor.
- **Glossary.** A compilation of a class of words.
- Going concern. Said of a partnership or corporation which is in existence and continuing though it may be insolvent.
- **Good.** Legal, valid and genuine. Able to meet obligations. When written upon a check by a bank it is equivalent to an acceptance.
- Good abearance, or behavior. Conduct conformable to law.
- Good and lawful men. Those competent to serve on a jury. Disinterested.
- Good and valid. Sufficient, legal, responsible, good faith.
- **Good consideration.** One founded on natural affection or blood relationship. Any consideration which will sustain a contract or conveyance is a good consideration, but it is more commonly used in the sense of being opposed to a valuable consideration.
- Goods, wares and merchandise. Such articles as are usually the subject of trade and commerce. Goods signifies all sorts of inanimate, movable property. Goods and chattels signifies any kind of property which is not freehold.
- Good will. The advantage or benefit which has been acquired by an establishment beyond the mere value of the capital, stock, funds, or property employed therein, in consequence of the patronage of the general public or on account of its position or common reputation, or from

other circumstances. The established popularity of a business house.

- Government. The aggregate of institutions by which a state makes laws and rules which are necessary to enable man to regulate society.
- Government, constitutional. A government which has certain restraints upon its officials or agents as a protection for the people, whether the restraints are imposed by a written constitution or only recognized customs or principles of right.
- Grace. Favor, toleration as distinguished from right.
- **Graft.** In equity. The right of a mortgagee to extend his lien to premises to which the mortgagor at the time of making the mortgage had an imperfect title, but afterwards obtained a good title. The new title is considered a graft into the old stock.

"Graft" is also used to indicate a modern system of thievery by which officials and others holding position of trust and confidence, accept or take money or property derived from the office or trust funds, and appropriate them to their own benefit.

- Grand assize. Jury of sixteen men employed to try writs of right and introduced by Henry II.
- Grand jury. A body of men varying in number from twelve to twenty-four, who are summoned to attend every session of the county court and make inquiry

concerning all complaints of the commission of offenses which may be submitted to them and to return their findings thereon to the court.

- **Grant.** A gift, a conveyance; to convey; to transfer property by deed in writing, also, the instrument by which such transfer is made.
- Grantee. He to whom a grant is made.
- Grantor. He by whom a grant is made.
- Gratis dictum. A voluntary assertion. One unnecessary to be made.
- **Gravamen.** The grievance complained of; the substantial charge or accusation in the action or complaint.
- **Greenback.** Popular and almost exclusive name applied to all United States Treasury notes.
- Gross. Great; entire; undiminished.
- **Gross negligence.** Negligence which is extreme, or which exceeds ordinary carelessness or imprudence. The omission of that care which even inattentive and thoughtless men never fail to make of their own property. Such as evidences willfulness.
- Ground rent. A rent paid for the use of ground.
- Guarantee. To assure or engage that another shall pay or perform what he has promised. Becoming answerable for the duty or obligation of another.

- **Guaranty.** An agreement to answer for the debt or performance of another. The undertaking itself. A warranty. A collateral undertaking to pay the debt of another i case he defaults.
- Guardian. A custodian, keeper or protector. One who has the custody by lawful appointment of any person or thing, or who has the charge of those unable to guide themselves or their property.
- Guardian ad interim. A guardian serving in the absence of the real guardian.
- Guardian an ad litem. A guardian appointed to represent the ward in legal proceedings in which he is a party.
- Guardian of the estate. One appointed to take charge of and

- manage the estate of an infant or minor but who has not charge of his person.
- **Guardian of the person.** One who is legally appointed to care for the person of an infant or minor independent of the ward estate.
- Guild. A fraternity or assembly of laborers, each of whom was bound to pay something toward the support of the company.
- Guilt. That which renders criminal and liable to punishment.
- Guilty. The state or condition of a person who has committed a crime, misdemeanor or offence. Also, a plea admitting a charge of crime.

Gynarcy. Government by women. A government controlled by women or in which a woman is the sovereignty.

- H.
- Habeas corpus. That you have the The emphatic words or body. several writs in common-law practice issued for the purpose of bringing a party into court. But the term is now applied exclusively to designate a writ directed to the sheriff or person detaining another and commanding him to produce the body of a prisoner at a certain time and place, with the day and cause of his caption and detention, to do, submit to, and receive whatsoever the court or judge awarding the writ shall consider in that behalf.
- Habeas corpus ad faciendum et recipiendum. That you have the

body to do and receive. A writ to remove a criminal action into a superior court.

- Habeas corpus ad respondendum. That you have the body for prosecuting, or to answer.
- Habeas corpus act. The English statute of 31 Charles II, 2. Ch, is the original habeas corpus act, and the one which established that great remedy for unlawful imprisonment.
- Habendum. The initial and emphatic word in that clause of a deed which follows the granting part of a premises, and defines the extent of the ownership or intership granted.

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- Habendum et tenendum. To have and to hold. The words in a deed defining the estate granted.
- Habere facies siesinam. That you cause to have possession. A writ of execution in the action of ejectment.
- Habere facias seisinam. That you cause to have seisin. A writ of execution used in real actions by which the sheriff is directed to cause the demandant to have seisin of the lands recovered.
- Habitation. Place of abode; residence. In civil law, the right to dwell in the house of another without further rights in the property.
- Habitual drunkard. One so habitually and repeatedly intoxicated as to be unable to manage his affairs.
- Hæreditas nunquam ascendet. An inheritance never ascends. A rule of the feudal law.
- Hæreas legitimus est quem nuptiæ demonstrant. The lawful heir is he whom marriage shows to be such, i. e. the law regards as a son only he who is born in wedlock.
- Half blood. The relationship between persons who have one parent only in common. Also one whose parents are of different races.
- Half brother. A male who has the same father and a different mother or the same mother and a different father from that of another person.
- Half tongue. A jury of de medietate linguæ, which on the trial

of a foreigner is composed of half of his countrymen if he demands the same.

- Hanaper office. One of the offices belonging to a court of chancery on the common law side which kept matters relating to private persons. Those relating to the crown matters were kept in the petty bar.
- Handwriting. The form of letters and marks made by one in writing words. The signature or writing of a person.
- Hallucination. A perception by any of the senses of an object which has no existence. An error, blunder, mistake or fallacy; when used describing the condition of a person does not necessarily imply a condition of insanity.
- Hanging. The act of executing or killing by suspending by the neck with a rope. A mode of capital punishment.
- Hanging in chains. A former English practice of hanging the murderer after execution upon a gibbet in chains near the place where the murder was committed.
- Hanse. A confederacy of merchants of commercial towns. During the Middle Ages a guild of merchants in France who levied an imposition upon merchandise.
- Harbor. A place where ships may arrive with safety, sheltered by the surrounding shores. In torts or crimes to receive clandestinely and conceal a person from some one having the right to the custody of such person.

- Hard cases. A phrase indicating those decisions which are not in accordance with legal principles, and were made to relieve a case of hardship.
- Headnote. The note placed at the head of a published court decision. Same as syllabus.
- Health, board of. A board of persons in a state or municipality whose duty it is to regulate matters affecting the public health. Same as health officers.
- **Hearing.** A trial of an equity suit. The session of a court for passing upon evidence.
- Hearsay. A term applied to that species of testimony which consists in a narration by one person of matters told him by another. That which is heard from another. Hearsay evidence, that kind of evidence which does not derive its value solely from the credit to be given the witness himself, but rests also in part on the veracity and competency of some other person. 1 Phill. Ev. 185.
- Heir. Originally, one who took a fee to land by descent, now, applied to any one who takes property by descent. A person who on the death of another is indicated by right of blood and by operation of law to succeed to the deceased's estate.
- Heir apparent. One who will be the heir if he outlives the ancestor.
- Heir at law. One to whom the law transmits the estate of a deceased person.

Heir-loom. The name applied to a species of chattel which by reason of its special relation to or connection with the realty descends to the heir, instead of passing with other personal property to the executor.

- Heirs of the body. Heirs begotten of a man's body who would inherit his property if he died intestate.
- Herald. Anciently, a messenger between princes whose duty was to announce war, peace and carry the light messages.
- Hereditament. A comprehensive term for any property which may be transmitted by the law of descent. They were divided into corporeal and incorporeal.
- Hereinafter. In an after or later part of the instrument.
- Hereinbefore. In a preceding part of the instrument.
- Heresy. An offense at common law which consisted not in a total denial of Christianity, but in a denial of some of its essential doctrines, publicly and obstinately avowed.
- Heretic. One who adheres to heresy, or has been convicted of heresy.
- Herectico comburendo. Burning of a heretic. Abolished 29 Charles, II, C. 9.
- Heretofore. Previous to the present time. Denotes time past as distinguished from time present or future.
- Heriot. A tribute to the lord for his better preparation for war,

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paid by an estate on the decease of the tenant or holder of the land.	Highwayman. A robber on the highway. Hiis testibus. These being wit-
Heritable. Capable of being in- herited.	nesses. The beginning of the attestation clause in ancient deeds and charters.
Hermaphrodite. A person having the sexual characteristics of both sexes.	Hire. To contract for the use of property or services; also a
Heirship. The condition or privi- lege of an heir.	species of bailment; also the compensation agreed upon as for the service.
Hermancutics. The art or science of truthful and correct interpre- tation. Used chiefly by theolo- gians. Hide. Anciently a plow	Hodge-podge Act. The name given to legislative act covering many subjects.
gians. Hide. Anciently a plow line or as much as could be plowed with one plow from sixty to one hundred and twenty acres;	Hold. To adjudge, decide, decree. 2. To bind or restrain. 3. To pos- sess in virtue of a lawful title.
as much land as would maintain a family. Also a building with a roof.	Hold over. To remain in posses- sion after the term has expired, or after the term of office has
High sea. The uninclosed waters of the ocean, also those waters on the sea coast which are with- out the boundaries of the low water mark.	expired. Holding over. Keeping possession of property or of a public office after one's legal right thereto has expired.
High treason. Treason against the king as distinguished from petite treason, which is the treason of a servant toward his master, or a wife toward her husband. There is no such division of treason in the U. S. High water mark. The line reached	festival, now, a day set apart by law or custom to commemorate some important event in history. On these days the usual obliga- tions of labor, attendance upon court, giving of notices, and the like, are remitted by law.
by the waves of the sea at flood or high tide.	Holiday, legal. One made such by authority of law.
Highway. A road free to the public; a passage or way open to all persons.	Holograph. An instrument written by the grantor, testator, or other person making a writing, entirely
Highway robbery. Robbery upon the public road or highway; in Early England it was a capital offence, while robbery elsewhere was not punished so severely.	

tenant that he was the lord's vassal, or man.

- Home. One's actual domicile, or dwelling place.
- Homestead. A home, or dwelling house. A place exempted by statute from execution for debt owing by heads of families.
- Homestead law. A Public land law of the U. S. which permits a citizen to make entry of 160 acres of public land, and by living thereon and cultivating the same for five years he may become the owner thereof.
- Homicide. Man-killing; the taking the life of a human being.
- Homicide, culpable. A killing which is the result of negligence or wrongdoing.
- Homicide, excusable. The killing of a man in self-defence or to preserve one's life. One for which there is an adequate excuse.
- Homicide, felonious. A felonious killing; one without justification or excuse.
- Homicide, justifiable. A term applied to the execution of one legally convicted and sentenced to death by law. Also, the killing of a human being in selfdefense or to prevent the commission of a felony on or within one's dwelling house.
- Honeste vivere. To live honorably. One of Justinian's three fundamental principles of law.
- Honor. To honor a bill of exchange or promissory note, means to accept the bill or pay

the note according to its tenor. In old English law a seigniory or barony.

- Hostage. A person given to an enemy as security for the performance of some agreement by another.
- Hostes humani generis. Enemies of the human race; a term applied to pirates.
- Hotchpot. A vernacular word for mixture; a confused mingling of diverse things together; the considering together as a whole of property belonging to two or more persons so that each may receive an equal portion.
- House. A habitation; a building; dwelling; the abode or residence of human beings.
- House of Commons. The popular branch of the English parliament, composed of representatives elected by the people.
- House of ill-fame. A bawdy house. A brothel or house of prostitution.
- House of Lords. The upper house of the English parliament, whose members are not elected but hold office by reason of their title or high estate.
- House of Representatives. The name of the more popular branch of congress of the U. S.; also, of the similar branch in many of the state legislatures.
- House breaking. The actual breaking and entering a dwelling house of another with intent to commit a felony therein.

Household. Relating to a family occupying one dwelling.	dress the electors. Hence an election.
Hue and cry. An old English phrase signifying the complaint of a party injured by a felony, and the pursuit of the felon upon the highway. Also a written proclamation for the arrest of a person who has committed a felony and escaped from prison.	Hypothecation. A lien upon prop- erty given by contract to a cred- itor but which does not pass the right of possession or control; pledging personal property as collateral security for the satis- faction of a debt; bottomry or a maritime lien.
Hundred. The name of a civil division of English counties during Saxon times.	state of facts stated for the pur- pose of obtaining the opinion of
Hundred Court. An English Court within a particular hun- dred, now included in the county court.	an expert. Hypothetical question. A ques- tion asked of an expert witness which contains a recital of facts
Hundred Gemote. The assembly meeting of the inhabitants of a hundred.	assumed to have been proved in a case for the purpose of obtain- ing the opinion of the witness thereon.
 Husband. A man who is legally married to a woman. Hustings. A London mayoralty court; also a court in some Vir- ginian cities. The raised place or platform from which candi- 	Hysteropotomoi. The name given those who appeared after having been presumed to be dead from their long absence.
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- L O. U. The letters representing the words "I owe you"; a memorandum of debt, consisting of these letters, a sum of money and the debtor's signature.
- Ibidem. In the same place. Used in legal terminology to indicate the same case, book, or page. Abbreviated ibid. and ib.
- Id cerum est quod certum reddi potest. That is certain which Ideo-consideratum est. Therefore can be made certain. A maxim

which applies to the construction of written instruments.

Id est. That is.

- Idem. The same. Used in the same manner as ibidem, often abbreviated to Id.
- Idem sonans. Sounding same; a term applied to names having the same sound.
- it is considered. The Latin words

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formerly used in the entry of judgment.	Illicit. Illegal; unlawful, or pro- hibited by law.
Idiocy. Total absence of mind; natural lack of reason. Insanity from birth.	trade. Prohibited trade under terms of a contract of insurance;
Idiot. A natural fool or one who has never had understanding or mental power from birth.	Immaterial. Not important; not necessary to the determination of the issue; collateral or subsidiary.
Ignominy. Disgrace or dishonor.	
Ignoramus. We are ignorant; we ignore it, formerly written by grand jury to show that the evi- dence in a matter before them	Immaterial issue. An issue which is joined upon some matter which is not the main fact in controversy.
was insufficient to sustain an in- dictment. The words now in- dorsed are "True Bill" or "No True Bill."	delay or intervention; with celer-
Ignorance. Lack of information,	ity or quickness of action.
or want of knowledge.	Immoral. Contrary to good morals;
Ignorance of fact. Lack of infor- mation as to the existence of a fact. This qualifies one's re-	against public policy; contrary to decency, good order or pro- priety of conduct.
sponsibility or obligation for acts done because of it.	Immunity. Exemption from duty or obligation. Imposed by law.
Ignorance of law. Lack of infor- mation as to the existence of a law. As a rule, this does not qualify or limit one's civil or	Impair. To diminish, injure, weak- en; to reduce in quantity value or power.
criminal liability. Ignorantia facti excusat; ignorantia juris non excusat. Ignorance of fact excuses; ignorance of law	Impanel. The drawing of a jury for trial of a particular cause; also, the preparation of the gen- eral list of jurors by the sheriff.
does not excuse.	Imparlance. Time given by the
Illegal. Unlawful; contrary to law or prohibited by law.	court to either party to answer the pleading of his opponent. It
Illegality. The state of being illegal.	was anciently an opportunity for talking over the case by the par- ties for the purpose of compro-
Illegitimacy. The status of a child whose parents were not legally married at the time of its birth. Born out of wedlock; bastardy as a condition.	mise but now signifies any exten- sion in the case for the purpose of pleading. The word has also been used in the sense of stay of execution.

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Impeach. To accuse; to discredit or question; to sue. Applied to an officer, the term impeach desig- nates a proceeding involving ac- cusation, trial and judgment for misconduct in office, for which the penalty is removal from office.	Impotence. Want of power. In- ability in a male person to copu- late or beget children. Inability to procreate is not the test; it is enough if the parties are able to have sexual intercourse. 18 Kan. 371. Impound. To place in a pound, or
Impeachment. The act of showing or attempting to show a person unworthy of belief. Also in the	custody of an official or court. Imprimis. In the first place; first.
U. S. the accusation made by the proper authority against an officer for misconduct in office. Impeachment of waste. An expres-	Imprisonment. Confinement by sentence of law. Detention by legal process. The detention of another against his will; depriv-
sion meaning the calling of a	ation of liberty.
tenant to account for committing waste. Also a suit, or compensa- tion for waste committed.	Improper. Unfit; unsuited to the time, place or occasion.
Impertinence in pleading. Any thing which is immaterial, ir- relevant or scandalous.	Improvement. A beneficial addition or change in real property. In patent law, an improvement is
Implead. To sue or prosecute in law.	something auxiliary or collateral to another invention or patent.
Implication. An inference of some- thing not directly spoken or de- clared. Something conveyed but not expressed.	Impubes. In Roman law, under the age of puberty; a boy less than 14, and a girl less than 12 years of age.
Implied. A necessary inference from language used, but which is not directly or expressly stated.	In adversam. Against an adverse or contending party. Applied to ac- tions which are contested.
Import. Something brought into a country from another, as distinguished from export.	In aequali jure, melior est conditio possidentis. In case of equal right, the condition of the party
Impost. A government tax or duty.	in possession is the better.
Imposition. A duty or tax levied upon imported goods and mer- chandise.	In articule mortis. At the point of death.
Impotentia excusat legem. Dis- ability or inability will excuse performance of a legal require-	In capita. Among heads. According to the number of individuals or heads.
ment. A legal maxim.	In camera. At chambers; in private.

In criminalibus sufficit generalis malitia intentionis cum facta paris gradus. In criminal cases,	views.
general malice of intention is sufficient, with an act of equal	In futuro. In the future; the oppo- site of in presenti.
degree. A maxim, meaning that a general criminal intent coupled with an unlawful act constitutes	In germio legis. In the breast of the law; in suspense, undecided.
a crime.	In hac parte. On this side.
In esse. In being; in existence. Something that has happened,	In hacc verba. In these words. In initio. From the beginning.
not in posse, or that may hap- pen.	In invitum. Against an unwilling party.
In disjunctivis, sufficit alteram par- tem esse veram. In disjunctives, it suffices that either part is true.	In itinere. On a journey; in eyre, or on the circuit.
Inconsideratione legis. In contem- plation of law.	In jure. In law; according to law or right.
In extenso. At length, fully.	In jure, non remota causa, sed proxima, spectatur. In law, not
In extremis. At the end. At the point of death.	the remote, but the proximate cause is considered.
In facie ecclesiae. In the face of church; at the door of the church.	In limine. In the beginning; upon the threshold; preliminary.
In favorem libertatis. In favor of	In loco parentis. In place of a par- ent.
liberty. In favorem vitae. In favor of life. Said of presump- tions which favor one accused of a high crime.	In misericordia. In mercy; subject to a fine or amercement at the discretion of the king or judge.
In fictione juris semper acquitas existit. In legal fictions there is	In mitiori sensu. In a milder sense; from the most favorable view.
always equity; that is, a legal fiction is always consistent with	In mora. In default or delay.
equity. In fieri. Being done; in process of	In nubibus. In the clouds. In sus- pense, or obeyance.
completion.	In pari causa. In an equal cause;
In forma pauperis. In the manner of a pauper. Said of suits where	where the parties have equal rights.
the litigant is allowed to sue without paying or being liable for the costs.	In pari delicto. In equal fault; equally worthy of censure or blame.
In foro conscientiae. Before the tri- bunal of conscience; conscien-	

fault, the condition of the party defending is the better.	In ventre sa mere. In the mother's womb.
In pari materia. Upon the same subject or matter.	In vinculis. In chains. In custody Under contract.
In perpetuam rei memorian. For the perpetual remembrance of a	Inadmissible. Not entitled to be re- ceived or admitted.
matter. In personam. Against the person. A remedy where the proceedings are against the person rather than in rem, or against the thing. In posse. In possibility, but not in actual existence.	Inalienable. Not forfeitable; not subject to alienation or surren- der. Incerta pro nullis habentur. Un certain things are held for noth- ing; that is, they are not re garded.
In praesenti. At present; at the present time. In propria persona. In his own	Incest. The carnal copulation o a man and woman related to each other in any of the degree:
person. One's own act.	within which marriage is prohib ited by law.
In re. In the thing, or matter; in the matter of. Used to entitle judicial proceedings where there are not adverse parties.	Incestuous adultery. Adultery with one related to the party within the prohibited degrees.
In rem. Against a thing or prop- erty. Used to designate actions against a thing or property, rather than against a person.	Inchoate. That which is begun but not in full existence or op eration. Income. The profit or gains from business; property or othe
In rerum natura. In the nature of things; that which exists as con- tradistinguished from the ficti- tious or spurious.	sources of wealth. Incompetent. Not legally quali fied; lack of legal capacity o power. As applied to evidence
In solido. In whole; as a whole; a contract in solido, means that each is liable for the whole, and a payment by one is a payment	the word means not proper to be received or considered in the action; inadmissible.
for all; that is, a joint and sev- eral contract.	Incorporate. To unite in one body Incorporation. The act of form
In totidem verbis. In so many words; in the exact words, or word for word.	ing into a corporation; the leg islative act of authorizing th changing of a number of natura persons into an artificial one of
In transitu. In transit; during transit or passage from one place to another.	1

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 ing a part of another in legal effect by referring to it so as to adopt its provisions. Incorporeal. Without body; immaterial in nature. Incorporeal chattels. Rights and interests of an incorporeal nature in chattels, as a patent right or copyright and the like. Incorrigible. Incapable of being governed, corrected or reformed. Inculpate. To involve in or accuse one of crime; to blame; to censure. Incumbrance. A lien on or interest in land; a paramount claim or charge upon land; a right in third persons to the diminution of the value of the estate, but consistent with the passing of the fee. Indecency. An act of indelicacy, or immodesty. Thus, exposing one's person in public, the exhi- 	 Index animi sermo. Language is the index of the intention; i. e., that is, language is the best guide to the intention. Indicia. Appearances; indications; signs; the indications of; marks of identity. Indictment. A formal written accusation or charge of crime, preferred upon oath by a grand jury at the suit of a government, upon a complaint made, and as a basis for a trial of the accused. A written accusation against one or more persons of a crime or misdemeanor, presented to, and preferred upon oath or affirmation by a grand jury legally convoked. 4 Bl. Com. 299. Indorsement. A writing on the back of a document or instrument. The writing of one's name on the back of a check, note or bill. Indorser. The person who makes
like.	Indorsement without recourse. An
Indecent. Immodest, impure. Indecent assault. Taking indecent liberties with a female against her consent.	indorsement using the words "without recourse" or "sans re- course," by which the instrument is transferred, but saving any lia- bility on the part of the indorser
Indemnify. 1. To make compensa- tion for a loss already sustained. 2. To give assurance or security against anticipated loss.	for its non-acceptance or non- payment. Inducement. Motive. That which causes or compels a person to
Indent. To cut in the shape of teeth, or in a waving line. An indented contract, or indenture.	act. The preamble or explana- tory part to the main charges or allegations in a complaint,
Index. That part of a book or set of books which gives a brief sum- mary of the contents, arranged in alphabetical order.	plea, answer or other pleading. Ineligible. Incapacity or disquali- fication to hold an office even if elected or appointed.

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Inevitable. householder having a fixed resi-That which cannot be avoided. dence in a place. Inheritable blood. Blood capable Infamous. Notoriously wicked. One convicted of an infamous of transmitting an inheritance. crime. Inheritance. An estate which Infanticide. Killing of a child after passes by law from the ancestor it is born. to the heir; the right to succeed to the estate of a person who Infensare curiam. A court when dies intestate. it suggests to counsel something Initial. Beginning; relating to the he has forgotten or is ignorant beginning of anything. The first of. letter of a word or name. Information. A complaint or accu-Initiate. Commenced: to install. sation exhibited against a person for a criminal offense. An accu-Injunction. The name of a writ sation in the nature of an indictissued by a court of chancery ment, presented under oath by forbidding or commanding the a prosecuting officer without acdoing of some act and directed tion by a grand jury. A comto an individual or the officers plaint to recover a penalty under and agents of a company or cora statute or ordinance. poration. Informer. A person who informs Injunction, mandatory. One that or prefers an accusation against commands the defendant to doanother charging the violation of a particular thing or which forsome law or ordinance. bids a thing to continue, or Infra actatem. Under age; not of directs it to be discontinued or removed. full legal age. Infra annos nubiles. Under mar-Injunction, perpetual. One which riageable years; not of age to be prohibits the defendant from domarried. ing an act or continuing the existence of a thing for all time; Infra dignitatem curiæ. Beneath the same as final injunction. the dignity of the court. Injunction, preliminary. Infringement. In patent law, des-One granted to restrain acts pending ignates the trespassing or enthe termination of a suit or accroaching upon the previous tion. right or patent of another. Ingress, egress and regress. Words Injury. A wrong or damage to a in a grant or lease expressing man's person or goods; a loss the right of the lessee to enter. caused unlawfully or wronggo upon and return from the fully. lands granted. Inland. Within the Domestic. Inhabitant. One who has his domcountry or territorial sovicile in a place; a dweller or ereignty.

Inn. A place kept for the pur-	Insanity, emotional. Temporary
pose of lodging and sheltering	mental disorder caused by ex-
travelers for reward; a public	traordinary excitement or pas-
house, or tavern.	sion.
Innkeeper. A person who makes	Insanity, temporary. Temporary
it his business to provide lodg-	mental derangement; a delirium;
ing and entertainment for the	a passing derangement of intel-
public for a compensation; the	lect.
keeper of a common inn.	Insimul computassent. They ac-
Innuendo. To hint at; meaning;	counted together; the leading
an explanatory phrase used in	words in a count upon an ac-
pleading, and which serves to	count stated.
point out the true meaning of some preceding word or state- ment. An averment of the meaning of alleged libellous words.	Insolvency. The condition of one who has not sufficient property to meet his obligations as they fall due.
Inops consilii. Without legal counsel. Inquest. An inquiry into a spe-	Insolvent. One unable to pay his creditors. A bankrupt. The condition of being without means to pay one's debts.
cial matter by a jury impaneled	Inspection. An actual examina-
for that purpose. A proceeding	tion; observation of the corpus
for the determination of dam-	of a subject. The exercise of
ages or values where no defense	the right of examining public
has been made. Also, a body of	documents by a citizen.
men appointed by law to inquire	Installation. The ceremony of in-
into matters presented to them.	augurating an office; the qualify-
Inquest of office. An inquiry made	ing of an official for his office or
by an officer of the king or state	position.
concerning any matter which en-	Installment. A partial payment;
titles the king or state to lands	also used in the sense of instal-
or property.	lation.
Inquisition. Inquiry; an exam- ination and finding of certain facts by a jury summoned for	Instanter. Forthwith; instantly; without delay.
the purpose; also, the return made by such a jury.	Institutes. Commentaries upon legal subjects; a comprehensive review of the principles of juris-
Insane. Mentally deranged.	prudence. Thus, Justinian's In-
Insanity. The prolonged depar-	stitutes of the Civil Law; Coke's
ture without any adequate cause	Institutes of the English Law.
from states of feeling and modes	Institutes of Justinian. An ele-
of thinking usual to the individ-	mentary, though comprehensive,
ual in health. Bouv.	treatise on the Roman law, com-

piled about 533 A. D. by Tribonian, under the direction of Justinian. A part of the Corpus Juris Civilis.

- Institutes of Lord Coke. A series of four volumes compiled by Lord Coke covering the field of English law. The first volume is upon Littleton's Treatise on Tenures; the second, on old Acts of Parliament; the third, on Pleas of the Crown, and the fourth, on the Courts.
- **Insure.** To contract to indemnify one from pecuniary loss from specified perils.
- **Insurance.** A contract whereby one person, in consideration of a premium or payment, agrees to pay a certain amount on the happening of an event stated.
- **Insurable interest.** That interest or relation which the person insured must bear to the person or property insured as to justify his right to contract for indemnification for its loss.

An engagement to insure one who has no interest in the subject insured amounts merely to a wager upon its continued existence, and is, in general, void.

- Insurance, fire. Insurance against loss or damage by fire.
- **Insurance company.** A company or corporation engaged in the business of writing insurance.
- **Insurance policy.** The document or printed form upon which the contract of insurance is drawn up, and which evidences the rights and liabilities of the parties thereto.

Insurance, life. A contract by which the insurer, in considerations of premiums paid, agrees to pay a stipulated amount to the estate of the insured, or to the person mentioned in the policy, on the death of the insured. There are also forms of life insurance by which the amount to be paid becomes due after a specified term of years, or at death if it shall happen before the period set.

- Insurance, employer's liability. An insurance contract by which the employer of laborers is indemnified against claims for damages for injuries sustained by the employes while in his service.
- Insurance, marine. A contract of indemnity by which one party, for a stipulated premium, undertakes to indemnify the other, to the extent of the amount insured, against all perils of the sea, or certain enumerated perils to which his ship, cargo and freight, or some of them, may be exposed during a certain voyage or fixed period of time. Bouv.
- Insurrection. An uprising of subjects in resistance to their constituted government.
- Intemperate. One who is in the habit of getting intoxicated, or drinking to excess.
- Intendment. The true or proper meaning.
- Intent. The purpose with which one does an act. Purpose; design. Also, the presumption of

law arising from the nature of the act.	age, taken or charged for the use of money.
Inter. Among; between. Inter alia. Among other things.	Interim. In the meantime; mean while.
Inter alios. Between others, or strangers; between those not af- fected by the controversy.	Interlineation. A writing between the lines.
Inter conjuges. Between man and wife.	Interlocutory. Something done during the pendency of an ac- tion, but which is not final or conclusive of the cause.
Inter partes. Between parties. A term applied to deeds and con- tracts wherein two parties each covenant or agree to perform some engagement.	International law. The law of na- tions; a system of rules and precedents which have come to be recognized as governing prim-
Inter se, or inter sess. Between themselves.	ciples in regulating the affairs of civilized nations in peace and war.
Inter vivos. Between the living, or living persons. Used to dis- tinguish the ordinary gift from one donatio mortis causa, or in contemplation of death.	Interpleader. The right of a per- son who has possession of an article or thing, but no title thereto, which is in controversy
Interdict. A prohibitive order. To forbid a thing to be done. Interdiction. A prohibition of commercial intercourse between citizens and the subjects of some country against whom the inter-	between two or more claimants to file his bill, called a bill of interpleader, and ask the court to decide their contention so that he may know which of the parties is properly entitled to the article.
diction is launched. Also, de- priving a person of his civil rights; or excluded from the management of his property by reason of incapacity or imbecil- ity.	Interpret. To ascertain the mean- ing of words or language; also, to translate from one language to another. Interrogatories. Formal written
nterest. A claim to advantage or benefit from a thing; any right in the nature of property, though less than title; a part or share in a thing. Also, a bias or prejudice supposed to arise	questions which may be asked of the adverse side in a plead- ing; also, the questions asked of a witness; also, questions pro- pounded to a jury for their find- ings on matters of fact.
	Intestate. Without a testament or will. Applies to both the per- son who has died without mak-

condition of intestacy.	or furnished with a consignment of goods.
Intoxicating liquors. Those the use of which is ordinarily or commonly attended with entire or partial intoxication.	Ipse. He; himself; the same. Ipse dixit. He himself said it; hence, a bare assertion, without other authority.
Intrusion. The wrongful taking possession of real property by one who has not even color of title, to the prejudice of the ten- ant next in reversion or remain- der.	Ipso facto. By the fact itself. Ipso jure. By the law itself; that is, by the operation of the law alone. Irrelevant. Not material to an is-
Invalid. Not of binding force or legal efficacy. Invent. To contrive something	sue; lacking pertinence or adap- tation to assist in the illumina- tion of an issue.
new; to create or produce some- thing previously unknown.	Irrelevancy. The quality of not be- ing material to the issue.
Invention. The process of thought and experiment by which some- thing novel is developed or pro- duced. Also, the thing thus pro- duced.	Irrelevant evidence. That which does not support the issue. Irreparable injury. An injury which cannot be properly or ade- quately redressed in a court of
Inventory. A list or schedule con- taining a written enumeration of articles, with their description and appraised value.	law; that which cannot be put back again or retrieved, or
Invest. To clothe with office, dig- nity or authority; to bestow title upon one. Also, to lay out money or capital in some per- manent form, or in some proj- ect, for the purpose of securing an income therefrom.	
Investment. The act of invest- ing. Also, the project or enter- prise in which the money has been invested.	
Invito domino. Against the will of the owner.	is written; meaning that the law
Invoice. A written statement of goods or merchandise, showing their nature, quality and quan- tity, given between merchants,	hardships. Item. Also; a charge in an ac-

- Jactitation. False boasting; a questionable assertion repeated to the prejudice of another's right. A sort of slander of title.
- Jactitation of marriage. A false boasting or statement that one is married to some other person in order to establish a marriage by reputation. See 3 Bl. Com. 93.
- Jail. A prison; a building designated by law, and kept by the sheriff for the confinement of Job. persons held in legal custody.
- Jail-delivery. Disposing of the cases of accused persons await- Joinder. ing trial. Also, forcible liberation of those confined in a jail.
- Jail liberties, or limits. The established limits or space around the jail within which a prisoner was allowed to go at large. Prison bounds.

Jailor. The keeper of a jail.

Icofail An error, mistake or oversight; a pleader's acknowledgment of an error in the pleadings which were allowed to be cured or amended by the statute of Jeofails.

Jeopardy. Danger; peril.

leopardy, in. One who is in jeopardy, within the provisions of the constitution forbidding one to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb for the same offense, who has been once placed Joint and several. Where two or upon his trial before a competent court and jury, charged with his case on a valid indictment, unless such jury be discharged

without rendering a verdict, from a legal necessity, or from cause beyond the control of the court, such as death, sickness, or insanity of some one of the jury, the prisoner, or the court, or by consent of the prisoner. 38 Cal. 467.

- Tetsam. Goods thrown from a ship which sink, as distinguished from those which float, styled flotsam.
- The whole of a thing required to be done; an undertaking.
- Coupling: uniting: the uniting of various things together.
- Joinder in demurrer. The acceptance by another party of an issue of law tendered by demur-The joinder of actions. гег. The joining of two or more rights of action in one suit.
- Joinder of issue. The acceptance of an issue of fact for trial which has been affirmed on one side and denied on the other.
- Joinder of parties. The uniting of two or more parties, plaintiffs or defendants, in one suit.
- Joint. Combining; united in interest or liability.
- Joint action. A suit by two or more persons who are united in interest.
- more persons are obligated collectively who are also individually liable; i. e., in a joint and several contract the obligee may,

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at his option, proceed against	Journal. Any book kept as a rec-
one or all of the obligors.	ord of daily proceedings. Also,
Joint contract. One in which the	in bookkeeping, an abstract of
contractors are bound jointly	the day book, and not a book of
and not severally.	original entries.
Joint indictment. One indictment	Judex. In Roman law, a judge;
brought against two or more	an officer who administers jus-
persons as being together guilty	tice and interprets law. In old
of the offense alleged.	English law, a juror.
Joint lives. An expression indi- cating that a right has been granted to two or more persons	Judex a quo. A judge from whom an appeal is taken.
to be enjoyed while both live.	Judex ad quem. A judge to whom an appeal is taken.
Joint stock association or com- pany. An unincorporated asso- ciation, having articles of asso- ciation and a capital stock de-	Judex æquitatem semper spectare debet. A judge ought always to regard equity.
voted to a common purpose,	Judex bonus nihil ex arbitrio suo
under an organization analogous	faciat, nec propositione domes-
to a corporation. Also, an as-	ticæ voluntatis; sed juxta leges
sociation or body of persons	et jura pronunciet. A good
possessing some of the powers	judge may do nothing from his
of corporations, conferred by	own judgment, or from the dic-
statute, but not a full-fledged	tate of private will; but let him
corporation.	pronounce according to law and
Joint tenancy. An estate created	justice.
by unity of title possession, an	Judex damnatur cum nocens ab-
interest and time of enjoyment,	solvitur. The judge is con-
in several persons.	demned when the guilty person
Joint tenants. Two or more per- sons to whom are granted lands	escapes punishment.
or tenements to hold in fee sim-	Judex est lex loquens. A judge
ple, fee-tail, for life, for years,	is the law speaking.
or at will. Under joint tenancy	Judex habere debet duos sales;
the death of the tenant worked	salem sapientia, ne sit insipidis;
no division of the property, the	et salem conscientiæ, ne sit dia-
survivor or survivors taking the	bolus. A judge should have two
whole estate.	salts; the salt of wisdom, lest he
Jointure. A settlement upon a woman of an estate or property, in lieu of dower or in considera-	be insipid; and the salt of con- science, lest he be devilish.
tion of marriage. Also, an estate	Judex non potest esse testis in pro-
held by husband and wife in en-	pria causa. A judge should not
tireties.	be a witness in his own cause.

- Judex non potest injuriam sibi datam punire. A judge cannot punish an injury to himself.
- Judge. A public officer lawfully appointed to preside in courts of law and having authority to decide points of law and control the proceedings in the trial of litigated questions. An officer who has jurisdiction to hear and determine a suit at law.
- **Judge's certificate.** In England, a written statement by the judge trying the cause that one of the parties is entitled to costs in the action.
- Judgment. The sentence of the law pronounced by a court in a cause of which it has jurisdiction. A matter of which it has jurisdiction, and presented by the record of proceedings, or submitted in the trial of the case.
- Judgment by confession. A judgment entered on the written acknowledgment by the defendant at the claim of the plaintiff as legal and proper; also applied to judgments taken by warrant of attorney from the defendant.
- Judgment by default. A judgment taken or entered when the defendant neglects to defend, or because the plaintiff has failed to prosecute.
- **Judgment creditor.** A creditor whose claim has been put in judgment and remains unsatisfied.
- **Judgment debt.** The sum due by a decree or decision of a court; one evidenced by judgment.
- Judgment debtor. The person against whom a judgment has

been obtained and which stands unsatisfied.

- Judgment, dormant. One which has not been enforced for so long that under the statutes it cannot be enforced without first reviving it.
- Judgment, nisi. A conditional one; one which will become final unless otherwise ordered by the court within the first four days of the next term.
- Judgment non obstante veridicto. A judgment for plaintiff notwithstanding a verdict for defendant; one entered where it is found after verdict but before judgment that the pleas on which it is based are not a sufficient defense.
- Judgment of nolle prosequi. A judgment entered on plaintiff's declaration that he will not further prosecute his action. Abbreviated nol. pros.
- Judgment note. A promissory note which, in addition to the usual context of a note, contains a power of attorney directing entry of judgment by confession against the maker upon default of payment.
- Judicature. Pertaining to the administration of justice.
- Judicature acts. The English statutes during the reign of Queen Victoria changing the organization and the fundamental principles of procedure in the English courts.
- Judicial. Pertaining to the administration of justice in courts of law. Involving the exercise of discretion.

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Judicial decision. The determina-	Juris et de jure. Of right and by
tion of the court or judge in a	law; a term applied to conclu-
legal action.	sive presumptions.
Judicial discretion. The limited	Jurisdiction. The authority by
power confided to a judge to de-	which judicial officers take cog-
cide, upon his own judgment, va-	nizance of and decide causes.
rious collateral or minor mat-	The power to exercise author-
ters. Judicial discretion means	ity over persons or things with-
a discretion to be exercised in	in a district. The authority of
discerning the course prescribed	a court as distinguished from
by law. 26 Wend. 143.	other governmental departments.
Judicial writ. In English prac- tice, all writs subsequent to the original writ which was issued out of the chancery, issued from the court in which the original was returnable and were called judicial writs, the others being termed original writs.	 Jurisprudence. A system of laws; the science of the law. Jurist. One learned in the law. One skilled in civil law or in the law of nations. Juror. Member of a jury; also, one who takes an oath.
Judiciary. The body of officers or	Jury. A body of men, usually
judges who have charge of the	twelve in number, summoned
administration of justice; the	and sworn to decide the facts
courts or judges of a govern-	in issue in a cause.
ment collectively.	Jury list. A paper containing the
Judicium a non suo judice datum	names of jurors summoned for
nullius est momenti. A judg-	the term or to try a cause.
ment given by an improper	Jury process. The writ or sum-
judge is of no moment.	mons by which a jury is collect-
 Judicia posteriore sunt in lege for- tiora. The latter decisions are the stronger in law. Jura. Rights; laws. Jura naturæ sunt in immutabilia. The laws of nature are un- 	ed or subpœnaed. Jury, struck. A struck jury is one made up of a list of names larger in number than required, from which each party strikes a specified number of names, the remaining names constituting
changeable. Jura summa imperii. The supreme rights of dominion. Jurat. An abbreviation of the Latin word juratum, meaning sworn; hence, that part of an af- fidavit where the officer certi- fies that the same was "sworn" before him is called the jurat.	the jury. Jury wheel. The wheel in which names of electors eligible to jury service are placed, and from which the names of those to be used at each term are drawn. Jus. Law; right; justice. An ab-

guished from ordinances or stat-	man his due, according to the
utes. Jus accrescendi. The right of sur-	principles of law. The name of
 vivorship. Jus ad re. A right to a thing. Jus disponendi. The right of disposing of a thing. Jus ex injuria non oritur. A right cannot arise from a wrong. 	cases specified by statute, and to entertain criminal complaints and commit offenders.
Jus et fraus nunquam cohabitant. Right and fraud never dwell to- gether. Jus gentium. Law of nations. In- ternational law.	Justifiable. That which is right- ful or excusable; that which can
Jus in re. A right in a thing. Jus naturali. The law of nature; natural law. Jus personarum. Rights of per-	exculpate the person doing the
sons. Jus postliminii. The right of the owner to reclaim property after recapture. Jus scriptum. Written law. Justice. The constant and perpet-	Justification. In pleading, stating a cause or reason why a defend- ant might lawfully do the act which is complained of. Also, a term used to indicate the quali- fying of sureties or persons who

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- Keep the peace. To refrain from creating a disturbance; to be law-abiding.
- Keeper. One having charge of something. One who maintains or controls a thing or enterprise.
- Keeper of the Great Seal. The title of the officer who had charge of the great seal of England, and whose duty it was to

place the seal upon all documents signed by the king.

Kidnapping. The offense of taking a person by force or fear and against his will, with intent to carry him to another place.

The forcible abduction or stealing away of a man, woman or child from their own country and sending them into another. 4 Bl. Com. 219.

 Kill. To deprive of life. Kin. Kindred; relations. Kin, next of. Nearest blood relations; those who inherit the personal estate of an intestate. King. The main sovereign of a country or nation under a monarchical form of government. Kingdom. A country or a jurisdiction subject to a monarchical government. Knight. In early England, one who bore arms and was given 	 Knight service. A species of feudal tenure in which the service was free but uncertain, consisting of military service. Knowingly. With reference to actual personal knowledge. Knowledge. The act of knowing; notice; information; a clear perception of the truth. Knowledge, personal. That which one knows from the perception of his own senses and has not been derived from information from others.
this title by the king as a mark of distinction or honor; a dignity above that of gentleman but be- low the nobility.	
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 L. The twelfth letter of the alphabet. As a Roman numeral it stands for 50. Label. In English conveyancing, a narrow slip of paper affixed to a deed or other writing to bear the seal. Ordinarily it is a tag or slip of paper attached to articles for the purpose of distinguishing them, or describing them. Labor. Any kind of physical or mental exertion; but ordinarily used in the sense of the more onerous or inferior kind of work or service. 	 purpose of fixing the rate of their wages and the hours of work, for their mutual benefit and protection, and for the purpose of righting grievances against their employers. Bouv. Laches. Slackness or unreasonable neglect to do a thing; delay or negligence in respect to something which it is a person's right or duty to do at a certain time in order to protect his own rights. Lesa Majestas. Lese majesty; or injured majesty. Any offense against the king's person or dig-
Laborer. One who works with his hands. In English statutes ap- plies to a servant employed in husbandry or manufactures.	nity. High treason. Lahman. Anciently, the term for lawyer.
Labor Union. A combination or association of laborers for the	Laity. In England, all persons not belonging to the clergy.

- Land. Originally the term applied only to such as could be plowed. Now the term applies to all sorts of soil or ground, and is of equal significance with "realty" and "real property."
- Land, improved. Cultivated or reclaimed land; also, that on which buildings have been placed.
- Landlord. The owner of land who has leased or rented it to another is so styled.
- Landlord and tenant. The relation existing between the parties to the contract of lease of lands and tenements.
- Land tenant. The person in actual possession of the land, the correlative of landlord; also styled terre tenant.
- Land Warrant. A negotiable government certificate entitling its holder to be put in possession of a designated quantity of public land under a land grant or other appropriation of land by Congress. Bouv.
- Land, tenements and hereditaments. A phrase used to designate all sorts of real property.
- Lapse. A slip or failure; to become of no avail or void; a species of forfeiture.
- Lapsed legacy. The failure of a testamentary gift by reason of the devisee or legatee dying in the testator's lifetime.
- Larceny. The offense of taking and carrying away something of a personal nature, with a criminal design to profit by depriving another of property in it.

Larceny is the felonious and fraudulent taking and carrying away of the mere personal goods of another. 3 Inst. 107.

- Larceny, grand. At common law, grand larceny consisted in the stealing of an article or articles above the value of more than twelve pence; now the amount making the offense grand larceny is fixed by statute and varies somewhat.
- Larceny, petit. At common law, larceny of property of the value of twelve pence or under; now under the amount fixed by statute.
- Lascivious carriage. Wanton or lewd acts between persons of different sexes who are not married to each other, which do not amount to crimes against chastity and public decency.
- Last heir. He upon whom lands are cast by escheat for want of lawful heirs.
- Last resort. Used in reference to the highest court to which a case may be carried.
- Last sickness. The illness of which a person dies.

Last will. The one of latest date.

- Latent. Concealed; hidden; not open.
- Latent ambiguity. One which lies beneath the surface and is not open or apparent on the face of an instrument. A latent ambiguity is where words apply equally to two different things or subject-matters.

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Latent defect. Such a defect or blemish in an article or thing as is not apparent or open on in- spection to the casual purchaser.	positive declaration of the will of the legislature. 1 Kent, 492. Law, ex post facto. See Ex post facto law.
Lateral support. The right that a person owning land has of hav- ing his land and the buildings thereon supported by the land adjoining. It exists only with respect to the soil in its natural condition. Latin-Americans. The nations or	Law, maritime. The rules and cus- toms relating to matters which arise out of commerce and nav- igation on the seas and naviga- ble waters. It consists of prin- ciples adapted from other na- tions, statutes and the decisions
states of Central or South Amer- ica are so called.	of the courts, having developed like the common law.
Latitat. He lurks or lies here. An old English writ, calling the per- son against whom it was issued to answer in the Court of King's Bench.	Law, merchant. The commercial usages and customs which have become rules of action in refer- ence to mercantile matters and comprising the general commer- cial usages in matters of trade
Law. Rules laid down by govern- ing power; that which is estab- lished; a rule or method of ac- tion; order of sequences.	or commerce. Law of nations. Another term for international law.
A rule of civil conduct pre- scribed by the supreme power of a state, commanding what is right and prohibiting what is wrong. A rule of conduct contained in a command of a sovereign ad- dressed to the subject.	Law of the land. The phrase "the law of the land" means general and public laws equally binding upon every member of the com- munity. 2 Yerg. 270. By the law of the land is most clearly intended the general law which hears before it condemns,
Law, adjective. Secondary or de- pendent law. The rules estab- lished for the administration of substantive law, or for the en- forcement of rights or remedies. That part of the law which es- tablishes and enforces remedies. Law, common. Those principles,	which proceeds upon inquiry and renders judgment only after trial. The meaning is that every citi- zen shall hold his life, liberty, property and immunities under the protection of general rules which govern society. Every- thing which may pass under the form of the enactment is not the
usages, and rules of action ap- plicable to the government and security of persons and of prop- erty, which do not rest for their	law of the land. Webster, in Dartmouth College Case.
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found in the old English law books is so termed.

- Law, Latin. A term employed to designate the Latin words and phrases in the old English law.
- Law reports. A general term in England and America to designate the published decisions of the courts.
- Lawful. Legal; not contrary to law. Sanctioned by law; according to law; rightful.

Lawful age. The age of majority.

- Lawful issue. Heirs.
- Lawsuit. A vernacular term for action at law or suit in equity. and the like.
- Laws of Oleron. A collection of maritime laws of the 12th century, said to have been compiled by Richard I, on the Isle of Oleron.
- Lawyer. A vernacular term for attorney-at-law; one skilled in the law. It makes no discrimination between the functions of the advocate, barrister, counselor, attorney, solicitor, proctor, conveyancer, etc.
- Lay. That which relates to persons or things not ecclesiastical or those unconnected with a profession. To allege; state.
- Laying the venue. In pleading, stating the county in which the action is brought.
- Le Roy. The law-French word for king.
- Le Roy le veut. The king wills it. The ancient form of the royal Legacy, contingent. One not to accent to acts of parliament of a public nature.

- Leading case. A reported decision which has come to be generally regarded with approval as accurately stating or settling in law on the question or questions involved.
- Leading question. One which puts into the mouth of the witness the answer desired, or suggests the answer. This method of asking questions is called leading a witness.
- Leakage. The loss or waste of liquids; escape from a cask or vessel. Also, an allowance made for such loss in the shipment of liquid merchandise.
- Leap Year. A year having 366 days. Any year divisible by four except those divisible by one hundred and not by four hundred is a leap year.
- Lease. A contract for the letting of lands, tenements or hereditaments to another for life, years, or at will for a rental; also, the contract or instrument evidencing such a letting.
- Lease and release. A species of conveyance in common use in England, under the statute of uses, which, while consisting of two instruments, was practically but one, and was designed to get around some of the conditions imposed by the statute of uses.
- Legacy. A gift of personal property by will. A bequest.
- Legacy, absolute. A legacy which vests at once and without condition.
- be delivered until the happening of some uncertain event.

Legacy, general. One payable out	Legal tender. That kind of money
of any of the assets of the de-	or currency which the law makes
ceased.	valid as a tender for payment
Legacy, specific. One which gives	of a debt.
a designated article or money, or is directed to be paid out of a particular fund.	Legality. Lawfulness; conformity to the law.
Legacy, vested. One which is so	Legalize. To make or render law-
given as to convey a transmis-	ful; to give authority of law to
sible interest. One where the	that which takes it.
person who is to receive the same is in being at the death of the testator.	Legatee. A person to whom per- sonal property is given by will.
Legal. In accordance with law;	Legation. An embassy; the per-
not inconsistent with the law of	sons sent upon a diplomatic mis-
the land. An action cognizable	sion by one government to an-
in a law court as opposed to an	other, also, the residence of such
equity court.	persons.
Legal assets. Such assets or prop- erty of a testator as may be dis- posed of by the order of the law court as distinguished from equitable assets.	 Legem; Leges. Latin words meaning law. Legem facere. To make law; to make oath with compurgators in support of one's cause.
Legal cruelty. A term indicating	Leges posteriores priores contrar-
such a degree of abuse or vio-	ias abrogant. Latter laws abro-
lence as is sufficient to warrant a	gate the prior laws contrary to
divorce.	them. Thus, subsequent stat-
Legal estate. Ownership recog-	utes operate to repeal by impli-
nized by law, as distinguished	cation earlier statutes with con-
from equitable estate.	trary provision.
Legal memory. A phrase meaning before the time of living memory. As far back as the beginning of the Reign of Richard I.	Legislate. Making of laws. Legislator. A member of a law body.
Legal notice. Such notice as is	Legislature. The assembly or body
required by law to be given for	of persons in a state or nation
the specific purpose or in a par-	having authority to pass laws.
ticular case. A notice required	Legit vel non. Does he read or
by law as distinguished from one	not? An ancient question pro-
agreed upon between the parties.	pounded to one seeking the bene-
Legal duty. Some obligation imposed upon a person as a matter of law.	fit of clergy, to which the affirm- ative answer was legit ut clert- cus, he reads as a clerk.

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 Legitimacy. Lawfulness, or lawful birth; authorized; made or done as a matter of right. Legitimatize. To make legitimate. Legitime imperanti parere necesse est. To one rightfully commanding it is necessary to yield obedience. Legitimation. The act of giving the character of legitimate children to those who were not so born. Bouv. 	Letter of credit. A letter or com- munication from one person to another, or one bank to another, authorizing the extension of credit to the bearer, and pledg- ing the writer's credit for such advances. Letter of marque. A commission issued by a government authoriz- ing a private person to seize the property belonging to a foreign state or any of its citizens or subjects.
Lent. The annual forty days of penitence before Easter, extend- ing from Ash Wednesday to Easter.	Letters patent. The designation of a written grant by the govern- ment to a person of some right or privilege, or a title to land.
Leproso amovendo. An ancient writ to remove a leper out of a parish. Lessee. The person to whom a lease is given; the holder of an estate under a lease.	Letters rogatory. A written re- quest by a judge or court to an- other court or judge in a dif- ferent jurisdiction for the pur- pose of securing evidence or answers to interrogatories in a cause pending before the court
 Lessor. He who grants a lease. Let. Permit; to lease; to demise. Also, an obstruction or a hinderance. Letter. The designation of one of the parishers or signs used in written language and which constitute the alphabet. The person, who lets his property to be used by another, for a compensation received. An epistle or communication in writing. 	granting the letters. Letters testamentary. The author- ity or documents issued by the probate court to the executor after the probate of a will, au- thorizing him to act in such capacity. Levant et couchant. Rising up and lying down. A phrase applicable to trespassing cattle who have been on the ground of another long enough to have lain down to rest and risen up to feed.
Letter-book. A book, in which copies of correspondence is kept. Letter of attorney. An expression equivalent to power of attorney. The instrument in writing exe- cuted by a principle appointing another his agent or attorney.	Levari facias. That you cause to be levied a writ of execution at the common law. Levitical degrees. Those degrees of relationship or kinship within which marriage was prohibited as enumerated in the laws of

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Moses and recorded in Leviticus,	chants, which were adopted into
ch. 18, and adopted by English	and became a part of the com-
and American Law generally.	mon law.
Levy. Anciently to erect; to lift	Lex neminem cogit ad vana seu
up. To collect. To exact; to	inutilia peragenda. The law
take into legal custody; to se-	compels no man to do that which
cure money or property by seiz-	is vain or useless.
ure, as upon execution. Also, to	Lex non cogit non ad imposibilia.
assess or impose, as to levy a	The law does not compel one to
tax.	do the impossible; i.e., if the
Levy war. To assemble a body of	doing of a thing is impossible
men in order to resist with force	the law will excuse its perform-
and arms the enforcement of the	ance.
law, or for the purpose of sub-	Lex non scripta. The unwritten
verting the government.	law. A phrase which is applied
Lewdness. A general term signify-	to the common law since it was
ing sexual impurity or immor-	not written down formally like
ality. Lustful; public indecency.	statute law.
Lex. Law. In Roman Law, a rule	Lex scripta. Statute law.
for the government of mankind	Lex terrae. The law of the land.
in society, or of a whole com-	An expression equivalent to due
munity.	process of law.
Lex Angliæ. The Law of England. Also, the common law.	Ley. The old French, for law or lex.
Lex fori. The law of the forum. The law of the place or jur- isdiction where a remedy is sought. The phrase is usually contrasted with lex loci contrac- tus, meaning the place of con- tract. Lex loci. The law of the place, or local law. Lex loci contractus. The law of the place of the contract.	Liable. Answerable; amenable. To be obligated or responsible for. Liability. Responsibility under the law; the status or condition of one who is required to do some- thing by judicial order. Liability may include punish- ment for crime as well as amen- ability to civil remedies. 3 Dill. 5, 32.
Lex loci rei sitæ. The law of the place of the situation of the thing, i. e., the law of the place where the thing or property is situated.	Libel. A malicious defamation by printing, writings, signs, pictures or other method which tends to provoke a breach of the peace, or to expose the individual against whom directed, to public
Lex mercatoria. The law mer- chant. The system of laws, or customs prevailing among mer-	contempt, hatred or ridicule. The name of a wrong, also, an

ous or ridiculing writing, picture, or sign, made with a mischievous intent towards government, magistrates, or individuals. 3 Johns Cas. 337, 354.

Any publication the tendency of which is to degrade or injure another person, or to bringing him into contempt, ridicule, or hatred, or which accuses him of a crime punishable by law, or of an act odious or disgraceful in society, is a libel. 4 Mason, 115; 3 How. 266, 291.

- Libellant. The party who files a libel, or the complainant or plaintiff in an admiralty ecclesiastical suit, is so termed, while the defendant in such an action is termed the libellee.
- Liber. A book. Also means to be exempt from a charge or burden.

Liber homo. A free man.

Liberty. Freedom from restraint. A right to do as one sees fit, provided the rights of others are not infringed or violated. Such free will as is allowed individuals in a civilized state under and by virtue of its constitution and laws. Also, formerly, signified a privilege held by grant or prescription.

Liberty, natural. Freedom to act without restraint or human law.

- Liberty of contract. That freedom to contract, or abstain from contracting, which the citizen and subject has under the law.
- Liberty of speech. The common right of free speech. The right Lien, equitable. A lien or charge to speak and express one's opinions without restraint except

those imposed by the law of the land.

- Liberty of the press. The constitutional freedom from censorship or restraint as to what one shall print or publish.
- License. Permission: consent to do that which would without such consent be illegal or unlawful
- Licentia loquendi. Leave to speak. An imparliance.
- Licentiousness. Originally, doing what one pleases, in an unrestrained manner and without regard to the rights of others. Also in a narrower sense the word is equivalent to lewdness.
- Licet. Lawful; allowable. Also, although.
- Lien. An obligation or claim possessed by one person against the property of another to secure a debt or contract. Also, a right to retain the property of another, until certain demands or claims are satisfied.
- Lien by operation of law. One given by law because of the situation or relation of the parties.
- Lien, charging. A lien which charges property while yet in the possession of him who owes the debt or duty.
- Lien. common law. The right which the common law gives to retain an article from which some service has been rendered, until said service has been paid or satisfied.
- allowable only in equity, or only enforceable in equity.

Lien, general. That right which one having possession of prop- erty of another has to hold the same until a general demand is satisfied.	Life interest. A claim or right of enjoyment, less than full owner- ship, and limited by a term of life, whether that of the person in whom it is vested, or that of another.
Lien, mechanic's. The name of a class of charges or rights given to those who perform work and labor, or furnish materials for the improvement of the land or property of another, to charge said land or property with the cost of the same, irrespective of contract by way of mortgage. These liens are usually created by the statute, which regulates them and stipulate what the lien- holder must do in order to se- cure and retain his lien.	 Life policy. A term meaning a policy of insurance upon the life of a person. Limit. To fix the extent of; to bound. Limitation. A restriction. A specified time within which stipulated acts are to be performed, or stated things to happen. Limitation of action. That term or period prescribed by law within which a right of action must
Lien, statutory. One given by stat- ute.	be sued upon, or it will thereafter be barred.
 Lien, vendee's. An equitable lien given a purchaser of property upon the article bought, before it has come into his possession. Lien, vendors. An equitable lien which the seller has upon the article sold for the unpaid purchase money. Life. The period between birth and death. It signifies the possession of animate existence. 	 Limitation, conditional. An estate the existence of which, depends upon an uncertain event. Limitation, words of. The terms or words which limit or qualify the estate granted in a deed or other conveyance. Limited company. One in which the liability of the shareholders is limited by law to the amount of their respective interest or an antipation.
 It commences, for many legal purposes at the period of quickening, when the first motion of the foetus in uterois perceived by the mother. 1 Bl. Com. 129. Life, civil. The period during which a person is in the full enjoyment of civil rights. Life estate. An estate of freehold; 	stock. Limited divorce. One which does not work a complete or absolute dissolution of the marriage; one form, bed and board only; i.e., a divorce a mensa et thoro. Limited jurisdiction. A term ap-
an estate or right of ownership in a thing limited by a life or lives.	bunal having jurisdiction only to

in regard to these matters is not complete.

- Limited partnership. A kind of partnership authorized by statute in many of the states, wherein the liability of certain special partners, is limited to the specific amount of capital which they have contributed, while the other or general partners are liable as in the ordinary partnership.
- Line. A limit or boundary. In descents, it signifies the series | Literal. According to the words, of persons descended from a common ancestor, as father, son, grandson, etc..
- Linea recta semper prae furter trans versali. The direct line is always prefered to the collateral. A maxim of descent.
- Lineal. Signifies in the law of descent the immediate descent, and is not applied with collateral relationship.
- Lineal consanguinity. That relationship which exists between persons each of whom is related in a direct line to another, ascending or descending.
- Liquidate. To adjust or settle an indebtedness; to determine the amount to be paid.
- Liquidated damages. Are those which have been ascertained and fixed as distinguished from uncertain and disputed claims.
- Lis. A controversy; an action or proceeding at law.
- Lis mota. A legal controversy which has come into being, but on which suit has not been started.

- Lis pendens. A suit pending. The designation of an action or judicial proceeding after suit has been commenced and before its termination. The legal notice which a pending suit overtitled to land gives to the public that the title thereto is in question.
- Litem suam facere. Making a suit his own. A phrase applied to a court or judge who shows partiality in a legal controversy.
- language; a construction or which adheres closely to the exact language of the instrument, without making differences or extrinsic circumstances.
- Literary property. That property which an author or his heir or assigns has in the reproduction of copies of a literary composition.
- Litigation. The conduct of a controversy in a court of law.
- Litigant. One of the parties to a lawsuit, plaintiff or defendant.
- Litigious. Subject to a lawsuit or litigation; open to judicial controversy. Also, in a vernacular sense, inclined to litigation, over anxious to sue or defend lawsuits.
- Littleton. The author of Littleton's Tenures, upon which Lord Coke wrote an extensive comment. The Tenures were written during the reign of Edward IV.
- Livery. 1. In English law, the giving of possession of lands to the person who was to hold as a tenant or as owner; equivalent

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title or possession. 2. A suit or garment furnished by the master to his servant. Livery of seisin. A delivery of possession of lands, tenements, and hereditaments unto one en- titled to the same. This was a ceremony used in the common law for the conveyance of real estate. 2 Bl. Com. 315. Lloyd's. An association in the city of London, for marine underwrit-	 Locatio. Letting for hire; a species of bailment by which a thing was let for compensation. Locatio custodiae. Letting to keep. A bailment of goods to be kept or stored for compensation. Locatio mercium vehendarum. Letting of goods to be carried. Locatio operis. Letting of work. A bailment of an article to have work and labor bestowed upon it for a compensation. Locatio rei. Letting of a thing to
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Lloyd's insurance. The term ap- plied to a kind of insurance by associations, the members of	Locum tenens. Holding the place. A deputy or representative.
which are not incorporated, but each member agrees to become liable for a certain amount of loss which has been insured. Loan. A bailment without reward, whether for use or return in specie or for consumption and return in kind. A loan of money implies that the borrower may expend it and is only bound to	 Locus. A place. Locus delicti. The place of a fault or crime. (Where committed.) Locus in quo. Place in which; the place where anything is alleged in pleading to have been done. Locus poenitentiae. Place for re- pentance; time given for recon- sideration or withdrawal.
return an equivalent sum; in such a contract payment by way of interest for the loan is presumed.	Locus rei sitas. Place where a thing is situated.
Local. Pertaining to a place; hav- ing reference to a particular place or a limited region.	Locus regit actum. In private in- ternational law the rule that a transaction which is legal when entered into is to be considered legal when given effect.
 Local option. The right or privilege granted by law to a political division of the state to determine for themselves by ballot whether or not intoxicating liquors shall be sold within such political division. Local statute. A law which ap- 	Locus sigilli. The place of the seal. The initial letters of these words, "L. S." are still used to indicate the place of a seal, or to take the place of a seal, and when so used are frequently surrounded by a scroll.
plies only to a limited part of the state.	Lollarda. The founders of the Prot- estant religion in England. The

sect originated about the year 1315, at which time they were classed as heretics, and statutes were passed to suppress them.

- Long quinto, The. The part of the Year Book which gives reports of the cases decided during the fifth year of the reign of Edward IV.
- Long session. The first session of the U.S. Congress, beginning on the first Monday of December, and which may continue from that time until the same time the next year.
- Lord's Day. An expression signifying the first day of the week commonly called "Sunday."
- Lottery. A scheme for the distribution of prizes by chance among those who have purchased the chances.
- Low-water mark. The line, upon Lunar. Pertaining to the moon. the shore of any tidal waters, to Estimated by the moon.

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- **M**. alphabet; as an abbreviation it signifies one thousand. Formerly in England one convicted of manslaughter had this letter branded on his thumb.
- Mace. An ornamental staff. carried as an emblem of authority before certain public officials.
- Magister. In old English law, master.
- Magister navis. The master of a vessel.
- The thirteenth letter of the Magistrate. A person entrusted with power as a civil officer; one elected or appointed with authority to enforce municipal laws in a locality. In a narrower sense a magistrate is one of the inferior judicial officers and is equivalent to a justice of the peace.
 - Magna Charta. The great charter. A famous state paper granted by King John, upon the compulsion of the Barons, on the 19th day of June, 1215, confirming the ancient liberties of Englishmen,

which the water recedes at the ebb of the tide. Abbott.

In Pennsylvania, this term, used as the limit of a riparian owner's title means ordinary lowmark, unaffected water by drought. 60 Pa. 339.

- Lucri causa. For the sake of gain. A phrase indicating the motive in cases of theft.
- Lucid interval. Period of sanity between periods of mental incompetence.

A lucid interval is not a perfect restoration to reason, but a restoration so far as to be able. beyond doubt, to comprehend and do the act with such perception, memory and judgment as to make it a legal act. Del. Ch. 263.

Lunacy. Insanity. Mental unsoundness; particularly such mental incapacity which has developed, and is not congenital.

and limiting the arbitrary power and authority of the English monarch over his subjects.

- Main. 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. When applied to an animal it signifies permanent injury.
- **Mainprise.** The taking a man into friendly custody, who might otherwise be committed to prison, upon security being given for his appearance at a time and place specified.
- Maintenance. Aid, support, preservation. Technically, the offense of officially meddling with or promoting a lawsuit, by one not interested in it.
- A malicious, or, at least, 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 without any authority at law. 1 Russ. Cr. 176.
- Major haereditas venit unicuique nostrum a jure et legibus quam a parentibus. A greater inheritance comes to every one of us from right and the laws than from our parents.
- Majori summae minor in est. In the greater sum the less is included.
- Majority. (1) The civil condition or status of one who has attained full age. (2) Majority. More than half, the greater number. More than all the opponents.

In political elections, the ma-

jority of the votes cast at an election on any question means the majority of those who voted on that question. 10 Minn. 107; 95 U. S. 369.

- Make an assignment. A phrase meaning that one has turned over one's property for the benefit of creditors, and is insolvent.
- Mal or mala. A prefix meaning wrong or fraudulent.
- Mala fide. Bad faith. The opposite of bona fide.
- Mala in se. Evil acts by nature; morally or inherently evil or wrong, whether forbidden by law or not.
- Mala prohibita. Evils or wrongs which are prohibited by law, and which would not otherwise be considered wrong or evil.
- Maladministration. Illegal or unjust administration of an office.
- Male. Of the masculine sex; of the sex that begets young.
- Malefactor. A criminal; a violator of the law.
- Malfeasance. The commission of an unlawful act; the word is used in opposition to non-feasance which is the neglect to do that which one ought to do.
- Malice. An intent to do evil; the doing a wrongful act intentionally without just cause or excuse.
- Malice, actual. That form of malice which is expressly indicated by acts.
- Malice aforethought or prepense. Intention to kill previous to committing the act. Previous design or purpose. A technical phrase

employed in indictments, which with the word murder must be used to distinguish the felonious killing called murder from what is called manslaughter. Malice, constructive. That form of malice which is implied by law from the act committed.	patient. Malum in se. Evil in itself. Malum prohibitum. Evil because prohibited.
Malicious. Something done with evil intent; designedly, purposely.	Mancipate. To make a slave; the opposite of emancipate.
Malicious arrest. The wanton or wilful arrest of another without reasonable or probable cause, though by a regular process or proceeding.	act therein mentioned. Now the name of a writ employed by a higher court to compel lower
Malicious mischief. Petty injuries to private property through mal- ice or revenge.	courts or officers to perform their duties.
Malicious mischief or damage is a species of injury to private property, which the law consid- ers as a public crime. This is such as is done, not animo furan- di, or with an intent of gaining by another's loss, but either out of a spirit of wanton cruelty, or wicked revenge. Jacob.	Mandamus, alternative. A writ of mandamus which states that the person to whom it is directed shall perform an act therein stated or show cause, at a time stated, why he does not do so. A writ of mandamus is usually issued in this form in the first instance.
Malicious prosecution. A wanton prosecution, instituted by one person against another, based	Mandamus, peremptory. One which directs an act to be done abso- lutely and unqualifiedly.
upon wrongful or improper mo- tives, and without probable cause to sustain it, whether civil or criminal. An action for damages lies for being subjected to such a suit, and this action is called	Mandatary. The bailee, or person who undertakes a service in a contract of mandate. Also one that obtained a benefice by man- damus.
an action for malicious prosecu- tion. Malo animo. With evil mind, or	Mandate. A bailment contract, in which one party, called the man- ditary, undertakes, without re- ward, to render some service af-
intention. Malpractice. A term applied to	fecting personal property placed in his charge by another for that
the act of a physician or surgeon	purpose. Also, a judicial com-

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 Manor. A house or habitation. The term includes lands as well as the dwelling-house. Manslaughter. The unlawful killing of another without malice either express or implied. 4 Bl. Com. 190. Manslaughter, involuntary. Killing without intention to injure. That which results from the doing of an unlawful act without intent to kill, or a lawful act in an unlawful or negligent manner. Manslaughter, voluntary. An intentional wrong doing resulting in the death of a human being, which would constitute murder but for circumstances which reduce the grade of the crime. Thus homicide may become manslaughter in consequence of provocation or the heat of passion which negatives the presumption of malice, otherwise implied by law in cases of homicide. Manu brevi. With a short hand. In civil law, short, direct, a direct route. Manu forti. With strong hand; forcibly. A technical term indicating greater force than the words vi et armis. Manumission. The freeing of a slave; emancipation. The act of releasing one from the power of
slave; emancipation. The act of

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Mare apertum. The open sea.

- Mare clausum. The closed sea. The portion of the sea subject to the jurisdiction of the nation owning the coast.
- Mare liberum. The free sea. The open or free sea which is not subject to the jurisdiction of any nation. Also, the name of a work or treatise by Grotius in favor of free seas and against the ownership or control of them by any nation.
- Margin. The difference between the cost and selling price of an article. A sum of money or its equivalent, placed in the hands of a stock broker, 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. 49 Barb. 462.
- Marine. Pertaining to the sea; or what occurs on the sea. A soldier or person employed on a ship.
- Marine insurance. The insurance of vessels or their cargoes against the perils of the sea.
- Marine league. About three miles. A measure of distance, commonly employed at sea, being equal to 1/20 part of a degree of latitude.
- Maritagium. Dowry; a portion given a daughter on her marriage.
- Maritime. Bordering on the sea; pertaining to navigation on the sea or to marine commerce.

- Maritime law. A phrase meaning the system of laws, principles and usages which have come to prevail among commercial nations in the government of navigation and marine commerce.
- Maritime lien. A lien given by maritime law to one who has furnished labor or supplies to a vessel out of her home port, to follow and hold such vessel in the admiralty courts, although she never acquired any possession or actual control over her.

Market overt. Open market.

- Market price. Market value. The price of a thing as established by public sales, or sales in the way of ordinary business.
- **Marriage.** The civil status or condition of husband and wife; the relation assumed by a man and woman who have consummated espousals or who are joined in matrimony.

A contract made in due form of law, by which a man and woman reciprocally engage to live with each other during their joint lives and to discharge toward each other the duties imposed by law on the relation of husband and wife. Bouv.

- Marriage brokage, or brokerage. The negotiating of a marriage for consideration; also, the money or compensation paid for such services. Such contracts are regarded as against public policy in the U. S. but are sustained in some parts of Europe.
- Marriage, civil. A marriage by a state official, and entered into with the forms and ceremonies

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prescribed by law for such a contract.

- Marriage, common law. A marriage consisting of the mutual consent of the parties thereto, followed by cohabitation, and without other ceremony. Recognized as valid at the common law, but not under the statutes in the many states.
- Marriage ceremony. The religious or civil forms required for the solemnization of marriage.
- **Marriage license.** The official sanction required by statute to be obtained from the proper officer before persons may legally enter into a marriage contract.
- Marriage morganatic. Such a marriage between a man of high station, and a woman of inferior rank or station, which, while legal, is upon the condition that the wife and children shall not assume the rank nor inherit the possessions of the husband and father. It prevailed in parts of Europe during the middle ages, but has never been recognized in the United States.
- Marriage, promise of. An agreement or contract to marry in the future entered into by a man and woman capable of intermarrying.
- Marriage settlement. A property settlement or arrangement between persons about to marry.
- Married woman. A woman legally married; one having a husband.

- Marshal. An officer of the U.S. who executes the process of the federal courts. Also, to arrange, to place in order.
- Marshalling assets. Arranging different things convertible into money so that a distribution may be made among heirs or creditors to the best advantage. An equitable arrangement so that justice may be done between two or more creditors.
- Martial law. Government by military rule; the replacing of the civil authority by the military authority in time of war or great public necessity. The civil government is suspended for the time being, and the military authorities have full sway, and martial law is simply the will of the general or commanding officer in the district in which the civil law has been suspended.
- Master and servant. A term designating the relation existing between a master and a servant: now, equivalent to employer and employee.
- Material. Important; necessary to the matter in issue; relevant.
- Material-man. One who has furnished supplies or commodities necessary in the construction or repair of a building or vessel, and has therefore a right to file a mechanic's lien.
- Matricide. The crime of killing one's mother.
- Matrimony. Marriage; relating to the marriage state.

- Matrons, jury of. A jury formed Measure. A gauge of women, formerly empanelled to determine the question whether a woman be with child or not. lation with other the same thing
 - Matter of fact. A phrase meaning anything which is to be ascertained by the senses, or by the testimony of witnesses.
 - Matter of law. That which is to be ascertained by the application of principles of jurisprudence or from the statute law.
 - Matter in pais. An expression meaning matters of fact which must be established by oral testimony and is not evidenced by writing; a matter of fact not of record.
 - Matter of record. That which is embraced in, or may be established by official documents which are kept as public records.
 - **Maturity.** Full development; puberty. Also, as applied to bonds, bills, etc., the time fixed for payment, or when they become due.
 - Maxim. A brief statement of a rule, custom or principle of law. An established principle or proposition; something of long standing or general recognition.
 - Mayhem. The crime or offense of violently depriving a person of any part of the body useful in fighting, whether offensive or defensive. Also, the injury thus conflicted.
 - Mayor. The chief executive officer or magistrate of a city.

- Measure. A gauge or standard; a definite quantity taken for a unit and which expresses a relation with other quantities of the same thing.
- Measure of damages. A phrase signifying the principle or rule by which the amount of damage sustained is to be computed.

Media nox. Midnight.

- Mediæ et infirmæ manus homines. Men of mean and base condition.
- Medical jurisprudence. That branch of jurisprudence which treats of controversies and questions requiring technical medical knowledge and skill as well as knowledge of law.
- Melior est conditio possidentis. The condition of the person in possession in the better.
- Memorandum. Let it be remembered. An instrument, informal in nature, which records, in whole or in part, some transaction or agreement.
- **Memory.** Mental capacity; the power of repeating or recollecting things which occurred or seen in the past.
- Menace. A threat; a manifested desire or declaration of intention to do an injury to another.
- Menials. Domestic or household servants. Inferiors.

Mens rea. Criminal intent.

Menu, laws of. Hindu laws, believed to have been promulgated by Menu, son or grandson of Brahma, the first of created beings.

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Mercantile law. The rules and principles of law which apply to, and govern the rights, duties and liabilities springing from, mercantile transactions. Mercantile paper. A term signify- ing commercial or negotiable.	urement based upon the metre as a unit. The system was adopted in France in 1795, and was legalized by the U. S. Con- gress July 28, 1868, but has never been commonly adopted
Merchandise. Commodities which are commonly bought and sold for profit. Merger. The absorption or ex- tinguishment of a smaller es- tate, right, or liability into a greater one.	 into this country. Michaelmas term. The term in English courts beginning on the 2nd and ending on the 25th of November. Mileage. An allowance of so much per mile to jurors, witnesses, and others attending court, or
 Merit. Legal sufficiency or validity, when applied to an action. Mesne. Between; the middle portion between two extremes. Mesne process. Originally, any process issued between the commencement of the action and the writ of execution on the judgment. All process issued 	performing public business. Militia. The local forces available for the defence of a state or nation consisting of citizens called into military service for the time being, and not a part of the regular standing army. Also, applied in this country to the military effective
judgment. All process issued between the beginning and the ending of a suit. Mesne profits. Such rents or other benefits as are derived from property between the time of its taking and restoration to the original owner.	 the military organizations of the various states. Mind. In its legal sense, the power to will, direct, to act. Mental power or intellect. Mineral lease. A conveyance by way of lease of an interest in the lead itself as distinguished from the lead itself.
Message. A communication sent by one person to another. Also, applied to the report or advice sent by an executive officer in the U. S. to the law-making body. Messuage. A dwelling house with	 land itself, as distinguished from the use and occupation of lands conveyed by the ordinary lease. Ministerial. An act which does not involve discretion but is done under the authority of a super- ior; the term is used as the op- conition of indicial
adjacent lands and buildings. A term used in deeds to describe the premises conveyed. Metre. The unit of length in the	 position of judicial. Ministerial act or duty. One which requires no discretion in its performance. Minority. Infancy. The status of one under full age. Also, the

smaller number of votes or individuals in a deliberative assembly; opposed to majority. Less than half of the whole.

- Minutes. Memoranda of what occurs in court, from which the records are made up. A period of time equal to sixty seconds, or one-sixtieth part of a degree.
- Misappropriation. The offense of fraudulently converting goods or money to some use not authorized.
- Miscarriage. A term designating the premature birth of a child. Also used in the sense of failure of justice, and under the statute of frauds signifying default, or some wrongful act.
- Miscegenation. The intermarriage of persons of different races.
- Mischief. An act attended with injury. Also, used in reference to the construction of statutes to designate the evil or danger desired to be avoided thereby.
- Misdemeanor. An offense of a less degree than felony, and for which a less severe punishment is meted out. As applied to officers in a parliamentary sense, it means misconduct or maladministration.
- Misfeasance. Doing something which one has a right to do in an unlawful manner. A wrongdoing; a trespass.
- Misjoinder. In pleading, the improper joining of separate causes of actions, or of improper per- Misuser. The wrongful use or sons as plaintiffs or defendants.

- Misprision. Concealment of any crime under the degree of capital offenses. Also, neglect of duty, or contempt of authority.
- Misprision of treason. Concealment of treason without being concerned in or assenting to it.
- Misrepresentation. A statement or description of matters of fact which are untrue, or mislead another to his injury. The misrepresentation must be both false and fraudulent in order to make the party making it responsible to the other for damages.
- Misrepresentation, innocent. statement which is false in fact, but which the party making it believed to be true.
- Mistake. Some intentional act. omission, or error arising from ignorance, surprise, imposition, or misplaced confidence.
- Mistake, mutual. A common mistake to both parties to a contract or agreement.
- Mistake of fact. Ignorance as to the existence of a matter of fact. as opposed to ignorance of a rule of law.
- Mistake of law. A wrong or ignorant conclusion as to the legal effect of acts or facts. An erroneous conviction as to the law governing a matter.
- Mistrial. An irregular or illegal trial for some defect in the proceedings. One in which a verdict is not reached because of such error.
- abuse of a right or privilege.

Such a misuse of a public office as works a forfeiture.

- Mitigation. That which moderates or diminishes in amount or severity. Reduction; lessening of Moliter manus imposuit. He laid a penalty or punishment.
- Mittimus. We send. Anciently, the name of a writ for removing a suit to a particular county for trial. In criminal practice, the name of the order or warrant committing a person to jail to await trial.
- Mixed actions. Suits which partake of the nature of both real and personal actions, as by asking the restitution of real property and damages for the retention.
- Mixed property. That which partakes of the characteristics of both real and personal property.
- Mob. A lawless crowd. A multitude of persons gathered for an unlawful purpose; a crowd excited to some violent or unlawful act.
- Mobilia personam sequenter, immobilia situm. Movable property follows the person of the owner, immovable property its situs.
- Modus. Manner; way; mode.
- decimandi. A peculiar Modus method of giving money or something in lieu of tithes.
- Modus et conventio vincunt legem. Manner and agreement overrule the law.
- Modus tenendi. Manner of holding.
- Modo et forma. In manner and form.

- Moiety. One-half. Generally, the undivided one-half. Thus two joint-tenants are said to take by moities.
- hands upon gently.
- Monarchy. One man government; that ruled by a king or single sovereign.
- Money. Cash; gold and silver coins; that which is by law or custom made receivable for the purchase of commodities or as a medium of exchange. Currency: the circulating medium.
- Money demand. A demand for a sum of money or a sum which can be determined by calculation, as distinguished from damages.
- Monition. The name of the process in courts following the civil law, as the admiralty and ecclesiastical courts; similar to the summons or writ at common law.
- Monogamy. The having of but one wife or husband; opposed to polygamy.
- Monopoly. The exclusive control of an article or commodity; power to fix or control the price or supply of an article; the combining to raise the price of an The combination so article formed, whether individuals or a corporation.
- Monroe Doctrine. The plan of action suggested by James Monroe, when president of the United States, in his message to Congress, of Dec. 2, 1823, under which the United States will re-

gard the attempt of any European power to extend its system of government to any part of the western hemisphere, as an unfriendly act.

- Month. One of the twelve divisions of the year.
- Month, astronomical. One-twelfth of the time taken by the sun to pass through the zodiac.
- Month, civil. A calendar month; that is, one of the twelve months of the year as fixed by the Gregorian calendar.
- Month, lunar. The period of the moon's revolution; a month of four weeks or twenty-eight days.
- **Moot.** A term used in the inns of court and law schools to signify the argument and disposition of made-up or imaginary cases for the purpose of practice and experience.
- **Moot court.** A practice court, for the trial of moot cases, that the participants may become experienced in the trial of lawsuits.
- **Moral certainty.** Assurance less than absolute, but sufficient to warrant the gravest action, as the giving of a verdict.
- **Moral duty.** An obligation or duty resting for its sanction upon the moral or ethical code, and not upon positive law.
- Moral insanity. Incapacity, from disease, to control one's conduct according to one's knowledge of right and wrong. A disorder which affects the feelings and affections, or what are termed the moral powers in con-

tradistinction to those of the understanding or intellect.

Mortgage. A term derived from the French words, mort (dead) and gage (pledge); signifying that the property was a dead or unproductive pledge as the creditor had no right to the use of it as in other pledges. The conveyance by way of security, and on the condition of reconveyance when the debt has been paid or satisfied.

The conveyance of an estate by way of pledge for the security of a debt, and to become void upon payment of it. 4 Kent Com. 136.

- Mortgage, chattel. A mortgage of chattel property.
- Mortgage, equitable. A lien or mortgage given in equity but not recognized by law. Thus a lien on property for unpaid purchase money is an equitable mortgage.
- Mortis causa. In contemplation of, or by reason of impending death.
- Mortmain. Dead hand. Anciently, lands deeded to religious houses or corporations having perpetual succession, so as to be forever inalienable were said to be in mortmain.
- Mortuary tables. Schedules compiled for the estimation of human life. Life tables.
- Mortuum vadium. A dead pledge, one in which the creditor does not get the possession or profits of the article pledged. A mortgage.

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 Motion. A request or application to a court for a rule or order in connection with a pending suit. In parliamentary practice, a question proposed for deliberate action. Movables. Personal goods and chattels, as distinguished from immovables. In Civil law, inanimate objects only. Mulatto A person having one white and one black parent. Mulier puisne. The eldest legitimate son, where there is an older illegitimate son. The former is preferred to the inheritance. Multifariousness. A defect in equity pleading, consisting of uniting distinct and independent claims in one bill. Multiplicity of actions. The bringing of several suits on the same matter and where one suit would answer for all. Such suits may be consolidated in equity by a bill of peace. 	 tional and unlawful homicide. The crime of killing a human being with malice aforethought. Muster. To enroll; to drill or or- ganize soldiers. Mutatis mutandis. The necessary changes. Mutual accounts. Reciprocal ac- counts; such as contain mutual credits and debits between the parties. Mutual insurance. A form of in- surance in which all persons in- sured become members of the company and reciprocally liable to indemnify each other against losses; a loss being met by an assessment upon all the mem- bers. Mutuum. A loan or bailment for consumption of the article on the condition of returning the like amount of the same kind, as where corn, wine, or the like article is loaned to be returned
or incorporated civil division. Municipality. A city.	Mystery. The trade, occupation or calling of a person.

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Naked. Nude; not clothed. In-	the surname, as John, Benjamin,
complete, or without the de-	etc.
tails. Name. The term by which one person or thing is designated and distinguished from another.	Abbreviated part

Name, Christian. The name given lex. Nature desires that which at baptism and separate from is perfect; and so does the law.

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- Natura non facit saltum; ita noc lex. Nature makes no leap; neither does the law. A maxim indicating that legal matters should proceed in a regular order without omissions.
- Natural child. In modern law and usage, the term signifies a bastard child. But originally and properly the term signifies a child born of one's own body, as distinguished from one by adoption.
- Natural equity. A term indicating that the thing appears equal, just and right under the circumstances, to the ordinary individual, as distinguished from legal or technical rules.
- Naturalize. The proceeding by which the rights and privileges of a citizen are conferred upon one. The adoption of an alien as a citizen.
- Naturalized citizen. A person who being alien by birth has become a citizen of a nation under the terms and formalities prescribed by law.
- Navigable. As applied to waters, signifies that they are deep and wide enough for vessels of commerce; capable of being navigated; valuable for commercial communication by water.
- **Navigate.** To use waters as a means of communication; to conduct vessels through public waters.
- Navigation, rules of. That system of rules and regulations by which the movements of vessels on the public waters are regulated and governed.

Natura non facit saltum; ita nec Navy. The organized public vesiex. Nature makes no leap; sels of a country.

- Ne baila pas. He did not deliver. An ancient plea in detinue.
- Ne disturba pas. He did not hinder. The plea of the general issue in quare impedit.
- Ne dona pas. He did not give. The general issue in formedon.
- Ne exeat. That he does not depart. The name of a writ in equity practice to prevent a defendant from going out of the jurisdiction of the court.
- Ne recipiatur. That it be not received a warning to an officer, not to receive some record of proceeding of an adverse party which is required to be filed by such officer.
- Ne unques executor. Negar executor. A plea denying that one is an executor.
- Ne varietur. That it be not changed.
- **Necessary.** As used in law signifies something which is absolutely unavoidable, and cannot be omitted or weighed. Also signifies what is reasonably convenient, and not indispensable.
- Necessaries. Those things which have come to be regarded as essential and requisite. for the sustenance or support of a wife, child, or family according to the station and condition of the person or persons for whom the articles are designed. So that, the term "necessaries" must be construed according to the conditions and circumstances of each particular case.

- Necessitas culpabilis. Culpable necessity; such necessity for doing an act as will make it blameworthy for not doing it.
- Necessitas est lex temporis et loci. Necessity is the law of time and place.
- Necessitas facit licitum quod alias non est licitum. Necessity makes lawful that which otherwise is not lawful.
- Necessitas non habet legem. Necessity has no law.
- Necessitas publica major est quam privata. Public necessity is greater than private.
- Necessitas, quod cogit, defendit. Necessity justifies what it compels.
- Necessitas vincit legem. Necessity overthrows the law.
- Necessity. Compulsion. That which makes an act unavoidable.
- Nefas. Wrong. The opposite of fas.
- Negatio conclusionis est error in lege. Denial of a conclusion is error in law; i.e., a denial must be of the facts and not of the conclusions or inferences.
- **Negative pregnant.** In pleading, the statement of a negative in such form as to imply or admit an affirmative.
- Negligence. Lack of diligence; the omission of due care under the circumstances, failure to perform a duty, or the performance of it without due care and caution, so that injury results to another.

The failure to observe, for the

protection of the interests of another person, that degree of care, precaution, and vigilance which the circumstances justly demands whereby such other person suffers injury. Cooley Torts. 630.

- Negligence, comparative. The doctrine that where there is ordinary care on the part of the plaintiff, though he contributed to the injury, he may yet recover damages of the defendant, where the negligence is slight in comparison to the negligence of the defendant.
- Negligence, contributory. A term designating that negligence, or a lack of care, which directly contributes or co-operates in causing the injury complained of; where the plaintiff's negligence is the sole cause of his injury he cannot recover, and in many instances where his negligence contributed to his own injury he cannot recover, but the extent of the contributory negligence, as affecting the right to recover is one of the most difficult propositions in law.
- Negotiable. Transferable by indorsement; that which is capable of being transferred by assignment, endorsement or delivery.
- Negotiable instrument. A note, bill or check, which is transferable under the rules of the law merchant.
- Negotiable words. The technical or usual words which make an instrument "negotiable"; they are—"bearer," "order," etc.

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Negotiate. To bargain; to con- duct the terms of a business transaction; to sell or assign negotiable paper. Negotiorum gestio. A transaction	Nemo plus juris ad alium trans- ferre potest quam ipse habet. No one can transfer a greater right to another than he himself has.
of business. In civil law, the intervention in the business of another in his absence and with- out authority.	Nemo potest facere per alium, quod per se non potest. No one can do through another what he cannot do himself.
Negro. A person having in his veins one-sixteenth or more of African blood.	Nemo punitur pro alieno delicto. No one is punished for the crime of another.
Nemina contradicente. No; one contradicting, or dissenting. Abbreviated, nem. con.	Nemo tenetur divinare. No one is bound to divine the future.
Nemo. No man; no one. Nemo admittendus est inhabilitare seipsum. No one is allowed to incapacitate himself. That is, to	Net. That which remains after de- ductions made; free of expense or charges. Neutral. Impartial; taking no part
stultify himself. Nemo agit in seipsum. No one acts against himself. So one	in a war between other nations.
cannot bring a suit against him- self, or sit as judge in his own cause.	aloof from a contest between two or more other nations.
Nemo allegans suam turpitudinem est audiendus. No one alleging his own infamy is to be heard. A maxim of the civil law.	New trial. A second trial; one granted because of some objec- tion or defect in the previous trial, or upon a reversal of the verdict in a higher court.
Nemo bis punitur pro eodem de- licto. No one is to be twice punished for the same offense.	Next friend. A person who rep- resents another in a lawsuit, be- cause the person represented is
Nemo contra factum suum venire potest. No one can contradict his own deed. A maxim which is the basis of the doctrine of	not sui juris; a prochein ami, or guardian ad litum. Nient. In law French, a negative;
estoppel by deed.	not.
Nemo debet esse judex in propria causa. No one should be a judge in his own cause.	Nient culpable. Not guilty. Nient dedire. Saying nothing; to default.
Nemo est hæres viventis. No one is the heir of the living.	Nihil. Nothing.

Nihil capiat. That he take noth- ing. A form of judgment for the defendant. Nihil debet. He owes nothing.	Nolo contendere. I do not desire to contend. A plea in a criminal action signifying that the de- fendant does not wish to stand trial and is willing to be sen-
Nihil dicit. He.says nothing. To allow default. Nihil est. There is nothing; re-	tenced. Nomen juris. A law term; a tech- nical legal term.
turn of a sheriff showing noth- ing on which to levy.	Nomine poenae. In the nature of a penalty. In the civil law, a condition in a legacy or devise
Nihil perfectum est dum aliquid restat agendum. Nothing of completed while any part re- mains to be done.	intended to compel the person to comply with the desire of the testator.
Nil. Nothing; a contracted form of nihil.	Nominal. In name only; formal; the antithesis of real or substan- tial.
Nil ligatum. Nothing bound; an expression meaning that no ob- ligation has been incurred.	Nominal partner. An apparent partner; one who while held out as a partner has no interest in the huminess or safety
Nimia subtilitas in jure reprobatur.	the business or profits.
Too great subtlety in law is a	Non. no; not. A negative prefix.
reproach. Nisi. Unless; on condition.	Non acceptavit. He did not accept. A common law plea to an action of assumpsit upon a
reproach.	Non acceptavit. He did not accept. A common law plea to an action of assumpsit upon a bill of exchange, denying ac- ceptance.
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of mind; the opposite of compos mentis. Non damnificatus. Not injured, or	Non obstante. Notwithstanding, in spite of. Non obstante veredicto. Notwith- standing the verdict. A judgment
damnified. A plea to an action of debt on a bond of indemnity, alleging that defendant had re- ceived no damage.	for the plaintiff. By order of the court, although the verdict of the jury has been for the de- fendant.
Non demisit. He did not demise. A plea in an action of debt. Non detinet. He does not detain.	Non omne quod licet honestum. Not everything which is per- mitted is honorable.
A plea of the general issue in the action of detinue.	Non prosequitur. He does not prosecute; an entry of judg-
Non est factum. It is not his deed. A plea of the general issue in debt on a specialty.	ment for the defendant in an ac- tion of law, because the plain- tiff has failed to prosecute his action. Abbreviated, non pros.
Non est inventus. Is not found. A return by the sheriff to a writ of arrest, when the person can- not be found in his jurisdiction.	Non quad dictum est, sed quod factum est inspicitur. Not what is said but what is done is re-
Non exemplis sed legibus judican- dum. Things are to be judged not by examples, but by laws.	garded. Non sui juris. Not of one's own right or ability; the opposite of
Non-feasance. Not doing. Omis- sion to do that which one should do as a matter of right or law.	sui juris. Non sum informatus. I am not informed. A judgment by de-
Non fecit. He did not make it. A plea or defense to a promis- sory note.	fault, where the defendant's at- torney avers that he has not been instructed to answer the
Non impedivit. He did not impede. A plea of the general issue in quare impedit.	complaint of the plaintiff, and is usually entered as a result of an agreement between the par- ties.
Non infregit conventionem. He did not break the covenant. A plea or a defence in an action covenant.	Non tenent insimul. They do not hold together. A plea or de- fence in a suit for partition deny- ing the joint ownership.
Non juridicus. Not juridical. As not a judicial day.	Non videntur qui errant consen- tire. They who mistake are not
Non liquet. It is not clear. In civil law, a return by the jurors that they could not agree or	deemed to consent.
were not decided.	Non-access. A technical phrase signifying lack of opportunity

for sexual intercourse between husband and wife.

- Non user. Omission to assert some privilege or exercise some franchise, whereby the same becomes void or is lost.
- Non suit. The renunciation, or the giving up of a lawsuit by the plaintiff; the failure to pursue an action.

A nonsuit is properly the voluntary act of the plaintiff in deserting his action; and the difference beween a nonsuit and non pros. is, that in the former the plaintiff, being called upon in court to proceed, advisedly abandons the suit, because he sees it is likely to go against him; in the latter, he simply neglects to take the proper steps. A nonsuit may, however, be entered by the court above, on application made by the defendant, pursuant to leave reserved by the judge at the time of the trial. And since the judicature act, 1875, any judgment of nonsuit, unless the court or a judge otherwise directs, is to have the same effect as a judgment upon the merits for the defendant. Mozley & W.

A voluntary nonsuit is an abandonment of his cause by plaintiff, who allows a judgment for costs to be entered against him by absenting himself or failing to answer when called upon to hear the verdict. 1 Dutch., 556.

An involuntary nonsuit takes place when the plaintiff, on being called, when his case is before the court for trial, neglects to appear, or when he has given no evidence on which a jury could find a verdict. 13 Johns., 334.

Under the statutes in Pennsylvania a plaintiff may be compulsorily non-suited.

- Norman-French. The language introduced into England by the Normans in 1066, and which was used in legal proceedings and court decisions until 36 Edw., III, when by statute it was provided that thereafter the pleadings should be in English and enrolled in Latin. Pertaining to the Normans.
- North. When this term is used in the description in a deed without qualification, it means due north. I. Johns., 156; 96 Col. 505.

The term "North" also signifies that part of the territory of the United States north of Mason and Dixon's line, or the states which adhered to the Union as distinguished from those which joined the Confederacy, and were known as the "South."

- Noscitur a sociis. It is known from its associates. That is the meaning or interpretation of a word or clause may be obtained from the accompanying language.
- Not a true bill. The modern phrase used by a grand jury instead of "ignoramus," signifying that they have not found a true bill in the case.

Not guilty. A general plea denying the offense charged.

When a defendant pleads not guilty in a criminal charge, he thereby puts himself upon trial, and is entitled to all the chances of escape from conviction which the rules of law afford him in case of the evidence being doubtful, or from any other cause, notwithstanding he may in fact have committed the act which is usually taken to constitute the offense. An accused person is, therefore, in all cases, justified in pleading not guilty to a criminal charge. On the other hand, in civil cases, when a defendant pleads not guilty, he is said to plead the general issue, whereby he is taken to deny the gist of the action. Smith Act, at Law, 533.

- Not proven. A verdict which a jury may return in Scotch law, signifying that the guilt of the accused is not proven, while it is not clear that he is innocent.
- Nota bene. Note well; observe with care.
- **Notarial.** Pertaining to the office of a notary or a notary public.
- Notary public. The title of an officer who holds a seal and is authorized by law to administer oaths and acknowledge deeds, protest commercial paper, take depositions, and do other acts of an official and quasi judicial nature. Anciently a notary was simply a scribe who made drafts of writings and instruments of either a public or private nature.

Notaries are of ancient origin, they existed in Rome during the Republic, and were called **tabel**liones forenses, or personae pub-

licae. Their employment consisted in the drawing up of legal documents. They exist in all the countries of Europe, and as early as A. D. 803 were appointed by the Frankish kings and by the popes. In most of the states notaries are appointed by the governor alone, in others by the governor, by and with the advice of his council, in others by and with the advice of the senate: in the District of Columbia they are appointed by the President of the United States. As a general rule, throughout the United States official acts of a notary public should be authenticated by seal as well as by signature. 49 Ala., 242.

By act of Congress, September 16, 1850, notaries are authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments in all cases where under the laws of the United States justices of the peace were formerly authorized to act. By act of August 15, 1876, c. 304, notaries are authorized to take depositions and to do all other acts in relation to taking testimony to be used in the courts of the United States, and to take acknowledgments and affidavits with the same effect as commissioners of the United States circuit courts may do. R. S., Sec. 1778.

The acts of notaries are respected by the custom of merchants and the law of nations. Their protest of a bill is received as evidence in the courts of all civilized countries. Except in cases of protest of bills, the signature of a notary to an instrument going to a foreign

country ought to be authenticated by the consul or representative of that country. Bouvier.

- Note bought. A memorandum of the sale and of the fact of purchase given by a broker to the buyer to show what has been sold and the terms of sale; its purpose is to apprise the person to whom it is given what he has purchased.
- Note, sold. A sold note is the memorandum of a sale and purchase which the broker gives to the seller to advise him the terms and amounts of the commodity that has been sold for him.
- Notice. Information; a knowledge of facts, or information imparted; means of knowledge.

Notice, in its full signification, embraces a knowledge of circumstances that ought to induce suspicion or belief, as well as direct information. 5 Sandf., 165.

- Notice, actual. Such a notice as is given directly to the person to be notified.
- Notice, constructive. That information or knowledge which the law implies a person should have from the facts and circumstances.
- Notice of appearance. The notice which the defendant gives the plaintiff of his intention to defend the suit.
- Notice of dishonor, or protest. The notice given or sent to the Notice to produce papers. This is drawer of a bill of exchange, or indorser of a bill or promissory

note, setting forth that the person primarily liable upon the instrument has failed to make payment, and that the holder looks to the person notified to pay the bill or note.

- Notice of lis pendens. The notice of a pending suit which is allowed in some instances to be filed as a matter of public record, to the end that no person shall deal with the property of the defendant, or in respect to the subject matter of the suit, without opportunity to learn of plaintiff's claim.
- Notice of motion. A notice given by either party to litigation, to the other, informing him that upon a certain day designated in the notice, an application will be made to the court tribunal for an order or relief as indicated in the notice.
- Notice of trial. A notice given by one party to the other, of his intention to bring a pending action to trial at the succeeding term of court.
- Notice to admit. A notice which is given to either of the parties to an action, calling on the other to admit the genuineness of a document wished to be introduced in evidence, in case the party so notified refuses, and the document is proved, the party refusing is chargeable with expenses of making the proof, irrespective of the result of the whole action.
- a notice which one party may give to the other, for the pro-

duction of papers or documents in his possession for use at the trial of the action. The production of such papers is governed by statute, which also prescribe the notice to be given. Generally the notice must have been given a reasonable time before the trial, or the party cannot produce secondary evidence of the contents of the papers.

- Notice to quit, or leave premises. The notice required to be given to the tenant by the landlord before a forcible detention action can be brought for the recovery of the possession of the premises.
- Notification. The act of giving notice.
- Noting. The memorandum made by a notary on a bill after it has been presented for acceptance or payment and payment or acceptance refused. The noting usually includes the day, month and year when the presentment was made, the reason given for the refusal, with his initials and charge. The noting is not indispensable and will not supply the formal protest, but is simply for convenience in making the protest.
- Notorious. When this term is used in reference to holding property by adverse possession, it means that the holding must possess such elements of notoriety that the owner may be presumed to have notice of it and of its extent. 33 Fla., 261.
- Notoriously. Well and generally understood.

- Nova constitutio futuris formam imponere debet, non praeteritis. A new statute should lay down a rule for the future, not the past.
- Nova statuta. New statutes. The designation given to statutes passed since the beginning of the reign of Edward III.
- Novation. Making anew. The substitution of a new contract or engagement or obligation for an old one. A renewal.

A transaction whereby a debtor is discharged from his liability to his original creditor by contracting a new obligation in favor of a new creditor by the order of the original creditor. 1 Pars. Cont., 217.

- Novellae constitutiones, or novels. The official compilation of the new constitution, or novels, of Justinian and his immediate successors, published after the Code was completed. They were framed to supply what had been omitted in the preceding laws, with such amendments as were found to be expedient. They were established between 535 and 565 A. D.
- Novelty. The quality of being new or original. The term becomes of importance under the patent laws of the United States which restrict the privilege to inventions which are "new and useful." Want of novelty is a sufficient reason why the commissioner of patents should refuse a patent. And it will invalidate a patent which has been granted. To warrant the commissioner in issuing a patent, in the first in-

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stance, he must be satisfied, upon examining the application, not only that the applicant is, as compared with any other individual claimant, the true and first inventor of the improvement, but also, and beyond this, that the thing claimed is new, as compared with the general extent of human knowledge and skill in the science or art to which it appertains. The element of novelty is determined by considerations somewhat peculiar, in the case of patents for what are called "combinations." A patent may be obtained for a machine embodying a novel combination of several parts, notwithstanding that each of the parts has been used in some machine formerly in use. And it is no objection to a patent for such a combination that some, or even all, of the parts have been known and used before. But the combination for which a patent is sought must show novelty as to the combination of the parts.

- Noverint universi per praesentes. "Know all men by these presents." The formal words used at the commencement of deeds of release in the Latin forms.
- Nude. Bare: naked; something without consideration.
- Nudum pactum. A naked agreement. A contract or agreement not founded upon a valid consideration.
- Nuisance. That which causes annoyance, or is detrimental to health; anything that worketh harm, inconvenience or damage. Nulla bona. No goods. Nuisances are termed public,

when they affect the surrounding community generally, when they impair the rights of neighboring residents as members of the public; and private, when they specially injure individuals. The relief from a nuisance is generally either abatement, which is the right of persons injured by a nuisance to remove it, injunction, action for damages, or criminal prosecution. Abbott.

- Nuisance, private. That which annoys or injures an individual or private person.
- Nuisance, public. That annovance which affects the whole community or the general public.

Nul. No; none.

- Nul prendra advantage de son tort demesne. No one shall take advantage of his own wrong. That is, a wrongful act will not be allowed to benefit the wrongdoer. This maxim applies to the cases where fraud is alleged to have been committed by one of the parties to a transaction, and is relied upon as a defense by the other. The party who has been responsible for the fraud is estopped thereby to set up his own wrong, or deny that what he has asserted to exist does not, in fact. exist.
- Nul tiel record. No such record. A plea at common law denying the existence of the record on which the action is founded.
- Nul tort. No wrong. A plea in a real action denying the wrong alleged.
- The return of a sheriff to a fieri facieas

where no goods of the defendant have been found to satisfy the writ.

Nulla persona. No person. The term includes not only natural persons, but artificial persons, as corporations.

Nullity. That which is void of itself. An act or proceeding which has absolutely no legal effect. Something which the law ignores, though existing as a matter of fact.

In its consequences a sentence of nullity differs materially from a divorce. The latter assumes the original validity of the marriage, and its operation is entirely prospective. The former renders the marriage void from the beginning, and nullifies all its legal results. The parties are to be regarded legally as if no marriage had ever taken place; they are single persons, if before they were single; their issue are illegitimate; and their rights of property as between themselves are to be viewed as having never been operated upon by the marriage. Thus, the man loses all right to the property, whether real or personal, which belongs to the woman; and the woman loses her right to dower. 2 Bish. Mar. Div. & Sep., Secs. 907, 1597.

Nullity of marriage. A suit or action to have a marriage declared void because it never had any foundation in law, as for want of age, fraud, duress, physical impotence, relationship or prior marriage of one of the parties.

Nullius filius. The son of no one; a bastard.

Nullum exemplum est idem omnibus. No example is fitting for all purposes.

- Nullum simile quatuor pedipus currit. No simile runs on four feet; i. e., not every simile or example is exactly alike, or on all fours with another.
- Nullum tempus occurrit regi. No time runs against the king. A maxim indicating that no negligence or a laches was to be imputed as against the crown.
- Nullum tempus occurrit reipublicae. No time runs against the commonwealth. The rights of the state are not to be defeated or barred by the lapse of time.
- Nullus commodum capere potest de injuria sua propria. No one shall take advantage of his own wrong.
- Nullus videtur dolo facere qui suo jure utitur. No one is deemed to act wrongfully who is exercising a right. That is, within reason one may act as he wishes with regard to his own matters, and is not liable as for a tort, though maliciously done or injurious to another. The same is true of the performance of an act authorized by law.
- Numerata pecunia. Money which has been counted; or paid by actual count.
- Nunc pro tunc. Now for then. A phrase signifying that something which is done afterwards is to have the same effect or intention as though done at a previous or proper time.

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A nunc pro tunc entry is an entry made now, of something which was actually previously done, to have effect as of the previous date. Its office is not to supply omitted action by the court, but to supply an omission in the record of action really had, but omitted through inadvertence or mistake. 31 N. E. Rep. (Ind.) 670. Leave of court must be obtained to act in legal proceedings nunc pro tunc; and this is granted to answer the purposes of justice, but never to do injustice. Bouv.

- Nuncupative. Declared orally; dictated.
- Nuncupative will. An oral will; a testament or disposition of property made by declaration to witnesses, and which is afterwards reduced to writing. Such wills are allowed by statute in certain cases.

In early times this kind of a will was very common, and before the statute of frauds, by which it was virtually abolished, save in the case of soldiers and sailors, was of equal efficacy, except for lands, tenements and hereditaments, with a written testament. Such wills are subject to manifest abuses, and by Stat. 1 Vict., c. 26 Secs. 9 and 11, the privilege is confined to soldiers in actual service, and sailors at sea, and extends only to personal estate. Similar provisions have been enacted in many of the states of the United States. Though the statutory provisions are not uni- Nurture. The act of caring for and form in the various states.

Nunquam crescit ex post facto praeteriti delicti aestimatio. The quality of a past offense is never aggravated by that which happens subsequently. That is, the character and extent of a crime are determined at the time it is committed, and no subsequent act of the offender can enlarge it.

- Nunquam praescribitur in falso. There is never a prescription in case of falsehood. A maxim of the civil law to the effect that title or right cannot be founded upon a false claim, as a forged deed will not be a proper basis for title by prescription.
- Nuper. Lately.
- Nuper obiit. Lately deceased. An old English writ, issued on behalf of a co-heiress who had been dispossessed by her coparcener of lands of which their common ancestors died seized in fee simple, to compel a proper division of the lands.
- Nuptiae secundae. A second marriage. Under the canon law this was any sort of a marriage subsequent to the first.
- Nuptial. A marriage ceremony; pertaining to marriage.

Nuptial, ante. Before marriage.

- Nuptial, post. After marriage.
- Nuptias non concubitus sed consensus facit. Not cohabitation, but consent. constitutes marriage.
- educating children.

Oath. Such an affirmation of the truth of a statement in a formal manner as will render one liable for perjury if the statements so affirmed are material to the issue. An outward pledge given by the person taking it that his attestation or promise is made under an immediate sense of his responsibility to God. A reverent appeal to God that one's declaration or statement is sincere and true. That formal sanction given to the testimony of a witness before testifying.

- **Oath, corporal.** One manifested by laying the hand on or kissing the Bible.
- Oath of calumny. At civil law the oath which a plaintiff was obliged to take at the time of commencing his action that he was not actuated by false motive, but had a genuine and bona fide cause of action.
- Oath decisory. At civil law one of the parties could defer or refer the decision of a matter to the oath of the other party. Thus the plaintiff could defer the oath to the defendant when he thought he had not sufficient proof of the fact which constituted his claim: and in the same manner the defendant may defer it to the plaintiff when he has not sufficient proof of his defense. The person to whom the oath is deferred had either to take it or refer it back, and if he did not do either the cause was decided

cisory oath has been practically adopted in the district court of the United States for the district of Massachusetts; and admiralty causes have been determined in that court by the oath decisory. Id.

- Oath ex officio. The oath by which a minister or clergyman charged with a criminal offense, in former times, could swear himself to be innocent; also the oath by which the compurgators swore that they believed him innocent. 3 Bl. Com., 101, 447.
- Oath in litem. Under the civil law an oath which the complainant was allowed to make as to the value of the thing in dispute, where there was no other proof, or the defendant had been guilty of fraud or had suppressed proof in his possession.
- Oath purgatory. The oath by which a person destroys presumptions which were against him until the oath was taken.

Ob. On account of; for.

- Ob continentiam delicti. On account of the contaminating character of the offense; because found with something illegal. A phrase expressing the reasons for condemning a vessel carrying aid to an enemy.
- Ob turpem causam. For an immoral or base cause or consideration.

do either the cause was decided Obedience. Submission to authoragainst him. Bouv. The de- , ity; performance of commands.

Obit. He died. A funeral cereby a contract, though professing to act only on the remedy, is dimony, or burial service anciently performed for the dead. rectly obnoxious to the prohibition of the constitution. Hence Obiter. Incidentally; by the way, a law which, though addressed or in passing. to the remedy, in effect deprives a party of all remedy, is uncon-Obiter dicta. That which is imstitutional. 1 How., 311. But material or incidental; unconabolishing statutes imprisonnected with the main thing or ment for debt, or discharging reason. Loose sayings; somedebtors from imprisonment in thing by way of illustration, and civil actions, are upheld as not not necessary to be decided in impairing the obligation of conconnection with the point at istract, upon the view that the sue. right of imprisonment is no part Object. To oppose. of the contract. 12 Wheat., 370, **Objection.** A formal protest against Obligation, joint. A duty owing or the rulings of a court or judge an engagement entered into by on a point of law. two or more persons and for which both are responsible. Obligation. A binding together; a contract. That which consti-Obligation, several. Such a duty or tutes a legal or moral duty. An engagement in which two or enforceable engagement. more are joined, but each is individually liable. Obligation of contracts. The ob-Obligee. The person to whom a ligation of a contract consists in bond or undertaking is made; the its binding force on the party one entitled, in the first instance, who makes it. By constitutional to enforce it. provision this cannot be impaired by law. Obligor. The person by whom a The obligation of a contract is bond or undertaking is made; not the moral efficacy which inthe one who is bound by it. heres and subsists in the contract itself; propria vigore, but in its Obscene. Indecent or immoral. That which tends to excite lustenforceability, in the law apful passions. plicable to the contract. Whatever belongs to the remedy may Obscene literature. Written or be altered according to the will printed matter which is offensive of the state, provided the alterato chastity, or tends to corrupt tion does not impair the enor deprave the pure minded. forceability of the contract; and Obscene publication. The publicasuch alterations may apply to past as well as future contracts. tion of that which offends mod-But any law which, in its operaesty, is indecent and lewd, and tion, amounts to a denial or obhas a tendency to inflame the pas-

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question of its truth or falsity is not to be considered, simply the fact that it is not fit for dissemi- nation.	abandoned become the property of the first taker.
Obscenity. That which tends to the corruption of morals or is calculated to promote the violation of law.	 Occupy. To possess; to control actually; to enjoy tangible property. Ochlocracy. Government by mob; the rule of the mob.
Obsolete. Of no effect; out of date; unenforced. Laws which are un- repealed, but lost sight of. A positive statute, unrepealed, can never be repealed by non-user alone. The disuse of a law is at most only presumptive evidence that society has consented to	
such a repeal; however this pre- sumption may operate on an un- written law, it cannot, in general, act upon one which remains as a legislative act on the statute book, because no presumption can set aside a certainty. Bouv.	action in which others are also engaged. Of course. A term applicable to those steps in a legal proceeding which are so much a matter of established routine that no ap-
Obstructing a street. To block up, hinder or impede traffic in the public highway or street. To neglect to remove, after notice, an obstruction in the highway, is to wilfully obstruct a highway.	plication to the court is neces- sary before taking them. Also, that which is granted by the court upon application without any further inquiry. Offence, or offense. A breach of the law; a punishable violation
Obtemperandum est consuetudini rationabili tanquam legi. A rea- sonable custom is to be followed as law.	of the law of the land. A crime; a misdemeanor. Offer. A proposal to do a thing.
Obtuilt se. Offered himself. The words of appearance of a party entered on the record at common law where the other party failed	In contracts, a proposal to enter into a contract, which when ac- cepted by the party to whom made becomes binding.
to appear. Abbreviated, opp. Occupant. A person who is in the actual possession of property, whether the owner or not.	Office. A position of trust or au- thority, public or private, which confers a duty and a power. Also the place where business is trans- acted or carried on.
Occupation. Actual possession; one's vocation or employment.	An office is a public station or employment, conferred by the ap-

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The pointment of government. term embraces the ideas of tenure, duration, emolument and duties. A government office is from a government different contract. The latter, from its nature, is necessarily limited in its duration and specific in its objects. The terms agreed upon define the rights and obligations of both parties. A clerk appointed by a head of a department, under authority of law, holds an office. 6 Wall., 385.

In the abstract, the word office signifies a place of trust. In legal idea, an office is an entity, and may exist, though without an incumbent. 28 Cal., 382.

Judicial offices are those which relate to the administration of justice. Military offices are such as are held by soldiers and sailors for military purposes. Ministerial offices are those which give the officer no discretion as to the matter to be done, and require him to obey the mandates of a superior. Political offices are such as are not connected immediately with the administration of justice or the execution of the mandates of a superior officer. Thus the office of the President of the United States, heads of departments, members of the legislature, are of this class. Bouv.

- Office-book. One kept in a public office, and authorized by the law of the state, other than those appertaining to a court.
- Officer. The person who is invested with the power and duty Officina justitize. of a position, in which he acts

on behalf of the public, or other individuals.

- Officer de facto. One who holds and exercises the functions of an office to which he has not a good and sufficient right as a matter of law.
- Officer de jure. An officer who is clothed with the full legal right and title to the office, but who may be, by reason of the intrusion of some unauthorized person, out of the enjoyment of the office to which he is entitled.

One is said to be an officer de jure when he is clothed with full legal right and title to the office, though circumstances, such as the intrusion of an unauthorized person, may prevent his performance of the duties. He is officer de facto when, having some apparent authority or color of title, he is actually in the possession of the office, exercising its functions, though his election or appointment may be irregular, or the validity of his title disputed and undetermined. Usually both these characters concur. Rnt when one person exercises the office de facto, while another is entitled de jure, the general rule is, that, as far as the public and the rights of third persons are concerned, acts of the officer de facto will be sustained. Abbott.

- Official. Pertaining to or connected with a public office or appointment. An officer or the holder of an office.
- The workshop of justice. A term applied to the

English Chancery, from which the writs were issued.

- Officium nemini debet esse damnosum. An office ought to be injurious to no one.
- Offspring. The term includes any degree of lineal descendants, and is synonymous with issue.
- Old Style. The mode of reckoning time, which prevailed in England and the colonies, until the year 1752. It differed from the New Style, now in use, in the following particulars: The year commenced on the 25th of March, instead of, as now, on the 1st of January. The reckoning of days was based on the assumption that every fourth year was a leap year, instead of, as now, but 97 leap years in four hundred years. The New Style was introduced into the British dominions by Stat. 24, Geo. II., ch. 23, passed in 1751, and came into operation in the following year. It had prevailed in the Roman Catholic countries of the continent since the year 1582. Mozley & W.
- Oleron. A small island off the coast of France, which was anciently of considerable commercial importance. A maritime code called the "Laws of Oleron" was promulgated from here during the 12th century.
- Olograph. An instrument, as a will, written wholly by the person from whom it emanates. Also spelled holograph.
- Omne majus continet in se minus. The greater contains the less.

- Omne quod inaedificatur solo cedit. All that is built upon it belongs to the soil.
- Omnia performavit. He has performed all. A form of plea in bar where the covenants are in the affirmative.
- Omnis. All; everything.
- Omnis definitio in jure periculosa est. Every definition of law is dangerous. That is, law is difficult of definition, since every rule of law, almost, is subject to exception, and the difference of facts in each case make an exact rule difficult of application.
- Omnis exceptio est ipsa quoque regula. Every exception is itself also a rule.
- Omnis inovatio plus novitiate perturbat quam utilitate prodest. Every innovation disturbs more by its novelty than it benefits by its utility.
- Omnis ratihabitio retrotrahitur et mandato aequiparatur. Every ratification relates back, and is equivalent to a command or an authority.
- Omne sacramentum debet esse de certa scientia. Every oath ought to be upon certain knowledge. This maxim is changed in modern practice as many oaths are only upon information and belief.
- Omne testamentum morte consumatum est. Every testament is made complete by death.
- Omnia praesumuntur contra spoilatorem. All things are to be presumed against a despoilee; i.e., as a maxim of evidence, an in-

strument will be presumed to contain matter against a person who has destroyed it.

- Omnia praesumunter rite esse acta. Everything is presumed to have been done in due form.
- Omnia quae sunt uxoris sunt ipsius viri. All things which are the wife's are the husband's. A maxim expressing the common law rule that the property of the wife belongs to the husband after marriage.
- On all fours. A common expression among lawyers to indicate that one case, or the case at bar, is identical with some other case, which is cited as a precedent.
- On or about. A phrase used to indicate time so as to avoid the injurious effect of possible error.
- **On or before.** This expression in a note or bill gives the payee the right to pay before the day named as the final day of payment.

Onerous. Oppressive. Burdensome.

Onomastic. A signature by another.

Onus probandi. The burden of proof. If no evidence is adduced by the party having the onus probandi the issue may be found against him.

It is a general rule that the party who alleges the affirmative of any proposition shall prove it. It is also a general rule that the **onus probandi** lies upon the party who seeks to support his case by a particular fact; for example, when to a plea of infancy the plaintiff replies a promise after the defendant had attained

his age, it is sufficient for the plaintiff to prove the promise, and it lies on the defendant to show that he was not of age at the time. (1 Term, 648.) But where the negative involves a criminal omission by the party, and, consequently, where the law, by virtue of the general principle, presumes his innocence, the affirmative of the fact is also presumed. In general, wherever the law presumes the affirmative, it lies on the party who denies the fact to prove the negative. Bouv.

- **Oneris ferendi.** Of bearing a burden. In the civil law, a servitude of support for the wall or weight of the adjoining structure.
- Ope et consilio. By aid and counsel, civil law term for accessories.
- **Open account.** An account which is yet fully open to be disputed, and has not been settled. Also refers to mutual dealings which are still continuing and have not been closed.

An open account is one in which some item of the contract is not settled by the parties, whether the account consists of one item or many; as where several loads of corn are sold at the same time, and delivered, and there is no stipulation as to the price, the account is open. 1 Ala., 62.

Opening. The beginning; the right to make the first address to a jury after the evidence is all in; the commencement.

- Opening a judgment. In Pennsylvania practice, the act of the court in setting aside or annulling the effect of a judgment so far that it cannot be executed, although it still retains some qualities of a judgment, and operates as a lien upon the real estate of the defendant. In practice it is confined to judgment by default, and those entered on warrant of attorney to confess, and the like. It results from the courts in this state have both equitable and common law jurisdiction, and this opening of the judgment by default, is the same as a substitute for a bill in equity to enjoin proceedings at law. 49 Pa. St., 365; 6 W. & S., 493.
- Opening a rule. The act of restoring or recalling 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.
- Operation of law. The effect of legal principles when applied to facts; the obligation of law; its practical workings and effect. A phrase signifying the acquisition of rights under the law.
- **Opinion.** A judgment or decree of the court. The reasoning given for a conclusion of law or fact.
- Opinion. concurring. One that agrees with another. Thus where there are two or more judges in a court and separate opinions are rendered they are called concurring and dissenting opinions.
- Optima est lex quae minimum relinquit arbitrio judicis; optimus Optional writ. An original writ, the judex qui minimum sibi. That

law is the best which leaves least to the discretion of the judge; that judge is the best who acts least upon his own (judgment) Broom, Max., 84.

- Optimacy. A noble or privileged class; also a government by nobles or a privileged few.
- Optimus. Best.
- Optimus interpres rerum usus. The best interpreter of things is usage.
- Option. In contracts, a right of election, or a choice between two things.

A contract by which A, in consideration of the payment of a certain sum to B, acquires the privilege of buying from or selling to B, specified securities or property at a fixed price within a certain time. 71 N. Y., 420. Stock market options are of three kinds, viz., "calls," "puts" and "straddles," "spread or eagles." A call gives A the option of calling or buying from B or not certain securities. A put gives A the option of selling or delivering to B or not. While a straddle is a combination of a put and a call, and secures to A the right to buy of, or sell to, B or not. Where neither party, at the time of making the contract, intends to deliver or accept the shares, but merely to pay the differences in values according to the rise or fall of the market, the contract is void both by statute and as being contrary to public policy. 89 Pa. St., 250; 71 N. Y., 420.

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native, directing the defendant to do a certain thing, or show cause why it should not be done. The usual form of a writ of mandamus.

- **Opus magnificium,** or manificium. Manual labor.
- **Oral.** Spoken, as distinguished from written, as oral evidence.
- **Orator.** The former designation of the plaintiff in chancery proceeding, who styled himself in addressing the chancellor as "your orator." A woman petitioner used the term "oratrix."
- **Ordain.** To institute, to clothe with authority; to appoint; to prescribe or enact.
- Ordeal. The most ancient species of trial, by which the accused was compelled to submit to fire and water, if he escaped without injury he was accounted innocent. The ordeal was based upon the notion that God would interfere miraculously to vindicate the guiltless.
- **Order.** Any command, direction or mandate from a court or superior authority. The formal paper or writ embodying any direction of a court or judge, other than a judgment or decree, and made to be entered of record, as one of the proceedings in a cause. Abbott.
- Ordinance. A statute or resolution or decree of any nature; most commonly applied to the laws enacted by the legislative authority of a municipal corporation.

The distinction between an or-

dinance and a statute as given in Bacon's Abridgment, Statute (A) is as follows. "Where the proceeding consisted only of a petition from parliament and an answer from the king, these were entered on the parliament roll; and if the matter was of a public nature, the whole was then styled an ordinance; if, however, the petition and answer were not only of a public, but a novel nature, they were then formed into an act by the king, with the aid of his council and judges, and entered on the statute roll." Coke Litt., 159b, Butler's note.

- Ordinary. Usual; something common or reasonable.
- Ordinary care. That degree of care which a person of ordinary prudence is presumed to use under the particular circumstances to avoid injury; it varies according to the danger to be avoided and the consequences which would result from neglect. 25 Ind. 185.
- Ordinary negligence. The want of such care and diligence as reasonably prudent men, generally, in regard to the subject-matter of inquiry, would use to prevent or avoid an injury. 49 Kan., 460.
- Ordinary skill. Such skill as a person conversant with the matter undertaken might be reasonably supposed to have. 15 Mass., 316.
- Ordination. In ecclesiastical law, the conferring of holy orders; initiating one into the priesthood.
- Ore tenus. By word of mouth. Verbally; or orally.

- Organic law. The basic law or constitution of a state or country.
- Original. From the beginning; spontaneous; not the result of imitation.
- Original entry. The first series of entries made in the set of books of an account; the first charge of a thing in an account made at the time of the sale or transaction. Original entries are to be distinguished from subsequent entries made in other books as journals and ledgers.
- Original jurisdiction. That authority to hear and determine cases in the first instance, and to try and determine the questions of fact involved, and apply the law, as distinguished from appellate jurisdiction.
- Original package. A term used in several leading cases construing the commerce clause of the Constitution, and denoting the casing in which imported merchandise is kept and handled while in course of transportation, whether large or small.

The power to regulate or forbid the sale of a commodity after it has been brought into a state does not carry with it the right and power to prevent its introduction by transportation from another. 125 U. S., 465. It is held further in Leisy v. Hardin. 135 U. S., 100 (three judges dissenting), that a state statute prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, etc., is, as applied to a sale by an importer and in the original packages or kegs unbroken and unopened, of such Oust. To eject; to remove from.

brought from another liquor state, unconstitutional and void as repugnant to the commerce clause of the constitution. See for modification of this holding, 155 U. S., 461.

- Original process. The first writ or summons for the purpose of getting the defendant into court.
- Original writ. 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 committed, or was supposed to have been committed, requiring him to command the wrongdoer or accused party either to do justice to the plaintiff, or else to appear in 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.
- Orphan. A child one or both of whose parents are deceased.
- Orphan's Court. Courts in some of the American states which have more or less general probate jurisdiction. These courts exist in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland.
- Ostensible partner. One who holds himself out as a partner.

- Ouster. The act of putting one out
of office, or from possession. Dis-
possession; eviction.thing
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OverruiOut-house. A small building ad-
joining or belonging to a dwell-
ing house and within the curti-or di
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- Outlaw. Beyond the protection of the law; a person who is put beyond the protection of law and stripped of his civil rights, because of committing offenses against the law.

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- **Outlawed.** When applied to a note, signifies that it is barred by the statute of limitations.
- Out of court. At common law, unless a plaintiff filed his declaration within one year after the service of the summons, he was out of court, unless, by permission of the court, he had secured a longer time in which to file his declaration.
- Out of the state. Same as beyond sea, meaning that one is beyond the territorial jurisdiction of the court.
- Outrage. A general term signifying some heinous offense or particularly atrocious crime.
- Outstanding. Unsettled; uncollected; not discharged.
- **Overdraft.** A term signifying that one has drawn upon a bank or other place of credit more than one's deposit or credit there would justify.
- **Overdue.** Matured and unpaid commercial paper; past the time of payment. Dishonored.
- **Overplus.** The same as surplus; the residue, or remainder of a

thing after some other claim or charge has been satisfied.

- **Overrule.** To deny a request or motion; to make a ruling or decision contrary to the one asked, or different from earlier precedents.
- **Overt.** Open; public. As applied to crimes it signifies an act which manifests the intention of the person by opening his designs.
- **Owe.** To be indebted to, or under obligations to another.
- **Owelty.** Equality. The difference or sum which is paid by one of two joint owners, upon a partition of lands which cannot be quite equally divided, in order to equalize the respective shares.
- **Owner.** One who has the dominion and title to a thing.

Although there can be but one absolute owner of a thing, there may be a qualified ownership of the same thing by many. Thus, a bailor has the general ownership of the thing bailed, the bailee the special ownership. The word owner, when used alone, imports an absolute owner; but it has been held in Ohio that the word owner, in the mechanics' lien law, includes the owner of the leasehold as well as of the reversion, on the ground that any other construction would be subversive of the policy and intent of the statute. 2 Ohio, 123.

- **Owner, joint.** One owning or holding property with another or others.
- **Own motion.** In law signifies voluntarily; without compulsion or suggestion from another.

Oyer. A law French term signiing hear and determine. A class fying to hear. A hearing or trial; of courts having original crimia plea or prayer that a deed or nal jurisdiction. instrument in writing may be read in court. A request for the Oyes or Oyez. Hear; hear ye. The production of an instrument in introductory word repeated by writing. the court prior to opening

Oyer and terminer. A phrase mean-

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- Pace. A measure of distance, being two and one-half feet. The common term "pace" signifies the distance or length of a step; while a geometrical pace is the length of two steps or the whole space passed over by the same foot from one step to another. See Bouv.
- Pacific blockade. A means of coercion employed by nations separately or by joint action, not involving a declaration of war, but simply to enforce some measure, or enforce some regulation. Thus Great Britain and Germany united in a pacific blockade of the ports in order to break up the slave trade and stop the importation of arms on the east coast of Africa.
- Pack. This word is used to signify the attempt to control a jury by putting in the panel the friends or adherents of the accused; such a jury is said to be packed. To deceive; or false appearances; to counterfeit.
- Package, original. The wrapping or case in which merchandise is put for the purpose of transportation. Under court decisions commodities while in the origi-

nal package are not subject to certain police regulations, as the laws prohibiting the sale of liquor.

Pact. An agreement.

- Pacta privata jure publico derogare non possunt. Private agreements cannot detract from the public law or statute.
- Pactum constitutae pecuniae. In the civil law, an agreement for the payment of money which one owes to a creditor.
- Pactum de non petando. An agreement not to demand. A civil law agreement between debtor and creditor which releases the debtor from the payment of his debt.
- Pactum de quota litis. The civil law agreement by which a creditor contracted to give a part of a debt to one who was to collect it.
- Pain. A penalty; punishment. Mental or physical suffering.
- Pairing-off. A custom which is said to have originated in Cromwell's time of members of parliament or the legislature to agree with a member of the opposition that both shall be absent from

 voting on a question or on all questions within a given time. In this way the same balance of votes is secured as if both were present and voting. A phrase signifying an agreement between two persons who are of opposite political parties not to vote; also a similar agreement between two members of a legislative body who are opposed to each other upon a pending measure or measures. Pais. Originally the country or neighborhood; the people of the district or vicinage. The jury. Pais, in or en. Matter in pais, is styled matter of fact, in the contradistinction to matters of record or matters of law, since such matters were tried to the country or a jury. Pandects. The title of three compliations of the civil law prepared under the direction of the Emperor Justinian; also known as the Code Justinian, or Digest. Pamphlet. Printed sheets are stitched together but are not covered with a permanent binding like a book. 	 is taken to the higher courts on error. Paper money. Paper issued by a government to be used as money, and which is redeemable by the government in coin. Par. Equal in value; nominal value or apparent worth. Par, above. A term signifying that the price of a thing on the market is greater than its original or face value. Par, at. Term indicating that the price on the market is the same as the face value of the commodity. Paravail. Below; of inferior rank. Par oneri. Equal to the burden or damage. Par value. Face value, or the original price at which stock is issued. Parachronism. A mistake in the computation of time. Paramount. Superior. Of higher quality. Parapherna. A civil law term for
 Pan-American. Signifies all-American; a term applied to all the territory or nations in the American continents. Panel. A list of jurors summoned to attend a court. 	the property of a wife other than her dowry. Paraphernalia. The Anglicized term for parapherna. The arti- cles belonging to a wife outside of her dowry, such as apparel and ornaments.
Paper-book. In legal practice, a book or series of papers containing an epitome of all the pleadings and facts in a controversy. Such a book or record has to be	Paratum habeo. I have him in readiness. Common law return of the sheriff signifying that he has the defendant ready to be

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Paratus est verificare. He is ready to verify.	Pari delicto. In equal fault.
Parcels. Distinct portions. A term applied to land described by its	Pari materia. In equal matter; a similar subject.
boundaries as set forth in a con- veyance or deed.	Parium judicium. Judgment of one's peers. The right of trial by a jury of one's peers.
Parcener. A co-tenant or co-par- cener.	Paribus sententiis, reus absolvitur.
Pardon. An act of grace or for- giveness on the part of a sover- eign or government to one who has been convicted of a crime, thereby releasing such person from further punishment. An	Where the opinions are equal the defendant is acquitted. If the judges are equally divided a judgment which is being re- viewed is thereby affirmed.
act of clemency on the part of the executive releasing an of- fender from the penalties pre- scribed for his wrongdoing. An absolute pardon is one which frees the criminal without any condition whatever. A conditional pardon is one to	Parish. In English ecclesiastical law the circuit of ground which is permitted to the charge of one parson or vicar. Hence a terri- torial division for ecclesiastical purposes. In Louisiana a civil division similar to county.
which a condition is annexed, per- formance of which is necessary to the validity of the pardon. A general pardon is one which extends to all offenders of the same kind. It may be express, as when a general declaration is	Park. Originally, an inclosed por- tion of one's estate to be used for hunting purposes. Now it signifies a place set apart in a city or village for public recrea- tion.
made that all offenders of a cer- tain class shall be pardoned, or implied, as in the case of the re-	Parliament. The legislative body of Great Britain.
peal of a penal statute. Bouv. Parens patriae. Father of the coun- try. A phrase expressing the re- lation of the sovereign to the subject, by virtue of which he has a sort of guardianship over persons under certain legal dis-	Parliamentary law. That body of the recognized usages of parlia- mentary and legislative assem- blies by which their procedure is regulated, which takes its name from the British parlia- ment and on the practice of
abilities. Parent. The father or mother.	which it is mainly founded, with such changes and modifications in American deliberative bodies
Parent and child. A phrase signi- fying the legal relation arising between a parent and child.	as has been necessary to adapt it to the usages of this country. Bouy.

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Parol. Not in writing; not under seal. Also orally or by word of mouth.

Parol is often used as if precisely equivalent to "oral" and "verbal." We think, however, there is a justification in usage, and very great convenience in distinguishing the various words in this group, as follows: Verbal should mean that which is embodied in language, as distinguished from that which is implied or imputed, and irrespective of whether the language is written or not. Oral should mean that which has been expressed in speech only, and not embodied in writing; it negatives writing. Parol should mean that which may or may not be in writing, but which need not be in writing; the writing is accidental, not a prescribed or necessary formality. Abbott.

- **Parol agreement.** An agreement made orally; not in writing. Also an agreement which is in writing but not under seal. See Abbott.
- **Parol arrest.** One ordered by a court or magistrate for the detention of a person for the commission of an offense in the presence of a court.
- **Parol demurrer.** A plea to delay proceedings in an action because one of the parties interested is an infant, and the purpose of same is to delay the trial of the action until such minor arrives at majority.
- **Parol evidence.** Evidence given orally by a witness. Also evidence that need not be in writ-

ing; evidence outside of or independent of a written instrument.

- Parol lease. One which is written but not under seal. The rental of property upon an oral agreement.
- Parole. The giving liberty to a prisoner on his promise that he will not escape or if a war prisoner, on his oath that he will not again take up arms against his captors. Also a system by which offenders are released from prison before the expiration of their sentence, on their agreement to report at stated times to the officials, and are subject to be returned to prison if they violate the conditions of their parole.
- **Parricide.** One who has committed a murder of his parent. The murder of a parent or ancestor. Under the civil and French law this offense was a specific crime and received an aggravated punishment. It included mother-killing also.

Pars. A part; party.

- **Pars enitia.** The eldest part; the share of the oldest in a partition suit.
- **Parson.** The rector of a parochial church.
- **Parsonage.** The house set aside for the residence of the minister; the portion of lands and emoluments set aside for the maintenance of the minister or parson.
- **Pars rationabilis.** A reasonable part. The part of a man's estate which the law gave to his wife or heirs upon his decease.

Pars viscerum matris. Part of the mother's bowels; a phrase signi- fying a child unborn.	with great carefulness and with
Part. A portion or share; not the whole.	Particular lien. The right which
Parte inaudita. One side being un- heard. A Latin phrase having reference to a cause in which	a person has to retain specific property for money or labor ex- pended on such property. 21 Wend. 14.
one party only has had a hear- ing; or of making a decree with- out a hearing.	Particulars. Details; the items of a bill or claim.
Parte integrante sublata, tollitur totum. Taking away an integral part destroys the whole.	Particulars of sale. Those condi- tions of a sale at auction which give the terms and conditions upon which the sale is to take
Parte non comparente. One party not having appeared; a default.	place. Parties. Those having a direct in-
Partial loss. A partial destruction of property which has been in- sured. When the property or	terest in a controversy; the ones concerned in an act or transac- tion.
thing has been totally destroyed, or so damaged as to be worth- less, it is designated as a "total loss."	Parties and privies. Parties to a deed or contract are those with whom the deed or contract is actually made or entered into. By
Particeps. A partaker, or sharer; a participant or accomplice.	the term privies, as applied to contracts, is frequently meant those between whom the contract
Particeps criminis. One who par- ticipates in the crime with an- other; an accomplice. The term is also used to signify one who assists or participates in a fraud or tort.	is mutually binding, although not literally parties to such contract. Thus, in the case of a lease, the lessor and lessee are both parties and privies, the contract being literally made between the two,
Particular estate. An estate which is carved out of a larger, and which precedes a remainder, as, an estate for years to A, re- mainder to B for life; or, an es- tate for life to A, remainder to B in tail; this precedent estate is called the particular estate , and	and also being mutually binding; but if the lessee assigns his in- terest to a third party, then a privity arises between the as- signee and the original lessor, al- though such assignee is not lit- erally a party to the original lease. Brown.

called the particular tenant. Bouv.; 2 Bl. Com. 165.

the tenant of such estate is Partition. A division; an allotment of shares. Term signifies the right or the proceedings to en-

force the right, which the joint owners of real_property have to compel a division of the land held in common.

- **Partner.** A member of a partnership. One who is associated with others in business, and who has a joint interest therein, and shares the profits and losses with them.
- **Partner, nominal.** One who is such in name only and has no real interest in the concern.
- **Partner, silent.** One who takes no active interest in the control of the firm business.
- **Partnership.** That status or legal relation which exists between persons who have united their common property in a business or undertaking, and agreed to share the profits and losses in a certain proportion.

A relation founded upon a contract between two or more persons to do business as individuals on a joint undivided account. Bouv.

Partnership is a contract of two or more competent persons to place their money, effects, labor and skill, or some or all of them, in lawful commerce or business, and to divide the profits and bear the loss in certain propositions. 3 Kent Com. 23.

- **Partnership, articles of.** The contract or instrument in writing which evidences formation of a partnership.
- **Part owner.** One of several persons who own property together, or in common.

Part performance. The doing some

part or portion, but not the whole, of what either party to a contract has stipulated to do. Under the statute of frauds, part performance saves the contract from being declared invalid; and also enables the party performing in part to enforce specific performance by the other.

Parturition. Giving birth to a child.

- **Parus sequitur ventrem.** The offspring follows the womb. A maxim of the civil law, signifying that the ownership of the young of animals belongs to him who owns the mother. Under slavery this rule was followed; so that the child of a female slave was born into slavery, notwithstanding the fact that the father of the child was free.
- **Party.** One who is interested or connected with an act, contract or suit. A participant or sharer in anything.

A person concerned or having or taking part in any affair, matter, transaction, or proceeding, considered individually; also, a side or part, composed of one or more individuals. Burrill.

- Party and party. A phrase signifying the contending or litigating parties in an action; plaintiff and defendant.
- **Party-wall.** A wall between two adjoining owners, which has been built by such owners jointly or is owned by them in common. Such a wall may or may not stand partly on the land of each of the owners.

Parvise. A legal disputation or moot case among law students.

- **Pass.** To approve; to be credited. Also in the crime of forgery or counterfeiting it signifies to utter or circulate the counterfeit or forged instrument. Also a written permit from some one in authority for another to do a certain thing or act. As applicable to railroad transportation a pass signifies that the holder is to be transported free of charge.
- **Passenger.** A person who is traveling in a public conveyance, under a contract express or implied with the owner of the conveyance, for such transportation.
- **Passport.** A license to pass a port or haven; a license to pass safely from one place to another. In modern times it signifies a clearance document for a merchant vessel in time of war; also a safe conduct or warrant of protection and authority to travel issued by a government to a person who is traveling outside of his own country.
- **Patent.** Open; unsealed; that which is apparent and not ambiguous. Also a right granted an inventor by a government; to exclusively make and vend his invention. The evidence of such a right or grant.
- **Patent office.** The governmental bureau established for the issue and regulation of patents under the patent laws of a country.
- Patent-right. The right or privilege secured by law, and evidenced by letters-patent to one

who has invented and patented a new and useful article.

- Patentable. Answering the conditions required to secure a patent; legally sufficient to entitle the owner to a patent.
- Patentee. The person to whom a patent has been granted.
- Patent rolls. A register or record kept in England of all the letters patent granted since 1617.

Pater. Father.

- Pater est quem nuptime demonstrant. He is the father whom the marriage indicates as such. This rule, at the civil law applied to children born before the marriage, but not at common law. After marriage all children born are presumed to be the legitimate offspring of the husband and wife, but this presumption may be rebutted.
- Pater familias. In civil law the father of a family; one who was sui juris.
- Patria potestas. Paternal authority. In Roman law the phrase signified the power of the pater familias over his family, which was not limited to children, but included wife, children, grandchildren and all others who came under the control of the head of the family whether by marriage or adoption.
- Patricide. The offense of killing one's father.
- Patrimony. Such property as one receives from an ancestor as distinguished from other acquired property.

Pauper. Poor; a person so poor that he has become a public charge. Also one who sues or defends in forma pauperis, as a	lic property. Peculium. In civil law private
pauper.	property allowed to one who was
Pawn. A thing bailed or deposited	not sui juris; particularly the lim-
in the contract of a pledge. Also	ited amount of money or prop-
the contract of pledge.	erty which a son or a slave was
Pawnbroker. The modern designa- tion of one who makes a busi- ness of loaning money on secur- ity of personal chattels which are left in pledge with him until the loan is repaid.	the accounts or stocks of his fa- ther or master. Abbott. Pecunia. Property, wealth; money.
Pay. To discharge an obligation;	meaning a flock or herd, was the
to deliver money or other article	general name in the Roman law
in satisfaction of a debt, duty, or	for wealth and property. In mod-
obligation.	ern times the word denotes
Payable. Something due; ready to be paid or satisfied.	money. Pecunia numerata. Money counted
Payee. The person to whom mon-	or money paid. Pecuniary. Re-
ey is to be paid; the party in	lating to money or monetary
whose favor a note, bill, or check	matters.
is drawn.	Pecuniary legacy. A gift or be-
Payer. The person by whom pay-	quest of money.
ment should be or has been	Peddler. A person who travels
made.	about the country selling mer-
Payment. The act of satisfying or discharging a debt or obligation. Also the thing or value paid or delivered.	chandise. An itinerant individual, ordinarily without local habita- tion or place of business, who travels about the country car- rying commodities for sale. 75
Payment into court. A phrase sig- nifying the deposit of money in court by a defendant in an ac- tion, being the amount that he claims due. A tender. Peace. Quiet and orderly behav-	Pedigree. One's descent; relation- ship or family connection. The connected history of one's ances- tors with the facts of birth, mar- riage, and death, and the times
ior; the public safety and quiet.	these events happened.
Also condition of comity and	Pedis possessio. A civil law term
friendship between independent	signifying placing the foot, or
nations, as distinguished from	taking actual possession of
war.	landed property.

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Peer. Originally an equal in rank or station. In modern English law, members of the nobility are called peers.

Peine. Punishment.

Peine forte et dure. Severe and hard punishment. Anciently, a species of punishment or torture inflicted upon one for standing mute, and refusing to plead to an indictment or felony.

In 2 Reeve, Hist. Eng. Law, 134, the method of punishment is described as follows: Time was given for reflection and often the unfortunate was subjected to entreaties of friends and others, but if he remained obdurate he was adjudged to suffer peine forte et dure. The judgment was that he return from whence he came, to a low dungeon into which no light could enter; he was to be laid down, naked, on his back, on the ground, his feet and head and loins covered, his arms and legs drawn apart by cords tied to posts, a sharp stone under his back, and as much weight of iron or stone as he could bear, or more than he could bear, placed on his chest. He was to have the next day three morsels of barley bread, without drink; the next, three draughts, as much each time as he could drink, of the nearest stagnant water to the prison, without bread; and such was to be his diet on alternate days, till he died. This punishment was vulgarly called pressing to death. This method of coercing a plea was not abolished in England until 1772, and at least one case of such punishment occurred in America in colonial days.

Pelagic sealing. The killing of seals in the open sea.

Penal. Relating to punishment or suffering; an infliction of loss or punishment as a matter of restraint or sanction. The word is also used as a synonym for criminal.

Penal action. An expression signifying a suit to collect a penalty imposed by law.

Penal clause. That part or subdivision of a statute in which the sanction or punishment given for its enforcement is stated.

Penal sum. The amount stated as a forfeiture in a bond or penal bill.

Penalty. (1) punishment or a fine; (2) the money recovered or to be recovered under a penal statute; (3) the amount to be forfeited as stated in a bond.

Penance. An act involving shame or suffering, which a convict is required to perform by way of punishment. Penance is self-inflicted, being compelled by ecclesiastical censure.

Penance is an ecclesiastical punishment used in the discipline of the church, which affects the body of the penitent, by which he is obliged to give a public satisfaction to the church for the scandal he has given by his evil example. Thus, for incontinence, the offender is usually enjoined to do a public penance in the parish church, bareheaded and barefooted, in a white sheet, and to

make open profession of his crime in a prescribed form of words, which is augmented or moderated according to the qual- ity of the offense and the dis- cretion of the judge. Wharton.	Per my et per tout. By the half and by the whole; pertaining to a moiety, and the whole. A phrase which describes the na- ture of the interest of joint ten- ants.
Pendens. Pending.	Per minas. By threats.
Pendente lite. During litigation; or pending the suit.	Per procuration. By proxy; by an- other. Abbreviated per proc.
Pendente lite nihil innovetur. Pend- ing a suit nothing should be changed. That is, all persons are bound to notice a pending suit and take subject to the rights to be established under it.	 Per quod. By which; whereby. Per quod consortium amisit. By which he lost her company. Per quod servitium amisit. By which he lost her (or his) serv-
Penitentiary. A prison, or place for the confinement of persons convicted of crime.	ices. This phrase was used in declarations at common law in trespass by a master for an in- jury to his servant, and intro-
Pension. In civil law, an annual rent. A periodical amount al- lowed a person by the govern- ment in consideration of past services or dangers undergone or for injuries received.	duced the averment of loss of service for which damages were demanded. The phrase also came to be used as designating this class of actions. It was also the usual remedy by a father for the
Per. By; during; through.	seduction of his daughter, the re-
Per aversionem. By turning away. A civil law term signifying a sale of goods in bulk, and not by weight or measure. Similar to common law expression "in bulk" or "by the lump."	lief being demanded on the basis of loss of service. Per se. By itself; in itself. Per stirpe. By stock; by roots; by right of representation. A civil law term, used in the modern
Per capita. By heads; according to the whole number of individuals.	law of distribution and descent, indicating that the distributees
Per contra. To the contrary; on the contrary. On the other side of the account.	take according to the interest which their ancestors would take if living. The phrase is used in distinction from per capita.
Per curiam. By the court. A de- cision by the judge.	Per testes. By witnesses.
Per formam doni. By or according to the form of the gift; by the direction of the grantor or don- or.	 Per universitatem. By the whole or as an en'irety. Per verba de praesenti. By words in the present tense. A phrase

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signifying a method of contracting marriage at common law.

- **Per verba de futuro.** By words in the future tense. A common law mode of contracting marriage if followed by consummation or a living together.
- **Peremptory.** Absolute; decisive; obligatory. A final decision or a determination to act without doubt or question.
- Peremptory challenge. A privilege or right allowed a party at the trial, of objecting to a person called as a juror, and having such person withdrawn without assigning any cause for the challenge. The number of peremptory challenges is regulated by statute, and is uniform in civil cases but differs as to the higher crimes, more peremptory challenges being allowed in capital cases.
- **Peremptory mandamus.** The second writ in a mandamus case, the first usually being in the alternative form. The peremptory writ commands the doing of the act absolutely, and admits of no alternative.
- **Peremptory plea.** One that if substantiated destroys the right of action, such as a plea in bar, or to the merits of the action. The term issued in contradistinction to dilatory pleas which simply delay or retard the case, and do not go to raise an issue on the merits. Peremptory pleas are also styled pleas in bar, while dilatory pleas are pleas in abatement.
- Peremptory rule. An order of court which must be complied

with promptly and fully, without opportunity of argument or hearing in opposition.

- Perfect. To complete; without defect.
- **Perform.** To carry out or execute. To do something.
- **Performance.** The act of doing something; the thing done. Is said to be synonymous with fulfillment.
- Periculum rei venditæ, nondum traditæ, est emptoris. The risk of a thing sold, while undelivered, is the purchaser's.
- **Peril.** In insurance law, the risk, contingency, or cause of loss insured against by the policy.
- Perils of the sea. Such perils as are strictly the natural accidents peculiar to the water, and not caused by the fault of man; but under the law phrase includes some things not strictly resulting from natural causes, as captures by pirates and collisions, which are not caused by the fault of either ship.

All marine casualties resulting from the violent action of the elements, as distinguished from their natural, silent influence upon the fabric of the vessel. 74 Fed. Rep. 413. It is a loss happening in spite of all human effort and sagacity. 2 Kent Com. 597.

- **Periodical.** Occurring at regular intervals of time.
- Perishable. Such articles as are subject to speedy and natural decay. A statutory authority to sell

 perishable property which has been seized on an attachment, should be limited to such goods as are liable to perish before the time arrives at which they might be sold in regular course of the proceedings. 31 Conn. 495. Perishable goods. Such as will not keep, or become damaged or destroyed if not made use of quickly. Perjury. The offense committed by one who having taken an oath or affirmation, lawfully imposed, to testify truly, wilfully makes a material assertion believed to be untrue. Abbott. Perjury is a corrupt, wilful, false oath, taken in a judicial proceeding, in regard to a matter material to a point involved in the proceeding. This oath must be taken before some officer or court having authority to administer it, and he must confine his action to the authority given. And it is competent to show that the accused might have been led into a mistake; for then the oaths, though untruthful, cannot have been perjury. 44 A. L. A. 81. Perjury, subornation of. The offense of procuring another to commit perjury. 	 Permissive waste. Such as is allowed, or not forbidden. That kind of waste which results from omission, as neglect to repair a house where the tenant is obligated to make repairs. Permit. To give consent to; to suffer or allow to be done. Permancy. Enjoying or receiving something, as profits. Perpetrate. To be guilty of; to perform or commit an act. Perpetrator. One who has committed or been guilty of a criminal act or offense. Perpetual. Everlasting; unending; continuous; without limit as to time. Perpetual injunction. An injunction which is not merely temporary or provisional, and which cannot be dissolved except by appeal, or some proceeding in the nature of an appeal. Perpetuating testimony. A mode by which testimony of aged or sickly persons or those liable to go beyond the jurisdiction may be reduced to writing and preserved for future legal proceedings. The proceeding is regulated by statute in the various states. Perpetuity. Technically, a perpetual.
 Permanent abode. The usual and habitual home of a person, and to which a person intends to return when absent for any reason. Permission. A license or authority to do an act, which cannot be legally done without such authority. 	tuity signifies any limitation or restriction upon the alienation of land or the investment of money which will continue the benefits thereof to the enjoyment of the persons in a particular line of descent. Such restric- tions for a longer period than a life or lives in being, and twenty-

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and void as against public policy, and are called perpetuities.

- Perquisites. (1) The profits of an office or station. (2) Those things which a man obtains of his own industry, or by purchase, distinguished from 28 those which he acquires by descent.
- A broader term than Person. man, including any human being, association, or organized corporation recognized as possessing rights and duties under the law.
- Person, natural. Any human being, male or female; the term is used to distinguish individuals from artificial persons such as corporations, etc.
- Persona conjuncta aequiparatur interesse proprio. A close relationship or united personality is equivalent to one's own interest. One of Bacon's maxims, which he explains as follows. "The law hath that respect of nature and conjunction of blood, as in divers cases it compareth and matcheth nearness of blood with consideration of profit and interest, yea, and in some cases alloweth of it more strongly. So, if a man menace me, that he will imprison or hurt in body my father or my child, except I make unto him an obligation. I shall avoid this duress as well as if the duress had been to my own person." Bac. Max.
- Personal. Pertaining to the person; that which belongs to an individual, or human being. Also that which is done in person.

- one years thereafter, are illegal Personal action. An action for the recovery of personal property, or the enforcement of a contract, or damages growing out of acts or neglects of duty by persons. Term is used to distinguish such actions from actions in rem.
 - Personal assets. Personal property; chattels, money and contracts, as distinguished from real property.
 - Personal injury. An injury inflicted upon one's person or body as opposed to injuries affecting his property or reputation.
 - Personal liberty. Freedom under the law; the same as civil liberty.
 - Personal property. This term includes all property of a movable or personal nature, as well as rights or interests in land which are less than a freehold. Chattels; personalty.
 - Personal representatives. Executors or administrators of the deceased person.
 - Personal security. A term which signifies a safety or protection of the individual under the law. Also, a security for a debt which looks to the individual as distinguished from those which are liens on land.
 - Personalty. Personal property: movables, the opposite of real property.

Personalty signifies generally any personal property, in contradistinction to realty, which signifies real property. In our old law, an action was said to be in the personalty when it was brought for damages out of the personal estate of the defendant.

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Personalty is either pure or Petition. A formal written applimixed. Pure personalty is personalty unconnected with land; mixed personalty is a personal interest in land, or connected therewith. The distinction is Important with reference to the statutes of mortmain, as pure personalty is not within the operation of those statutes. Mozley & W.

- Pertinent. Relevant; important or material.
- Perverse verdict. A return by a jury of a verdict which is contrary to the law as given by the court.

Petit. Small; the lesser of two.

- Petit or petty jury. The lesser The ordinary jury of iurv. twelve persons, for the trial of causes as distinguished from the grand jury, usually consisting of a greater number of persons.
- Petit, or petty larceny. Small larceny. At common law the stealing of property of less value than twelve pence was distinguished from stealing things of greater value, and punished less severely. The distinction has maintained in the modern statutes, though amount varies in the several states.
- Petit, or petty, treason. The killing of a person in authority by an inferior was, in early English law, styled petit treason, as it involved somewhat the element of breach of allegiance, so prominent in high treason. See 4 Bl. Com. 89, 203, 204. This crime is now murder only.

- cation made to a superior authority or to a court of law, setting forth a statement of facts and praying for relief.
- Petition of rights. A parliamentary declaration of the liberties of the people, assented to by King Charles I., in 1629. In English law, also a proceeding in the chancery by a subject to recover property from the possession of the king.
- Petitioning creditor. Proceedings in compulsory or involuntary bankruptcy are commenced upon the petition of some creditor or creditors, setting up the facts of the debtor's insolvency and asking that he be adjudged bankrupt and his property distributed among the creditors, the creditor or creditors so petitioning are styled the petitioning creditors.
- Petitory. In admiralty and civil law practice, suits which involve and litigate only the title to property are called petitory, in distinction from those which seek to recover the possession, and are hence called possessory actions. 1 Kent Com. 371.
- Pettifogger. A term applied to a lawyer whose knowledge of the law is limited, or one whose business is in connection with small or petty cases. Also one who resorts to dishonest or unjustifiable methods or sharp practice.
- **Pew.** A seat in a church, separate from all others, with a convenient place to stand therein. Bouv. It is an incorporeal inter-

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est in the real property. The pewholder does not own the soil. 32 Barb. 234.	who secretly steals from the pockets or person of another.
Phrenasthenia. A morbid condition, also known as the insanity of the degenerates, used to indicate the general mental infirmity of de-	Piepoudre; pied poudre. Literally, dusty foot. A term applied in early England to itinerant trad- ers or peddlers.
generates, or individuals with vices of organization who are in- sane, but whose insanity presents special characteristics growing out of mental infirmity. It is usually hereditary and congenital. 2 Clevenger, Med. Jur. 856.	pedestrian's court. An early Eng- lish court held at fairs and mar- kets and in which small actions there arising were speedily tried. Pignus. A civil law term for pledge, meaning both the con-
Physical examination. The exami- nation of one's person allowed by court under circumstances where the matter in dispute can- not be otherwise fairly deter- mined. It has been allowed in both civil and criminal cases from early times, but the rule is	tract and the thing pledged. Pillory. An old fashioned con- trivance in which the neck and feet of the culprit were en- closed, as a punishment for the smaller offences. Abolished in England in 1837.
quite restricted in criminal cases except by the consent of the ac- cused.	Pilot. Formerly, a helmsman, or steersman; but in modern, a person appointed and authorized in view of his skill and knowledge
 Physician. One licensed to practice medicine; one lawfully engaged in such practice. Pia fraus. A pious fraud; one that is considered justifiable because 	in respect to a particular channel, harbor, bay, port, etc., to take charge of a vessel entering such
of the ends sought to be pro- moted.	Pimp. A procurer; a mean fellow; a man supported by a prostitute.
Picketing. A modern term desig- nating the action by working men who have quit their em- ployment, or are on a strike, of	Pin-money. An ancient tax in England. Money allowed a wife by a husband for her personal expenses.
placing men in sympathy with them in the vicinity of the fac- tory or work shop which they have quit for the purpose of in- ducing or coercing others em- ployed there to quit their work and join them.	

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those not properly commissioned to make captures in time of war.	
has committed piracy.	Plaintiff. He who complains; the complaining party or person
Piscary. The right or privilege of fishing in waters.	Plaintiff in error. The party
Pistol. A fire arm; a small weapon carried in the pocket.	aggrieved by a judgment, who takes his case to a higher court on a writ of error; the prose-
Pit. In old Scotch law, applied to the place where women offend- ers were drowned instead of	cutor in a writ of error. Plat or plot. A map of a piece of
being hung as male offenders. Hence "Pit and gallows" meant	land. To divide land into lots with streets and alleys.
jurisdiction as to high crimes. Pix , or pyz . An old term for the standard or test of the coin of the realm of England.	Plea. The term used to signify the various kinds of answers made by a defendant to a bill, com- plaint, declaration, or prosecu- tion. A suit or action. A special
Placard. A written or printed notice or edict.	response to a bill in equity. Plead. To deliver defendant's re-
Place of contract. The lex loci; or place where a contract is made, or is to be performed.	sponse in due form of law to the suit of action, or prosecution. To file a plea. To carry on a suit. To advocate a cause.
Place of payment. The place where a payment is to be made; the residence of the one who is to pay; the place where com- modities are to be delivered. Placita communia. The Common	Plead over. To plead again; also to plead without taking advan- tage of a defect in his adversary's pleading. To plead after a de- murrer or other special plea has been overruled.
Pleas. The court of Common Pleas, where civil actions are tried.	Plead to the merits. To answer the plaintiff's cause of action, as opposed to pleas that only tend to delay the action.
Placita coronæ. Pleas of the crown. Trials for crime is a misdemeanor in which the king prosecutes.	Pleaded. That which is alleged or averred in a pleading, or judicial proceeding.
Placitum. A plea; a suit or pro- ceeding in court. Placita, pleas or judicial proceedings.	Pleader. One who draws plead- ings. Also, the party who pleads, or defends.
Plaint. The name of the com- plaint in some inferior English	Pleading. The formal written alle- gations drawn up in legal form

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of the respective claims of the plaintiff and defendant in an ac- tion, and submitted to the court as forming the issue or issues to be tried. The process of in- forming the court of the facts at issue.	 Pledgor. The party who makes a pledge. Plena probatio. In civil law, a term used to signify the production of full proof, in distinction from semi-plena probatio.
Plead issuably. Under common law pleading, this means to interpose such a plea as is calculated to raise a material issue, either of law or of fact.	 Plenary. Full; complete. Plenary, or full and formal suits, are those in which the proceedings must be full and formal. Plene administravit. He has fully
Pleas of the crown. In English practice, criminal actions which are prosecuted in the name of the sovereign.	administered. Formal words of denial of an administrator to a suit for retaining assets of the estate, or when sued for a debt of the testator.
Plea side. The plea side of a court is that branch or department of the court which entertains or takes cognizance of civil actions and suits, as distinguished from its criminal or crown department. Thus the court of queen's bench is said to have a plea side and a crown or criminal side; the one branch or department of it being devoted to the cognizance of civil actions, the other to crim- inal proceedings and matters par- ticularly concerning the crown. Brown.	 Plene computavit. He has fully accounted. A plea to an action of account-render. Plenipotentiary. Possessing full powers. A diplomatic representative with full powers to represent his government. Plenum Dominium. The unlimited right of ownership. Plunder. The capture of personal property on land by a public enemy, with a view of making it his own. The property so cap-
Plebiscitum. In the Roman law, an enactment by the plebs, or com- mon people, or upon the proposal of a popular magistrate, as a tribune.	tured is called plunder. Plurality. In elections, the can- didate who receives more votes than any other one, but not as
Pledge. A kind of bailment in which chattel property is depos- ited as security for a debt or obligation. The property so deposited.	many as all others, is said to have a plurality of votes, or a plurality vote. The greatest of two or more numbers, though not necessarily a majority.
Pledgee. One to whom a thing is pledged.	Pluries. Many times; often. The distinctive word in a writ after a similar writ has been issued

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and returned unexecuted. The is first would be the writ, the second an alias, and the third or subsequent writs would be designated pluries.

- **Poaching.** The unlawful taking or killing of game; trespassing by night on land of another in pursuit of game.
- **Pocket-defendant.** One in collusion with the plaintiff; not a real defendant.
- **Pocket judgment.** A statute-merchant which was enforceable at any time after non-payment on the day assigned, without further proceedings. Wharton.
- **Point.** In practice, a proposition or question arising in a suit.
- Point reserved. A point of question of law, which the court, not being fully satisfied how to decide, in the trial of a cause, rules in favor of the plaintiff, but subject to revision on a motion for a new trial. If, after argument, it be found to have been ruled correctly, the verdict is supported; if otherwise, it is set aside. It must be a pure question of law; the facts on which it is based must appear on the record, distinctly stated; and it must be a point which is decisive of the case. Bouv.
- **Police.** Officers who protect the public peace and quiet. Also, the general preservation of domestic order, or the regulations for the control of local matters affecting health and security.
- **Police judge.** A magistrate or judge of a police court, with limited criminal jurisdiction.

The Police power, or regulation. A term signifying the exercise of sovereign power in matters affecting the good order, and the health and security of a nation, state, or local territory. Laws which would be objectionable as violating constitutional provisions, are upheld on the theory that they are part of the police power, or sovereign power to protect the life and property of the people.

- **Policy.** In insurance, the contract or instrument which evidences the undertaking of the one to indemnify, and the stipulations on the part of the person injured. More fully, a policy of insurance.
- **Politic.** The body politic; the State; relating to the state.
- **Political.** Pertaining to public affairs, or the administration of the government, whether local or general.
- **Political rights.** Those which pertain to sharing in the formation and administration of the government, as voting, holding office, etc.
- **Poll.** Originally, the head. An individual or person. Also, to enumerate; to record a vote. Also, cut even as opposed to an indented deed, as a deed poll.
- **Poll tax.** A tax on individuals, and not a property tax.
- **Polls, challenged to the.** A challenge or exception to particular jurors as individuals.
- **Polyandry.** The having several husbands; a social order permitting a plurality.

- having more than one wife; bigamy. The offence committed by a person of marrying again while any previous wife is still living and undivorced. Also used in the sense of having more than two wives or husbands, all being alive at the same time.
- Ponderantur testes, non numerantur. Witness are weighed, not counted. A maxim signifying that the weight of testimony is of more importance than the number of the witnesses.
- Pone. An original writ, under the English practice; issuing out of chancery, for the removal of a cause from an inferior court to the superior court at Westminster for review. named from the words it contained in Latin, Pone per vadium et salvos plegios, etc., put by gage and safe pledges, etc. It is now supplanted by the writ of certiorari.
- Ponit se super patriam. Puts himself upon the country. A plea of not guilty.
- Pooling contracts. An agreement or contract between corporations engaged in commerce, or as common carriers, by which they are to put all of their earnings above operating expenses into a common fund, and divide the same as profits. In doing so they fix rates or prices for the territory covered by the roads.
- Port. A harbor, or place for landing of vessels for the loading Possession. Control or custody of and unloading of cargoes.

- Polygamy. A civil condition of Port of entry. A port designated by law or custom where vessels may enter and discharge cargoes which are subject to import duties, or where cargoes and passengers coming into a country may be landed.
 - Portion. A part of anything. Technically, that part of an estate which is given or bequeathed to a child or heir.
 - Positive. Something certain; absolute. Direct; affirmative.
 - Positive law. A law or statute enacted by the law making power, as opposed to moral or ethical rules of action which have no definite or specific sanction.
 - The writ is Positive proof. That which is convincing, and leaves no doubt as to the fact to be established.
 - Posse comitatus. Power of the county. A phrase signifying the rank and file of the citizens of a district or county who may be called to assist a sheriff or other officer in enforcing the laws, or in the execution of process.
 - Possessed. Having the ownership or control of. It may be independent of the ownership and merely signify the control or possession.
 - Possessio fratris. The brother's possession. A technical phrase used in the English law of descents, denoting possession by one in such privity with a person as to be considered the person's own possession.
 - a thing. The right to detain and

 the exclusion of others. Possession, actual. Real or actual occupation as opposed to mere constructive control. Possession, adverse. A control, occupancy or possession which is in opposition to some claim asserted by another. Possession, constructive. That which is implied by law, or imputed to him who holds the legal title to an estate or thing, though he is not in the actual possession, naked. Actual occupancy or possession which is not in the actual possession, naked. Actual occupancy or possession which is not in the actual possession, naked. Actual occupancy or possession which is not in the actual possession, naked. Actual occupancy or possession which is not in the actual possession of land whereof one had been unjustly disseized. A suit to obtain possession or enjoys a thing, either by himself or his agent, which he claims as his own. Possibility. An uncertain thing or event; something which may or 		
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Possibility, near. One that is likely to happen, or in which the thing that is to occur and which mand. They are issued in time	Possibility , near. One that is likely to happen, or in which the thing that is to occur and which changes the title is near at hand, as where an estate is limited to a person after the death of an- other, this is styled a near pos-	Post nuptial. After marriage.

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- **Post obit bond.** An obligation or bond whereby the recipient of money binds himself to pay a larger amount, and beyond the regular rate of interest, after the decease of some person from whom he expects to inherit money or property.
- **Postal currency.** During the civil war, for a brief period, 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 into others of a more permanent character, for which the later and more appropriate name is "fractional currency."
- **Postal Union.** An agreement between the various civilized nations as to rates of postage and matters pertaining to the carrying of mails between the respective nations to the compact.
- **Postea.** Afterwards. The designation of the record of the things done during the trial which is made up after the trial. Also, the return of the proceedings at nisi prius, and turned to the court as a whole, or in banc,
- **Posterity.** Those coming after. Descendants to the remotest generation.
- **Posthumous child.** One born after the death of its father, or one taken from the dead body of the mother by the Cæsarean operation.

- Postliminium. A recapture, or reprisal. The doctrine that things recaptured in war return to their original condition and belong to the person from whom they were taken. As to movables the doctrine does not apply except in case of their immediate recapture.
- Post-nuptial settlement. A property settlement made between husband and wife, for the benefit of the wife, after marriage.
- **Postpone.** To place after; to delay; to adjourn.
- **Postremogeniture.** The custom by which the youngest son inherits the property of the ancestor. Opposed to primogeniture in which the eldest inherits.
- **Potior est conditio defendentis.** The condition of the party defending is the better.
- **Pound.** In law, an inclosure or place in which stray animals are detained until they are disposed of.
- **Pound-breach.** The offense of breaking into a lawful enclosure for estrays, for the purpose of taking out animals there confined.
- **Poundage.** A sum or commission allowed sheriffs out of the money made on executions. Also money paid to procure the release of animals from a pound.
- **Poverty affidavit.** The affidavit which a poor person has to make in order to bring a suit in forma pauperis, that is, without having to pay or secure costs.
- **Power.** An authority vested in one person to dispose of an es-

tate, which is vested in another. A right, authority, or ability given to perform an act. The written instrument which conveys the authority is also called the power.

- Power, implied. The term, implied power or powers, signifies all those necessary and incidental things which have to be done to carry out a power expressly given.
- **Power of Attorney.** A written instrument by which authority is conferred upon an agent, or other representative where it is important that there should be formal evidence of just what constitutes the power.

Practice. The routine of performing business or exercising functions. The manner or form in which suits at law are carried through the courts, in accordance with the rules and principles established.

- **Practitioner.** One who is engaged in the exercise or employment of any art or profession.
- **Præcipe,** or **Precipe.** Command. A written order to a clerk of a court to issue summons or a writ in an action. A paper setting forth particulars or instructions as to a writ for the officer who is to serve it. An alternative writ commanding the doing of an act or requiring the party to show cause for not doing it.
- **Præcipe quod reddat.** Command that he render or return. Words of an original writ at common law, directing the defendant to

restore land to the possession of the plaintiff.

- Prædictus. Aforesaid. Abbreviated, præd., or prædict.
- **Præmium pudicitise.** The price of chastity; a fine or compensation paid to a female for her seduction.
- **Præmunire.** To forewarn, or summon. A word in an old English writ beginning a prosecution against the king or government. Later, the name of the offence. Also, a proceeding designed to prevent papal usurpations in England, by making it an offense to give obedience to the Pope in matters of which the King had jurisdiction.
- **Prænomen.** The first of the three names ordinarily given a person in Roman times. Usually only the initial of this name was used.
- **Presentia** corporis tollit errorem nominis. The presence of the person or subject matter remedies the error in the name. That is, if the real person gets the thing intended it does not matter that he is mentioned by the wrong name.
- **Præsumption juris et de jure.** A presumption of law and right. One that is conclusive, and cannot be overcome by evidence to the contrary.
- Prava consuetudo. An illegal custom.
- **Praxis judicium est interpres legum.** The practice of the judges is the interpreter of the laws.
- **Prayer.** A petition; the part of a bill in equity or complaint which

requests the court to grant the relief desired.

- Prayer for other and further relief. To avoid prejudice from error or deficiency in a prayer for relief, it has been usual for a plaintiff or petitioner, to add to the prayer a clause asking, "or that plaintiff may have such other and further relief as to the court may seem fit," or the like. Under this clause it is considered that the court is not confined, in the decree, to granting precisely the specific relief asked. Abbott.
- Preamble. The introductory statement or recital in a contract or instrument, setting forth the facts or reasons which caused it to be made. An introduction to a statute indicating the intention of the legislature, or the evils sought to be remedied by the law.
- Prebend. The allowance granted to an ecclesiastic of a certain class connected with a cathedral. as a return for services performed in the church.
- Precarious right. An uncertain right as regards time of enjoyment. A right which the owner of a thing transfers to another, to enjoy the same during his pleasure, no time being stated.
- Precatory words. Those expressing entreaty, request or recommendation as opposed to positive commands. When used in a will, they allow the executor some discretion, unless by the terms of the will they are con- Preferential assignment. The construed to be of the force of commands.

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- Precedence. The right of being first placed in a certain order. The first place being considered the most honorable.
- Precedent. An example worthy of being followed. Those legal acts or decisions of a judge or court which are followed and admitted as rules to govern and control future matters of a similar nature. A rule or model for governing subsequent cases.
- Precept. A process or warrant directed to the sheriff or some officer asking him to do some act.
- Precludi non. A Latin phrase meaning, ought not to be precluded or barred, and were used in a replication to a plea in bar.
- Pre-contract. A previously made contract, or engagement, which prevents or avoids a similar subsequent contract. Term is used especially with reference to a contract of marriage.

Precipe. See Præcipe.

- Pre-emption. The right or privilege of being first in purchasing a thing. The right which a sovereign power asserts to take any article within its border belonging to foreigners for its own use on compensating the owner therefor.
- Preference. A prior right of payment.
- Preferred creditor. One entitled by law to first payment or security from the assets of an insolvent debtor.
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before others are reached. A transfer of property to prefer certain creditors. Pregnancy. The condition of being	benefit of, a woman who has been seduced.
with child. Prejudice. Prejudging a matter. A	Prepense. Aforethought. Design, or premeditation.
leaning towards one side of a controversy for some reason oth- er than its justice.	Preponderance. As applied to evidence, signifies the weight of the evidence, or that which is the
Preliminary examination. A hear- ing or examination to determine whether one shall be held to the grand jury for an alleged com- mission of an offence. Usually held before a magistrate or offi- cer who has no power to try, but simply to commit.	most creditable and convincing. Prerogative. A term signifying personal privilege, or superior right or power. The special or distinct power claimed by the English crown. A privilege pe- culiar to a person or office.
Premeditate. To think in advance; to plan or design. To intend to do an act which is subsequently carried into execution. Premeditation. A design or intent	Prerogative writ. The common- law writs of mandamus, prohibi- tion, quo warranto, habeas cor- pus, and certiorari, are so called since they involved originally the exercise of the special preroga-
formed to commit a crime or to do some other thing before it is done. The term is used particu- larly in reference to crimes of the higher grade, as murder. Premises. 1. Matters previously stated, or an antecedent part which is referred to. 2. In equity pleading, the narrative or stating part of the bill, containing the facts of the plaintiff's cause.	tive powers of the crown. Prescription. A method of acquir- ing title to incorporeal heredita- ments by long continued and open enjoyment of the right claimed. Also, the time after which a legal right or claim is lost or barred. Prescription is a title acquired by use and time, and allowed by law. Jacob.
3. In conveyancing, the term designates both what precedes the habendum clause and the property or thing itself which is being conveyed.	of time fixed by custom or law, necessary to establish a right or title by prescription.
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is being conveyed.
 Premium. The price or sum paid.
 The price or amount paid for a policy of insurance. The sum in advance of the nominal or par value of stock or merchandise.
 Presentment. In criminal practice, a form of indictment, in which the grand jury from their own knowledge or observation make a written charge or accusation against a person. Also, the pre-

sentation of a note or bill for acceptance of payment.

- Presents. A word used in legal documents as a deed, signifying Presidential Succession Act. The the deed itself, and is expressed by the phrase "these presents." Burrill explains that it is taken immediately from the Latin pracsentes, which was used with literae, as formal words of description in the old conveyances. Omnibus ad quos praesentes literae prevenerint, salutem, to all to whom the present letters shall come, greeting. The word literae was sometimes suppressed; thus, pateat universis per praesentes. This led to the use of the word praesentes as a substantive, and ultimately to the English word presents, its plural form; as, "know all men by these presents." Abbott.
- President. The common designation or title of a presiding officer of a meeting or assembly; also the title of an executive officer. The chief executive officer of the United States.
- Presiding Judge. Α presiding judge; a title used in some states to indicate the law judge as distinguished from the lay judges who sit with him.
- Presidential Electors. The persons elected in the various states as prescribed by the Constitution and whose duty it is to select the President and Vice-President of the U.S. It is for these electors that the direct vote is cast. but they always vote for the party candidate by whom they are nominated. Their number in each state corresponds to the

number, of representatives and senators to which the state is entitled in Congress.

- Act of Congress of Jan. 19, 1886, is so called, and provides that in case of the death or disability of the President and Vice-President. the heads of the executive departments shall become the chief magistrate in the following order: Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of War. Attorney General, Postmaster General, Secretary of the Navy. Secretary of the Interior.
- Presumption. An inference or belief as to the truth or falsity of a matter in the absence of any direct evidence to the contrary. and which is based on probabilities or reasoning from experience, or from proof of circumstances.
- Presumption, conclusive. Inferences given peremptory effect by law, and which cannot be contradicted by evidence.
- Presumption, disputable. Such inferences as may be shown to be incorrect by evidence to the contrary.
- Presumption of fact. An inference as to the existence of a matter of fact because of the existence of some other fact or facts. An inference from the surrounding circumstances.
- Presumption of law. An inference or construction put upon facts or circumstances as a matter of law. and which either forbid or dispense with any ulterior inquiry. Such are presumptions of inno-

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cence, of incompetency by rea- son of infancy, and the like. Presumptive evidence. That which induces or inclines but does not control belief. That which is probable but not conclusive. Pretenses. Allegations made in a	
bill in chancery for the purpose of negativing an anticipated de- fense.	tory evidence which the nature of the case permits to establish a disputed fact.
Pretium. Price. In the civil law this was money.Pretium affectionis. The price of affection. That imaginary value put upon an article because of the affection or regard of the owner for it, or for its association or history.	seniority. The right or custom of the eldest to inherit to the ex- clusion of the younger sons and daughters. It prevailed in Eng- land under the common law, but was never recognized to any ex- tent in the United States.
Prevent. To deter; to preclude; to make impossible the doing of an act or the happening of an event. Preventative justice. A term des- ignating that part of the law	Principal. 1. The employer of an agent or attorney. 2. The per- son primarily liable in the con- tract of guaranty or suretyship, and for whom the guarantor or
which has to do with the preven- tion of offenses. It generally con- sists in compelling persons sus- pected of misbehavior, to give the necessary obligations or bonds to the public to refrain from the doing of the contem- plated mischief. 4 Bl. Com. 251.	surety has become obligated. 3. The person who has actually committed a crime, as opposed to those who assisted either be- fore or after the act, and who are called accessories. 4. The capital or sum of money loaned to an- other or invested, as distin- guished from the interest or
Previous question. In parliament- ary law, a motion designed to shut off further debate upon an issue by putting to immediate vote the main question. Also used to suppress the main question.	profits thereon. Principal-Vice. In the law of torts, or master and servant, the doc- trine, that one given power to supervise and control the busi- ness of the principal, employ and
Price. Value. The consideration in money agreed upon or given for the purchase of an article.	discharge servants, and do the acts which the employer usually does, becomes so far the master or employer as to render his
Prima facie. At first view. On the first appearance.	principal liable for acts of negli- gence. The person given such

general powers is called a viceprincipal.

- Prior tempore potior jure. The earlier in time is preferred in law, or right. Priority in time gives precedence in law.
- Priority. Superiority. A previous or superior right. Preference.
- Prison. The place or institution where persons convicted or accused of crime are incarcerated.
- Prison breach. The offence of breaking out of prison, or escaping therefrom when lawfully in custody. Also, perhaps, the breaking into a prison for the purpose of rescuing a prisoner.
- **Prisoner.** One lawfully confined in a public prison or place of detention. A person deprived of his liberty, or held in confinement against his will.
- Prisoner at the bar. An accused person while on trial is so called.
- Prisoner of war. A term signifying that one has been captured while regularly enrolled in the army or navy, as opposed to those whose acts of hostility would not be recognized by the rules of international law as warfare.
- **Privacy.** The right of privacy has been defined as the right of an individual to withhold himself and his property from public scrutiny, if he so chooses. The doctrine is of recent growth, and is as yet insufficiently defined. It is said to be incapable of exact definition, and to exist only so far as its assertion is consistent with law or public policy, and Private International law. A term in a proper case equity will in-

terfere if there is no remedy at law, to prevent an injury threatened by the invasion of, or infringement upon, this right from motives of curiosity, gain or malice. Such remedy has been invoked to prevent the publication of oral lectures delivered by a professor; 12 App. Cas. 326; 3 L. J. Ch. 209; or copies of private drawings and etchings; 1 McN. & G. 25; or a letter in the possession of a person by whom it was received, without the writer's consent, where the publication is not necessary for the vindication of the receiver or the public interest; 2 Ves. & B. 19; a telegram of a private nature; 50 How. Pr. 194; or a photograph by the photographer; 40 Ch. Div. 345; 64 Fed. Rep. 280. But such publication of a photograph or portrait will not be prevented where the person is a "public character," such as a foremost inventor of world-wide reputation; 64 Fed. Rep. 280, reversing 57 id. 434, on this point. Bouvier.

- Private. That which affects or belongs to individuals, and does not concern the general public. Also, a private person, or private capacity, signifying a person without official position.
- Private corporation. One composed of a certain number of individuals who own the capital stock and manage it for purposes of profit or gain to themselves, as opposed to those having governmental functions, as towns and cities, and termed public.
- sometimes used by writers to sig-

nify that branch of law which concerns the laws and statutes of the various nations as affecting individuals and property rights, and now usually designated as "conflict of laws." Private law, or bill. A statute or

measure which is for the benefit of private individuals or an individual and not the general public. Also, private law signifies principals of law regulating the rights of individuals as such, as opposed to the general or public law.

- Private nuisance. Anything done to the hurt and annoyance of the lands, tenements or hereditaments of another. 3 Bl. Com. 215.
- Private property. This term as used in the constitution signifies such property as belongs absolutely to an individual, and of which he has the exclusive rights of disposition; property of a specific, fixed and tangible nature, capable of being had in possession and transmitted to another, as houses, lands and chattels; 29 Miss. 32.
- Privateer. A vessel owned and equipped by individuals, and not by the government, fitted out for the purpose of warfare at sea, and commissioned by the government to act against the enemy.
- **Privies.** Persons mutually interested in a matter, or having some relation to the thing or to each other.
- Privies in blood. Those related by blood, as heir and ancestor.

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each other in reference to an estate, as lessor and lessee.

- Privies in law. Those whose relation or mutual interests arises by operation of rules of law.
- Privies in representation. Those whose relation or connection results from the fact that the one represents the other as his executor or representative.
- Privilege. An exemption or release from burdens to which others are subject; superior right or favor allowed an individual different from the common rule.
- Privilege from arrest. An exemption which the law accords to some persons from liability to be arrested. It is a permanent right of ambassadors and public ministers and their families and servants, and in England of the royal family and servants, and of peers and peeresses. It is accorded, temporarily, to members of congress, of state legislatures, and of the house of commons-that is, during the sessions of their houses, and while going and returning-and to some other classes varying in different jurisdictions; but attorneys, solicitors, counsellors, parties, and witnesses in attendance on the courts, generally enjoy it. The privilege is not absolute, as respects all causes of arrest; but many of the classes of persons named may be arrested for some of the higher crimes, or to require surety of the peace. Abbott.
- Privies in estate. Persons mutually Privileged communication. (1) In interested, or bearing relation to the law of libel and slander,

cated, although aspersive and false, is not actionable, for the reason that the circumstances under which it was published or uttered gave the defendant a right to make it known. The chief grounds of such privilege are: That the defendant was the master of the plaintiff and spoke the words to him while the relation was continuing. That the defendant spoke or wrote the words as part of a character, which he was requested to give the plaintiff. That the words were a fair comment upon an author or speaker. That the defendant had a pecuniary interest. direct or indirect, in the business, with reference to which the words were spoken.

(2) In the law of evidence, a communication is often called privileged, with the meaning that the person to whom it was made cannot be compelled to disclose it, on examination as a witness in a court of justice. Abbott.

- Privilegium est beneficium personale, et extinguitur cum persona. A privilege is a personal benefit and dies with the person.
- Privilegium est quasi privata lex. Privilege is a sort of private law.
- **Privilegium non valet contra rempublicam.** A privilege is of no validity against the commonwealth.
- **Privity.** The mutual or successive relationship to the same rights of property. Bouv.
- **Privity of contract.** The relation existing between parties to a contract.

- means that the matter communicated, although aspersive and false, is not actionable, for the reason that the circumstances his tenant.
 - **Privy.** One connected with another so as to be affected in the same manner in regard to an estate, right, or liability.
 - Privy verdict. Where the judge has left or adjourned court, and the jury being agreed, in order to be freed from their confinement, obtain leave to give their verdict privately to the judge out of court, this is called a privy verdict, but this practice has long been discontinued. A somewhat similar practice now obtains. known as a sealed verdict, by which the jury having agreed upon their verdict, write it down and seal it, and then deliver it to the clerk of the court. They may then-go home, but must return at the opening of court when the verdict is opened and read in their presence. Abbott.
 - **Prise.** In admiralty law, a vessel or other property captured from a belligerent at sea in accordance with the rules of war.
 - **Pro confesso.** As, or for confessed. A decree taken in equity by default, or where no answer has been put in.
 - **Pro hac vice.** For the occasion; for this turn.
 - Pro indiviso. An undivided part.
 - **Pro interesse suo.** According to his interest. On behalf of his interest.
 - Pro rata. In proportion, or proportionately.

- Pro re nata. For the occasion which has arisen.
- Pro tanto. For so much. For as much as possible.
- **Probability.** In accordance with reason; likelihood.
- **Probable.** Something reasonable, or likely to have happened.
- **Probable cause.** The existence of such facts and circumstances as reasonably raise a belief in the existence of a fact or facts. It means such a state of facts and circumstances as would induce men of ordinary prudence and conscience to believe the charge to be true. 44 Vt. 124.
- **Probate.** Legal proof. As applied to wills, signifies their approval by the proper tribunal as to their existence and sufficiency.
- **Probate court.** A title of a court in many states with jurisdiction to take proof of wills, issue letters testamentary and the like, and have general supervision of the administration of estates of decedents.
- **Probus et legalis homo.** A good and lawful man. One fitted to serve as a juror or witness.
- **Procedendo.** For proceeding. A writ, for returning for further procedure in the lower court, a matter which has been taken to a superior court and has been found not entitled to consideration on the grounds alleged for its removal. In English practice, the writ was issued to a court from the chancery to compel an inferior court to proceed and render judgment in an action.

Procedure. The method of carrying on legal proceedings. The rules, of evidence, practice, etc., by which remedies are made effective in courts of law or equity.

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 pleading, whereby rights are effectuated through the successful application of the proper remedies. It generally comprehends practice and pleading, but excludes evidence, and the law of substantive rights and wrongs, or the rules upon which the claims of parties are ultimately decided. Abbott.

- **Process.** In practice, the means of compelling the defendant to appear in court, after suing out the original writ, in civil, and after indictment, in criminal, cases. Bouv. Strictly, the mandate of the court to the officer, commanding him to do certain things or perform certain services within his official cognizance. Abbott.
- **Prochein ami.** Next friend. The individual by whom a person under disability, as an infant, prosecutes an action.
- **Prochronism.** The giving a date to an act or event prior to its real happening.
- **Proclamation.** A public announcement or notification. It may consist of a written or printed, or oral announcement, of some matter or proceeding, or public act about to be taken.

- **Procuration.** Agency; the acting of one person for another, by the latter's authority or request. The right or power to act for another as an agent or attorney.
- **Procurator in rem suam.** Proctor to his own affairs. One acting in reference to property to which he has the legal title.
- **Procurator litis.** The prosecutor or manager of one's cause; a title of an officer or agent in the Roman civil law similar to our attorney-at-law.
- **Procurator negotiorum.** A civil law term, indicating that one had the authority to act for another as an attorney in fact; a manager or business agent for another.
- **Procurer.** A term applied to one who secures a female for another for improper purposes.
- **Profanity.** The use of oaths, or profane language.
- **Profert.** To produce or offer. To produce a deed or instrument in writing in open court for inspection.
- **Profert in curia.** He produces in court. A declaration that one produces or offers for inspection the deed under which he claims title.
- **Profit.** The surplus or advance in . price of a thing over the cost.
- **Profit a prendre.** A term signifying the right to take soil, gravel or other commodity from the land of another. An interest in the soil or estate of another.
- **Prohibition.** A writ, from a superior court, forbidding a court

or person to do a contemplated act. A remedy against the encroachment of jurisdiction, which developed at the common law, whereby a superior court could stop the action of an inferior court which assumed to act without jurisdiction or in a manner not justified by rules of law.

- **Proles.** Offspring; issue; children of a lawful marriage.
- **Prolixity.** Lengthy and superfluous statements of facts in a pleading.
- **Promise.** An undertaking to do something which may be of advantage to another. An assurance from one person to another that a certain act or event of which he has control shall be as described.
- Promise, express. One made in specific or definite terms.
- **Promise, implied.** One that is inferred or arises from the facts or circumstances of the parties.
- **Promise, mutual.** A promise given where the consideration is a like promise on the part of the other party.
- Promise, parol. One in writing but not under seal; one given orally.
- **Promissory note.** A commercial paper or written instrument for the payment of a specific sum of money at a time stated.
- **Promoters.** (1) In English practice, those persons who, in popular and penal actions, prosecute offenders in their names and the crown's, and are entitled to part of the fines and penalties for their pains.
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this country is in reference to the organization of corporations, and signifies the persons who first undertake or "promote" the corporation or joint stock com- pany, by securing the necessary preliminary subscriptions, secur- ing a charter, and the like. See Bouvier. Promulgate. To make known; to announce officially.	 Property, public. That owned or controlled by the state or a polit- ical division thereof. Proponent. In ecclesiastical or pro- bate law, he who proposes or propounds; to exhibit or bring forth a claim for judicial action. Propria manu. With his own hand. Propria persona. In his own per-
Proof. That which convinces the mind of the existence of a fact. The effect of evidence; evidence which convinces.	 son. A term used to signify that one appears in a suit in his own behalf, or personally. Propria vigore. By its own force or virtue, Intrinsic force or abil-
Proof, burden of. The obligation to substantiate alleged facts.	ity.
 Proof of debt. The formal establishment by a creditor of his claim against an insolvent estate, or a deceased person, or a partnership, or the like. Proof of loss. A statement of the items of personal property, or realty, with the value thereof, furnished on oath, to an insurance company by the insured. Proofs. The aggregate evidence given in a trial. 	 Proprietor. The owner. The one having exclusive right or title to property. Propter. On account of. Propter affectum. On account of affection; for bias. Propter defectum. On account of defect; for incompetency. Propter delictum. On account of crime or wrongdoing. A challenge of a juror propter delictum, or on account of conviction of crime.
 Proper. Fit; suitable; conforming to the standards by which the particular thing should be judged. Property. The right and owner- 	Prorogue. To dissolve or suspend by sovereign authority the meet- ings of parliament or a legisla- tive assembly.
ship which a man has in real or personal property to the ex- clusion of all others. Exclusive legal right to control or enjoy a thing. The thing owned, or en- joyed.	Prosecution. The steps taken in litigation. The means by which an offender is brought to trial and conviction. Also, the party conducting or enforcing the suit. Prosecution, malicious. One that
Property , private. That which be- longs to individuals.	

- Prosecutor. The officer or party who brings the proceeding or writing. prosecutes an offender against Provable. Capable of proof. the laws. Prosecutriz. A female prosecutor. Prostitute. A woman who offers genuine. herself for common and indis-Provided. A word used to express criminate sexual intercourse for gain. Prostitution. The act of a common ception. or lewd woman in offering her Provisional. person for sexual intercourse. manent. Protectio trahit subjectionem, et Proviso. A conditional clause insubjectio protectionem. Protection implies subjection, and subiection protection. "provided." Proximate. Immediate or nearest. Protection. Besides its vernacular meaning of shelter from injury, a protection is used in law in the special sense of a certificate or writing showing a personal immunity. Protest. In contracts, the notarial act, formally and officially made, by which the dishonor for nonpayment or non-acceptance of a Puberty. bill or note is evidenced, and which is necessary in order to hold the parties to the instrumales and twelve in females. ment for the payment thereof. Public. The whole body of the Protest, payment under. The paypeople in a community or state. ment of money or delivery of That which belongs to the comproperty to avoid damage or loss, but with a reservation of rights by reason of making a formal objection or protest to the jusly known. tice of the party to receive it. Prothonotary. A chief clerk in a
- court. A clerk of the court in some jurisdictions. Protocol. A draft or outline of a treaty or other official document.

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An original or first copy of a

Prove. To establish by competent evidence. To show to be true or

a limitation or condition, or introduce a qualifying clause or ex-

Temporary; not per-

serted in a written instrument, usually beginning with the word

- In close relation. Next in order.
- Proxy. One who is appointed or delegated to act instead of another, to represent him. Also, the power or right to act as such representative. Commonly used in connection with the giving of authority to vote for another.
- The age of maturity, when males and females are presumed capable of generation. At common law it was fourteen in
- munity, as opposed to private things. Also, what is open or unconcealed; generally or common-Public corporation. One that exercises some of the powers or func
 - tions of government, and in which the interest and control belongs to the public, as opposed to those controlled by individuals.

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- Public nuisance. A nuisance which affects the people of the locality generally, as distinguished from one which injures only an individual resident, with perhaps his family and servants. "Public" here does not in any way involve the government, or the whole community of the state or municipality, only the people of some local neighborhood. Abbott.
- Public officer. One holding a position or office in the public service, in which he has the right to the same for a definite time with a right to compensation. An office held under the government, and in which the incumbent has to do with public functions, or the control of public property.
- **Public peace.** The general peace of the inhabitants of a town or community.
- **Public place.** A place where the public resort habitually, or where all are invited to go equally. Any place designated by law or custom for the free and common use of all persons, as streets, roads, alleys, etc., dedicated to the use of the public.
- **Public policy.** That principle of the law which holds that no subject can lawfully do that which has a tendency to be injurious to or against the public good. Bouv.
- **Public property.** In a proper and useful sense, means matters and things which belong to government, either of the state or nation, or of a municipality. It is,

however, often used in a vague way of that which is not property at all, which any one may take into possession and enjoy at will.

- **Public record.** Any record kept by a public officer as a part of his official duty, and for the use or convenience of the public.
- Public school. A place for the education of the young, established by law, and conducted at the public expense and under the supervision of the general or local government.
- **Public welfare.** All things which pertain to the health and benefit of the public. The term is as broad or narrow as the law making power sea fit to make it.
- **Public works.** Constructions, erections and structures, such as aqueducts, dock-yards, extensive and important buildings, parks, and the like, undertaken by the government of the country, or of a municipality.
- Publication. Making known to the community or general public, whether by speaking or writing. Also, a printed volume or work.

Pudicity. Chastity.

Puis darrein continuance. Since the last continuance. A phrase in common law pleading, designating a plea which the defendant was allowed to put in after issue joined, for the purpose of setting up some new matter of defense which had arisen, or some matter which had first

come to his knowledge after joinder of issue.	Purparty. A share; a part in a division.
Punitive. Relating to punishment or penalty; vindicatory. Some-	Purport. The substance or general import of a writing.
thing done in the way of punish- ment.	Purpresture. A taking wholly away. The act of a private individual in enclosing a building upon part of
Purchase. All modes of acquiring property, except by descent.	a common or public domain, and thus taking it away from the public. Abbott.
Purchaser in good faith. Whether one buys in good faith depends not on his having notice of liens,	Purview. The enacting clause of a statute, beginning "be it enacted."
but on the motive or purpose with which he buys. 46 Ala. 73.	Putative. Reputed; supposed or be- lieved.
A bona fide purchaser is one who, neither committing nor par- ticipating in a fraud, pays a full price for property which he con- tinuously and openly holds in possession. 42 Ga. 250.	Putting in fear. Technical words in the offense of robbery, signi- fying that violence actual or con- structive was used by which the offense was committed against the will of the owner of the
Purchase-money. The money agreed to be paid by a purchaser for property.	property taken. Pyromania. The irresistible pro- pensity to burn property.
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Quack. An unlearned person, who yet undertakes the practice of medicine or surgery.	Que non fieri debent, facta valent. Things which ought not to be done, being done, may be valid.
Quadriennium utile. The useful four years. Under Scotch law the four years following the minority of a minor in which he could avoid contracts or deeds made to his prejudice during his minority.	 Quae non valeant singula, juncta juvant. Things which have no force singly, may have effect when united. Quaere. A question, or inquiry. Is used by law writers and re-
Quadripartite. Consisting of four parts; an instrument executed in four counterparts or copies.	porters after a proposition given in a case which is not decided or which is left in doubt.
Quadroon. A person of one-fourth African or negro blood; the off-	Quaerens. The plaintiff, or com- plainant.
spring of a white person and a	Quarens non invenit plegium. The plaintiff did not find or produce

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- security. A phrase in the return of a sheriff at common law to an order to get security of a plaintiff and the security was not given.
- Qualified. Prepared, fitted or adapted.
- Qualify. To make fit; to show that one is competent. Also, to take the oath and give the undertaking required of an administrator or public officer in order to be inducted into the trust or office. Also, to limit, modify or restrict.
- **Qualified indorsement.** A restricted or limited indorsement; one that limits the liability of the person making it.
- Quamdiu se bene gesserit. As long as he shall conduct himself well. A clause signifying that a person inducted into an office shall hold during good behavior.
- Quando acciderint. When they shall come in or be collected. A form of judgment against an executor or administrator directing the amount to be paid as soon as assets come to hand.
- Quando aliquid conceditur, conceditur id sine quo illud fieri non possit. When anything is granted, that also is granted without which it cannot be carried into effect. Another form of a maxim of construction.
- Quando aliquid prohibetur fieri ex directo prohibetur et per obliquum. When a thing is prohibited from being done directly it is also prohibited from being done indirectly.

- Quando jus domini regis et subditi concurrent jus regis præferri debet. When the right of the sovereign and of the subject conflict, the right of the sovereign ought to be preferred.
- Quando plus fit quam fieri debet, videtur etiam illud fieri quod faciendum est. When more is done than ought to be done, the things which were properly done are deemed as done. That is, if more is done under a grant of authority than is warranted, the excess only is void.
- Quantum damnificatus. How much is he injured? The name of an issue directed by the court to determine the amount of damage by the verdict of a jury.
- Quantum meruit. As much as he has deserved Words in a form of action at common law to recover for work or service upon an implied contract for the reasonable value or worth of the same, there having been no express contract as to the amount to be paid.
- Quantum valebat. As much as it was worth. A phrase in the common counts for the value of goods sold upon an implied contract of purchase, seeking to recover the reasonable worth of the articles.
- Quarantine. Originally, a period of forty days. The time allowed a widow in which she may remain in her deceased husband's mansion house until dower was assigned her. Also, the period during which persons are detained under the maritime regulations when they arrive from an infected

port or place where contagious diseases are rampant, until the danger of their being infected has been removed.

- Quare clausum fregit. Why he broke the close. Chief words in a common law writ for an action of trespass for unlawful entry upon the land of another. Abbreviated, qu. cl. fr.
- Quare impedit. Wherefore he hinders. Chief words in a common law writ, to prevent or stop another from depriving one of his rights of presentation to a benefice or advowson.
- Quarter section. One-fourth of a section of land, or 160 acres.
- Quarto die post. On the fourth day after. Appearance day, in former English practice.
- Quatuor pedibus currit. It runs upon four feet. Same as "upon all fours," a phrase used to indicate the similarity or resemblance of cases or examples that are cited.
- Quash. To annul, or overthrow. To abate or put an end to an action.
- Quasi. As if; as if it were. Something similar to another person or thing.
- Quasi contract. An obligation similar to a contract, but which has not arisen in the regular contractual manner. It is said to be an obligation springing from voluntary and lawful acts of parties in the absence of any agreement.

Quasi-corporation. A name given to a number of companies or societies which though resembling a corporation in some of their powers and functions, yet are not regular corporations and do not have all the powers vested by law in duly incorporated companies. Examples are, the inhabitants of a school district, commissioners of counties, or of roads, and the like.

- Quasi-tort. Resembling a tort; one for which a person may be liable though done by his servant.
- Que estate. Which estate. The estate of whom. An expression formerly used to indicate the estate or title in an easement or prescriptive right enjoyed by former owners of an estate.
- Querela. A quarrel, or lawsuit. A legal controversy, or complaint.
- Question. In evidence, the interrogation put to a witness, for the purpose of ascertaining his knowledge in regard to facts in issue in the action at bar.

According to Bouvier, questions are either general or leading. By a general question is meant such a one as requires the witness to state all he knows, without any suggestion being made to him; as, Who gave the blow? A leading question is one which leads the mind of the witness to the answer, or suggests it to him; as, Did A B give the blow?

Qui approbat non reprobat. He who approves does not disapprove. That is, one who accepts cannot also reject the same thing.

- Qui facit per alium, facit per se. He who acts through another, acts himself. An act by an agent is the same as though done by the principal.
- Qui hæret in litera, hæret in cortice. He who stops in the letter, stops in the bark.
- Qui jure suo utitur, nemine facit injuriam. He who uses his own right does injury to no one.
- Qui no habet, ille non dat. He who does not have or own cannot grant.
- Qui non negat fatetur. He who does not deny, admits.
- Qui non obstat quod obstare potest facere videtur. He who does not hinder what he may hinder, is regarded as doing it.
- Qui prior est tempore, potior est jure. He who is earlier in time, is stronger in right. A maxim in regard to priority giving preference in law.
- Qui semel est malus, semper præsumitur esse malus in codem genere. Proving one to have been evil on one occasion presumes him to be evilly disposed in that respect.
- Qui sentit commodum, sentire debet et onus. He who has the benefit should also bear the burden.
- Qui tacet, censentire videtur. He who is silent is deemed to consent. Silence gives consent.
- Qui tam. Who as well. An action brought by an informer, who as well as the king or state receives

a portion of the penalty obtained from the defendant.

Qui tardius solvit, minus solvit. He who pays too slowly pays too little.

Quia. Because.

- Quia emptores. Because purchasers. The initial words of the . statute of Westminster 3, regulating the sale of lands in England. It provided that the owners of freehold lands might sell them, but the grantee should hold the land of the lord paramount the same as the grantor, and by the same service or rent.
- Quia timet. Because he fears. The name of a bill in equity to secure a preventive or anticipatory remedy, because it is feared that some time the injury will happen.
- Quicquid solvitur, solvitur secundum modum solventis; quicquid recepitur, recipitur secundum modum recipientis. Whatever is paid, is paid according to the intention of the payer; whatever is received, is received according to the intention of the receiver. That is, one paying may stipulate to what it shall be applied, if he does not the recipient may apply it as he sees fit. This is the settled rule.
- Quicquid plantatur solo, solo cedit. Whatever is planted in the soil belongs to the soil.
- Quid pro quo. What for what; or this for that. An expression signifying the thing given in exchange for another thing, or the consideration for a contract or agreement.

Quidam. Somebody; someone. Α Quitclaim. A release or acquitsignifying an unknown tance; a surrender of title or term person or one that cannot be claim. named. Quit-rent. A rent of land, so called anciently because the tenant Quiet enjoyment. The name of thereby went free and quit of one of the covenants in conveyother services to the lord. ances and leases of lands, engaging that the grantee shall be Quittance. A release or discharge. permitted to occupy and use the Quivis. Any; any one; every one. lands without let or hindrance. and peaceably enjoy the same. Ouivis praesumitur bonus donec This covenant goes to the posprobetur contrarium. Every one session merely, and not to the is presumed innocent until the title. So that the covenant of contrary is proved. This prinquiet enjoyment is broken only ciple or maxim, is styled "the by an entry, or lawful expulsion golden rule of lawyers." from, or some actual disturb-Ouo animo. With what intention. ance in, the possession. 3 Johns. Quo jure. By what right. 471. Quo minus. By which less. Quietus. A discharge; final ending of a thing. Quo warranto. A prerogative writ by which the question, by what Quilibet. Any one who will; any authority a person claiming or person without distinction; whousurping an office, franchise or ever will. privilege, is litigated. It compels the party in the office or claim-Quilibet potest renunciare juri pro ing it to show what right he has se introducto. One may renounce a right established for to exercise the same, and inhis own benefit. stals the person entitled in the office. Quinto exactus. Called the fifth Ouoad. Concerning: in respect time. The form and name of a of; as to. return by the sheriff at common law, importing in proceed-Quoad hoc. As to this; as reings for outlawry, that a degards the matter in question. fendant has been proclaimed and Signifies in legal reports, that called in five county courts sucthe law is as stated. - cessively, and failed to appear; Quod. For that; for the reason upon which he was outlawed. that; because. Abbott. Quod ab initio non valet, tractu Quisque. Every; every one. temporis non convalescet. What Quisque utitur jure auctoris. Every from the beginning is invalid one exercises the right of him does not gain validity by lapse of from whom the right is derived. time.

Quod computet. That he account.

- Quod cum. That whereas for that whereas. Technical words used in common law pleading introducing matters of inducement.
- Quod fieri debet, facile præsumitur. What ought to be done is easily presumed.
- Quod non apparet, non est. What does not appear, is not.
- Quod nullius est fit domini regis. What is the property of no one becomes the property of the sovereign.
- Quod nullius est, id ratione naturali occupanti conceditur. What is the property of no one is, by natural reason, given to the occupant. A maxim of the civil law, also adapted into the common law.
- Quod sub certa forma concessum vel reservatum est, non trahitur ad valorem vel compensationem. What is granted or reserved under a certain form is not to be made the subject of valuation or compensation. One of Lord Bacon's maxims, which he explains as follows: "The law permitteth every man to part with his own interest and to qualify his own grant as it pleaseth himself, and therefore doth not admit any allowance or

recompense, if the thing be not taken as granted."

- Quorum. Of whom. As a substantive it signifies the number of persons belonging to a legislative, corporate, or other body, whose presence is necessary to the proper transaction of business by that body. The number is determined by some constitution, statute or rule which governs.
- **Quota.** The proportion of a total amount which is to be borne by the individual.
- Quoties in verbis nulla est ambiguitas, ibi nulla expositio contra verba fienda est. So long as there is no ambiguity in the language of an instrument, no interpretation contrary to the language is allowed.
- Quum duo inter se pugnantia reperiuntur in testamento, ultimum ratum est. When repugnant things are found in a will the last of the two shall stand.
- Quum principalis causa non consistit, ne ea quidem quae sequuntur locum habent. When the principal subject-matter ceases to exist, those things which follow it have no longer any place.

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Racing. The offering of prizes or purses of a definite sum by a racing association to be awarded to the successful horses in a race, and to be paid out of the general funds of the association, made up in part of entrance fees paid by the owners of the competing horses, is not a violation of the constitutional provision against gambling. 6 Park Cr. Rep. 256.

- **Rack-rent.** An exorbitant rent; one that nearly equals the profits of the property rented.
- **Radius.** The distance from the center of a circle to the circumference; also a straight line drawn from the center to any point in the circumference of a circle.

Raffie. A kind of lottery.

Railroad. A graded road, fitted with ties and iron rails for the wheels of the locomotive and cars to run upon. They are not public highways, but the public or state has such an interest in their control and regulation as to be able to fix maximum rates to be charged and make other regulations in regard to their operation and charges.

A road graded and having rails of iron or other material for the wheels of railroad cars to run upon. Bouvier. The question has been mooted whether the general term railroad includes horse or street railroads, or is confined to those run by steam. The decisions differ; and the rule seems to be that, in this respect, the meaning depends on the context and general intent.

Railroad property. The property which is essential to a railroad company to enable it to discharge its functions and duties as a common carrier by rail. It includes the road bed, right of way, tracks, bridges, stations, rolling stock, and such like property. Lands owned and held for sale, or other disposition for profit, and in no way connected with the use or operation of the railroad, are not railroad property in the sense mentioned, but are property of the company independently of its functions and duties as a common carrier. 47 Fed. Rep. 681.

Raise. To bring into existence; to create or establish.

- **Raising a promise.** When it is said that the law "raises a promise," or "raises an assumpsit," upon any given transaction, it is meant that a promise, for breach of which an action may be brought, is legally involved in, or to be inferred from, the transaction in question.
- **Raising a use.** Creating, establishing or bringing a use or trust into existence.
- Range. In public land laws and surveys, range indicates a row of townships between meridian lines. A base line and a meridian line are drawn through each other at right angles, the first line running east and west, and the second north and south. Townships are numbered north and south of the base line and east and west of the principal meridian. The range is east or west of the meridian, and the number of the range gives the location of the township as regards this meridian line. In describing the land in the U.S. system of public land surveys, the section number is given, there being 36 of these sections in each township, the number of the township

north or south of the base line, and the number of the range east or west of the principal meridian.

- Ranger. An old English officer of the forest.
- **Ransom.** A sum of money paid for a pardon, or release from imprisonment or punishment. In international law, the sum paid for the release of prisoners captured or property taken during hostilities.

Rape. The offence committed by a man in having carnal knowledge of a woman forcibly and unlawfully against her will. Actual violence is not necessary to constitute the crime under modern statutes, so that the commission of the offence by the use of drugs to overcome the victim, or under duress, of threats of bodily harm, constitutes rape.

- Rape, statutory. A statutory offence consisting of having carnal knowledge of a female under the age of consent, with or without her consent.
- **Rasure.** Removing letters or words from an instrument by scraping off the ink. A species of erasure, or alteration of a written instrument.
- **Rate.** A valuation or assessment put upon property or articles to determine how much of a common or public burden each shall pay. A per cent or proportion of a thing as a tax rate, poor rate, etc.
- Rate of exchange. The rate or amount paid to procure the cash

for an order or bill drawn upon another place or country.

- **Ratification.** A confirmation or acceptance of a previous act. The sanction and adoption of what has been done without previous authority.
- Ratio. A reason or cause; also, an account. Relative amount.
- Ratio legis est anima legis. The reason of the law is the soul of the law.
- Rattening. The offense of trying to coerce a workman to join a labor union or trades union by taking away his tools, and the like.

Ravish. To rape.

Re, or in re. In the matter of; in the case of.

- Real. In common-law jurisprudence this word generally signifies landed property; having the attributes of permanency and immobility which distinguishes the soil; connected with or relating to land, or estate in land. In the civil law the meaning is more comprehensive, corresponding with the derivation from res. It distinguishes things, movable or immovable, from persons, and means connected with or relating to things. Thus a real injury is any tort to lands or chattels, not to the person; a real statute is one which relates to things, not to persons.
- **Real contract.** A contract relating to or arising out of matters connected with realty.

Real property. Land, and immovable things akin to land.

- **Realty.** A term sometimes used as a collective noun for real property or estate—more generally to imply that that of which it is spoken is of the nature or character of real property or estate. Bouv.
- **Re-argument.** A second argument or hearing granted to the same points at issue.
- **Reasonable.** Agreeing with reason; just and proper under the circumstances. Sufficient or proper.
- **Reasonable care**, or **diligence**. Such attention or pains as is fit and proper under the circumstances, having regard to the nature of the act or duty involved.
- Reasonable doubt. An expression referring to the state of mind which precludes the court or jury from finding an accused person guilty. It is hard to define, and is stated to be best understood without definition. It does not mean a mere possible doubt, and is said to be that state of the case which, after the entire comparison and consideration of all the evidence, leaves the minds of the jurors in that condition that they cannot say they feel an abiding conviction to a moral certainty of the truth of the charge.
- **Reasonable skill.** Such ability as is customary or usual among those who are authorized to act in a similar capacity or calling.
- Reasonable time. A phrase indicating that a thing is to be done

within a time which by the circumstances and usages of the business will be considered right and proper.

- Rebate. An allowance in the way of discount or drawback of money that has been paid. The reduction of an amount due.
- **Rebel.** A citizen or subject who unjustly and unlawfully takes up arms against the constituted authorities of the nation, to deprive them of the supreme power, either by resisting their lawful and constitutional orders in some particular matter or to impose on them conditions. Vattel.
- **Rebut.** To contradict; to oppose by evidence or allegations.
- **Rebuttal.** Refutation. The evidence introduced by the plaintiff to refute testimony of the defendant.
- **Rebutter.** The answer of a defendant to the surrejoinder of the plaintiff, in common law pleading.
- **Recall.** To revoke or countermand. The depriving a diplomat or representative of his official functions. To replace him by another representative. Also, one of the features of direct legislation, which is made up of the initiative, or the right of the general public to begin laws by petition, the referendum, which is the right to have all laws, or certain of them submitted to the people before they shall become operative, and the recall which is the right of the people to with-

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draw their authority from their officers or delegates at any time that his action shall not meet with their approval, instead of allowing him to hold for a definite time.

Recaption. 1. The taking of a person who has escaped from former arrest. 2. A remedy by the act of the party injured, by recovering with his own hand property wrongfully detained or taken, or releasing a wife or child from the control of another.

Recapture. The recovery of property which has been previously taken in war as a prize.

- **Receipt.** A written acknowledgment of payment or delivery. The act of receiving.
- Receipts. Money received; income.
- **Receiver.** In equity practice, an officer appointed by a court to take charge of property or funds while in litigation and do such acts as are necessary to preserve or convert them into money for proper adjustment and distribution.
- **Receivers' certificates.** Acknowledgments of indebtedness issued by a receiver under the order of the court by which he was appointed, either directly in discharge of obligations incurred in the management of the property, or for borrowing money for the maintenance and operation of the property, and redeemable out of its proceeds. **They may be made a lien on the** property when that is necessary

for its proper management and operation in the interest of all who may be concerned in it, as directed in the order under which they are issued, and are usually made a first charge on the fund in the receiver's hands, after payment of the operating expenses. Bouvier.

- **Recesses.** The intervals when the court is not open or engaged in the transaction of business.
- **Recession.** A re-grant or return of land or territory to a government which formerly held it by another country or state.
- **Reciprocity.** Mutuality; the doing something in return for a like act from another person or country. Mutual concessions made by nations in favor of the importation of the products and manufactures of each other.
- **Recital.** A setting out by way of preamble or explanation of the reasons or purposes of the instrument, as in a deed.
- **Recite.** To state in a written instrument facts connected with its inception, or reasons for its being made.
- **Reclaim.** To take back or recover a thing which had been lost. To put in a condition of usefulness; or to tame animals.

To demand again what one has previously parted with. With reference to animals, to reclaim, means to domesticate them, or bring them back from a wild state. It is also used in this sense in reference to wild lands, which

are said to be reclaimed when brought under cultivation.

- **Recognisance** or **Recognisance**. An obligation of record, signed before a court of record or magistrate duly authorized, binding the signer to do some act or perform some duty therein stipulated, as to appear for trial, keep the peace, pay costs, or the like.
- **Record.** To enter in writing for future reference or safe keeping. To transcribe in official books. To write out as authentic evidence of what has been done. Also, the complete history or compend of a trial in court.
- Recordari facias loquelam. That you cause the plaint to be recorded. The emphatic words in the writ used in England to remove replevin suit from the county court to one of the superior courts.
- Record of nisi prius. In the practice of the English common law courts, this is an official transcript or copy of the proceedings in an action, entered on parchment, sealed, and passed, as it is termed, at the proper office. It serves as a warrant to the judge to try the cause, and is the only document at which he can judicially look for information as to the nature of the proceedings and the issues joined between the parties. Abbott.
- **Recorder.** A judicial officer in some American cities with the powers and authority of a judge. Also, a county or state officer with duties of keeping and re-

cording deeds and other papers required by law to be placed in the public records.

- **Recording.** The act of placing on record, or transcribing into the official records.
- Recording acts. The name of the statutes which in various jurisdictions govern the recording of deeds, mortgages and the like instruments, which it is desired to place upon the public records. The theory and purpose of these acts is thus described by Abbott: "To make known the chain of title to landed property within the state, and enable persons proposing to buy or lend upon lands, to learn of any adverse titles or claims. The general operation of the recording acts is, that in each county of the state a public office is maintained for the record of instruments transferring or incumbering lands within the county. To entitle an instrument to be recorded it must be acknowledged or proved by a subscribing witness or witnesses; and these requirements being complied with, the grantee or incumbrancer has the right to have it transcribed at length upon the books of the office. This being done, gives constructive notice. by the provisions of the recording acts, to all the world, of the existence and contents of the instrument as recorded."
- **Recoupment.** To deduct or keep back something. The abatement or reduction of a demand.
- Also, a county or state officer Recourse. A return or going back. with duties of keeping and re- Used in reference to commercial

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paper to indicate the right of a holder of paper to look back to the various indorsers for payment of the same, unless they have indorsed "without recourse."

Recourse, without. That qualified indorsement of commercial paper which relieves the indorser from liability to the indorsee or holder.

The general mercantile law allows that when a payee or indorsee of a negotiable instrument desires to transfer his property in it, without at the same time assuming the responsibliity of an endorser, he may do so by what is called a qualified or restricted indorse-The form in common ment. use is for him to write above the indorsement of his name the words "without recourse;" and this mode of indorsing is known as an indorsement without recourse. Abbott.

- **Recovery.** Obtaining by means of a judicial proceeding. Actual possession by a judicial decree.
- **Recovery, common.** A method of transferring title to property, formerly used in England to get around statutes restricting the transfer of real property.
- **Rectus in curia.** Right in court; one who has freed himself of a charge or accusation before the court, as by being freed from outlawry, or the like.
- Recriminate. To answer an accusation by a countercharge against the accuser. As in a divorce suit where adultery is

charged, the counter charge of adultery on the part of the plaintiff is styled "recrimination.

- **Recusant.** One who obstinately rebels against authority or refuses to conform to church discipline.
- **Reddendo singula singulis.** Referring particular things to particular persons. A phrase descriptive of a method of construing a written instrument so as to separate and distribute the things mentioned therein among the persons mentioned, so that the intention of the party making the instrument may be carried out, notwithstanding some apparent conflict in the disposition of the things.
- Redhibitory action. A suit to annul a sale for defect of the thing sold and delivered.
- **Red tape.** A vernacular expression signifying official authority in minor matters carried to extremes.
- Redeem. To recover, or buy back. To secure again something which has been parted with to secure a liability.
- Redemption, equity of. The right or privilege of paying a mortgage debt within a stated time and thereby freeing the property or article pledged for its security.
- Redraft. A bill of exchange drawn at the place where another bill was made payable and where it was protested, upon the place where the first bill was drawn, or, when there is no regular.

commercial intercourse rendering that practicable, then in the next best or most direct practicable course. Bell, Com. 406.

- Redress. Satisfaction received for an injury to person or property.
- Reduce. To diminish or abate from a demand or claim.
- Reduction into possession. The act of converting a right of action into possession by bringing suit or collecting what is due thereon.
- **Redundancy.** A fault in pleading or in the drafting of instruments consisting of inserting matters which have no connection or relevancy to the subject matter or which are without the scope of the instrument.
- **Re-entry.** The act of taking back the control or possession of real property which has been parted with for some purpose, as where the property had been leased and the lease has terminated or been avoided by breach of the conditions therein.
- **Re-examination.** A second examination of a person or thing.
- **Re-exchange.** The additional expense or exchange incurred where a bill is dishonored in a foreign country and where it is made payable, and therefore returned to the country in which it was made or indorsed for payment.
- **Refer.** To direct attention to. To turn a cause or matter over to a person or referee for some proceeding or action to be taken.

- **Referee.** A quasi-judicial officer who is sometimes appointed by a court for the purpose of taking testimony, or doing some detail work in connection with a litigated matter. His report or findings is returned to the court appointing him.
- Referendum. One of the methods of securing popular government by direct legislation. It requires that a proposed statute or law before becoming operative shall be submitted or referred to the people for their approval by ballot. The other features of direct legislation, are the initiative, giving the people the right to formulate laws in the first instance, and the recall, by which the people can recall or remove a public officer or representative by petition before the expiration of his term of office.
- **Reform.** To correct; to make over with a view to bettering. A procedure by which an instrument is changed to conform to what is decreed to have been the real intention of the parties.
- Reformatory. A penal institution, in which an effort is made to improve the moral and mental condition of the persons therein detained. Juvenile offenders are usually confined in such places.
- Refreshing the memory. A phrase indicating that one's recollection of a matter or event has been revived by referring to some memorandum or document made at the time or connected with the matter in question.

 Refund. To pay back something which has been received as an over-payment, or which should not have been paid. Refuse. To deny a request or de- mand; to decline to do some- thing. Register. To write in a book or 	ject against certain risks, with another underwriter, on the same subject, against all or a part of the same risk, not ex- ceeding the same amount. In- surance with another company by an underwriter who has as- sumed a risk upon property to an amount greater than it is de-
public record something which is required to be placed there. The record itself. The keeper of the record. Registration. The act of record-	sirable for him to carry. Rejoinder. The defendant's answer to the plaintiff's replication. Relation. A connection or tie be- tween two subjects or persons.
ing in an official record. Regnal years. The years of a reign of an English king or queen.	The recital of facts or conten- tions. Relative. Having connection; com- parative. One connected by
 Regrating. Formerly, the offence of buying up inanimate provi- sions at a market with the pur- pose of reselling in the same market at an advance. The offender was termed a regrator. Regular. According to law or custom. In accordance with the usual rule, or general practice. 	blood. Relative fact. One having relation to another fact, which is of more importance in the issue; a minor fact, or circumstance. Relator. An informer. The tech- nical term for one who is the plaintiff or informer in a quo warranto proceeding, or other
Regulate. To adjust by rule; to control by statute; to restrict or direct. Rehearing. A second hearing be-	Release. A discharge or surrender. A voluntary discharge of a claim or debt. The act or instrument
fore the same tribunal, or of the same controversy. A re-argu- ment of an issue.	by which the discharge or re- lease is made. Relevancy. Pertinent or applicable to the issue as made up between
 Reimburse. To repay; to make good a loss or damage. Reinstate. To restore to a former condition. Used in connection with the restoration of a case to its place on the docket, after it had been dropped. 	the parties, and qualified to aid in determining the truth or fal- sity of the respective conten-
Reinsurance. Insurance effected by an underwriter upon a sub-	Relict. A surviving husband or wife.

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- or To surrender Relinquish. abandon something previously claimed. The giving up of a right or claim.
- Remainder. An estate limited to take effect after the termination of another estate.
- Remainder-man. The person designated to enjoy an estate in remainder.
- To send back, or re-Remand. commit. Used of sending a cause back for trial which has been improperly appealed, and also in regard to the recommittal of an accused person to prison.
- Remedial. Affording a remedy or redress for a wrong or injury done. Pertaining to the method of redressing injuries or securing rights.
- Remedy. The judicial means of enforcing a right or redressing a wrong.

Remise. To give up, or relinquish.

- Remit. To abandon or forgive. To discharge; to give up. Also, to transmit or send money.
- Remitter. A term in real property law for a fiction or theory whereby one who has the right of entry in lands, but is out of possession, and who obtains possession of the lands under some subsequent title, which, however, is of course defective, is considered to be sent back (remitted), by operation of law, to his ancient and more certain title. The possession which he gained by a bad title is deemed an- Replead. To plead anew; to put nexed to his own good title, and in new pleadings.

his defeasible estate is annulled by the act of the law. Abbott.

- Remittitur. It is sent back. The order of a superior court to an inferior court accompanying the record of a case with instructions as to what further action the lower court shall take.
- Remote. Distant from; having slight connection with a matter.
- Remover. The transfer of a cause from one court or jurisdiction to another.
- Renewal. The act of replacing a former matter or thing by one later in date. Extending time of payment on an obligation.
- Rent. A compensation or return for the use of a thing. The price paid for the privilege of occupying real property of another.
- Reopening a case. A court of equity, in the exercise of a sound discretion, has full power to reopen a case, and allow the correction of mistakes in testimony. To reopen a case is to permit the introduction of new evidence and, practically, try it anew: to rehear a case is to hear it again upon the same proofs and allegations. Bouvier.
- Repeal. To revoke a statute by legislative act. A revocation or recalling of a decree or edict.
- Repellitur a sacramento infamis. An infamous person is repelled from an oath. That is, an infamous person is not allowed to take the oath as a witness. But the maxim does not now maintain.

- or writ devised to obtain the uents. specific chattel or thing which Reprieve. A respite; to suspend the plaintiff claimed was his property. It still retains its distinctive characteristic. Replevy. Obtaining property by means of the employment of the like. action of replevin. Reprisal. The taking without ju-Replication. The pleading of the plaintiff in response to the plea or answer of the defendant. Under the code the corresponding pleading would be the reply. recaption. Reply. The plaintiff's response to Republic. A commonwealth, or the answer of the defendant. Also, the answer to a letter or argument. Report. A brief, or statement of the facts of a matter or judicial The finding or
 - controversy. opinion of a person who has been delegated to investigate a matter made to the person or official delegating him.

Replevin. The common law action

- Reports. The official volumes giving the decisions of the various courts of record. They are designated by the name of the state and court in which they were rendered.
- Reports, the. Lord Coke's famous compilations of decisions have become known simply as The Reports, without giving his name in the citation. They cover the period from 14 Elizabeth to 13 James I.
- **Representative.** One who stands in the place of another, or represents him. Also, the designation of the legislative officers elected by the people to make the laws, Res. A thing, or things. and who are regarded as repre-

senting the electors or constit-

- the execution of a penalty or sentence of execution for a limited time, as for the purpose of further investigation, or the
- dicial process, the property of another in satisfaction for something taken or done by the other. A retaliatory measure similar to
- form of government in which the whole people share in the possession of the sovereignty and administration of the government by means of elected or delegated officials. The mass of the people as a collective entity.
- Republican government. A government by the people through rep resentatives chosen by them, and involving a recognition that the supreme authority or sovereignty still resides in the whole people, and its exercise by elected officials is only a delegated and limited authority.
- Repugnancy. An inconsistency in the parts of a pleading or a written instrument.
- Reputation. The opinion in which one is generally held in the community in which he lives. The opinion as to the character or condition of a person or thing generally entertained by those who are acquainted with the facts.
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of a right, or the subject matter of an action.

- **Reserve.** To withhold; to keep back. Thus to reserve something in a lease or deed is to retain its control or keep it back from the part or portion granted.
- **Res gestæ.** Things done. The entire transaction. In evidence, the term signifies the things done or surrounding the main fact, and happening either simultaneously with the main act or so closely connected with it as to adhere to and form a part of it. Such acts are sometimes permitted to be shown in evidence the same as the act itself.

They are said to be the automatic and undesigned incidents of a particular litigated act, and which are admissible in evidence when illustrative of such act. 96 Cal. 125. Whart. Ev.

- **Resignation.** To relinquish or surrender an office, title, personal privilege, power or the like.
- Res integra. A new thing or question; a matter undecided.
- **Res inter alios acta.** An act done between others. Something to which one is not a party.
- Res inter alios acta alteri nocere non debet. A thing done between others ought not to injure one. Abbott explains this to be one of the most important and useful maxims relating to the law of evidence. Its significance being to protect the rights of a litigant from being taken away or impaired by the acts,

conduct, declarations, or evidence of strangers to the litigation.

- **Res ipsa loquitur.** The thing speaks for itself, or of itself. An expression signifying that an accident is of such a character as to show negligence from its mere happening, or by proof of the accident alone.
- **Res judicata.** A matter decided or adjudged. Something already passed upon by a court, and which is now a thing adjudicated.
- Res judicata pro veritate accipitur. A matter adjudged is received for truth. That is, court records and the like are deemed to have been correctly made, the acts of the officers in regard to them regular and proper, until the contrary is shown.

Res nova. A new matter.

- **Res nullius.** Things of no one. Something without an owner.
- **Res privata.** Things belonging to individuals, or owned in private capacity.
- **Res publica.** Public property. The public property, as seas, rivers, harbors and the like.
- **Rescind.** To overthrow or cancel previous action; to vacate; to set aside.
- **Reservation.** An exception; something reserved or retained in a grant which would otherwise be included. The part of a deed or instrument which reserves a thing not in esse at the time of the grant, but is newly created. Bouv.

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 Reside. To dwell; to live at or in a place. To dwell permanently. Residence. One's permanent place of abode. Residuary. Something left over; pertaining to the remains or residue after previous gifts or grants. 	ment, he ought to be responsible for the results, if, through want of due inquiry or otherwise, he selects an improper person. He
Residue. All that remains after specific grants and charges have been satisfied.	equity, admiralty or divorce ac- tion. Respondentia. A loan of money,
Resist. To oppose. Resolve. To determine, to state.	on maritime interest, on goods laden on board of a ship, upon the condition that if the goods
Respite. A postponement of a thing; to adjourn or prolong. Respondeat. Let him answer.	be wholly lost in the course of the voyage, by any of the perils enumerated in the contract, the
Respondeat ouster. That he answer over. A form of judgment for plaintiff against defendant upon a plea in abatement.	lender shall lose his money; if not, that the borrower shall pay him the sum borrowed, with the interest agreed upon. Bou- vier.
Respondeat superior. Let the mas- ter answer. The principal or master is re- sponsible for the acts done by his agent or servant, as such. This rule is of almost universal	Responsa prudentum. Answers of learned men; opinions of those learned in the law, under the Roman law. These were treas- ured and came to have the weight of modern precedents.
application, whether the act be one of omission or commission, whether negligent, fraudulent, or deceitful, provided it is not	Responsible. One that is legally or morally liable for his acts. Financial ability to meet obliga- tions.
the wilful, wanton act of the servant. The fact that the mas- ter did not authorize the act, or even know of its performance, makes no difference. Even if he disapproved of and forbade it, he is still liable, if the act or neglect of the servant was done	Rest. A period of time in the cal- culation of interest upon a note or loan, at which time the prin- cipal and interest are calculated and interest charged upon the new principal including the in- terest then due.
	Restitution. The restoring of a thing unlawfully taken from another. An order or writ to make such restoration.

Restrain. To enjoin; to limit or Retroactive. confine. designates

- **Resulting trust.** A trust raised by implication or construction of law, and presumed to exist from the supposed intention of the parties and the nature of the transaction. Bouvier.
- **Resulting use.** A use raised by equity for the benefit of a feoffor or who has made a voluntary conveyance to uses without any declaration, of the use. See Washb. R. P. 100.
- Retainer. The act of employing or engaging an attorney or advocate. The fee paid or agreement made on the first employment of an attorney. Also, the right which an executor has of retaining from the assets of the estate sufficient to pay his own debt as a creditor of the estate.
- **Retention.** In Scotch law, the right to retain property until a debt due thereon is satisfied.
- **Retorno habendo.** For having a return; the name of the writ of execution for the return of the property in the action of replevin at common law.
- **Retorsion.** An act by a sovereignty in returning the same sort or treatment to the citizens of another nation as they give to its citizens; a measure of retaliation.
- **Retraxit.** He has withdrawn. A voluntary withdrawal of a suit by the plaintiff.
- Retreat. To go backward; to retire or avoid an assault or attack.

- **Retroactive.** Acting in the past; designates laws which purport to operate upon past events or transactions.
- Retrospective. Looking backward. Same as retroactive.
- Return. An official statement by an officer of what he has done in obedience to a command from a superior authority, or why he has done nothing, whichever is required. The certificate endorsed on a writ or process by the officer charged with serving it, of what has been done thereunder is termed "a return."
- Return day. The day named in a writ or process, within which the officer is required to return it to the court with an endorsement thereon of what he has done under it.
- **Revenue.** Income; the income of the government from whatever source.
- **Reus.** At civil law, a defendant in a civil action, as distinguished from the plaintiff, or actor. Also, a person accused of crime, or the defendant in a criminal action.
- **Reversal.** The annulment or setting aside of the verdict or decision of a lower court by a higher one.
- Reverse. To declare void; to annul, or revoke.
- **Reversion.** The residue of an estate left in a grantor, to commence after the expiration of a granted estate. The return or reverting of the land to the orig-

inal grantor after the expiration of the term granted. Reversioner. The one entitled to a reversionary estate.	ferring their obedience from the lawful commander to some other person. 11 Wheat. 417. Rez. King.
Review. To examine again, or a second time. To consider for the purpose of correction. The term includes any or all of the methods by which a judicial act may be revised, including appeal, writ of error, rehearing, reexamination, etc.	Rex non potest peccare. The king can do no wrong. An ancient principle of the English mon- archical system. Rex nunquam moritur. The king never dies. The theory of the continuance of sovereign power under the English monarchical
Revise. To correct upon another or second examination. Revised Statutes. Those which have been amended and ar- ranged in order, or re-enacted.	system, the rights and powers being vested immediately in the successor on the death or ab- dication of the sovereign. Rider. In parliamentary and leg-
Revive. To renew; to make oper- ative an abated or dormant judg- ment.	islative practice, the addition or annexation of a clause to a bill or measure while in course of passage.
 Revocation. The act of calling back, or annulling; avoiding. Revocatur. It is revoked. A term applied to a judgment signifying that the judgment has been annulled for an error in fact, and not for error in law. 	Right. An enforceable claim or title; a legal or well-founded claim. A claim to the enjoy- ment of something to which the individual is entitled as a mem- ber of society. That which a person is guaranteed by law.
Revoke. To annul; to withdraw or take away authority or a grant previously made. To render in- operative and void.	Right of action. A right which will sustain an action at law or in equity. A right to recover by judicial remedy.
Revolt. An offense on shipboard, which consists in the endeavor of a crew of a vessel, or any one or more of them, to over- throw the legitimate authority of her commander, with intent to remove him from his com- mand, or to take possession of the vessel against his will, by as- suming the government and navigation of her, or by trans-	

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viding for the suppression of riots. It provided for the proper executive officer to call upon the persons assembled and unlawfully disturbing the peace, to disperse, after which if the orders were not obeyed within one hour, they might be dispersed by force, and in addition the persons were deemed guilty of a felony. Reading the riot act, as it was called, was the proclamation made to such riotous assemblies by the proper officer.

- **Riparian.** Relating to the banks of rivers or seas.
- **Riparian proprietors.** Those who own or control the banks of a stream or watercourse.
- **Riparian rights.** The rights incident to the ownership of the banks of waterways.
- Road. A passageway, whether public or private, for the use of persons and equipages.
- Road, public. One dedicated to public use.
- Road, law of the. The customary regulations for the convenience of travel upon public streets or roads.
- **Robbery.** The felonious taking of property from the person of another, accomplished by means of force or fear. 4 Bl. Com. 243.
- Robbery, highway. Robbery upon the public highway. Formerly punished more severely than robbery elsewhere.
- **Roll.** The piece of parchment upon which legal proceedings

were formerly entered. The record of a court.

- Round robin. Signatures so written that it is impossible to tell which was written first. As where they are written around a circle.
- **Rout.** A disturbance of the peace by persons assembling together with an intent to do a thing which, if executed, will make them rioters, and actually making a motion towards the execution thereof. Hawk. Pl. Crown, 516.
- **Rule.** A regulation or provision prescribed by some specific authority. A decision or mandate of a court, made during the progress of a cause or as a means of regulating proceedings in general. Also, the passing upon a question.
- Rule absolute. When a rule to show cause has been defaulted or has been heard, and the cause given is shown insufficient, the next step is called making the rule absolute; that is, a final, peremptory and unconditional order is made upon the party to do the act. This rule is opposed to the preliminary one, called the one to show cause, or rule nisi.
- Rule in Shelley's case. The famous rule affecting real property enunciated by the court in Shelley's case, and which has come down to modern law. As stated by Lord Coke the rule is: "When the ancestor, by any gift or conveyance, taketh an estate of freehold, and in the same gift or conveyance an estate is limit-

ed, 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 Co. 104.

- **Rule of course.** One that is granted by a court officer as a matter of course, without the intervention of the court.
- Rule of court. An order or regulation made by a court.
- Running accounts. Existing mutual accounts, or cross-demands

between parties, which are open and unsettled.

- Running of the statute of limitations. A phrase signifying the passing of the time in which an act becomes invalid or unenforceable under the statute of limitations.
- Running with the land. This phrase signifies that a right or privilege, or easement, passes with the title to land without special mention in the deed.

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- Sabbath-breaking. The desecration of the sabbath, or Sunday, by doing things which are contrary to the laws protecting the repose and quiet of the day.
- Sabbath, or Sabbath-Day. Saturday, or the seventh day of the week. Also applied to Sunday, or the first day of the week. A day consecrated to rest and religious service.
- Sacrilege. The offence of reviling or desecrating anything that has been consecrated to religious purposes. Thus, despoiling churches, or destroying instruments of worship.
- **Safe-conduct.** A written permission given by a belligerent government, or one of its naval or military commanders, enabling an enemy subject to go to a particular place for a particular object. Bouv.

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Safeguard. A writ or assurance from the king guaranteeing the safety and privileges of strangers in England.

Sabbath-breaking. The desecration Said. Technically, the next before of the sabbath, or Sunday, by do-mentioned; previously mentioned.

- Salary. Regular money payments for services rendered.
- Sale. A contract for the transfer of property from one person to another for a valuable consideration. 2 Kent Com. 625. The transferring the property in goods from one to another upon a valuable consideration.
- Sale on approval. This phrase, and the corresponding phrases, "sale on trial" and "sale or return" is a sale dependent upon a condition precedent; viz., on condition that the purchaser is satisfied with or approves the goods. The approval need not be expressed: it may be implied from keeping the goods beyond a reasonable time. See Benj. Sales, 483.
- Sale with faults. A sale in which the goods are not warranted free of faults, but are subject to such defects as do not destroy their identity.

- **Saloon.** In common parlance signifies a place where intoxicating liquors are sold, and this restricted meaning will be given to the term where the context or other circumstances require it. But it also means a place of refreshment, or an apartment for the reception of company or the public.
- Salus populi est suprema lex. The welfare of the public is the highest law. That is, the rights of the individual are secondary and must yield to the public or general good.
- Salvage. The allowance to persons for saving a ship or goods from the perils of the sea. The aid so rendered, or in towing or assisting a vessel in distress.
- Same. Of the like kind, though not necessarily identical. Also used to refer to something previously mentioned in a written instrument.
- Sanctuary. A place of refuge, where the life of the refugee was privileged from attack, and where the processes of the law cannot be executed. Bouvier says that sanctuaries may be divided into religious and civil. The former were very common in Europe, nearly all religious houses affording protection from arrest to all persons, whether accused of crime or pursued for debt. This kind was never known in the United States. Civil sanctuary, or that protection which is afforded to a man in his own house, was always respected in this country. The house protects the owner from the serv-

ice of all civil process in the first instance, but not if he is once lawfully arrested and takes refuge in his own house. But no place affords protection from arrest in criminal cases.

Sane. Sound in mind; possessing normal mental faculties.

Sans recours. Without recourse.

- Satisfaction. Payment, or extinguishment of a debt or claim. The entry of release of a suit, demand, or mortgage.
- Satisfaction, Accord and. An agreement between two parties to give and accept something in satisfaction of a right of action which one has against the other, which when performed is a bar to all actions upon this account. Also called "Accord." Bouv.
- **Satisfy.** To comply actually and fully with a demand. To meet the stipulated conditions or terms.
- Saving clause. A clause in a legal instrument excepting or exempting something which would otherwise be included within the general terms of the instrument.
- Savings bank. An institution only partially embodying the features of a bank in the full sense of the term, the purpose of which is to promote the prosperity of persons of small means and limited opportunities of investing them, by receiving their savings in even trivial sums, and lending them in larger amounts, whereby interest may be gained, to be divided among the depositors. Abbott.

dence, but sufficient in some Scandal. In pleading, anything alcases to support a verdict. leged in a pleading in such language as is unbecoming the Scire facias. That you cause to court to hear, or which is conknow. The name of a commontrary to good manners, or which law writ, and the proceedings charges a crime or offence unthereunder, founded upon a pubnecessary to be shown in the lic record, and requiring the deaction. fendant or person against whom it is issued to show cause why Defamatory Scandalous matter. the plaintiff should not have the matter or allegations inserted in advantage of the record. The a pleading which are immaterial writ is also used to revive a judgto the issue. See Scandal. ment, and upon a bail bond or Scandalum magnatum. Slander of recognizance. the nobility. Scire feci. I have caused to know. The return to the writ of fieri Schedule. A detailed statement or list of articles which is appendfacias. ed to an instrument in which the Scire fieri. To cause to know. The same articles are mentioned genname of a former English writ erally. An outline or plan. to enforce a judgment against an executor. Science. Systematized knowledge; principles and deductions ar-Scribere est agere. To write is to ranged so as to be available for act. A maxim indicating that the use of persons. to urge the commission of an offense, as treason, is an overt Scienter. Knowingly; with knowlact of treason. edge that makes one liable for an act. Scrivener. Formerly a person whose business it was to write Scientia utrimque par pares contradeeds or other instruments for hentes facit. Equal knowledge on others; a sort of conveyancer, or both sides makes the contractbusiness agent or notary. ing parties equal. Hence, what is known by one need not be com-Scroll. A mark or lines made with municated by the other. a pen and intended to take the place of a seal. Also, a rolled Scilicet. To wit; that is to say; paper or instrument in writing. namely. Abbreviated sc. and ss. Videlicet is commonly used in Seal. Originally, a wax or wafer the same sense. pressed with a ring or stamp on a document as a means of at-Scintilla. The smallest amount; testing the genuineness thereof a spark. and its solemn execution. The Scintilla juris. A spark of right; impression thus made. Now. the smallest portion of legal any scroll or emblem printed or right or interest. made after_a signature to indicate sealing. Scintilla of evidence. Slight evi-

- Sealing a verdict. The act of a jury in putting their finding or verdict in a cause in a sealed envelope before returning it to the clerk of the court.
- Search. An examination by authority of law, as a search for prior patents. The examination of public records to determine the title or condition of a thing.
- Search-warrant. A warrant or authority from a court or magistrate to search a house or place for the purpose of discovering something alleged to be concealed or hidden. The right to this warrant is safeguarded by state and national constitutions.
- Seaman. A mariner or sailor; one whose business is following the sea, or navigating ships.
- Seashore. The space of land between high and low water mark. The seashore must be understood to be the margin of the sea, in its usual and ordinary state. Thus, when the tide is out, low-water mark is the margin of the sea; and when the sea is full, the margin is high-water mark. The seashore is therefore all the ground between the ordinary high-water and lowwater mark. It cannot be considered as including any ground always covered by the sea; for then it would have no definite limit on the seaboard. Neither can it include any part of the upland, for the same reason. This definition of the shore seems to result necessarily from its nature and situation. 6 Mass. 435.

sovereign, subject to the public right of the sovereign and people together, to pass and repass over it; which latter right is in the way of an easement.

In this country the seashore belongs to the state. 3 Kent, Com. 347; 60 N. Y. 56; 16 Pet. 367. In England the sovereign is not the absolute proprietor, but holds the seashore subject to the public rights of navigation and fishery; and if he grants it to an individual, his grantee takes subject to the same rights. So in this country it has been held that the rights of fishery and navigation remain unimpaired by the grant of lands covered by navigable water. But the power of the states, unlike that of the crown, is absolute except in so far as it is controlled by the federal constitution. The states, therefore, may regulate the use of their shores and the fisheries thereon, provided such regulations do not interfere with the laws of congress. Bouvier.

In Massachusetts and Maine, by the colony ordinance of 1641, and by usage arising therefrom, the proprietors of adjoining land on bays and arms of the sea, and other places where the tide ebbs and flows, go to low water mark, subject to the public easement, and not exceeding one hundred yards below high water mark. 6 Mass. 439. It is the general rule that the owner of lands owns to low-water mark, although bounded by stakes and stones on the bank of the river. 1 Whart. 131.

In England the seashore is Seaworthy. A term applied to vesdeemed to be the property of the | sels signifying that they are in

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good condition to go to sea, and fit for general navigation.Secession. Separation; withdraw- ing from a union or compact.	Secured. Protected; guaranteed or indemnified. As a secured cred- itor, who holds property or se- curity for his claim.
Secondary. Of an inferior grade, or of less importance. Applied to evidence, means that which is not the best, or of the highest quality to be obtained. When the best or primary evidence of the existence of a fact is de- stroyed or lost, then secondary	given with another thing as a guaranty of performance or pay- ment. Property delivered with a promise to pay money.
evidence may be admitted. Secondary conveyance. A convey- ance of such a nature as pre-	Se defendendo. In defending him- self.
supposes some other conveyance precedent, and which only serves to alter, confirm, enlarge, re- strain, restore, or transfer the	Sed non allocatur. But it is not allowed. A phrase meaning that the court held otherwise than as contended.
interest granted by such original conveyance, is sometimes dis- tinguished as secondary. Ab- bott. Thus the assignment of a lease is a secondary conveyance.	Sedition. Conduct tending to- wards treason, but lacking an overt act; an attempt made by speeches or writings to subvert the government may be so
Secondary evidence. That which is not primary or of the highest grade to prove the point in is- sue, but which is allowed be- cause the primary or best evi- dence is not obtainable.	classed. Sed per curiam. But by the court. Where the opinion of the court differs from that of a single judge this expression is some- times used.
Section. In public land, a portion of a township consisting of one square mile, or 640 acres of land. Also a division or paragraph of a law or statute.	Seduce. The procuring of a female, by promise of marriage or other- wise, to submit to carnal inter- course.
Secundum allegata et probata. Ac- cording to what is alleged and proved. A recovery must be governed by the allegations and evidence in the case.	 Seduction. The act of seducing by persuasion or enticements; the debauching of a female by means of solicitations or promises. Seisin. The possession of real
Secundum bonos mores. Accord- ing to good morals. Secundum formam statuti. Accord-	property as of right, or by rea- son of a chain of title. Owner- ship. Under the feudal system, a seisin indicated a freehold
ing to the form of the statute.	estate.

- Self-defence. The protection of one's person or property from injury by means of one's own strength.
- Self-disserving evidence. Evidence consisting of previous statements or actions of a person which are against his interest or contention.
- **Self-serving evidence.** The statements or actions of a party which are in his favor at the time they are offered, though previously made. Both self-serving and self-disserving evidence is called self-regarding evidence.

Semble. It seems.

Semper. Always.

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- Semper in dubiis benigniora præferenda sunt. In case of doubt, the more favorable constructions are always to be preferred.
- Semper præsumitur pro legitimatione. The presumption is always in favor of legitimacy. That is, the law believes things to have been done legally or morally, rather than illegally.
- Semper præsumitur pro negante. The presumption is always in favor of the party denying. The burden is on the affirmative of a question.
- Senatus consultum. Ordained by the senate.
- **Sentence.** The judicial pronouncement of the penalty or punishment to be meted upon one convicted of crime. The penalty so pronounced.
- Sentence of death recorded. A former English practice of re-

cording or entering a sentence of death, but upon the understanding that it was not to be executed; practically a reprieve or suspension of sentence by the court.

Separaliter. Separately.

Separate action. A phrase used with reference to the doctrine which, in many cases, allows two persons interested in the same demand, or injured by the same wrong, to join in one suit. Where such privilege is refused, it is common to say that they must bring separate actions. Abbott.

Separatim. Separately.

- Separation. In divorce law, a cessation of intercourse or cohabitation of husband and wife upon a mutual agreement to that effect. Statutes permit of a voluntary separation of husband and wife.
- Separate maintenance. An allowance made to a wife on her separation from her husband under an agreement to live apart.
- Sequester. To take into judicial custody during the pendency of an action. To confiscate.
- Sequestration. The act of taking litigated property from the possession of both the claimants during the suit and placing same with a commission or commissioners to take charge of same pending the final termination of the action. A process to seize the property of one who is in contempt. A taking for public use, etc.

 Serf. In feudal times, a menial, who was regarded as being af- fixed to the land of the manor in which he belonged. Sergeant-at-law. Under the Eng- lish system, a barrister in the common-law courts of high rank or standing. Seriatim. Successively; one after another; individually. 	parts of a bill of exchange, taken together. Each part is a perfect instrument by itself, but the parts are numbered successively, and the payment of any one can- cels the others of the set. Set-off. A demand made by a de- fendant against the plaintiff to liquidate his claim in whole or
Servant. A hireling employed to perform duties of a menial or in- ferior nature about the house- hold. Also, an employe, in what- ever trade or occupation, who is not an agent or possessing au- thority to represent the master.	 in part. Allowable now, but not so in former times. Settle. To compromise or pay. To adjust or arrange. Also, to in- habit or live upon land as a home. Settlement. An adjustment or pay- ment to the satisfaction of the
Servant, fellow. In the law of torts, an employe in a common line of service with others, and under the same direction, and having no control over the others, or they over him.	parties. Also, a community or place of residences. Severable. That which is divisible, or capable of being disunited into component parts.
 Service. Work done for another. Also signifies the delivery of a summons or notice to the person to whom it is directed. Service by publication. A phrase signifying the statutory method of securing service of summons by advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation. Service, civil. The executive part of a government. Servient. An estate subject to a burden or servitude, as an easement or right of way. 	 Several. Distinct; separate. The opposite of joint. Severalty. In one's own right. An estate in severalty is one enjoyed wholly by an individual and not connected with any other person or interest. Severance. The separation of a part of a thing from another. Singling; dividing; disjointing. Sham. In pleading, signifies a false or fictitious matter set up by defendant for the purpose of delay.
Servitude. The charge or burden upon one estate for the benefit of another. The condition of one compelled to serve another. Session. The term of a court, as- sembly, legislature, etc.	Share. A part or portion of any- thing, whether equal or not. Shelley's case, Rule in. "When the ancestor, by any gift or convey-

conveyance an estate is limited, either mediately or immediately, to his heirs in fee or fee tail, the heirs are words of limitation of the estate, and not words of purchase." 1 Co. 104.

- **Sheriff.** A county official of great antiquity, whose duties are to keep the peace and serve the writs and processes of the courts within the county.
- Sheriff's sale. A sale of property conducted by a sheriff upon process from the county court.
- Shifting use. Such a use as takes effect in derogation of some other estate, and is limited expressly by the deed or is allowed to be created by some person named in the deed. Bouv.
- Ship. A vessel employed in navigation. A vessel with three masts. The word comprehends every description of vessel navigating on any sea or channel, lake or river, to which the provisions of revised statutes, title "Merchant Marine," may be applicable; R. S. Sec. 4612; 119 U. S. 629.
- Ship's husband. The agent of a ship, appointed by the owner.
- Ship's papers. This is the general term used to designate the several papers which a commercial vessel must carry, to make known the ownership, nationality, etc., of the ship and cargo. The general law of nations prescribes some, and the statutes of particular commercial nations prescribe others in addition. Abbott.
- Shire. A county.

Short cause. In the English chancery practice, and also in the several states, causes which will take but a few minutes or a short time to hear may be so marked, and may be taken up out of the regular order and thus be more speedily disposed of.

- Short entry. A term used among bankers to denote the fact which takes place when a note has been sent to a bank for collection, and an entry of it is made in the customer's bank-book, stating the amount in an inner column, and carrying it out into the accounts between the parties when it has been paid. Bouv. The effect is, that the bill or note remains the property of the depositor, and the bank holds it as collecting agent only.
- Short session. The second session of the U. S. Congress, beginning on the first Monday in December and ending March 4th following.
- Si aliquid sapit. If he knows anything; that is, if he is not entirely devoid of reason.
- Sic interpretandum est ut verba accipiantur cum effectu. The construction should be such that all the language may, if possible, have effect.
- Si constet de persona. If it be certain who is the person meant.
- Sic utere tuo ut alienum non laedas. So use your own that you shall not injure another. One of Justinian's three maxims.
- Sidewalk. That part of a public street or highway set apart and

designed for the use of pedes-Singular. A term which means trians. each, or individual. It is applied to various things or objects re-Side-bar rule. One that could be garded individually. obtained at the side-bar of the court, hence a rule which issued Sinking fund. A fund arising by as a matter of course, or inforsetting apart some specific taxes mally. or other source of government income, to be applied towards Si ita est. If it is so. paying a specified indebtedness, Sign. To attest; to assent to by usually interest first and then writing one's name or making a the principal. mark. Sittings. In English practice, the Signature. The act of writing sessions of courts. one's name or making one's Sittings in camera. The sittings of mark. The name or mark when a judge at chambers. made. Skill. The art of doing a thing as Similiter. Likewise. In pleading, it ought to be done. Bouv. the word or formula used in accepting an issue of fact or law Slander. Words falsely spoken tendered by the other side, the which are injurious to the repuwhole phrase being et prædectus tation of another. Bouv. Oral a similiter, "and the plaintiff defamation of another; words doth the like." uttered falsely and maliciously, by which the reputation of an-Simony. The corrupt presentation other is injured. of any one to an ecclesiastical Slander of title. A false and mabenefice, for money, gift or reward. licious statement intended to lessen the extent of interest or Simplex commendatio non obligat. title which one has in property. A simple recommendation does Slave. One in bondage to another. · not bind. That is, one is not bound on a mere recommenda-Sleeping on rights. A phrase sigtion which is not a warranty or nifying that one has been negguaranty. lectful to prosecute his claim for so long a time that it has be-Simpliciter. Simply; immediately. come stale. Simul cum. Together with. Smuggling. The secret transpor-Sine die. Without day; indefinitely. tation of dutiable merchandise so as to escape the collection of Sine hoc. Without this. The the duties levied thereon. equivalent of absque hoc. Socialism. That theory of govern-Sinecure. Without care. Applied ment under which all the proto an office with slight duties. ductions of nature would be Si non omnes. If not all. owned and enjoyed in common,

and the results of labor would go directly to the laboring class without the intervention of capitalism.

- Socii mei socius meus socius non est. The partner of my partner is not my partner.
- **Sodomy.** A carnal copulation by human beings with each other against nature, or with a beast. Bouy.
- **Soil.** The surface of the earth where vegetation grows.
- **Sole.** Singly; alone. Consisting of a single individual.
- Solemnize. To carry out according to legal form.
- **Solicitor.** In English practice, the title of one entitled to practice in the court of chancery.
- **Solvency.** The state of being able to meet all one's obligations of a financial nature.
- Solvit ad diem. He paid at the day, or promptly.
- Son assault demesne. His own assault. A defence to an action of assault.
- Sound and disposing mind and memory. A phrase in the law of wills equivalent to testamentary capacity.

By a sound and disposing mind and memory is meant that the testator must be capable of making his will, with an understanding of the nature of the business in which he is engaged, a recollection of the property of which he means to dispose, of the persons who are the objects of his bounty, and of the manner in which it is to be distributed between them.

Sovereign. A chief ruler; a king. One possessing supreme power.

- **Sovereignty.** The supreme power in a state. It is the power to do everything in the state without accountability; to make laws, to execute and to apply them, to impose and collect taxes and levy contributions, to make war or peace, to form treaties of alliance or of commerce with foreign nations, and the like. Story, Const. Sec. 207.
- Special. Particular; individual. Relating to a species.
- Special contract. A specialty; a contract under seal. Also, an express or actual contract.
- **Specialty.** A contract or agreement made under seal.

Specie payment. The payment of notes or obligations in coin.

- **Specific legacy.** A gift by will of a particular object, or money from a particular source.
- Specific performance. The actual performance or carrying out of a contract or agreement as made. In equity practice, the compelling of a contracting party to do just as he has agreed, instead of giving damages for non-performance.
- Spoliation. The destruction, mutilating or altering of a written instrument or will. Plundering of a neutral vessel by a belligerent.

Spondet peritiam artis. He promises the skill of his art. That

is, he promises to do the work in a skilful manner.

- Springing use. A use limited to commence in future, independent of any preceding estate. 2 Bl. Com. 334.
- Stabit præsumptio, donec probetur in contrarium. A presumption shall stand until proof to the contrary is given. A presumption must be rebutted.
- Stale demand. One that has not been asserted for so long a time that a court of equity will refuse to recognize it as valid, because of complainant's laches in not asserting it sooner.
- Standing aside jurors. A practice which originated in England of directing jurors to stand aside until the whole panel was exhausted, without showing cause on the part of the crown. The same practice has been allowed in some of the states, and even where there is a peremptory right of challenge by the state. See Bouvier.
- Standing mute. Refusing to plead when called upon to do so upon arraignment, or refusing to accept trial.
- Stare decisis, et non quieta movere. To stand by precedents, and not to disturb what is established. A phrase signifying the policy of the English and American courts in following decided cases or precedents in subsequent litigation. The rule or doctrine is called stare decisis.
- dition or status. A sovereign

government. One of the members of a federal union.

In American constitutional law, the word state has gathered associations which are not to be considered changing its 25 meaning as a term, but deserve distinct notice. The supreme court has defined it, in the sense in which it ordinarily occurs in the constitution, as meaning a political community of free citizens living in a territory of defined boundaries, and organized under a government authorized and limited by a written constitution, adopted by the will of the people; but in the clause of the constitution which provides that the United States shall guarantee to every state in the Union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them from invasion, the term state is used to express the idea of a people or political community, as distinguished from the government. Texas v. White, 7 Wall. 700.

- State trial. A prosecution by the In England the government. more important cases in which the government was interested have been collected and are known as State Trials.
- Stat pro ratione voluntas. The will stands in place of a reason. A phrase applicable to the right of a testator to dispose of his property.
- Stat pro ratione voluntas populi. The will of the people takes the place of a reason.

State. To aver; to allege. A con-| Statu quo. The existing state of things.

- **Status.** One's standing or legal condition; a political or civil condition or situation.
- **Statute.** A law enacted by a duly qualified legislative power. A manifestation of the sovereign power through the will of the legislative body in a state. Also, the written law as opposed to that which is unwritten.
- **Statute of Frauds.** The Statute of 29 Charles II., c. 3, enacted in 1678, to obviate frauds and perjuries. Many of its leading provisions have been copied into the legislation of the various states in almost the exact wording of the original statute.
- Statutes at large. The statutes in full, as originally enacted and unabridged. Thus the acts of Congress are known as the United States Statutes at Large.
- **Stay.** The granting of a suspension of judicial proceedings; to stop or prevent the carrying out of legal process.
- Stay laws. In times of extended and severe financial trouble, the legislatures of some of the states have endeavored to give debtors some protection against oppressive enforcement of laws for collection of debts. by enactment of laws suspending certain judicial remedies; as by providing that foreclosure suits shall not be commenced for a certain period of time, or that execution shall not issue in certain cases. Laws of this nature are popularly called stay laws. Abbott.
- Stay of execution. The suspension of a judgment or decree; a de-

- ' laying of the executive or ministerial action of carrying out the judgment of a court. A period fixed by law, when bond has been given, during which execution cannot be issued in civil cases.
- Steal. To commit larceny; that is, to feloniously take and carry away the property of another.
- Stet processus. Let the process stand; let the proceedings be stayed.
- Stipend. A periodical payment for services rendered. The pecuniary compensation of an English curate.
- Stipulation. An item in a contract or agreement. In admiralty practice, a species of bail or recognizance for the appearance of a defendant, or his abiding by the decision of the court.
- Stirpes. A root. The source of descent.
- Stirpes, per. The division of property among heirs so that each one takes by right of representation, so that if an heir has died his children take his share among them, and do not inherit equally with the more immediate heirs, as would be the case if the estate were divided equally or per capita.
- Stock. A family, or source of descent. The capital of a corporation, and the indebtedness of the government as divided into shares is so called.
- Stockholder. One who has property interests in the assets of a corporation and who is entitled to take part in its control and

receive its dividends. The word includes all members having a direct financial interest in the business of the corporation with power to participate in the profits and in the conduct of its affairs, though they hold no shares. Bouvier.

- Stoppage in transitu. The remedy given a seller of an article to be shipped to the buyer, before payment, of stopping it while in transit upon learning of the insolvency of the buyer. The exercise of this right is known as stoppage in transit.
- Stray. A beast or domestic animal running at large away from its owner; also an estray,
- Strand. The seashore; the shore or bank of a sea or river.
- Strictum jus. Strict law.
- Strictissimi juris. Of the strictest right or construction. Subject to the most rigid application of rules of law.
- Struck jury. In a class of cases in which peculiar and difficult questions are involved, rendering it proper that persons of peculiar knowledge and qualifications should form the jury, instead of its being composed by lot, what is called a struck jury is allowed. This is also sometimes called a special jury; but it seems that the term special is less definite, as there may be other special panels. In this country, the proceeding is rare; and the steps to Subpoena. A writ or process combe taken are regulated by statute or rule of court, which may vary in detail in different jurisdic-But its distinguishing tions.

features according to old forms are these: The clerk of court returns a list of a large number of selected names of men of known qualifications for the trial of such questions as are presented in the cause. Thus, if it a cause involving difficult ie questions of banking and finance. (in theory) he returns the names of approved bankers or men of like experience. From this list the attorneys of the parties alternately strike off until twenty-four are names. left. These constitute the panel returned to the court from which the jury for the trial of the cause is selected. Abbott.

Under. Sub.

- Sub modo. Under restrictions or qualifications.
- Under penalty. Sub pœna. A phrase from which the word subpœna is derived, meaning a writ to procure the attendance of a witness under penalty.
- Subject, or subject-matter. The thing referred to, or the thing in controversy.
- To transfer to another Sub-let. what one has procured a contract to perform; to lease over to another all or part of lands or tenements which one has leased.
- Suborn or Subornation of Perjury. To induce another to swear falsely.
- manding the person therein named to appear at a time and place mentioned, under pain of a penalty.

- Subrogation. The substitution of one person to the rights of another; the method by which one who pays the obligation of another succeeds to the rights and securities of the first creditor.
- Subscribe. To write underneath. The writing of one's name at the bottom or end of an instrument by way of adoption, attestation or ratification.
- Subscribing witness. One who puts his or her name to an instrument in writing as an attesting witness.
- Subsidy. Originally, pecuniary assistance or aid granted by parliament to the crown. In mod-
- ern American usage it signifies governmental assistance given to any enterprise which benefits the general public.
- The transmission of Succession. property from an ancestor to an heir; the transfer of property or rights and franchises from one to another. The right to inherit or succeed another in property or rights.
- Succession, perpetual. The right of perpetual renewal or existence, as the right of a corporation to its franchises and property.
- Sue.' To bring or prosecute an action at law.
- Sufferance. Omission to object; passive consent; a sort of negative permission arising from neglect to assert one's right or claim against another. Thus a tenant by sufferance is one who came Summa ratio est quae pro relawfully into possession of lands,

but whose right has expired, and who continues to occupy merely by the implied permission of the owner who has not given notice for him to quit.

- Sufferance, estate at. At will; an estate which is not founded on any right and is subject to be divested at the will of the owner. as where a tenant holds over after expiration of his lease.
- Suggestio falsi. False representations or suggestions.
- Suggestion on the record. This phrase refers to a common method of bringing to the knowledge of the court matters of fact important to the right conduct or decision of a cause. but which cannot, under the circumstances, be pleaded. As where a party to the suit dies. this is gotten into the record by what is called a suggestion, so that the proper proceedings may be had to continue the action. Abbott.
- Sui generis. Of a special kind or class, Of its own kind.
- Sui juris. Of one's own right. Legally competent to represent one's self.
- Suicide. Self-destruction; taking one's own life while in possession of one's faculties.
- Suit. An action at law or in equity; the whole of the proceedings in an action at law or in equity.
- Summary. Peremptory; without delay; immediate.
- ligione facit. An argument which

is favorable to religion is of **Supercargo.** An owner's agent or That is, a law great weight. which is in positive conflict with the law of God or nature is void. As if a statute should attempt to legalize murder, it would be void.

- Summary conviction. A trial of offenders before a magistrate or bench of magistrates, without the intervention of a jury. It is the usual method of trying the lesser offenses.
- Summing up. An address, such as is usually incidental to a jury trial of a cause, reviewing the evidence and explaining the application of the law to the facts, is called the summing up of the cause, or, briefly, the summing up. Making this address is summing up, and to make it is to sum up. Abbott.
- Summons. The writ or notice to the defendant to appear and answer given at the beginning of an action.
- Summum jus, summa injuria. The extremes of law become great injuries. That is, right pushed to extremes, becomes wrong.
- Sumptuary laws. Laws which purport to restrain excess in apparel or prohibit costly clothes, were originally so called in England. The term now is applied to all those laws which affect the individual in his private concerns, as matters of food, drink, clothing, and the like.
- The first day of the Sunday. week. A legal holiday, and by Supra protest. Over protest. The custom given over to religious or moral instruction.

representative who has charge of the cargo while on shipboard.

- One in a position of Superior. authority over others; one vested with command or control.
- Supersedeas. That you refrain or set aside. The name of a common-law writ issued to a ministerial officer commanding him to desist or refrain from proceeding further under another writ. An order commanding a stay of proceedings in a case, or a stay of judgment.
- Supplemental. Something added to complete a thing. Made to aid or supply defects in a previous proceeding or instrument. In pleading, a supplemental pleading differs from an amended one in that it is only an addition or aider of the original pleading, while an amended pleading takes the place of and supplants the former one.
- Supplemental answer. One which is filed to add something, explain or correct the original answer previously filed.
- Support. The right of having one's land or buildings carried up by the soil adjoining as fully as the natural state of the soil will permit. Also, to contend in favor of a rule or order.
- Suppressio veri. Suppression of truth; concealment of facts.
- Supra. Above; formerly mentioned; over.
- acceptance of a bill of exchange by a person not a party to it,

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after protest, for the purpose of protecting the credit of a party. Supremacy. The supreme author- ity; the highest estate or do- minioh.	ment of estates of decedents, and matters of guardianship. Similar to probate judge. Surrebutter. The plaintiff's an- swer to the defendant's rebut-
 Surcharge. An overcharge; an exaction or charge of incumbrance greater than is just or can be properly borne. Surety. One who by contract has become answerable for the act or obligation of another; one who has engaged that a debtor shall pay, and becomes liable himself if he does not do so. 	 plaintiff to defendant's rejoinder. Surrender. To yield possession, or give one's self up to answer a charge or complaint. Survey. To examine, view or measure in order to determine boundaries, area, etc., of land. Survive. To live beyond; to live
Suretyship. The relation in which one who has engaged to be an- swerable for another's debt or obligation stands, as regards the creditor and the primary debtor. An undertaking to answer for the debt, default or miscarriage of another, by which the surety becomes bound as the principal or original debtor is bound. Bouv.	after a person or event. Survivorship. A right which falls to the one who survives of tak- ing all of the estate. Suspendatur per collum. Latin, let him be hanged by the neck. The judgment entered against a prisoner sentenced to be hanged formerly used in English prac- tice.
 Surname. The name of a family as distinguished from the baptismal name. The name of the father, called surname, because originally they were written over the name in judicial writings and contracts. Surplusage. Matter in an instrument or pleading which is extension or unpresented. 	 Suspension. A temporary cessation of a right or estate for a time. The taking away of privilege or benefit of rules of law for a limited time. Suum cuique tribuere. To render to every one his own. One of Justinian's three fundamental maxims.
traneous or unnecessary. Surprise. The being taken un- awares, or misled by acts which could not have been differently understood.	 Sworn. Applicable to one who has taken an oath as a witness. Syllabus. An abstract. An epitome of the points decided in a case.
Surrogate. The style or title of a judicial officer charged with the probate of wills and the settle-	

other thing, which is not subject of actual delivery.

Syngraph. A deed or other written instrument, under the hand and seal of all the parties to it.

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- Tabella. A table. A tablet on which the judge or jurors wrote their vote or decision in Roman times.
- Table. A synopsis or statement showing details or particulars of a subject.
- Table of cases. A list of cases; an index showing cases cited in a text book.
- Tabula in naufragio. A plank in a shipwreck. A phrase used figuratively to signify something saved out of a general loss, as a small dividend out of a bankrupt's estate.
- Tacit. That which is inferred or implied from silence or acquiescence; implied.
- **Tack.** To join together, or add to. The annexing of a junior lien to a previous or first lien, that it may acquire priority over an-The other intermediate lien. equitable doctrine of connecting or uniting a first and subsequent security so that both will rank ahead of other incumbrances.
- Tail general. 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 sex. Thus tail male

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So-called since the parties wrote together. It is a canon law term, the common law writers designating such an instrument a chirograph.

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. Mozley & W.

- Tail, or entail. Same as estate tail; that is, a limited ownership, or an estate limited and restricted to particular heirs.
- Taint. The obloquy or attaint arising from conviction of felony. The person so convicted.
- Take up. To discharge a note or bill by payment on the part of an indorser or acceptor, who then holds the instrument as against the previous indorsers and the primary obligee.
- Tales. Such, or like. The name applied to other or additional jurors summoned to fill a panel. The writ for summoning such jurors.
- Talesman. An additional juryman, summoned to complete a jury.
- Talio. Punishment of the same nature as the offence committed. A sort of legal retaliation.
- Talis. Similar; such a one as.
- Talis interpretatio semper fienda est, ut evitetur absurdam, et inconveniens, et ne judicium sit illusiorium. Interpretation is al-

ways to be made in such a manner, that what is absurd and inconvenient is to be avoided, lest the judgment be illusory.

- Talis non est eadem; nam nullum simile est idem. What is like is not the same; for nothing similar is the same.
- Taliter processum est. Such proceedings were had; a concise way of referring to proceedings which were gone through in a cause without stating them in detail.
- Tangible property. That which has body and form; capable of being felt and handled, as opposed to incorporeal property.
- Tare. Loss; the difference between the gross and net weight of a commodity being shipped.
- Tariff. A schedule or list of articles arranged in such a form as to show charges, prices or rates affixed to each article. list of dutiable articles, with the import or export duty upon each. The law or rule upon which the duties are levied.
- Originally, a wine-shop. Tavern. An inn; a public place of entertainment for travelers, with the servants and domestic animals.
- The assessment or imposi-Taz. tion imposed by the government upon persons or property within its jurisdiction for the purposes of government. The amount so received or levied.
- Taxable. That which is subject to taxation, whether persons or Taxation of costs. The determinaproperty. Also, when applied to costs in a lawsuit signifies

those warrantable and chargeable by law.

- Tax deed. The deed given by a public officer to the purchaser of lands which have been sold for the non-payment of taxes levied upon them.
- Taxing power. The power of any government to levy taxes upon persons and property.
- Tax levy. The general or total sum to be raised by taxation in a district. Also, the legislative enactment by which an annual or general tax is levied.
- Tax-payer. A person upon whom a tax has been levied; one liable to the payment of taxes.
- Tax sale. The sale of lands or property for the non-payment of the taxes assessed thereon.
- Tax title. The title which the purchaser at a tax sale derives to the land or property which has been sold for taxes. It becomes a perfect title on the failure of the owners who have neglected to pay the tax, or their assigns, to redeem within the time specified by law, upon the purchaser securing a deed from the auditor or proper official.
- Taxation. The process of taxing; the power and right of the government to levy and collect by assessment upon its subjects such sum as it deems necessary for its support and operations. This power is, in theory, unlimited.
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ing which a party is liable to pay or have charged.

- Technicalities. Words or terms peculiar to a science or art; strict rules or principles.
- Telegram. A message which has been sent or received by means of the instrument known as the telegraph, by means of which audible and visible signals are carried long distances over wires. being transmitted by electromagnetism.
- Tempus. Time; a limited period of time.
- Tempus continuum. A continuous period of time.
- Tempus utile. Useful or beneficial time; such time as is available for the exercise of a right, or in which the statute of limitations will continue to run.
- Tenancy. The estate or holding of a tenant.
- Tenant. Generally it signifies any person who holds or possesses land, by whatever sort of Tender. A formal offer of paytitle. More restricted, it signifies a lessee or qualified possessor of property under a lease from a superior landlord.
- Tenant by the curtesy. A husband occupying, after his wife's death, lands of which she was seized, in virtue of the curtesy, i. e., custom, of England, which accords a life-estate to the husband who survives his wife in lands of which she was seized during the marriage, if they had issue. 2 Bl. Com. 128.

Tenant in dower. A widow oc-

cupying lands of her husband's estate in virtue of her right of dower.

Tenants in common. Persons who own lands by several and distinct titles, occupying it together and having a unity of possession and enjoyment. The usual tenure where two or more persons own realty together.

A tenancy in common differs from a joint tenancy in this respect: joint tenants have one estate in the whole, and no estate in any particular part; they have the power of alienation over their respective aliquot parts; and, by exercising that power, may give a separate and distinct right to their particular parts. Tenants in common have several and distinct estates in their respective parts; hence the difference in the several modes of assurance by them. Each tenant in common has, in contemplation of law, a distinct tenement and a distinct freehold. Wharton.

- ment or performance; such an offer of a thing as will release the party proffering it of costs or penalty though it be refused by the other party.
- legal. Anything Tender, which the law authorizes to be offered in payment of a debt; currency or money receivable in payment of all legal obligations.
- Tenement. Anything permanent in the way of real property that may be held by a tenant. Α house or homestead; the property held by a tenant.

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Tenendum. To be held. That part of a deed now joined to the ha- bendum and expressed in the clause "to have and to hold." Tenor. The language, substance, or purport of an instrument.	tice, this phrase, term of court, had a very definite, frequent, and important use, throughout nearly the whole period of the reports of cases; in which it often
Tenor est qui legem dat feodo. It is the tenor (of a grant) which determines the estate.	appears as signifying those four periods of the year during which the courts at Westminster have been accustomed to sit to hear
Tenterden's Act. The English stat- ute of 9 Geo. IV. ch. 14, under- stood to have been passed at the instance of Lord Tenterden. It is in the nature of an enlarged application of the principle of	and determine points of law and transact other legal business of importance, and which are called respectively Hilary, East- er, Trinity, and Michaelmas terms. Abbott.
the statute of frauds, requiring contracts to be in writing.	Term of years. An estate to be enjoyed for any fixed or definite time, and extending over several
Tenure. Holding. A term em- ployed in the English feudal system, and denoting the hold- ing of lands subject to the su- perior lord or chief owner, who, in the last resort, was the king, the source of all property and fountain of justice. It signifies the right or estate which a per- son may have in property, that is, his occupancy and enjoyment of it. The word is also cor- rectly used in reference to the	years. Termor. One that holds lands for a term of years or for life. Terra affirmata. Land let to farm. Terra boscalis. Woody land. Terra culta. Cultivated or tilled land. Terra excultabilis. Land which may be ploughed. Terra nova. New land; land re-
holding of an office. Term. A fixed or definite period of time; the time or duration prescribed in a grant or lease.	cently reclaimed or converted to arable land. Terre extendenda. Land to be valued.
A word, or stipulation. The time during which a court is in session.	Terre-tenant. One who is in ac- tual possession of land, or is seized of the same. The legal
Terminus. A limit, either of space or time. A boundary.	owner as distinguished from the equitable interest or owner.
Terminus a quo. The limit from which.	passes with its incumbrance.
Terminus ad quem. The limit to which.	Territory. A part of a country separately organized from the

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general government, and subordinate in government or jurisdiction to the country of which it is a part. A large area of land.

- **Territorial courts.** The courts provided and established by Congress for the administration of justice in the territories. They consist of a supreme court, district courts, probate courts and justices of the peace.
- **Testacy.** A term signifying that one has died leaving a will disposing of his effects.
- **Testament.** A will; a formal instrument disposing of property, designed to take effect at the death of him who makes it.
- **Testamentary.** Connected with or pertaining to wills or testaments.
- **Testamentary capacity.** Refers to the mental condition of one qualified to make a valid will, it is said to consist in being able to talk and discourse rationally and sensibly, and being able to perform rational acts requiring thought, judgment and reflection.

Testamentary capacity amounts to nothing more than a knowledge by the testator of what he is about, and how he is disposing of his property, with the purpose so to do it. 5 Harr. (Del.) 459.

Testamentary guardian. One appointed by a father, in his last will and testament, to be the guardian of his children, until they attain the age of majority.

Testate. Leaving a testament or will at death, as opposed to intestate.

Testatrix. A female who makes a will or testament.

Testatum. Witnesseth.

- Teste. Witness. The clause stating the date of a writ or process, and the attestation clause.
- **Testify.** To give evidence under oath, or according to the legal requirements.
- **Testimony.** The evidence obtained from witnesses; the whole record of the evidence in a case.

Theft. The same as larceny.

- Thellusson Act. The Statute, 39 & 40, Geo. III. ch. 98, passed in 1799, in consequence of the effect of a peculiar will made by a man named Thellusson. He was a man of great estate, and by his will left the bulk of his property to be accumulated until his descendants living, or in ventra sa mere at the time of his death should be dead. The Thellusson Act was passed to prevent similar bequests. By its provisions a grantor or testator is forbidden to direct the accumulation of his property for a period exceeding twenty-one years from his death, subject to certain exceptions mentioned in the act. Similar legislation has been adopted in some of the states.
- Then and there. Words used to refer to the time and place previously mentioned in an instrument to avoid repeating them.

Theory. An underlying principle. An unproved doctrine as op- posed to something that is sci- entific or practical.	uses a rod or staff tipped with silver. In the U. S. court offi- cers are so called in some juris- dictions.
Thief. One guilty of larceny or theft.	the tenth part or portion of the
Threat. A menace by words or actions to such an extent, and of such a nature as to have an effect upon the mind of the party against whom it is directed, so that his action in regard to a matter is not free or voluntary. A menace of destruction or in- jury to the lives, character or property of those against whom it is made.	crops or produce of land, or the industry of the people which were taken for the support of the church and clergy. The sys- tem never prevailed in the U. S. Title. Ownership; the right or claim by which land is held. The evidence of ownership; the means whereby the owner of land has the enjoyment of it. 2 Bl. Com. 195.
Three-mile limit. The distance of a marine league from shore, the territory over which a nation has control of the sea or tide waters.	Title, abstract of. An epitomized copy of the records of convey- ances affecting the title to a par- cel of land.
Tide. The flow and reflow of the waters of the ocean. Tide water. Water in which the	Title deeds. The deeds or con- veyances which evidence a per- son's right or claim to land; muniments of title.
 tide ebbs and flows. Tie. When the votes cast for and those against a question submitted to a deliberative body are equal in number, so that no result is reached, there is said to be a tie. Time bargain. An agreement to buy or sell stock at a future time or within a fixed time at a certain price. Time immemorial, or out of mind. An expression signifying beyond legal memory. Tipstaff. An English court officer appointed by the marshal of the court of king's bench, and who 	 Title of a cause. The individual designation by which any particular proceeding or action in court is known and distinguished from all others. It usually consists of the name of the court, the venue, and some designation of the parties, plaintiff and defendant. To-wit. Namely; that is to say. Used the same as videlicet, or scilicet. Token. A material visible sign of the existence of a fact. A symbol; a thing given to complete a bargain, as a representative of something more substantial.

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Tokens, false. A kind of counter- feit money.	with consequent damages to any one is also a tort. Underhill, Torts, 4.
Toll. To defeat; to take away; to bar. Also, a charge or pay- ment for the privilege of pass- ing over a road, or occupying a	Tort-feasor. A person commit- ting a tort; a wrong-doer.
market place. Toll the entry. To take away or bar the right of entry.	Torture. Corporal suffering in- flicted with the intention of ex- torting a confession from a per- son suspected of crime. Severe
Ton. A measure of weight; two -thousand pounds avoirdupois. Tonnage. The capacity of a ves-	or cruel violence to the person. Totidem verbis. In so many words; in the exact language.
sel or car for cargo or freight. Tonnage duty, or tax. A duty or	Toties quoties. As often as; as often as it may happen.
pecuniary exaction on mer- chandise which is estimated at a given rate per ton.	Toujours et uncore prist. Law French, for always and still ready, a plea of tender.
Torrens system. The system of government registration of land titles, devised by Sir Robert Torrens, and used in England.	Town. A division of a county. A village, or collection of dwellings.
Tort. A wrong which results in- dependent of contract; a private or civil injury causing damage	Township. A territorial division of a county. A political sub- division within the county.
to a person's health, body, rep- utation or property. The law recognizes certain	Tract. A piece or parcel of land; a lot.
rights as belonging to every in- dividual, such as the right to personal security, to liberty, *0 property, to reputation, to the	Trade. A calling or avocation. An occupation connected with buying or selling; a calling distinct from a profession.
services of a daughter or serv- ant, to the companionship of a wife, etc. Any violation of one of these rights is a tort. In the like manner the law recognizes certain duties as attached to every individual, as the duty of not deceiving by false repre-	Trade fixtures. Chattels which are used by a tenant of lands or buildings, and which though affixed to the realty are subject to removal at the end of the term as instruments of his trade or calling.
sentations, of not prosecuting another maliciously, of not using your own property so as to in- jure another, etc. The breach of any of these duties coupled	Trade-mark. An emblem or dis- tinctive marking affixed by a manufacturer to identify his goods. Such marks when not generic are protected by the fed-

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eral laws in a manner similar to copyrights.

- **Trade name.** A business name or designation acquired by long use, by an individual or firm.
- **Trade union.** A combination or associations of persons in a particular trade, for the purpose of regulating that trade as to prices and hours of work.

A combination or association of persons pursuing a particular trade, formed for the purpose of mutual aid, particularly in securing the highest prices for their labor. Such combinations on the part of either of employers or employes to regulate the price of labor are, within certain limits, valid by the common law (Rex v. Batt, 6 Car. & Payne, 329); if, however, they are carried to lengths involving violence in any phase or shape, they are illegal. Abbott.

- **Traditio loqui facit chartam.** Delivery makes a deed speak. That is, a deed is not of effect until delivered.
- Traitor. One guilty of treason.
- **Transcript.** A copy of a record or judicial proceeding. The copy of an original writing.
- **Transfer.** To assign or convey; to remove or change the location of; the transaction or act of passing title to property from one to another.
- Transferee. He to whom a transfer is made.
- Transferor. The one making a transfer.

- Transit in rem judicatam. It passes into a matter adjudged. That is, the matter from a simple contract has merged into a judgment.
- **Transitory action.** Those actions which might happen, as regards the principal facts upon which they are founded, at any place, and so follow the person and may be brought wherever service can be had; they are opposed to local actions, which are connected with the place or locality in which they arise. Thus actions to collect a debt or in regard to personal property are transitory, while those seeking to obtain possession of land are local.
- **Transportation.** The carriage of persons or movable property from one place to another. Also, in criminal law, the exportation of a criminal or convicted person out of the country as a punishment. Abbott says that in this sense it differs from "banishment" and "exile" in that it includes the idea that the person is kept under confinement or restraint, while the other terms merely import that he is expelled from the home country.
- **Traverse.** To deny. In pleading, the denial of the allegations set forth in a declaration or pleading, or the charges of an indictment.
- Treason. A much abused offence at common law, by which most anything the judges desired amounted to treason. Under the U. S. Constitution treason consists only in levying war

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- **Treasure-trove.** Money or coin, gold, silver, plate, or bullion, found hidden in the earth or other private place, the owner thereof being unknown. In such case the treasure belongs to the king, and is part of his ordinary revenue; but if he that hid it be known, or afterwards found out, the owner, and not the king, is entitled to it. 3 Inst. 132.
- **Treaty.** A solemn and formal compact or agreement made between independent nations touching their relations with each other.
- **Tres faciunt collegium.** Three make a corporation. A principle of Roman law. In many states three or more incorporators are necessary to constitute a corporation.
- **Trespass.** A general name for a number of wrongs or injuries committed with force actual or implied. Any misfeasance or act of one whereby another is damaged. Commonly used with reference to the unlawful entry upon the land of another person.
- **Trespasser ab initio.** Wrongdoer from the beginning.
- **Trespass on the case.** This is that form of action which, according to common law procedure, was appropriate to redress a trespass to the person or to personal property in cases where the injury done was the indirect or

remote result of the wrongful force.

- **Trespass vi et armis.** A trespass with force and arms. An action for damages founded upon a direct or actual use of force in committing the injury complained of.
- **Trial.** The judicial determination of an issue submitted for decision.
- **Tribunal.** Originally, the elevated seat of the Roman prætor, who occupied it while giving decisions. Hence a court or forum. A place where law suits are tried or justice administered.
- Trigamus, or trigamist. One thrice married.
- **Tripartite.** Consisting of three parts or copies.
- **Trover.** To find. A common law action for conversion of property which by a fiction was represented as having been found and converted to the use of him who had so discovered it.
- **Trust.** Confidence reposed in another; a gift of property to one or several to hold subject to a duty or confidence of applying it according to the directions and to the objects stipulated by the donor. Also, a combination of competing industries for the purpose of stifling competition.
- **Trust deed.** A deed creating an active trust. In some states used as the equivalent of a mortgage deed.
- Tutela legitima. Tutelage or guardianship created by law.

Tutela testamentaria.	Tutelage	or	Tutor.	Α	teache	r; a	species	of
guardianship created	by will.		guard	ian	under	the	Roman	and
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U. S. United States.

Uberrima fides. The most abundant good faith. The kind of good faith required in certain contracts where nothing must be concealed, as in the representations of the insured in order to secure a contract of insurance.

Ubi. Where; when.

- Ubi aliquid conceditur, conceditur et id sine quo res ipsa esse non potest. When anything is granted that also is granted without which the thing cannot exist.
- Ubi aliquid impeditur propter unum, eo remoto, tollitur impedimentum. Where any thing is obstructed by some one particular cause, its removal takes the obstruction away. That is, the thing may then be performed.
- Ubi cessat remedium ordinarium, ibi decurritur ad extraordinarium. Where a common or simple remedy ceases, then recourse must be had to an extraordinary one.
- Ubi culpa est, ibi poena subesse debet. Where there is culpability, there punishment ought to be received.
- Ubi eadem ratio, eadem jus. "Where the reason is the same, the law is the same.

- **Ubi factum nullum, ibi fortia nulla.** Where there is no principal fact, there can be no accessory.
- **Ubi jus, ibi remedium.** Where there is a right, there is a remedy. That is, there can be no rights without remedies.
- Ubi lex non distinguit, nec nos distinguere debemus. When the law makes no distinction, we ought not to distinguish.
- Ubi major pars est, ibi totum. Where the greater part is, there is the whole.
- Ubi non est cogendi auctoritas, ibi non est parendi necessitas. Where there is no authority for compelling, there is no necessity of obeying.
- Ubi nullum matrimonium, ibi nulla dos. Where there is no marriage, there is no dower.
- Ultimatum. The last. A last or final proposition in conducting negotiations, which must be accepted or rejected as it is made.

Ultra mare. Beyond the sea.

- Ultra vires. Beyond the powers. A phrase used in corporation law to indicate an act done without the powers of the corporation or its officers to perform under their charter.
- Umpire. An arbiter; a person selected to decide a dispute be-

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tween two or more persons.	Undue influence. Any improper
Also, one who governs a game	or wrongful constraint, machina-
or play.	tion, or urgency of persuasion,
Unalienable. Rights or privileges	whereby the will of a person is
which may not be disposed of.	overpowered and he is induced to do or forbear an act which
Una voce. One voice; unanimously. Uncertainty. Obscurity; the condition of a will or written instrument which is so couched as to be unintelligible or incapable of intelligent interpretation.	he would not do, or would do, if left to act freely and volun- tarily. That influence or persua- sion which induces mental ac- tion which is she t of duress. That influence which compels one to do that which is against
Unconscionable. Opposed to good	his will from fear, the desire of
conscience or equity. A hard or	peace, or some feeling which is
unusual contract or stipulation.	tantamount to force or fear. 95
Unconstitutional. Contrary to the	Ala. 495.
fixed principles of the constitu-	Unilateral contract. One-sided;
tion of the U. S. or of a state.	where the person who receives
All acts or laws of this kind	the promise or undertaking of
are declared to be void by the	another makes no return express
courts.	promise.
Unde nihil habet. Whereof she has	Unimpeached. Unquestioned; not
nothing. A writ for dower in old	discredited.
English law.	Unintelligible. That which can-
Undertake. To promise to do or	not be definitely understood.
perform something. A unilat-	Unincumbered. Free of incum-
eral engagement.	brances or liens.
Under-tenant. A lessee who holds lands from another who is also a lessee.	ernment formed by the union of the various states. The whole
Underwriter. An insurer in a con- tract of insurance; one who ac- cepted by writing his name un- der a proposition for the in- surance of the vessel or cargo of another.	territory of North America com- prised within the jurisdiction of the federal government. Unlawful. Illegal; forbidden by law.
Underwriting. An agreement made in forming a company and offer- ing its stocks and bonds to the public, that if they are not all	
taken up, the underwriter will	Unlawful assembly. A disturb-
take what remains. Bouv. The	ance of the peace by persons
agreement thus made.	assembling together, with an in-

tention to do a thing, which if executed would make them rioters, but neither actually executing it, nor making a motion towards the execution of it. 4 Bl. Com. 146.

- **Unliquidated.** Unascertained; still remaining to be determined or assessed.
- Unsound mind. A phrase indicating mental incapacity, including the various forms of temporary and permanent derangement.
- Usage. The general and uniform practice; a reasonable, legal and customary way of doing things.
- Usance. Days of grace, or time allowed after the maturity of a foreign bill of exchange in which to pay it. The length of time was fixed by commercial custom.
- Use. The term a use, in its original legal application, denoted simply the benefit or beneficial enjoyment of land. After the enactment of the statutes of mortmain, by which lands were prohibited from being given directly to religious houses, the ecclesiastics obtained grants to persons to the use of religious houses, which the clerical chancellors of those days declared to be binding. This device, in some measure, evaded the operation. of the statutes of mortmain; and under it a use came to consist in the equitable right to receive the profit or benefit of lands and tenements, which was, in cases of lands conveyed to uses, divorced from the legal ownership thereof. Abbott.
- Useful. The word useful, in the Uxor. Latin, for wife. patent law, is used in opposition

to frivolous or noxious. It is not necessary that the invention should be the best possible of its kind. It is sufficient if it may be applied to some beneficial use in society.

- User. The actual exercise of a right or the enjoyment of property.
- Usufruct. The right or privilege of drawing profit or advantage from the property of another; the right does not extend to the consumption of the article from which the profit comes.

A term of the civil law signifying the income, or fruits of property of another.

- Usury. Originally, any compensation for the use of money; later, it signifies only unlawful or forbidden rates of interest, or payment for the use of money.
- Ut currere solebat. As it was wont to run.
- Ut res magis valeat quam pereat. That the subject-matter may rather have effect than be de stroyed.
- Utile per inutile non vitiatur. Th useful is not to be destroyed b the useless. A maxim that ² pleading the material will not b destroyed by immaterial matters alleged, the latter being treated as mere surplusage.
- Utter, or uttering. in criminal practice, the offering for acceptance of a forged instrument with the representation by words or actions that it is genuine.

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- Vacancy. The condition of being unoccupied or destitute of an incumbent.
- Vacant. Empty; unoccupied; an office without an incumbent; without a tenant.
- Vacant office. An office is vacant when there is no person entitled to exercise the powers and receive the emoluments thereof. Also, when it is open to be filled by election or appointment.
- Vacant possession. This occurs where a tenant has abandoned the premises which he held, though still continuing in the virtual possession of them, as by leaving some articles, in such case the possession cannot be treated as vacant, and the landlord must proceed by ejectment in the ordinary way.
- Vacant succession. An inheritance, or hereditary office, to which there is no designated heir or successor.
- Vacate. To declare void; to annul. To leave empty or unoccupied.
- Vacation. The time between two terms of court. A time of rest or relaxation from study or duty.
- Vadium. A pledge; the giving security by pledging property.
- Vadium mortuum. A dead pledge. A mortgage of property that makes no return to the mortgagee, but only becomes his upon the failure of the mort-

gagor to fulfill the conditions of the mortgage.

- Vadium ponere. To take bail for the appearance of one in court.
- Vadium vivum. A living pledge. One in which the mortgaged property brings returns or profit to the mortgagee and which goes to pay the debt or obligation for which it is pledged.
- Vagrant. One that wanders about and has no visible means of livelihood. A vagabond. The term has no definite significance, and what constitutes vagrancy or who are vagrants is a matter for statutory designation. It is said that a vagrant generally means a person who lives idly, without a settled home, and sometimes the term includes beggars.
- Valeat quantum valere potest. It shall operate as far as it can be operative. A maxim of construction.
- Valuable. Having worth or value. Of monetary worth.
- Valuable consideration. The distinction between a good and valuable consideration is, that the former consists of considerations 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 esteems an equivalent given for the grant. Brown.

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Value. Estimated or appraised worth. Purchasing power. The money worth of an article.	Vendor. The seller; one who sells or disposes of an article for a price in money.
Value, market. The price or value of an article in the customary markets. Value received. Words indicating	Vendor's lien. The right or claim given in equity to one who sells land upon the land sold until he has received the full purchase price.
that a proper and valuable con- sideration has been received for a thing or note.	Venire. To come. The name of a writ for summoning a jury.
Variance. When a difference or inconsistency arises between the evidence offered and the allega- tions in the pleading this is said to be a variance. Also, a dis- agreement between the writ and the declaration as to the form of the action.	 Venire facias. That you cause to come. The chief words and the name of a writ to the sheriff to secure twelve men for a jury. The full name of the writ is venire facias juratores. Venire facias de novo. That you make to come anew. The name
Vassal. In early English or feudal times, a tenant or feudatory; also, a slave or servant.	of a writ to summon a jury for a second trial. Also, the motion or rule for a new trial.
Vehicle. Every sort of contrivance for the transportation of prop- erty or persons on land.	Venit et defendit. He comes and defends. Venit et dicit. He comes and says.
Vellum. A fine parchment made from the skins of very young an- imals.	Venue. The neighborhood or place; locality. In pleading, the place of the commission of a crime, or the happening of an act
Venal. Something purchasable; but only used in an improper sense, indicating that the indi- vidual is purchasable.	or transaction. The name of the clause in a declaration in which the county in which the event happened is stated, or where the
Vendee. The party who buys in a contract of sale. Vendee and purchaser are appropriate terms in a sale of real property, and buyer when the sale is of chat- tel property.	action is pending. The part of an affidavit which shows the place in which the affidavit was given. Verbal. Communicated by word of mouth as opposed to writ-
Venditio exponas. That you expose for sale. A common law writ of execution, ordering the sheriff to sell goods formerly taken on a writ of fieri facias.	ing. Oral; spoken. Verba accipienda sunt secundum subjectam materiam. Words are to be taken in reference to the subject matter.

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Verba aliquid operari debent. Words should have some effect.	the construction of the language used.
That is, words of an instrument are to be given some meaning in its construction, and if their meaning is doubtful, that one	Verdict. The decision of a trial or petit jury upon an issue of facts submitted to them.
should be taken which produces some reasonable effect.	Verdict, general. One given in terms of the issue, as "for the plaintiff in the sum of \$,"
Verba artis ex arte. Words of art form the art. So that words of	or "not guilty" and the like.
technical import must be con- strued with regard to the signifi- cance they bear in that art to which they pertain.	Verdict, open. One that finds the commission of a crime, but not the guilty party.
Verba chartarum fortius accipiun- tur contra proferentem. The words of writings are to be	Verdict, special. A return of spe- cial or distinct facts by the jury, to which the court is to apply the rule of law.
taken most strongly against the offering party. The governing principle under this maxim, in regard to con-	Verify. To confirm, by oath or affirmation. To establish by evidence, or matter of fact.
tracts, as against the party mak- ing them, seems to be, that he who makes an instrument should take care so to express his own	Verification. The making oath to an instrument in confirmation of its truthfulness or genuine char- acter.
liability as not to bind himself beyond his intention; and that the party who receives an in- strument shall have a construc-	Versus. Against. Abbreviated v. or vs. Is said to be a contrac- tion of adversus.
tion put upon it in his favor, be- cause the words of the instru- ment are not his, but those of the other party. Whart. Max.	Vest. To clothe with, or confer upon, as to vest an estate upon a person, by which is meant that the estate becomes the property
 Verba generalia generaliter sunt intelligenda. General terms are to be construed generally. Verba illata in esse videntur. 	of the person in whom it is vest- ed. But an estate may be vested or thrown upon one, though the actual present enjoyment is in someone else.
Words referred to are consid- ered as a part of the instru- ment.	Vested estate. An estate is vested when it has been conferred upon a person in such a way as not to
Verba intentioni debent inservire.	be subject to any unperformed condition precedent.

Words ought to subserve intention. That is, the intention of the party is to be considered in be vested when the words of the

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 testator making the bequest convey a transmissible interest whether present or future, to the legate in the legacy. Thus, a legacy to one, to be paid where he obtains the age of twenty-oneyears, is a vested legacy, because it is given unconditionally and absolutely, and therefore vests ar immediate interest in the legatee of which the enjoyment only is deferred or postponed; and it such legatee die before that age his representatives shall receive it out of the testator's personal estate at the time that it would have become payable had the legatee himself lived. Abbott. Veto. I forbid. The right or power given to American executive officers of refusing to assent to the enactment of legislation, and causing the enactment to fail unless passed by a larger majority, usually a two-thirds vote. Via trita via tuta. The beaten path is the safe path. That is, it is best to follow precedents, or the usual and customary mode of procedure. Vicarius non habet vicarium. A deputy has not a deputy. A maxim akin to delegata potestas non potest delegari. Via. Way; by way of. Vice. As a prefix, signifies one who acts for or stands second to another. In sales the term indicates a defect or fault in the thing which is the subject of the sale. 	 consul. Vice-president. The officer elected at the same time as the President of the United States, with the same qualifications, and who succeeds to that office on the death or disqualification of the President. Vide. See. A word used to call attention to some other mentioned object or subject. Videlicet. To wit; namely; that is to say. View. An examination by the eye; the actual examination of a place or object by a jury. Vigilantibus et non dormientibus jura subveniunt. The law aids the vigilant, not those who sleep. That is, in order to secure one's legal rights they must be vig-

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 Virtute cujus. By reason whereof. Words used in common law declaration to state or introduce the injurious consequences of the grievances previously set forth. Virtute officii. By virtue of office. Done as an officer. 	which is attributed to the actual consent or connivance of the keeper of the prison, as distin- guished from one which is at- tributable to mere neglect to
 Via. Force. Vis major. A superior or irresistible force. The power of nature, or of an uncontrollable human agency. Vise. An official endorsement or certification of documents. Viva voce. With living voice. By word of mouth. Orally. Void. Illegal; without binding force or effect. To annul. 	 Voluntary manslaughter. Killing done voluntarily, but reduced below the grade of murder by having been done upon a sudden heat of the passions. 4 Bl. Com. 190, 191. Voluntas reputabatur pro facto. The desire or intent shall be taken for the deed. The old common law rule of criminal re- sponsibility in the crime of treason.
 Voidable. Capable of being set aside or avoided; an act or contract that may be assailed in a proceeding for that purpose. Voir dire. To speak the truth. A preliminary oath administered to a witness or juror in order to then examine him as to his fitness or qualifications as a witness or juror. The examination itself. 	Volunteer. In conveyancing, one who takes title under a convey- ance made without a good or valuable consideration, and therefore has no real title as against creditors. In military law, one who freely enlists in place of another, or who offers his service to his country with- out having been called upon. Vote. To express one's wishes or
 Volenti non fit injuria. Having consented no injury is done. Voluit, sed non dixit. He willed, but he did not say. That is, one 	preference by ballot. Suffrage; the method of deciding the ma- jority opinion in a body or ag - gregate of persons.
may have intended an act, but did not express it openly. Voluntary conveyance. A deed or	 Vouch. To bear witness. To summon. To become surety for another. Voucher. A receipt; the certificate or document which attests the existence of a matter.

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- Wage. To give a pledge or security for the performance of an act or agreement. Also signifies earnings.
- Wager. A bet; an agreement to pay money or property upon the happening of some event which is uncertain or unknown to the parties to the agreement, and in which they have no interest.
- Wager of battel, or battle. A method of trial prevailing among the Anglo-Saxons, by which the controversy was determined according to the results of a personal combat between the parties or their champions.
- Waive. To abandon, relinquish or surrender one's right or claim in a matter.
- Wantra. Ruthless conduct without regard to the rights of others. Without justification or provocation.
- War. A contest between independent states or nations with military force. During its existence all intercourse between citizens of the contending states is cut off, and all law is suspended except those rules of international law which self-respect causes all civilized states to observe.
- Ward. Originally, to protect, to guard; to take charge of. A person in the care and control of another, who occupies a semiparental relation to the one protected. The technical name for

an infant or person under the guardianship of another.

Wardship. The custody of a ward.

- Warden. A keeper of a public institution or prison.
- Warehouse. A place where merchandise is kept for transportation or storage.
- Warehouseman. One whose business or calling is to receive and store merchandise of others for reward. The proprietor of a warehouse.
- Warrant. The name of that class of judicial writs authorizing the arrest of persons, searches, seizures and the like acts, in aid of justice. Also, to guarantee; to empower.
- Warrant of attorney. A power in writing authorizing an attorneyat-law to appear in court and confess judgment on behalf of the party who gives the power.
- Warranty. A species of covenant in conveyancing by which the grantor binds himself and his heirs to warrant and defend the title to the grantee, his heirs and assigns against all persons whatsoever. Also, a guaranty or assurance that an article or thing shall be as represented.
- Waste. An injury or lasting damage to the reversion caused by the destruction of the buildings or growing trees or the like by one who is only a tenant for life or for years.

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 Water-course. A term signifying the general flow of water in a river, stream, creek, or other channel, and is used with reference to the right or rights of the riparian owners to have it protected from interference. A water-course is a right which a man may have to the benefit or flow of a river or stream. This right includes that of having the course of the stream kept free from any interruption or disturbance to the prejudice of the proprietor, by the acts of persons without his own territory, whether owing to a diversion of the water, or to its obstruction, or pollution by offensive commixture. 1 Steph. Com. 659, 693. Way. A road; the easement or right to pass over land of an other. Weapon. An instrument which may be used in personal combat, whether offensive or defensive. 	the relation between two per- sons descended from a pair of nearest common ancestors; as opposed to the relation of the half-blood, in which there is but one nearest common ancestor, whether male or female. Ab- bott. Whore. A harlot; a woman who for hire practices unlawful sexual commerce with men; a prosti- tute.
Week. The time between mid- night Saturday and midnight of the following Saturday; a period of seven days.	by which a person disposes of
Weight of evidence. This phrase is used to signify that the proof on one side of a cause is greater than on the other. The fact as to the weight of the evidence is for the jury to determine. But if the jury abuse their right the court may give a new trial.	Winding up. The process of liquidating the assets of a part- nership or corporation, for pur- poses of distribution. In Eng- land a number of statutes, known as the Winding-up Acts, have been passed to facilitate the settlement of partnership affairs. Bouv.
Wharfinger. One who owns or controls a wharf and allows others to use it for a considera- tion.	Withdrawing a juror. A means of stopping a trial and allowing a subsequent trial, accomplished by the courf allowing one of the

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parties, by virtue of an agreement, made in the interests of justice, and because of some unforeseen circumstance preventing the continuance of the trial, to withdraw a juror from the panel, leaving it incomplete, and making a new trial necessary.

- Without day. An expression referring to the postponement of an action or the adjournment of a court or other meeting without a definite time fixed for the hearing, or resumption of the meeting. The Latin of the expression, being sine die. It may mean simply indefinitely, or that the meeting will never assemble again.
- Without prejudice. Words indicating that the action taken or compromise effected, and in reference to which they are used, is not to affect the merits of the controversy in case a settlement is not effected.
- Without reserve. In sales at auction these words indicate that there is to be no by-bidding on the part of the owner.
- One who is called to Witness. give oral testimony in court.

Also, one who witnesses or subscribes an instrument to attest it as the act of another.

- Woman. A female person of the age of puberty.
- Work and labor. Manual labor: the name of a common count in assumpsit at common law.
- Wound. An injury which causes the breaking of the skin.
- Writ. A mandate or writing emanating from a court or officer of law, commanding something to be done by order of the court by the person to whom it is directed.
- Writ of error. A mandate from a superior to an inferior court of law, commanding that an action be sent before it for review.
- Writing. Thoughts expressed by written characters.
- Wrong. An injury; a tort; a civil injury independent of contract. The deprivation of a legal right.
- Wrongdoer. One who is responsible for the commission of a tort or injury upon the person or property of another.
- Y.
- Year. A period of 365 days, in which the earth revolves around the sun, causing the change of seasons.
- frequently fixed and stipulated in order to avoid the dispute in regard to including or excluding

the last day of the year, when the time was stated as a year. This stipulation gave the party an entire year.

Year and a day. An English period Year books. Early English court reports, from the reign of King Edward II to Henry VIII, recorded by the clerks or scribes

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of the courts and published an- nually, and therefore called year books. Year of our Lord. Under the Eng- lish system the time of the com- mission of an offence may be al- leged as that of the sovereign's	or against a proposition.
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Zealot. A fanatic: a religious	Zoll-versin. The customs union

Zealot. A fanatic; a religious	Zoll-verein. The customs union
crank. In England, a separatist	between the states in the Ger-
from the established church.	man Empire, which existed from
Zigari, or Zingari. A gypsy; a	1819 until the formation of the
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A. American, see also Am.	A. L. Rec. American Law Rec- ord, Cincinnati.
A. B. Anonymous Reports at the end of Benloe.	A. L. Reg. American Law Reg-
A. C. Appellate Court; Case on	ister, Philadelphia.
Appeal; Appeal Cases. A. C. C. American Corporation	A. L. Rep. American Law Report- er, Davenport, Iowa.
Cases (Withrow's). A. C. L. J. American Civil Law	A. L. Rev. American Law Review, Boston.
Journal, New York.	A. L. T. American Law Times.
A. C. R. American Criminal Reports, edited by Hawley.	A. L. T. Bankr. American Law Times Bankruptcy Reports.
A. D. Anno Domini, in the year of our Lord; American Decisions (Select Cases), San Francisco.	A. L. T. R. American Law Times Reports.
 A. G. Attorney General. A. & E. Enc. Law. American & English Encyclopedia of Law. 	A. M. & O. Armstrong, Macart- ney & Ogle's Irish Nisi Prius Reports.
A. Ins. R. American Insolvency Reports.	A. Moo. A. Moore's Reports, in 1 Bosanquet & Puller.
A. J. American Jurist. A. K. Marsh. A. K. Marshall's	A. N. & C. D. American Notary and Commissioner of Deeds.
Kentucky Reports.	A. P. R. American Practice Re-
A. L. C. American Leading Cases.	ports.
A. L. D. American Law Directory.	A. R. Anno Regni, in the year of the reign.
A. L. J. Albany Law Journal; American Law Journal (Hall's), Philadelphia.	A. R. R. American Railway Reports.
A. L. J. N. S. American Law Jour- nal, New Series, Philadelphia.	A. Rep. American Reports (Se- lected Cases), Albany.
A. L. M. American Law Maga- zine, Philadelphia.	A. V. Ch. Assistant Vice-Chancel- lor.

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A. & A. Corp. Angell & Ames on Corporations.	Abb. Ind. Dig. Abbott's Indiana Digest.
A. & D. High. Angell & Durfee on Highways.	Abb. Int. Abbott's Introduction to Practice under the Codes.
A. & E. Adolphus & Ellis' English Queen's Bench Reports; Admi- ralty and Ecclesiastical.	Abb. L. Dic. Abbott's Law Dic- tionary.
A. & E. N. S. Adolphus & Ellis' English Queen's Bench Reports,	Abb. Leg. Rem. Abbott's Legal Remembrancer.
New Series. A. & E. R. C. American & Eng-	Abb. N. Cas. Abbott's New Cases, New York.
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APPENDIX.

THE SALES ACT.

AN ACT

To establish a law uniform with the laws of other States on Sales.1

Also called

THE SALES ACT 2

Being a codification of the law relating to the sale of gooda.

PART I.

FORMATION OF THE CONTRACT.

SECTION 1. (1.) A contract to sell goods is a contract whereby the seller agrees to transfer the property in goods to the buyer for a consideration called the price.

(2.) A sale of goods in an agreement whereby the seller transfer the property in goods to the buyer for a consideration called the price.

2-Massachusetts Acts and Resolves, Chap. 237, 1908. Passed March 18, 1908, went into effect January 1, 1909.

See also, Conn. Pub. Acts, 1907, C. 212; New Jersey Laws, 1907, C. 132; Arizona Sess. Laws, 1907, C. 99.

3-Following the example of Great Britain, which in 1893 enacted the Sale of Goods Act, several states of the Union have already enacted the so-called Sales Act. The English act was drafted by Mr. M. D. Chalmers, who prepared the English Bills of Exchange Act, which is the foundation of the Negotiable Instruments Law, now in force in a large part of the Union. The Sales Act is based on the English Sale of Goods Act. The original draft was prepared in 1902-3 by Prof. Samuel Williston of Harvard University, at the request of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, and was presented to the Conference of the Commissioners and discussed at its meeting in 1904. The draft was then recommitted to the Committee on Commercial Law, and a revised draft was presented at the meeting of the conference in 1905. This draft included for the first time a number of sections on the transfer of property by means of document of title which are not contained in the English act, and because of these sections it was thought best again to recommit the draft. At the meeting of the conference in 1906 the draft in its present form was adopted and recommended to the Legislatures of the several states for passage. The act is in the main declaratory in its effect; but it makes some changes, and necessarily changes the law in some jurisdictions on points concerning which a conflict of laws has existed .- Tiffany on Sales, sd. Ed.

¹⁻⁹⁹ Vol. Laws of Ohio, 413-435. Passed May 9, 1908, and went into effect January 1, 1909.

(3.) A contract to sell or a sale may be absolute or conditional.

(4.) There may be a contract to sell or a sale between one part owner and another.

SECTION 2. Capacity to buy and sell is regulated by the general law concerning capacity to contract, and to transfer and acquire property.

Where necessaries are sold and delivered to an infant, or to a person who by reason of mental incapacity or drunkenness is incompetent to contract, he must pay a reasonable price therefor.

Necessaries in this section mean goods suitable to the condition in life of such infant or other person, and to his actual requirements at the time of delivery.

FORMALITIES OF THE CONTRACT.

SECTION 3. Subject to the provisions of this act and of any statute in that behalf, a contract to sell or a sale may be made in writing (either with or without seal), or by word of mouth, or partly in writing and partly by word of mouth, or may be inferred from the conduct of the parties.

SECTION 4. (1.) A contract to sell or a sale of any goods or choses in action of the value of twenty-five hundred (\$2500.00) dollars or upwards shall not be enforceable by action unless the buyer shall accept part of the goods or choses in action so contracted to be sold or sold and actually receive the same, or give something in earnest to bind the contract, or in part payment, or unless some note or memorandum in writing of the contract or sale be signed by the party to be charged or his agent in that behalf.⁴

(2.) The provisions of this section apply to every such contract or sale, notwithstanding that the goods may be intended to be delivered at some future time, or may not at the time of such coutract or sale be actually made, procured, or provided, or fit or ready for delivery, or some act may be requisite for the making or completing thereof, or rendering the same fit for delivery; but if the goods are to be manufactured by the seller especially for the buyer and are not suitable for sale to others in the ordinary course of the seller's business, the provisions of this section shall not apply.⁵

(3.) There is an acceptance of goods within the meaning of this section when the buyer, either before or after delivery of the goods, ex-

5-The last clause of this subdivision is not found in the English Act.

^{4—}The amount of \$2,500 here fixed is exceptionally large. In the Massachusetts Act the value is fixed at \$500, and in the English Statute it is ten pounds. Under this provision it is only the exceptionally large contracts of sale that need be in writing, and the former provision of the Statute of Frauds is largely nullified.

presses by words or conduct his assent to becoming the owner of those specific goods.⁶

SUBJECT MATTER OF CONTRACT.

SECTION 5. (1.) The goods which form the subject of the contract to sell may be either existing goods, owned or possessed by the seller, or goods to be manufactured or acquired by the seller after the making of the contract to sell, in this act called "future goods."

(2.) There may be a contract to sell goods, the acquisition of which by the seller depends upon a contingency which may or may not happen.

(3.) Where the parties purport to effect a present sale of future goods, the agreement operates as a contract to sell the goods.

SECTION 6. (1.) There may be a contract to sell or a sale of an undivided share of goods. If the parties intend to effect a present sale, the buyer, by force of the agreement, becomes an owner in common with the owner or owners of the remaining shares.

(2.) In the case of fungible goods, there may be a sale of an undivided share of a specific mass, though the seller purports to sell and the buyer to buy a definite number, weight or measure of the goods in the mass, and though the number, weight or measure of the goods in the mass is undetermined. By such a sale the buyer becomes owner in common of such a share of the mass as the number, weight or measure bought bears to the number, weight or measure of the mass. If the mass contains less than the number, weight or measure bought, the buyer becomes the owner of the whole mass and the seller is bound to make good the deficiency from similar goods unless a contrary intent appears.⁷

SECTION 7. (1.) Where the parties purport to sell specific goods, and the goods without the knowledge of the seller have wholly perished at the time when the agreement is made, the agreement is void.

(2.) Where the parties purport to sell specific goods, and the goods without the knowledge of the seller have perished in part or have wholly or in a material part so deteriorated in quality as to be substantially changed in character, the buyer may at his option treat the sale:

(a.) As avoided, or

(b.) As transferring the property in all of the existing goods or in so much thereof as have not deteriorated, and as binding the buyer

^{6—}This clause in the English Act reads as follows: (3) There is an acceptance of goods within the meaning of this section when the buyer does any act in relation to the goods which recognizes a pre-existing contract of sale whether there be an acceptance in performance of the contract or not.

^{7—}The clauses of section six are not found in the English statute, and are opposed to English authorities. The law is that stated in Kimberly v. Patchin, 19 N. Y. 330 (1859).

to pay the full agreed price if the sale was indivisible or to pay the agreed price for the goods in which the property passes if the sale was divisible.^{*}

SECTION 8. (1.) Where there is a contract to sell specific goods, and subsequently, but before the risk passes to the buyer, without any fault on the part of the seller or the buyer, the goods wholly perish, the contract is thereby avoided.

(2.) Where there is a contract to sell specific goods, and subsequently, but before the risk passes to the buyer, without any fault of the seller or the buyer, part of the goods perish or the whole or a material part of the goods so deteriorate in quality as to be substantially changed in character, the buyer may at his option treat the contract:⁹

(a.) As avoided, or,

(b.) As binding the seller to transfer the property in all of the existing goods or in so much thereof as have not deteriorated, and as binding the buyer to pay the full agreed price if the contract was indivisible, or to pay the agreed price for so much of the goods as the seller, by the buyer's option, is bound to transfer if the contract was divisible.

THE PRICE.

SECTION 9. (1.) The price may be fixed by the contract, or may be left to be fixed in such manner as may be agreed, or it may be determined by the course of dealing between the parties.

(2.) The price may be made payable in any personal property.

(3.) Where transferring or promising to transfer any interest in real estate constitutes the whole or part of the consideration for transferring or for promising to transfer the property in goods, this act shall not apply.

(4.) Where the price is not determined in accordance with the foregoing provisions the buyer must pay a reasonable price. What is a reasonable price is a question of fact dependent on the circumstances of each particular case.

SECTION 10. (1.) Where there is a contract to sell or a sale of goods at a price or on terms to be fixed by a third person, and such third person, without fault of the seller or the buyer, can not or does not fix the price or terms, the contract or the sale is thereby avoided; but if the goods or any part thereof have been delivered to and appropriated by the buyer he must pay a reasonable price therefor.

⁸⁻This second subdivision of this section is not found in the English statute.

^{9—}This paragraph and the remainder of the sections are additions to the English statute, and apply the rule of the previous section to goods contracted to be sold.

(2.) Where such third person is prevented from fixing the price or terms by fault of the seller or the buyer, the party not in fault may have such remedies against the party in fault as are allowed by Parts IV and V of this act.¹⁰

CONDITIONS AND WARRANTIES.

SECTION 11. (1.) Where the obligation of either party to a contract to sell or a sale is subject to any condition which is not performed, such party may refuse to proceed with the contract or sale or he may waive performance of the condition. If the other party has promised that the condition should happen or be performed, such firstmentioned party may also treat the non-performance of the condition as a breach of warranty.

(2.) Where the property in the goods has not passed, the buyer may treat the fulfillment by the seller of his obligation to furnish goods as described and as warranted expressly or by implication in the contract to sell as a condition of the obligation of the buyer to perform his promise to accept and pay for the goods.¹¹

SECTION 12. Any affirmation of fact or any promise by the seller relating to the goods is an express warranty if the natural tendency of such affirmation or promise is to induce the buyer to purchase the goods, and if the buyer purchases the goods relying thereon. No affirmation of the value of the goods, nor any statement purporting to be a statement of the seller's opinion only shall be construed as a warranty.

SECTION 13. In a contract to sell or a sale, unless a contrary intention appears, there is—

(1.) An implied warranty on the part of the seller that in the case of a sale he has a right to sell the goods, and that in the case of a contract to sell he will have a right to sell the goods at the time when the property is to pass.

^{10—}This subdivision in the English statute is as follows: (2) Where such third party is prevented from making the valuation by the fault of the seller or buyer, the party not in fault may maintain an action for damages against the party in fault.

¹¹⁻Section ten of the English statute is omitted, and the present section is radically different from the corresponding section of that statute.

In the first place, the election of a party to treat the breach of a condition as a breach of warranty, and not as a ground for treating the contract as repudiated by the other party, is expressly limited, as it should be, to promissory conditions; that is, to cases where "the other party has promised that the condition should happen or be performed."

In the second place, the section, taken with the next four sections, and section sixty-nine, obliterates most of the distinctions between promissory conditions and collateral warranties.—Burdick on Sales, note to this section in Appendix IV.

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(2.) An implied warranty that the buyer shall have and enjoy quiet possession of the goods as against any lawful claims existing at the time of the sale.

(3.) An implied warranty that the goods shall be free at the time of the sale from any charge or encumbrance in favor of any third person, not declared or known to the buyer before or at the time when the contract or sale is made.

(4.) This section shall not, however, be held to render liable a sheriff, auctioneer, mortgagee, or other person professing to sell by virtue of authority in fact or law goods in which a third person has a legal or equitable interest.¹²

SECTION 14. Where there is a contract to sell or a sale of goods by description, there is an implied warranty that the goods shall correspond with the description and if the contract or sale be by sample, as well as by description, it is not sufficient that the bulk of the goods corresponds with the sample if the goods do not also correspond with the description.

SECTION 15. Subject to the provisions of this act and of any statute in that behalf, there is no implied warranty or condition as to the quality or fitness for any particular purpose of goods supplied under a contract to sell or a sale, except as follows:

(1.) Where the buyer, expressly or by implication, makes known to the seller the particular purpose for which the goods are required, and it appears that the buyer relies on the seller's skill or judgment (whether he be the grower or manufacturer or not), there is an implied warranty that the goods shall be reasonably fit for such purpose.

(2.) Where the goods are bought by description from a seller who deals in goods of that description (whether he be the grower or manufacturer or not), there is an implied warranty that the goods shall be of merchantable quality.

(3.) If the buyer has examined the goods, there is no implied warranty as regards defects which such examination ought to have revealed.

(4.) In the case of a contract to sell or a sale of a specified article under its patent or other trade name, there is no implied warranty as to its fitness for any particular purpose.

(5.) An express warranty or condition as to quality or fitness for a particular purpose may be annexed by the usage of trade.

(6.) An express warranty or condition does not negative a warranty or condition implied under this act unless inconsistent therewith.

¹²⁻This paragraph (4) is not found in the English statute but is supported by English and American cases.

SALE BY SAMPLE.

SECTION. 16. In the case of a contract to sell or a sale by sample-

(a.) There is an implied warranty that the bulk shall correspond with the sample in quality.

(b.) There is an implied warranty that the buyer shall have a reasonable opportunity of comparing the bulk with the sample, except so far as otherwise provided in section 47 (3).

(c.) If the seller is a dealer in goods of that kind, there is an implied warranty that the goods shall be free from any defect, rendering them unmerchantable, which would not be apparent on reasonable examination of the sample.

PART II.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY AS BETWEEN SELLER AND BUYER.

SECTION 17. Where there is a contract to sell unascertained goods no property in the goods is transferred to the buyer unless and until the goods are ascertained, but property in an undivided share of ascertained goods may be transferred as provided in section 6.

SECTION 18. (1.) Where there is a contract to sell specific or ascertained goods, the property in them is transferred to the buyer at such time as the parties to the contract intend it to be transferred.

(2.) For the purpose of ascertaining the intention of the parties, regard shall be had to the terms of the contract, the conduct of the parties, usages of trade, and the circumstances of the case.

SECTION 19. Unless a different intention appears, the following are rules for ascertaining the intention of the parties as to the time at which the property in the goods is to pass to the buyer:

Rule 1. Where there is an unconditional contract to sell specific goods, in a deliverable state, the property in the goods passes to the buyer when the contract is made, and it is immaterial whether the time of payment, or the time of delivery, or both, be postponed.

Rule 2. Where there is a contract to sell specific goods and the seller is bound to do something to the goods, for the purpose of putting them into a deliverable state, the property does not pass until such thing be done.

Rule 3. (1.) When goods are delivered to the buyer "on sale or return," or on other terms indicating an intention to make a present sale, but to give the buyer an option to return the goods instead of paying the price, the property passes to the buyer on delivery, but he may revest the property in the seller by returning or tendering the goods within the time fixed in the contract, or, if no time has been fixed, within at reasonable time.

(2.) When goods are delivered to the buyer on approval or on trial or on satisfaction, or other similar terms, the property therein passes to the buyer—

(a.) When he signifies his approval or acceptance to the seller or does any other act adopting the transaction.

(b.) If he does not signify his approval or acceptance to the seller, but retains the goods without giving notice of rejection, then, if a time has been fixed for the return of the goods, on the expiration of such time, and, if no time has been fixed, on the expiration of a reasonable time. What is a reasonable time is a question of fact.

Rule 4. (1.) Where there is a contract to sell unascertained or future goods by description, and goods of that description and in a deliverable state are unconditionally appropriated to the contract, either by the seller with the assent of the buyer, or by the buyer with the assent of the seller, the property in goods thereupon passes to the buyer. Such assent may be expressed or implied, and may be given either before or after the appropriation is made.

(2.) Where, in pursuance of a contract to sell, the seller delivers the goods to the buyer, or to a carrier or other bailee (whether named by the buyer or not) for the purpose of transmission to or holding for the buyer, he is presumed to have unconditionally appropriated the goods to the contract, except in the cases provided for in the next rule and in section 20. This presumption is applicable, although by the terms of the contract the buyer is to pay the price before receiving delivery of the goods, and the goods are marked with the words collect on delivery or their equivalents.

Rule 5. If a contract to sell requires the seller to deliver the goods to the buyer, or at a particular place, or to pay the freight or cost of transportation to the buyer, or to a particular place, the property does not pass until the goods have been delivered to the buyer or reached the place agreed upon.¹

SECTION 20. (1.) Where there is a contract to sell specific goods, or where goods are subsequently appropriated to the contract, the seller may, by the terms of the contract or appropriation, reserve the right of possession of property in the goods until certain conditions have been fulfilled. The right of possession of property may be thus reserved not-

1-This clause is based on American decisions, and is not found in the English Act.

withstanding the delivery of the goods to the buyer, or to a carrier or other bailee for the purpose of transmission to the buyer.

(2.) Where goods are shipped, and by the bill of lading the goods are deliverable to the seller or his agent, or to the order of the seller or of his agent, the seller thereby reserves the property in the goods. But if, except for the form of the bill of lading, the property would have passed to the buyer on shipment of the goods, the seller's property in the goods shall be deemed to be only for the purpose of securing performance by the buyer of his obligations under the contract.

(3.) Where goods are shipped, and by the bill of lading the goods are deliverable to the order of the buyer or of his agent, but possession of the bill of lading is retained by the seller or his agent, the seller thereby reserves a right to the possession of the goods, as against the buyer.

(4.) Where the seller of goods draws on the buyer for the price and transmits the bill of exchange and bill of lading together to the buyer to secure acceptance or payment of the bill of exchange, the buyer is bound to return the bill of lading if he does not honor the bill of exchange, and if he wrongfully retains the bill of lading he acquires no added right thereby. If, however, the bill of lading provides that the goods are deliverable to the buyer or to the order of the buyer, or is endorsed in blank, or to the buyer by the consignee named therein, one who purchases in good faith, for value, the bill of lading, or goods from the buyer will obtain the property in the goods, although the bill of exchange has not been honored, provided that such purchaser has received delivery of the bill of lading indorsed by the consignee named therein, or of the goods, without notice of the facts making the transfer wrongful.

SECTION 21.² In the case of a sale by auction:

(1.) Where goods are put up for sale by auction in lots, each lot is the subject of a separate contract of sale.

(2.) A sale by auction is complete when the auctioneer announces its completion by the fall of the hammer, or in other customary manner. Until such announcement is made any bidder may retract his bid; and the auctioneer may withdraw the goods from sale unless the auction has been announced to be without reserve.

(3.) A right to bid may be reserved expressly by or on behalf of the seller.

(4.) Where notice has not been given that a sale by auction is subject to a right to bid on behalf of the seller, it shall not be lawful for the seller to bid himself or to employ or induce any person to bid at

²⁻This section follows section 58 of the English statute, and is in accordance with precedents.

such sale on his behalf, or for the auctioneer to employ or induce any person to bid at such sale on behalf of the seller or knowingly to take any bid from the seller or any person employed by him. Any sale contravening this rule may be treated as fraudulent by the buyer.

SECTION 22. Unless otherwise agreed, the goods remain at the seller's risk until the property therein is transferred to the buyer, but when the property therein is transferred to the buyer the goods are at the buyer's risk whether delivery has been made or not, except that—

(a.) Where delivery of the goods has been made to the buyer, or to a bailee for the buyer, in pursuance of the contract and the property in the goods has been retained by the seller merely to secure performance by the buyer of his obligations under the contract, the goods are at the buyer's risk from the time of such delivery.

(b.) Where delivery has been delayed through the fault of either buyer or seller the goods are at the risk of the party in fault as regards. any loss which might not have occurred but for such fault.

TRANSFER OF TITLE.

SECTION 23. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this act, where goods are sold by a person who is not the owner thereof, and who does not sell them under the authority or with the consent of the owner, the buyer acquires no better title to the goods than the seller had, unless the owner of the goods is by his conduct precluded from denying the seller's authority to sell.

(2.) Nothing in this act, however, shall affect-

(a.) The provisions of any factors' acts, recording acts, or any enactment enabling the apparent owner of goods to dispose of them as if he were the true owner thereof.

(b.) The validity of any contract to sell or sale under any special common law or statutory power of sale or under the order of a court of competent jurisdiction.³

(2.) Nothing in this section shall affect the law relating to the sale of horses.

(3.) The provisions of this section do not apply to Scotland. This system of rules as to sales in market overt have never been of any importance in this country, as such markets are not used.

Section 24 of the English Act, is not found in the American acts, as its provisions are not recognized here. The section in the English Act is as follows:

(1.) Where goods have been stolen and the offender is prosecuted to conviction,

^{3—}This section is the same as section 21 of the English Act. Section 22 of the English statute deals with sales in market overt and is as follows:

^(1.) Where goods are sold in market overt, according to the usage of the market, the buyer acquires a good title to the goods, provided he buys them in good faith and without notice of any defect or want of title on the part of the seller.

SECTION 24. Where the seller of goods has a voidable title thereto, but his title has not been avoided at the time of the sale, the buyer acquires a good title to the goods, provided he buys them in good faith, for value, and without notice of the seller's defect of title.

SECTION 25. Where a person having sold goods continues in possession of the goods, or of negotiable documents of title to the goods, the delivery or transfer by that person, or by an agent acting for him, of the goods or documents of title under any sale, pledge, or other disposition thereof, to any person receiving and paying value for the same in good faith and without notice of the previous sale, shall have the same effect as if the person making the delivery or transfer were expressly authorized by the owner of the goods to make the same.⁴

SECTION 26. Where a person having sold goods continues in possession of the goods, or of negotiable documents of title to the goods, and such retention of possession is fraudulent in fact or is deemed fraudulent under any rule of law, a creditor or creditors of the seller may treat the sale as void.⁵

4—The second and third subdivisions of this section as given in the English Act are omitted from the American statutes as not in accordance with the weight of authority. The omitted parts are as follows:

(2.) Where a person having bought or agreed to buy goods obtains, with the consent of the seller, possession of the goods or the documents of title to the goods, the delivery or transfer by that person, or by a mercantile agent acting for him, of the goods or documents of title, under any sale, pledge, or other disposition thereof, to any person receiving the same in good faith and without notice of any lien or other right of the original seller in respect of the goods, shall have the same effect as if the person making the delivery or transfer were a mercantile agent in possession of the goods or documents of title with the consent of the owner.

(3.) In this section the term "mercantile agent" has the same meaning as in the Factors Acts.

5-Section 26 of the English statute is as follows:

(1.) A writ of *fieri facias* or other writ of execution against goods shall bind the property in the goods of the execution debtor as from the time when the writ is delivered to the sheriff to be executed; and, for the better manifestation of such time, it shall be the duty of the sheriff, without fee, upon the receipt of any such writ to indorse upon the back thereof, the hour, day, month, and year when he received the same.

Provided that no such writ shall prejudice the title to such goods acquired by any person in good faith and for valuable consideration, unless such person had at the time when he acquired his title notice that such writ or any other writ by

the property in the goods so stolen revests in the person who was the owner of the goods, or his personal representative, notwithstanding any intermediate dealing with them, whether by sale in market overt or otherwise.

^(2.) Notwithstanding any enactment to the contrary, where goods have been obtained by fraud or other wrongful means not amounting to larceny, the property in such goods shall not revest in the person who was the owner of the goods, or his personal representative, by reason only of the conviction of the offender.

^(3.) The provisions of this section do not apply to Scotland.

SECTION 27. A document of title in which it is stated that the goods referred to therein will be delivered to the bearer, or to the order of any person named in such document is a negotiable document of title.⁶

SECTION 28. A negotiable document of title may be negotiated by delivery.

(a.) Where by the terms of the document the carrier, warehouseman, or other bailee issuing the same undertakes to deliver the goods to the bearer, or

(b.) Where by the terms of the document the carrier, warehouseman, or other bailee issuing the same undertakes to deliver the goods to the order of a specified person, and such person or a subsequent indorsee of the document has indorsed it in blank or to bearer.

Where by the terms of a negotiable document of title the goods are deliverable to bearer or where a negotiable document of title has been indorsed in blank or to bearer, any holder may indorse the same to himself or to any other specified person, and in such case the document shall thereafter be negotiated only by the indorsement of such indorsee.

SECTION 29. A negotiable document of title may be negotiated by the indorsement of the person to whose order the goods are by the terms of the document deliverable. Such indorsement may be in blank, to bearer or to a specified person. If indorsed to a specified person it may be again negotiated by the indorsement of such person in blank, to bearer or to another specified person. Subsequent negotiation may be made in like manner.

SECTION 30. If a document of title which contains an undertaking by a carrier, warehouseman, or other bailee to deliver the goods to the bearer, to a specified person or order, or to the order of a specified person, or which contains words of like import, has placed upon it the words "not negotiable," "non-negotiable" or the like, such a document may nevertheless be negotiated by the holder and is a negotiable document of title within the meaning of this act. But nothing in this act contained shall be construed as limiting, or defining the effect upon the obligations of the carrier, warehouseman, or other bailee issuing a document of title of placing thereon the words "not negotiable," "non-negotiable," or the like.

virtue of which the goods of the execution debtor might be seized or attached had been delivered to and remained unexecuted in the hands of the sheriff.

^(2.) In this section the term "sheriff" includes any officer charged with the enforcement of a writ of execution.

^(3.) The provisions of this section do not apply to Scotland.

^{6—}The matter given in sections 27 to 40 are not a part of the English Sales Act, they were added by the Committee on Commercial Law, to cover transfers by documents of title.

SECTION 31. A document of title which is not in such form that it can be negotiated by delivery may be transferred by the holder by delivery to a purchaser or donee. A non-negotiable document cannot be negotiated and the indorsement of such a document gives the transferee no additional right.

SECTION 32. A negotiable document of title may be negotiated-

(a.) By the owner thereof, or

(b.) By any person to whom the possession or custody of the document has been entrusted by the owner, if, by the terms of the document the bailee issuing the document undertakes to deliver the goods to the order of the person to whom the possession or custody of the document has been entrusted, or if at the time of such entrusting the document is in such form that it may be negotiated by delivery.

SECTION 33. A person to whom a negotiable document of title has been duly negotiated acquires thereby,

(a.) Such title to the goods as the person negotiating the document to him had or had ability to convey to a purchaser in good faith for value, and also such title to the goods as the person to whose order the goods were to be delivered by the terms of the document had or had ability to convey to a purchaser in good faith for value, and,

(b.) The direct obligation of the bailee issuing the document to hold possession of the goods for him according to the terms of the document as fully as if such bailee had contracted directly with him.

SECTION 34. A person to whom a document of title has been transferred, but not negotiated, acquires thereby, as against the transferrer, the title to the goods, subject to the terms of any agreement with the transferrer.

If the document is non-negotiable such person also acquires the right to notify the bailee who issued the document of the transfer thereof, and thereby to acquire the direct obligation of such bailee to hold possession of the goods for him according to the terms of the document.

Prior to the notification of such bailee by the transferrer or transferee of a non-negotiable document of title, the title of the transferee to the goods and the right to acquire the obligation of such bailee may be defeated by the levy of an attachment or execution upon the goods by a creditor of the transferrer, or by a notification to such bailee by the transferrer or a subsequent purchaser from the transferrer of a subsequent sale of goods by the transferrer.

SECTION 35. Where a negotiable document of title is transferred for value by delivery, and the indorsement of the transferrer is essential for negotiation, the transferee acquires a right against the transferrer to compel him to indorse the document unless a contrary intention appears.

The negotiation shall take effect as of the time when the indorsement is actually made.

SECTION 36. A person who for value negotiates or transfers a document of title by indorsement or delivery, including one who assigns for value a claim secured by a document of title unless a contrary intention appears, warrants:

(a.) That the document is genuine.

(b.) That he has a legal right to negotiate or transfer it.

(c.) That he has knowledge of no fact which would impair the validity or worth of the document, and,

(d.) That he has the right to transfer the title to the goods and that the goods are merchantable or fit for a particular purpose, whenever such warranties would have been implied if the contract of the parties had been to transfer without a document of title the goods represented thereby.

SECTION 37. The indorsement of a document of title shall not make the indorser liable for any failure on the part of the bailee who issued the document or previous indorsers thereof to fulfill their respective obligations.

SECTION 38. The validity of the negotiation of a negotiable document of title is not impaired by the fact that the negotiation was a breach of duty on the part of the person making the negotiation, or by the fact that the owner of the document was induced by fraud, mistake, or duress to entrust the possession or custody thereof to such person, if the person to whom the document was negotiated or a person to whom the document was subsequently negotiated paid value therefor, without notice of the breach of duty, or fraud, mistake, or duress.

SECTION 39. If goods are delivered to a bailee by the owner or by a person whose act in conveying the title to them to a purchaser in good faith for value would bind the owner and a negotiable document of title is issued for them they cannot thereafter, while in the possession of such bailee be attached by garnishment or otherwise or be levied upon under an execution unless the document be first surrendered to the bailee or its negotiation enjoined. The bailee shall in no case be compelled to deliver up the actual possession of the goods until the document is surrendered to him or impounded by the court.¹

¹⁻"It was thought best in this draft not to take the extreme position that no attachment, garnishment or levy, could be made on property for which a negotiable document was outstanding, but to cover the essential practical point by making it a condition of the validity of such seizure that the negotiation of the document be enjoined or the document impounded. The following section (§ 40) expressly gives the Court full power to aid, by injunction and otherwise, a creditor seeking to get at a negotiable document and the property covered thereby."—Note to original draft of this section.

SECTION 40. A creditor whose debtor is the owner of a negotiable document of title shall be entitled to such aid from courts of appropriate jurisdiction by injunction and otherwise in attaching such document or in satisfying the claim by means thereof as is allowed at law or in equity in regard to property which can not readily be attached or levied upon by ordinary legal process.

PART III.

PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT.

SECTION 41. It is the duty of the seller to deliver the goods, and of the buyer to accept and pay for them, in accordance with the terms of the contract to sell or sale.

SECTION 42. Unless otherwise agreed, delivery of the goods and payment of the price are concurrent conditions, that is to say, the seller must be ready and willing to give possession of the goods to the buyer in exchange for the price and the buyer must be ready and willing to pay the price in exchange for possession of the goods.

SECTION 43. (1.) Whether it is for the buyer to take possession of the goods or for the seller to send them to the buyer, is a question depending in each case on the contract, express or implied, between the parties. Apart from any such contract, express or implied, or usage of trade to the contrary, the place of delivery is the seller's place of business, if he have one, and if not, his residence; but in case of a contract to sell or a sale of specific goods, which to the knowledge of the parties when the contract or the sale was made were in some other place, then that place is the place of delivery.

(2.) Where by a contract to sell or a sale the seller is bound to send the goods to the buyer, but no time for sending them is fixed, the seller is bound to send them within a reasonable time.

(3.) Where the goods at the time of sale are in the possession of a third person, the seller has not fulfilled his obligation to deliver to the buyer unless and until such third person acknowledges to the buyer that he holds the goods on the buyer's behalf; but as against all others than the seller the buyer shall be regarded as having received delivery from the time when such third person first has notice of the sale. Nothing in this section, however, shall affect the operation of the issue or transfer of any document of title to goods.

(4.) Demand or tender of delivery may be treated as ineffectual unless made at a reasonable hour. What is a reasonable hour is a question of fact.

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(5.) Unless otherwise agreed, the expenses of and incidental to putting the goods into a deliverable state must be borne by the seller.

SECTION 44. (1.) Where the seller delivers to the buyer a quantity of goods less than he contracted to sell, the buyer may reject them, but if the buyer accepts or retains the goods so delivered, knowing that the seller is not going to perform the contract in full, he must pay for them at the contract rate. If, however, the buyer has used or disposed of the goods delivered before he knows that the seller is not going to perform his contract in full, the buyer shall not be liable for more than the fair value to him of the goods so received.

(2.) Where the seller delivers to the buyer a quantity of goods larger than he contracted to sell, the buyer may accept the goods included in the contract and reject the rest, or he may reject the whole. If the buyer accepts the whole of the goods so delivered he must pay for them at the contract rate.

(3.) Where the seller delivers to the buyer the goods he contracted to sell mixed with goods of a different description not included in the contract, the buyer may accept the goods which are in accordance with the contract and reject the rest, or he may reject the whole.

(4.) The provisions of this section are subject to any usage of trade, special agreement, or course of dealing between the parties.

SECTION 45. (1.) Unless otherwise agreed, the buyer of goods is not bound to accept delivery thereof by installments.

(2.) Where there is a contract to sell goods to be delivered by stated installments, which are to be separately paid for, and the seller makes defective deliveries in respect to one or more installments, or the buyer neglects or refuses to take delivery of or pay for one or more installments, it depends in each case on the terms of the contract and the circumstances of the case, whether the breach of contract is so material as to justify the injured party in refusing to proceed further and suing for damages for breach of the entire contract, or whether the breach is severable, giving rise to a claim for compensation, but not to a right to treat the whole contract as broken.

SECTION 46. (1.) Where, in pursuance of a contract to sell or a sale, the seller is authorized or required to send the goods to the buyer, delivery of the goods to a carrier, whether named by the buyer or not, for the purpose of transmission to the buyer is deemed to be a delivery of the goods to the buyer, except in the cases provided for in section 19, rule 5, unless a contrary intent appears.

(2.) Unless otherwise authorized by the buyer, the seller must make such contract with the carrier on behalf of the buyer as may be reasonable, having regard to the nature of the goods and the other circum-

stances of the case. If the seller omit so to do, and the goods are lost or damaged in course of transit, the buyer may decline to treat the delivery to the carrier as a delivery to himself, or may hold the seller responsible in damages.

(3.) Unless otherwise agreed, where goods are sent by the seller to the buyer under circumstances in which the seller knows or ought to know that it is usual to insure, the seller must give such notice to the buyer as may enable him to insure them during their transit, and, if the seller fails to do so, the goods shall be deemed to be at his risk during such transit.

SECTION 47. (1.) Where goods are delivered to the buyer, which he has not previously examined, he is not deemed to have accepted them unless and until he has had a reasonable opportunity of examining them for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are in conformity with the contract.

(2.) Unless otherwise agreed, when the seller tenders delivery of goods to the buyer, he is bound, on request, to afford the buyer a reasonable opportunity of examining the goods for the purpose of ascertaining whether they are in conformity with the contract.

(3.) Where goods are delivered to a carrier by the seller, in accordance with an order from or agreement with the buyer, upon the terms that the goods shall not be delivered by the carrier to the buyer until he has paid the price, whether such terms are indicated by marking the goods with the words collect on delivery, or otherwise, the buyer is not entitled to examine the goods before payment of the price in the absence of agreement permitting such examination.²

SECTION 48. The buyer is deemed to have accepted the goods when he intimates to the seller that he has accepted them, or when the goods have been delivered to him, and he does any act in relation to them which is inconsistent with the ownership of the seller, or when, after the lapse of a reasonable time, he retains the goods without intimating to the seller that he has rejected them.

SECTION 49. In the absence of express or implied agreement of the parties, acceptance of the goods by the buyer shall not discharge the seller from liability in damages or other legal remedy for breach of any promise or warranty in the contract to sell or the sale. But if, after acceptance of the goods, the buyer fail to give notice to the seller of the breach of any promise or warranty within a reasonable time after the

²⁻This subdivision (3) has been added, and is not to be found in the English Act. Business usages in this country are in accordance with the clause.

buyer knows, or ought to know, of such breach, the seller shall not be liable therefor.²

SECTION 50. Unless otherwise agreed, where goods are delivered to the buyer, and he refuses to accept them, having the right so to do, he is not bound to return them to the seller, but it is sufficient if he notifies the seller that he refuses to accept them.

SECTION 51. When the seller is ready and willing to deliver the goods, and requests the buyer to take delivery, and the buyer does not within a reasonable time after such request take delivery of the goods, he is liable to the seller for any loss occasioned by his neglect or refusal to t_ke delivery, and also for a reasonable charge for the care and custody of the goods. If the neglect or refusal of the buyer to take delivery amounts to a repudiation or breach of the entire contract, the seller shall have the rights against the goods and on the contract hereinafter provided in favor of the seller when the buyer is in default.

PART IV.

RIGHTS OF UNPAID SELLER AGAINST THE GOODS.

SECTION 52. (1.) The seller of goods is deemed to be an unpaid seller within the meaning of the act—

(a.) When the whole of the price has not been naid or tendered.

(b.) When a bill of exchange or other negotiable instrument has been received as conditional payment, and the condition on which it was received has been broken by reason of the dishonor of the instrument, the insolvency of the buyer, or otherwise.

(2.) In this part of this act the term "seller" includes an agent of the seller to whom the bill of lading has been endorsed, or a consignor or agent who has himself paid, or is directly responsible for, the price, or any other person who is in the position of a seller.

SECTION 53. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this act, notwithstanding that the property in the goods may have passed to the buyer, the unpaid seller of goods, as such, has—

(a.) A lien on the goods or right to retain them for the price while he is in possession of them.

(b.) In case of the insolvency of the buyer, a right of stopping the goods in transitu after he has parted with the possession of them.

(c.) A right of resale as limited by this act.

(d.) A right to rescind the sale as limited by this act.

3-The second sentence in this section imposes upon the buyer the duty of giving notice to the seller, an act not required by English law, nor in many of our states.

(2.) Where the property in goods has not passed to the buyer, the unpaid seller has, in addition to his other remedies, a right of withholding delivery similar to and co-extensive with his rights of lien and stoppage "in transitu" where the property has passed to the buyer.

UNPAID SELLER'S LIEN.

SECTION 54. (1.) Subject to the provisions of this act, the unpaid seller of goods who is in possession of them is entitled to retain possession of them until payment or tender of the price in the following cases, namely:

(a.) Where the goods have been sold without any stipulation as to credit.

(b.) Where the goods have been sold on credit, but the term of credit has expired.

(c.) Where the buyer becomes insolvent.

(2.) The seller may exercise his right of lien notwithstanding that he is in possession of the goods as agent or bailee for the buyer.

SECTION 55. Where an unpaid seller has made part delivery of the goods, he may exercise his right of lien on the remainder, unless such part delivery has been made under such circumstances as to show an intent to waive the lien or right of retention.

SECTION 56 (1.) The unpaid seller of goods loses his lien thereon-

(a.) When he delivers the goods to a carrier or other bailee for the purpose of transmission to the buyer without reserving the property in the goods or the right to the possession thereof.

(b.) When the buyer or his agent lawfully obtains possession of the goods.

(c.) By waiver thereof.

(2.) The unpaid seller of goods, having a lien thereon, does not lose his lien by reason only that he has obtained judgment or decree for the price of the goods.

STOPPAGE IN TRANSITU.

SECTION 57. Subject to the provisions of this act, when the buyer of goods is or becomes insolvent, the unpaid seller who has parted with the possession of the goods has the right of stopping them in transitu, that is to say, he may resume possession of the good at any time while they are in transit, and he will then become entitled to the same rights in

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regard to the goods as he would have had if he had never parted with the possession.¹

SECTION 58. (1.) Goods are in transit within the meaning of section 57:

(a.) From the time when they are delivered to a carrier by land or water, or other bailee for the purpose of transmission to the buyer, until the buyer, or his agent in that behalf, takes delivery of them from such carrier or other bailee.

(b.). If the goods are rejected by the buyer, and the carrier or other bailee continues in possession of them, even if the seller has refused to receive them back.

(2.) Goods are no longer in transit within the meaning of section 57:

(a.) If the buyer, or his agent in that behalf, obtains delivery of the goods before their arrival at the appointed destination.

(b.) If, after the arrival of the goods at the appointed destination, the carrier or other bailee acknowledges to the buyer or his agent, that he holds the goods on his behalf and continues in possession of them as bailee for the buyer, or his agent, and it is immaterial that a further destination for the goods may have been indicated by the buyer.

(c.) If the carrier or other bailee wrongfully refuses to deliver the goods to the buyer, or his agent in that behalf.

(3.) If goods are delivered to a ship chartered by the buyer, it is a question depending on the circumstances of the particular case, whether they are in the possession of the master as a carrier or as agent of the buyer.

(4.) If part delivery of the goods has been made to the buyer, or his agent in that behalf, the remainder of the goods may be stopped in transitu, unless such part delivery has been made under such circumstances as to show an agreement with the buyer to give up possession of the whole of the goods.

SECTION 59. (1.) The unpaid seller may exercise his right of stoppage in transitu either by obtaining actual possession of the goods, or by giving notice of his claim to the carrier or other bailee in whose possession the goods are. Such notice may be given either to the person in actual possession of the goods or to his principal. In the latter case the notice, to be effectual, must be given at such time and under such cir-

⁻Section 44 of the English statute, which is the corresponding section to this does not recognize the full rights of the seller on retaking goods from an insolvent debtor. The English section is as follows: '44. Subject to the provisions of this Act, when the buyer of goods becomes insolvent, the unpaid seller who has parted with the possession of the goods has the right of stopping them in transit, that is to say, he may resume possession of the goods as long as they are in course of transit, and may retain them until payment or tender of the price.

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cumstances that the principal, by the exercise of reasonable diligence, may prevent a delivery to the buyer.

(2.) When notice of stoppage in transitu is given by the seller to the carrier, or other bailee in possession of the goods, he must redeliver the goods to, or according to the directions of, the seller. The expenses of such redelivery must be borne by the seller. If, however, a negotiable document of title representing the goods has been issued by the carrier or other bailee, he shall not be obliged to deliver or justified in delivering the goods to the seller unless such document is first surrendered for cancellation.³

RESALE BY THE SELLER.8

SECTION 60. (1.) Where the goods are of a perishable nature, or where the seller expressly reserves the right of resale in case the buyer should make default, or where the buyer has been in default in the payment of the price an unreasonable time, an unpaid seller having a right of lien or having stopped the goods in transitu may resell the goods. He shall not thereafter be liable to the original buyer upon the contract to

RE-SALE BY BUYER OR SELLER.

47. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the unpaid seller's right or lien or retention or stoppage is transits is not affected by any sale, or other disposition of the goods which the buyer may have made, unless the seller has assented thereto.

Provided that where a document of title to goods has been lawfully transferred to any person as buyer or owner of the goods, and that person transfers the document to a person who takes the document in good faith and for valuable consideration, then, if such last-mentioned transfer was by way of sale the unpaid seller's right of lien or retention or stoppage in transits is defeated, and if such last-mentioned transfer was by way of pledge or other disposition for value, the unpaid seller's right of lien or retention or stoppage in transits can only be exercised subject to the rights of the transferee.

48-(1.) Subject to the provisions of this section, a contract of sale is not rescinded by the mere exercise by an unpaid seller of his right of lien or retention or stoppage in transitu.

(2.) Where an unpaid seller who has exercised his right of lien or retention or stoppage in transitu resells the goods, the buyer acquires a good title thereto as against the original buyer.

(3.) Where the goods are of a perishable nature, or where the unpaid seller gives notice to the buyer of his intention to resell, and the buyer does not within a reasonable time pay or tender the price, the unpaid seller may resell the goods and recover from the original buyer damages for any loss occasioned by his breach of contract.

(4.) Where the seller expressly reserves a right of resale in case the buyer should make default, and on the buyer making default, resells the goods, the original contract of sale is thereby rescinded, but without prejudice to any claim the seller may have for damages.

²⁻The last sentence of this subdivision is not found in the English Act.

³⁻The provisions of the English Act as to the rights of buyer and seller are somewhat different from those fixed here. The English statute in this regard is as follows:

sell or the sale or for any profit made by such resale, but may recover from the buyer damages for any loss occasioned by the breach of the contract or the sale.

(2.) Where a resale is made, as authorized in this section, the buyer acquires a good title as against the original buyer.

(3.) It is not essential to the validity of a resale that notice of an intention to resell the goods be given by the seller to the original buyer. But where the right to resell is not based on the perishable nature of the goods or upon an express provision of the contract or the sale, the giving or failure to give such notice shall be relevant in any issue involving the question whether the buyer had been in default an unreasonable time before the resale was made.

(4.) It is not essential to the validity of a resale that notice of the time and place of such resale should be given by the seller to the original buyer.

(5.) The seller is bound to exercise reasonable care and judgment in making a resale, and subject to this requirement may make a resale either by public or private sale.

RESCISSION BY THE SELLER. (4)

SECTION 61. (1.) An unpaid seller having a right of lien or having stopped the goods in transitu, may rescind the transfer of title and resume the property in the goods, where he expressly reserved the right to do so in case the buyer should make default, or where the buyer has been in default in the payment of the price an unreasonable time. The seller shall not thereafter be liable to the buyer upon the contract to sell or the sale, but may recover from the buyer damages for any loss occasioned by the breach of the contract or the sale.

(2.) The transfer of title shall not be held to have been rescinded by an unpaid seller until he has manifested by notice to the buyer or by some other overt act an intention to rescind. It is not necessary that such overt act should be communicated to the buyer, but the giving or failure to give notice to the buyer of the intention to rescind shall be relevant in any issue involving the question whether the buyer has been in default an unreasonable time before the right of rescission was asserted.

SECTION 62. Subject to the provisions of this act, the unpaid seller's right of lien or stoppage in transitu is not affected by any sale, or other

⁴⁻This is an entirely new section, and made necessary by judicial decisions in this country.

disposition of the goods which the buyer may have made, unless the seller has assented thereto.

If, however, a negotiable document of title has been issued for goods, no seller's lien or right of stoppage in transitu shall defeat the right of any purchaser for value in good faith to whom such document has been negotiated, whether such negotiation be prior or subsequent to the notification to the carrier or other bailee who issued such document, of the seller's claim to a lien or right of stoppage in transitu.

PART V.

ACTIONS FOR MEACH OF CONTRACT .--- REMEDIES OF THE SELLER.

SECTION 63. (1.) Where, under a contract to sell or a sale, the property in the goods has passed to the buyer, and the buyer wrongfully neglects or refuses to pay for the goods according to the terms of the contract or the sale, the seller may maintain an action against him for the price of the goods.

(2.) Where, under a contract to sell or a sale, the price is payable on a day certain, irrespective of delivery or of transfer of title, and the buyer wrongfully neglects or refuses to pay such price, the seller may maintain an action for the price, although the property in the goods has not passed, and the goods have not been appropriated to the contract. But it shall be a defense to such an action that the seller at any time before judgment in such action has manifested an inability to perform the contract or the sale on his part or an intention not to perform.⁵

(3.) Although the property in the goods has not passed, if they can not readily be resold for a reasonable price, and if the provisions of section 64 (4) are not applicable, the seller may offer to deliver the goods to the buyer, and, if the buyer refuses to receive them, may notify the buyer that the goods are thereafter held by the seller as bailee for the buyer. Thereafter the seller may treat the goods as the buyer's and may maintain an action for the price.⁶

SECTION 64. (1.) Where the buyer wrongfully neglects or refuses to

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^{5—}The last sentence in this subdivision was added by the codifiers to settle a conflict in the American authorities on the matter, and the rule adopted is, as they believed, supported by the weight of authority.

^{6—}This subdivision differs radically from the rule in England, and that of some States, and follows the New York rule as to the right of the seller to sue for the purchase price.

accept and pay for the goods, the seller may maintain an action against him for damages for non-acceptance.

(2.) The measure of damages is the estimated loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events, from the buyer's breach of contract.

(3.) Where there is an available market for the goods in question, the measure of damages is, in the absence of special circumstances, showing proximate damage of a greater amount, the difference between the contract price and the market or current price at the time or times when the goods ought to have been accepted, or, if no time was fixed for acceptance, then at the time of the refusal to accept.

(4.) If, while labor or expense of material amount are necessary on the part of the seller to enable him to fulfill his obligations under the contract to sell or the sale, the buyer repudiates the contract or the sale, or notifies the seller to proceed no further therewith, the buyer shall be liable to the seller for no greater damages than the seller would have suffered if he did nothing towards carrying out the contract or the sale after receiving notice of the buyer's repudiation or countermand. The profit the seller would have made if the contract or the sale had been fully performed shall be considered in estimating such damages.⁷

SECTION 65. Where the goods have not been delivered to the buyer, and the buyer has repudiated the contract to sell or sale, or has manifested his inability to perform his obligations thereunder, or has committed a material breach thereof, the seller may totally rescind the contract or the sale by giving notice of his election so to do to the buyer.⁸

REMEDIES OF THE BUYER.

SECTION 66. Where the property in the goods has passed to the buyer and the seller wrongfully neglects or refuses to deliver the goods, the buyer may maintain any action allowed by law to the owner of goods of similar kind when wrongfuly converted or withheld.⁹

SECTION 67. (1.) Where the property in the goods has not passed to the buyer, and the seller wrongfully neglects or refuses to deliver the goods, the buyer may maintain an action against the seller for damages for non-delivery.

^{7—}This is an addition to the English statute, made necessary by American decisions.

⁸⁻This section is also an addition, and not found in the English Act.

⁹⁻Not found in English Act.

(2.) The measure of damages is the loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events, from the seller's breach of contract.

(3.) Where there is an available market for the goods in question, the measure of damages, in the absence of special circumstances showing proximate damages of a greater amount, is the difference between the contract price and the market or current price of the goods at the time or times when they ought to have been delivered, or, if no time was fixed, then at the time of the refusal to deliver.

SECTION 68. Where the seller has broken a contract to deliver specific or ascertained goods, a court having the powers of a court of equity may, if it thinks fit, on the application of the buyer, by its judgment or decree direct that the contract shall be performed specifically, without giving the seller the option of retaining the goods on payment of damages. The judgment or decree may be unconditional, or upon such terms and conditions as to damages, payment of the price and otherwise, as to the court may seem just.

SECTION 69. (1.) Where there is a breach of warranty by the seller, the buyer may, at his election—

(a) Accept or keep the goods and set up against the seller, the breach of warranty by way of recoupment in diminution or extinction of the price;

(b) Accept or keep the goods and maintain an action against the seller for damages for the breach of warranty;

(c) Refuse to accept the goods, if the property therein has not passed, and maintain an action against the seller for damages for the breach of warranty;

(d) Rescind the contract to sell or the sale and refuse to receive the goods, or if the goods have already been received, return them or offer to return them to the seller and recover the price or any part thereof which has been paid.

(2.) When the buyer has claimed and been granted a remedy in any one of these ways, no other remedy can therefore be granted.

(3.) Where the goods have been delivered to the buyer, he cannot rescind the sale if he knew of the breach of warranty when he accepted the goods, or if he fails to notify the seller within a reasonable time of the election to rescind, or if he fails to return or to offer to return the goods to the seller in substantially as good condition as they were in at the time the property was transferred to the buyer. But if deterioration or injury of the goods is due to the breach of warranty, such deterioration or injury shall not prevent the buyer from returning or offering to return the goods to the seller and rescinding the sale.

(4.) Where the buyer is entitled to rescind the sale and elects to do so, the buyer shall cease to be liable for the price upon returning or offering to return the goods. If the price or any part thereof has already been paid, the seller shall be liable to repay so much thereof as has been paid, concurrently with the return of the goods, or immediately after an offer to return the goods in exchange for repayment of the price.

(5.) Where the buyer is entitled to rescind the sale and elects to do so, if the seller refuses to accept an offer of the buyer to return the goods, the buyer shall thereafter be deemed to hold the goods as bailee for the seller, but subject to a lien to secure the repayment of any portion of the price which has been paid, and with the remedies for the enforcement of such lien allowed to an unpaid seller by section 53.

(6.) The measure of damages for breach of warranty is the loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events from the breach of warranty.

(7.) In the case of breach of warranty of quality, such loss, in the absence of special circumstances showing proximate damage of a greater amount, is the difference between the value of the goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if they had answered in the warranty.¹⁰

SECTION 70. Nothing in this act shall affect the right of the buyer or the seller to recover interest or special damages in any case where by law interest or special damages may be recoverable, or to recover money paid where the consideration for the payment of it has failed.

(1.) Where there is a breach of warranty by the seller, or where the buyer elects, or is compelled, to treat any breach of a condition on the part of the seller as a breach of warranty, the buyer is not by reason only of such breach of warranty entitled to reject the goods; but he may

- (a.) set up against the seller the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price; or
- (b.) maintain an action against the seller for damages for the breach of warranty.

(2.) The measure of damages for breach of warranty is the estimated loss directly and naturally resulting, in the ordinary course of events, from the breach of warranty.

(3.) In the case of breach of warranty of quality such loss is *prime facie* the difference between the value of the goods at the time of delivery to the buyer and the value they would have had if they had answered to the warranty.

(4.) The fact that the buyer has set up the breach of warranty in diminution or extinction of the price does not prevent him from maintaining an action for the same breach of warranty if he has suffered further damage.

(5.) Nothing in this section shall prejudice or affect the buyer's right of rejection in Scotland as declared by this Act.

^{10—}This section differs materially from the corresponding section in the English Act. The law followed in the American statute is that of the State of Massachusetts, and is contrary to that prevailing in many states. See, Thornton v. Wynn, 12 Wheaton, (N. S.) 183. The English Act is as follows:

PART VI.

INTERPRETATION.

SECTION 71. Where any right, duty, or liability would arise under a contract to sell or a sale by implication of law, it may be negatived or varied by express agreement or by the course of dealing between the parties, or by custom, if the custom be such as to bind both parties to the contract or the sale.

SECTION 72. Where any right, duty or liability is declared by this act, it may, unless otherwise by this act provided, be enforced by action.

SECTION 73. In any case not provided for in this act, the rules of law and equity, including the law merchant, and in particular the rules relating to the law of principal and agent and to the effect of fraud, misrepresentation, duress or coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, or other invalidating cause, shall continue to apply to contracts to sell and to sales of goods.

SECTION 74. This act shall be interpreted and construed, if possible, as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.¹¹

SECTION 75. The provisions of this act relating to contracts to sell and to sales do not apply, unless so stated, to any transaction in the form of a contract to sell or a sale which is intended to operate by way of mortgage, pledge, charge, or other security.

SECTION 76. (1.) In this act, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires—

"Action" includes counterclaim, set-off and suit in equity.

"Buyer" means a person who buys or agrees to buy goods or any legal successor in interest of such person.

"Defendant" includes a plaintiff against whom a right or set-off or counterclaim is asserted.

"Delivery" means voluntary transfer of possession from one person to another.

"Divisible contract to sell or sale" means a contract to sell or a sale in which by its terms the price for a portion or portions of the goods less than the whole is fixed or ascertainable by computation.

"Document of title to goods" includes any bill of lading, dock warrant, warehouse receipt or order for the delivery of goods, or any other document used in the ordinary course of business in the sale or transfer of goods, as proof of the possession or control of the goods, or authorizing or purporting to authorize the possessor of the document to transfer or

^{11—}This section is a new one, and is designed to introduce a new principle of statutory interpretation in regard to codified subjects of law seeking uniformity in the several states.

receive, either by indorsement or by delivery, goods represented by such document.

"Fault" means wrongful act or default.

"Fungible goods" means goods of which any unit is from its nature or by mercantile usage treated as the equivalent of any other unit.

"Future goods" means goods to be manufactured or acquired by the selier after the making of the contract of sale.

"Goods" include all chattels personal other than things in action and money. The term includes emblements, industrial growing crops, and things attached to or forming part of the land which are agreed to be severed before sale or under the contract of sale.

"Order" in sections of this act relating to documents of title means an order by indorsement on the document.

"Person" includes a corporation or partnership or two or more persons having a joint or common interest.

"Plaintiff" includes defendant asserting a right of set-off or counterclaim.

"Property" means the general property in goods, and not merely a special property.

"Purchaser" includes mortgagee and pledgee.

"Purchases" includes taking as a mortgagee or as a pledgee.

"Quality of goods" includes their state or condition.

"Sale" includes a bargain and sale as well as a sale and delivery.

"Seller" means a person who sells or agrees to sell goods, or any legal successor in interest of such person.

"Specific goods" means goods identified and agreed upon at the time a contract to sell or sale is made.

"Value" is any consideration sufficient to support a simple contract. An antecedent or pre-existing claim, whether for money or not, constitutes value where goods or documents of title are taken either in satisfaction thereof, or as security therefor.

(2.) A thing is done "in good faith" within the meaning of this act when it is in fact done honestly, whether it be done negligently or not.

(3.) A person is insolvent within the meaning of this act who either has ceased to pay his debts in the ordinary course of business or can not pay his debts as they become due, whether he has committed an act of bankruptcy or not, and whether he is insolvent within the meaning of the federal bankruptcy law or not.

(4.) Goods are in a "deliverable state" within the meaning of this act when they are in such a state that the buyer would, under the contract, be bound to take delivery of them.

SECTION 77. This act shall take effect on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

UNIFORM LAW OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

AN ACT

To establish a law uniform with the laws of other states on warehouse receipts.¹

PART I.

THE ISSUE OF WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS.

SECTION 1. Warehouse receipts may be issued by any warehouseman. SECTION 2. Warehouse receipts need not be in any particular form, but every such receipt must embody within its written or printed terms—

(a) The location of the warehouse where the goods are stored.

(b) The date of issue of the receipt.

(c) The consecutive number of the receipt.

(d) A statement whether the goods received will be delivered to the bearer, to a specified person, or to a specified person or his order.

(e) The rate of storage charges.

(f) A description of the goods or of the packages containing them.

(g) The signature of the warehouseman, which may be made by his authorized agent.

(h) If the receipt is issued for goods of which the warehouseman is owner, either solely or jointly or in common with others, the fact of . such ownership, and

(i) A statement of the amount of advances made and of liabilities incurred for which the warehouseman claims a lien. If the precise amount of such advances made or of such liabilities incurred, is, at the time of the issue of the receipt, unknown to the warehouseman or to his agent who issues it, a statement of the fact that advances have been made or liabilities incurred and the purpose thereof is sufficient.

A warehouseman shall be liable to any person injured thereby, for

1-This Act was passed by the Ohio legislature, May 9, 1908.

all damage caused by the omission from a negotiable receipt of any of the terms herein required.

SECTION 3. A warehouseman may insert in a receipt, issued by him, any other terms and conditions, provided that such terms and conditions shall not—

(a) Be contrary to the provisions of this act.

(b) In any wise impair his obligation to exercise that degree of care in the safe-keeping of the goods entrusted to him which a reasonably careful man would exercise in regard to similar goods of his own.

SECTION 4. A receipt in which it is stated that the goods received will be delivered to the depositor, or to any other specified person, is a non-negotiable receipt.

SECTION 5. A receipt in which it is stated that the goods received will be delivered to the bearer, or to the order of any person named in such receipt is a negotiable receipt.

No provision shall be inserted in a negotiable receipt that it is nonnegotiable. Such provision, if inserted, shall be void.

SECTION 6. When more than one negotiable receipt is issued for the same goods, the word "duplicate" shall be plainly placed upon the face of every such receipt, except the one first issued. A warehouseman shall be liable for all damage caused by his failure so to do to any one who purchased the subsequent receipt for value supposing it to be an original, even though the purchase be after the delivery of the goods by the warehouseman to the holder of the original receipt.

SECTION 7. A non-negotiable receipt shall have plainly placed upon its face by the warehouseman issuing it "non-negotiable," or "not negotiable." In case of the warehouseman's failure so to do, a holder of the receipt who purchased it for value supposing it to be negotiable, may, at his option, treat such receipt as imposing upon the warehouseman the same liabilities he would have incurred had the receipt been negotiable.

This section shall not apply, however, to letters, memoranda, or written acknowledgments of an informal character.

PART II.

OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF WAREHOUSEMEN UPON THEIR RECEIPTS.

SECTION 8. A warehouseman, in the absence of some lawful excuse provided by this act, is bound to deliver the goods upon a demand made either by the holder of a receipt for the goods or by the depositor, if such demand is accompanied with(a) An offer to satisfy the warehouseman's lien;

(b) A_n offer to surrender the receipt if negotiable, with such indorsements as would be necessary for the negotiation of the receipt; and

(c) A readiness and willingness to sign, when the goods are delivered, an acknowledgment that they have been delivered, if such signature is requested by the warehouseman.

In case the warehouseman refuses or fails to deliver the goods in compliance with a demand by the holder or depositor so accompanied, the burden shall be upon the warehouseman to establish the existence of a lawful excuse for such refusal.

SECTION 9. A warehouseman is justified in delivering the goods, subject to the provisions of the three following sections, to one who is—

(a) The person lawfully entitled to the possession of the goods, or his agent;

(b) A person who is either himself entitled to delivery by the terms of a non-negotiable receipt issued for the goods, or who has written authority from the person so entitled either indorsed upon the receipt or written upon another paper, or,

(c) A person in possession of a negotiable receipt by the terms of which the goods are deliverable to him or order or to bearer, or which has been indorsed to him or in blank by the person to whom delivery was promised by the terms of the receipt or by his mediate or immediate indorsee.

SECTION 10. Where a warehouseman delivers the goods to one who is not in fact lawfully entitled to the possession of them, the warehouseman shall be liable as for conversion to all having a right of property or possession in the goods if he delivered the goods otherwise than as authorized by subdivisions (b) and (c) of the preceding section and though he delivered the goods as authorized by said subdivisions he shall be so liable, if prior to such delivery he had either—

(a) Been requested, by or on behalf of the person lawfully entitled to a right of property or possession in the goods, not to make such delivery, or,

(b) Had information that the delivery about to be made was to one not lawfully entitled to the possession of the goods.

SECTION 11. Except as provided in section 36, where a warehouseman delivers goods for which he has issued a negotiable receipt, the negotiation of which would transfer the right to the possession of the goods, and fails to take up and cancel the receipt, he shall be liable to any one who purchases for value in good faith such receipt, for failure to deliver the goods to him, whether such purchaser acquired title to the receipt before or after the delivery of the goods by the warehouseman.

SECTION 12. Except as provided in section 36, where a warehouseman

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delivers part of the goods for which he has issued a negotiable receipt and fails either to take up and cancel such receipt, or to place plainly upon it a statement of what goods or packages have been delivered he shall be liable, to any one who purchases for value in good faith such receipt, for failure to deliver all the goods specified in the receipt, whether such purchaser acquired title to the receipt before or after the delivery of any portion of the goods by the warehouseman.

SECTION 13. The alteration of a receipt shall not excuse the warehouseman who issued it from any liability if such alteration was

(a) Immaterial,

(b) Authorized, or

(c) Made without fraudulent intent.

If the alteration was authorized, the warehouseman shall be liable according to the terms of the receipt as altered. If the alteration was unauthorized, but made without fraudulent intent, the warehouseman shall be liable according to the terms of the receipt, as they were before alteration.

Material and fraudulent alteration of a receipt shall not excuse the warehouseman who issued it from liability to deliver, according to the terms of the receipt as originally issued, the goods for which it was issued, but shall excuse him from any other liability to the person who made the alteration and to any person who took with notice of the alteration. Any purchaser of the receipt for value without notice of the alteration shall acquire the same rights against the warehouseman which such purchaser would have acquired if the receipt had not been altered at the time of the purchase.

SECTION 14. Where a negotiable receipt has been lost or destroyed, a court of competent jurisdiction may order the delivery of the goods upon satisfactory proof of such loss or destruction and upon the giving of a bond with sufficient sureties to be approved by the court to protect the warehouseman from any liability or expense, which he or any person injured by such delivery may incur by reason of the original receipt remaining outstanding. The court may also in its discretion order the payment of the warehouseman's reasonable costs and counsel fees.

The delivery of the goods under an order of the court as provided in this section, shall not relieve the warehouseman from liability to a person to whom the negotiable receipt has been or shall be negotiated for value without notice of the proceedings or of the delivery of the goods.

SECTION 15. A receipt upon the face of which the word "duplicate" is plainly placed is a representation and warranty by the warehouseman that such receipt is an accurate copy of an original receipt properly issued and uncancelled at the date of the issue of the duplicate, but shall impose upon him no other liability. SECTION 16. No title or right to the possession of the goods, on the part of the warehouseman, unless such title or right is derived directly or indirectly from a transfer made by the depositor at the time of or subsequent to the deposit for storage, or from the warehouseman's lien, shall excuse the warehouseman from liability for refusing to deliver the goods according to the terms of the receipt.

SECTION 17. If more than one person claim the title or possession of the goods, the warehouseman may, either as a defense to an action brought against him for non-delivery of the goods, or as an original suit, whichever is appropriate, require all known claimants to interplead.

SECTION 18. If some one other than the depositor or person claiming under him has a claim to the title or possession of the goods, and the warehouseman has information of such claim, the warehouseman shall be excused from liability for refusing to deliver the goods, either to the depositor or person claiming under him or to the adverse claimant, until the warehouseman has had a reasonable time to ascertain the validity of the adverse claim or to bring legal proceedings to compel all claimants to interplead.

SECTION 19. Except as provided in the two preceding sections and in sections 9 and 36, no right or title of a third person shall be a defense to an action brought by the depositor or person claiming under him against the warehouseman for failure to deliver the goods according to the terms of the receipt.

SECTION 20. A warehouseman shall be liable to the holder of a receipt for damages caused by the non-existence of the goods or by the failure of the goods to correspond with the description thereof in the receipt at the time of its issue. If, however, the goods are described in a receipt merely by a statement of marks or labels upon them, or upon packages containing them, or by a statement that the goods are said to be goods of a certain kind, or the packages containing the goods are said to contain goods of a certain kind, or by words of like purport, such statements, if true, shall not make liable the warehouseman issuing the receipt, although the goods are not of the kind which the marks or labels upon them indicate, or of the kind they were said to be by the depositor.

SECTION 21. A warehouseman shall be liable for any loss or injury to the goods caused by his failure to exercise such care in regard to them as a reasonably careful owner of similar goods would exercise, but he shall not be liable, in the absence of an agreement to the contrary, for any loss or injury to the goods which could not have been avoided by the exercise of such care.

SECTION 22. Except as provided in the following section, a warehouseman shall keep the goods so far separate from goods of other de-

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positors, and from other goods of the same depositor for which a separate receipt has been issued, as to permit at all times the identification and re-delivery of the goods deposited.

SECTION 23. If authorized by agreement or by custom, a warehouseman may mingle fungible goods with other goods of the same kind and grade. In such case the various depositors of the mingled goods shall own the entire mass in common, and each depositor shall be entitled to such portion thereof as the amount deposited by him bears to the whole.

SECTION 24. The warehouseman shall be severally liable to each depositor for the care and re-delivery of his share of such mass to the same extent and under the same circumstances as if the goods had been kept separate.

SECTION 25. If goods are delivered to a warehouseman by the owner or by a person whose act in conveying the title to them to a purchaser in good faith for value would bind the owner, and a negotiable receipt is issued for them, they cannot thereafter, while in the possession of the warehouseman, be attached by garnishment or otherwise, or be levied upon under an execution, unless the receipt be first surrendered to the warehouseman, or its negotiation enjoined. The warehouseman shall in no case be compelled to deliver up the actual possession of the goods until the receipt is surrendered to him or impounded by the court.

SECTION 26. A creditor whose debtor is the owner of a negotiable receipt shall be entitled to such aid from courts of appropriate jurisdiction, by injunction and otherwise, in attaching such receipt or in satisfying the claim by means thereof as is allowed at law or in equity, in regard to property which cannot readily be attached or levied upon by ordinary legal process.

SECTION 27. Subject to the provisions of section 30, a warehouseman shall have a lien on goods deposited or on the proceeds thereof in his hands, for all lawful charges for storage and preservation of the goods; also for all lawful claims for money advanced, interest, insurance, transportation, labor, weighing, coopering and other charges and expenses in relation to such goods; also for all reasonable charges and expenses for notice, and advertisements of sale, and for sale of the goods where default has been made in satisfying the warehouseman's lien.

SECTION 28. Subject to the provisions of section 30, a warehouseman's lien may be enforced:

(a) Against all goods, whenever deposited, belonging to the person who is liable as debtor for the claims in regard to which the lien is asserted, and

(b) Against all goods belonging to others which have been deposited at any time by the person who is liable as debtor for the claims in regard

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to which the lien is asserted, if such person had been so entrusted with the possession of the goods that a pledge of the same by him at the time of the deposit to one who took the goods in good faith for value would have been valid.

SECTION 29. A warehouseman loses his lien upon goods:

(a) By surrendering possession thereof, or

(b) By refusing to deliver the goods when a demand is made with which he is bound to comply under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 30. If a negotiable receipt is issued for goods, the warehouseman shall have no lien thereon, except for charges for storage of those goods subsequent to the date of the receipt, unless the receipt expressly enumerates other charges for which a lien is claimed. In such case there shall be a lien for the charges enumerated so far as they are within the terms of section 27, although the amount of the charges so enumerated is not stated in the receipt.

SECTION 31. A warehouseman having a lien valid again the person demanding the goods may refuse to deliver the goods to him until the lien is satisfied.

SECTION 32. Whether a warehouseman has or has not a lien upon the goods, he is entitled to all remedies allowed by law to a creditor against his debtor, for the collection from the depositor of all charges and advances which the depositor has expressly or impliedly contracted with the warehouseman to pay.

SECTION 33. A warehouseman's lien for a claim which has become due may be satisfied as follows:

The warehouseman shall give a written notice to the person on whose account the goods are held, and to any other person known by the warehouseman to claim an interest in the goods. Such notice shall be given by delivery in person or by registered letter addressed to the last known place of business or abode of the person to be notified. The notice shall contain:

(a) An itemized statement of the warehouseman's claim, showing the sum due at the time of the notice and the date or dates when it became due.

(b) A brief description of the goods against which the lien exists.

(c) A demand that the amount of the claim as stated in the notice, and of such further claim as shall accrue, shall be paid on or before a day mentioned, not less than ten days from the delivery of the notice if it is personally delivered, or from the time when the notice should reach its destination, according to the due course of post, if the notice is sent by mail, and

(d) A statement that unless the claim is paid within the time speci-

fied the goods will be advertised for sale and sold by auction at a specified time and place.

In accordance with the terms of a notice so given, a sale of the goods by auction may be had to satisfy any valid claim of the warehouseman for which he has a lien on the goods. The sale shall be had in the place where the lien was acquired, or, if such place is manifestly unsuitable for the purpose, at the nearest suitable place. After the time for the payment of the claim specified in the notice to the depositor has elapsed, an advertisement of the sale, describing the goods to be sold, and stating the name of the owner or person on whose account the goods are held, and the time and place of the sale, shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published in the place where such sale is to be held. The sale shall not be held less than fifteen days from the time of the first publication. If there is no newspaper published in such place, the advertisement shall be posted at least ten days before such sale in not less than six conspicuous places therein.

From the proceeds of such sale the warehouseman shall satisfy his lien, including the reasonable charges of notice, advertisement, and sale. The balance, if any, of such proceeds shall be held by the warehouseman, and delivered on demand to the person to whom he would have been bound to deliver or justified in delivering the goods.

At any time before the goods are so sold any person claiming a right of property or possession therein may pay the warehouseman the amount necessary to satisfy his lien and to pay the reasonable expenses and liabilities incurred in serving notices and advertising and preparing for the sale up to the time of such payment. The warehouseman shall deliver the goods to the person making such payment if he is a person entitled, under the provisions of this act, to the possession of the goods on payment of charges thereon. Otherwise the warehouseman shall retain possession of the goods according to the terms of the original contract of deposit.

SECTION 34. If goods are of a perishable nature, or by keeping will deteriorate greatly in value, or by their odor, leakage, inflammability, or explosive nature, will be liable to injure other property, the warehouseman may give such notice to the owner, or to the person in whose name the goods are stored, as is reasonable and possible under the circumstances, to satisfy the lien upon such goods and to remove them from the warehouse and in the event of failure of such person to satisfy the lien and to remove the goods within the time so specified, the warehouseman may sell the goods at public or private sale without advertising. If the warehouseman after a reasonable effort is unable to sell such goods, he may dispose of them in any lawful manner, and shall incur no liability by reason thereof. The proceeds of any sale made under the terms of this section shall be disposed of in the same way as the proceeds of sales made under the terms of the preceding section.

SECTION 35. The remedy for enforcing a lien herein provided does not preclude any other remedies allowed by law for the enforcement of a lien against personal property nor bar the right to recover so much of the warehouseman's claim as shall not be paid by the proceeds of the sale of the property.

SECTION 36. After goods have been lawfully sold to satisfy a warehouseman's lien, or have been lawfully sold or disposed of because of their perishable or hazardous nature, the warehouseman shall not thereafter be liable for failure to deliver the goods to the depositor, or owner of the goods, or to a holder of the receipt given for the goods when they were deposited, even if such receipt be negotiable.

PART III.

NEGOTIATION AND TRANSFER OF RECEIPTS.

SECTION 37. A negotiable receipt may be negotiated by delivery:

(a) Where, by the terms of the receipt, the warehouseman undertakes to deliver the goods to the bearer, or

(b) Where, by the terms of the receipt, the warehouseman undertakes to deliver the goods to the order of a specified person, and such person or a subsequent indorsee of the receipt has indorsed it in blank or to bearer.

Where, by the terms of a negotiable receipt, the goods are deliverable to bearer or where a negotiable receipt has been indorsed in blank or to bearer, any holder may indorse the same to himself or to any other specified person, and in such case the receipt shall thereafter be negotiated only by the indorsement of such indorsee.

SECTION 38. A negotiable receipt may be negotiated by the indorsement of the person to whose order the goods are, by the terms of the receipt, deliverable. Such indorsement may be in blank, to bearer or to a specified person. If indorsed to a specified person, it may be again negotiated by the indorsement of such person in blank, to bearer or to another specified person. Subsequent negotiation may be made in like manner.

SECTION 39. A receipt which is not in such form that it can be negotiated by delivery may be transferred by the holder by delivery to a purchaser or donee.

A non-negotiable receipt cannot be negotiated, and the indorsement of such a receipt gives the transferee no additional right. SECTION 40. A negotiable receipt may be negotiated-

(a) By the owner thereof, or,

(b) By any person to whom the possession or custody of the receipt has been entrusted by the owner, if, by the terms of the receipt, the warehouseman undertakes to deliver the goods to the order of the person to whom the possession or custody of the receipt has been entrusted, or if at the time of such entrusting the receipt is in such form that it may be negotiated by delivery.

SECTION 41. A person to whom a negotiable receipt has been duly negotiated acquires thereby-

(a) Such title to the goods as the person negotiating the receipt to him had or had ability to convey to a purchaser in good faith for value, and also such title to the goods as the depositor or person to whose order the goods were to be delivered by the terms of the receipt had or had ability to convey to a purchaser in good faith for value, and,

(b) The direct obligation of the warehouseman to hold possession of the goods for him according to the terms of the receipt as fully as if the warehouseman had contracted directly with him.

SECTION 42. A person to whom a receipt has been transferred but not negotiated, acquires thereby, as against the transferrer, the title to the goods, subject to the terms of any agreement with the transferrer.

If the receipt is non-negotiable such person also acquires the right to notify the warehouseman of the transfer to him of such receipt, and thereby to acquire the direct obligation of the warehouseman to hold possession of the goods for him according to the terms of the receipt.

Prior to the notification of the warehouseman by the transferrer or transferee of a non-negotiable receipt, the title of the transferee to the goods and the right to acquire the obligation of the warehouseman may be defeated by the levy of an attachment or execution upon the goods by a creditor of the transferrer, or by a notification to the warehouseman by the transferrer or a subsequent purchaser from the transferrer of a subsequent sale of the goods by the transferrer.

SECTION 43. Where a negotiable receipt is transferred for value by delivery, and the indorsement of the transferrer is essential for negotiation, the transferee acquires a right against the transferrer to compel him to indorse the receipt, unless a contrary intention appears. The negotiation shall take effect as of the time when the indorsement is actually made.

SECTION 44. A person who for value negotiates or transfers a receipt by indorsement or delivery, including one who assigns for value a claim secured by a receipt, unless a contrary intention appears, warrants(a) That the receipt is genuine,

(b) That he has a legal right to negotiate or transfer it,

(c) That he has knowledge of no fact which would impair the validity or worth of the receipt, and

(d) That he has a right to transfer the title to the goods, and that the goods are merchantable or fit for a particular purpose whenever such warranties would have been implied, if the contract of the parties had been to transfer without a receipt the goods represented thereby.

SECTION 45. The indorsement of a receipt shall not make the indorser liable for any failure on the part of the warehouseman or previous indorsers of the receipt to fulfill their respective obligations.

SECTION 46. A mortgagee, pledgee or holder for security of a receipt who in good faith demands or receives payment of the debt for which such receipt is security, whether from a party to a draft drawn for such debt or from any other person, shall not by so doing be deemed to represent or to warrant the genuineness of such receipt or the quantity or quality of the goods therein described.

SECTION 47. The validity of the negotiation of a receipt is not impaired by the fact that such negotiation was a breach of duty on the part of the person making the negotiation, or by the fact that the owner of the receipt was induced by fraud, mistake or duress to entrust the possession or custody of the receipt to such person, if the person to whom the receipt was negotiated, or a person to whom the receipt was subsequently negotiated, paid value therefor, without notice of the breach of duty, or fraud, mistake, or duress.

SECTION 48. Where a person having sold, mortgaged, or pledged goods which are in a warehouse and for which a negotiable receipt has been issued, or having sold, mortgaged, or pledged the negotiable receipt representing such goods, continues in possession of the negotiable receipt, the subsequent negotiation thereof by that person under any sale, or other disposition thereof to any person receiving the same in good faith, for value and without notice of the previous sale, mortgage or pledge, shall have the same effect as if the first purchaser of the goods or receipt had expressly authorized the subsequent negotiation.

SECTION 49. Where a negotiable receipt has been issued for goods, no seller's lien or right of stoppage in transitu shall defeat the rights of any purchaser for value in good faith to whom such receipt has been negotiated, whether such negotiations be prior or subsequent to the notification to the warehouseman who issued such receipt of the seller's chaim to a lien or right of stoppage in transitu. Nor shall the warehouseman be obliged to deliver or justified in delivering the goods to an unpaid seller unless the receipt is first surrendered for cancellation.

PART IV.

CRIMINAL OFFENSES.

SECTION 50. A warehouseman, or any officer, agent, or servant of a warehouseman, who issues or aids in issuing a ~eccept knowing that the goods for which such receipt is issued have not been actually received by such warehouseman, or are not under his actual control at the time of issuing such receipt, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars or by both.

SECTION 51. A warehouseman, or any officer, agent, or servant of a warehouseman, who fraudulently issues or aids in fraudulently issuing a receipt for goods knowing that it contains any false statement, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both.

SECTION 52. A warehouseman, or any officer, agent, or servant of a warehouseman, who issues or aids in issuing a duplicate or additional negotiable receipt for goods knowing that a former negotiable receipt for the same goods or any part of them is outstanding and uncanceled, without plainly placing upon the face thereof the word "Duplicate," except in the case of a lost or destroyed receipt after proceedings as provided for in section 14, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding five years, or by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or by both.

SECTION 53. Where there are deposited with or held by a warehouseman goods of which he is owner, either solely or jointly or in common with others, such warehouseman or any of his officers, agents, or servants who, knowing this ownership, issues or aids in issuing a negotiable receipt for such goods which does not state such ownership, shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both.

SECTION 54. A warehouseman, or any officer, agent, or servant of a warehouseman, who delivers goods out of the possession of such warehouseman, knowing that a negotiable receipt the negotiation of which would transfer the right to the possession of such goods is outstanding and uncanceled, without obtaining the possession of such receipt at or before the time of such delivery, shall, except in the cases provided for in sections 14 and 36, be found guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both.

SECTION 55. Any person who deposits goods to which he has not title, or upon which there is a lien or mortgage, and who takes for such goods a negotiable receipt which he afterwards negotiates for value with intent to deceive and without disclosing his want of title or the existence of the lien or mortgage shall be guilty of a crime, and upon conviction shall be punished for each offense by imprisonment in the penitentiary not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or by both.

PART V.

INTERPRETATION.

SECTION 56. In any case not provided for in this act, the rules of law and equity, including the law merchant, and in particular the rules relating to the law of principal and agent and to the effect of fraud, misrepresentation, duress or coercion, mistake, bankruptcy, or other invalidating cause, shall govern.

SECTION 57. This act shall be so interpreted and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law of those states which enact it.

SECTION 58 (1) In this act, unless the context or subject matter otherwise requires—

"Action" includes counter-claim, set-off, and suit in equity.

"Delivery" means voluntary transfer of possession from one person to another.

"Fungible goods" means goods of which any unit is, from its nature or by mercantile custom, treated as the equivalent of any other unit.

"Goods" means chattels or merchandise in storage, or which has been or is about to be stored.

"Holder" of a receipt means a person who has both actual possession of such receipt and a right of property thereon.

"Order" means an order by indorsement on the receipt.

"Owner" does not include mortgagee or pledgee.

"Person" includes a corporation or partnership or two or more persons having a point or common interest.

To "purchase" includes to take as mortgagee or as pledgee.

"Purchaser" includes mortgagee and pledgee.

"Receipt" means a warehouse receipt.

"Value" is any consideration sufficient to support a simple contract. An antecedent or pre-existing obligation, whether for money or not, constitutes value where a receipt is taken either in satisfaction thereof or as security therefor.

"Warehouseman" means a person lawfully engaged in the business of storing goods for profit.

(2) A thing is done "in good faith" within the meaning of this act, when it is in fact done honestly, whether it be done negligently or not.

SECTION 59. The provisions of this act do not apply to receipts made and delivered prior to the taking effect of this act.

SECTION 60. This act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

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The following is a full translation of the Great Charter, justly called by Hallom "the keystone of English liberty," and undoubtedly the precursor of that spirit of independence upon the part of the English people that made possible the foundations and subsequent freedom of the American States. It is today the basis and bulwark of the cherished rights and immunities of all English speaking people.

John, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy, Aquitaine, and Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Abbots, Earls, Barons, Justiciaries, Foresters, Bishops, Sheriffs. Governors, Officers, and to all Bailiffs, and his lieges, greeting. Know ye, that we, in the presence of God, and for the salvation of our soul, and the souls of all our ancestors and heirs, and unto the honour of God and the advancement of Holy Church. and amendment of our Realm, by advice of our venerable Fathers. STEPHEN, Archbishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England and Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, HENRY, Archbishop of Dublin, WILLIAM of London, PETER of Winchester, JOCELIN of Bath and Glastonbury, HUGH of Lincoln, WALTER of Worcester, WILLIAM of Coventry, BENE-DICT of Rochester, Bishops; of Master PANDULPH, Sub-Deacon and Familiar of our Lord the Pope, Brother AYMERIC, Master of the Knights-Templars in England; and of the Noble Persons, WILLIAM MARESCALL, Earl of Pembroke, WILLIAM, Earl of Salisbury, WILLIAM, Earl of Warren, WILLIAM, Earl of Arundel, ALAN DE GALLOWAY, Constable of Scotland, WARIN FITZ GERALD, PETER FITZ HERBERT, and HUBERT DE BURGH. Seneschal of Poitou, HUGH DE NEVILLE, MATTHEW FITZ HERBERT, THOMAS BASSET, ALAN BASSET, PHILIP OF ALBINEY, ROBERT DE ROTPELL, JOHN MARESCHAL, JOHN FITZ HUGH, and others our liegemen, have, in the first place, granted to God, and by this our present Charter confirmed. for us and our heirs for ever:

1. That the Church of England shall be free, and have her whole rights, and her liberties inviolable; and we will have them so observed, that it may appear thence, that the freedom of elections, which is reckoned chief and indispensable to the English Church, and which we granted and confirmed by our Charter, and obtained the confirmation of the same from our Lord the Pope Innocent III., before the discord between us and our barons, was granted of mere free will; which Charter we shall observe, and we do will it to be faithfully observed by our heirs for ever.

2. We also have granted to all the freemen of our kingdom, for us and for our heirs for ever, all the underwritten liberties, to be had and holden by them and their heirs, of us and our heirs for ever: If any of our earls, or barons, or others, who hold of us in chief by military service, shall die, and at the time of his death his heir shall be of full age, and owes a relief, he shall have his inheritance by the ancient relief; that is to say, the heir or heirs of an earl, for a whole earldom, by a hundred pounds; the heir or heirs of a baron, for a whole barony, by a hundred pounds the heir or heirs of a knight, for a whole knight's fee, by a hundred shillings at most; and whoever oweth less shall give less, according to the ancient custom of fees.

3. But if the heir of any such shall be under age, and shall be in ward when he comes of age, he shall have his inheritance without relief and without fine.

4. The keeper of the land of such an heir being under age, shall take of the land of the heir none but reasonable issues, reasonable customs, and reasonable services, and that without destruction and waste of his men and his goods; and if we commit the custody of any such lands to the sheriff, or any other who is answerable to us for the issues of the land, and he shall make destruction and waste of the lands which he hath in custody, we will take of him amends, and the land shall be committed to two lawful and discreet men of that fee, who shall answer for the issues to us, or to him to whom we shall assign them; and if we sell or give to any one the custody of any such lands, and he therein make destruction or waste, he shall lose the same custody, which shall be committed to two lawful and discreet men of that fee, who shall in like manner answer to us as aforesaid.

5. But the keeper, so long as he shall have the custody of the land, shall keep up the houses, parks, warrens, ponds, mills, and other things pertaining to the land, out of the issues of the same land; and shall deliver to the heir, when he comes of full age, his whole land, stocked with ploughs and carriages, according as the time of wainage shall require, and the issues of the land can reasonably bear.

6. Heirs shall be married without disparagement, and so that before matrimony shall be contracted those who are near in blood to the heir shall have notice.

7. A widow, after the death of her husband, shall forthwith and without difficulty have her marriage and inheritance; nor shall she give anything for her dower, or her marriage, or her inheritance, which her hushand and she held at the day of his death; and she may remain in the mansion house of her husband forty days after his death, within which term her dower shall be assigned.

8. No widow shall be distrained to marry herself, so long as she has a mind to live without a husband; but yet she shall give security that she will not marry without our assent, if she holds of us; or without the consent of the lord of whom she holds, if she holds of another.

9. Neither we nor our bailiffs shall seize any land or rent for any debt, so long as the chattels of the debtor are sufficient to pay the debt; nor shall the sureties of the debtor be distrained so long as the principal debtor is sufficient for the payment of the debt; and if the principal debtor shall fail in the payment of the debt, not having wherewithal to pay it, then the sureties shall answer the debt; and if they will they shall have the lands and rents of the debtor, until they shall be satisfied for the debt which they paid for him, unless the principal debtor can show himself acquitted thereof against the said sureties.

10. If any one have borrowed anything of the Jews more or less, and die before the debt be satisfied, there shall be no interest paid for that debt, so long as the heir is under age, or whomsoever he may hold; and if the debt fall into our hands we will only take the chattel mentioned in the deed.

11. And if any one shall die indebted to the Jews, his wife shall have her dower and pay nothing of that debt; and if the deceased left children under age, they shall have necessaries provided for them, according to the tenement of the deceased; and out of the residue the debt shall be paid, saving however the service due to the lords; and in like manner shall it be done touching debts due to others than the Jews.

12. No scutage or aid shall be imposed in our kingdom, unless by the general council of our kingdom; except for ransoming our person, making our eldest son a knight, and once for marrying our eldest daughter; and for these there shall be paid a reasonable aid. In like manner it shall be concerning the aids of the City of London.

13. And the City of London shall have all its ancient liberties and free customs, as well by land as by water; furthermore we will and grant, that all other cities and boroughs, and towns and ports, shall have all their liberties and free customs.

14. And for holding the general council of the kingdom concerning the assessment of aids, except in the three cases aforesaid, and for the assessing of scutages, we shall cause to be summoned the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, and greater barons of the realm, singly by our letters. And furthermore we shall cause to be summoned generally by our sheriffs and bailiffs, all others who hold of us in chief, for a certain day, that is to say, forty days before their meeting at least, and to a certain place; and in all letters of such summons we will declare the cause of such summons. And summons being thus made, the business of the day shall proceed on the day appointed, according to the advice of such as shall be present, although all that were summoned com: not.

15. We will not for the future grant to any one that he may take aid of his own free tenants, unless to ransom his body, and to make his eldest son a knight, and once to marry his eldest daughter; and for this there shall be only paid a reasonable aid.

16. No man shall be distrained to perform more service for a knight's fee, or other free tenement, than is due from thence.

17. Common pleas shall not follow our court, but shall be holden in some place certain.

18. Assizes of novel disseisin, and of mort d'ancestor, and of darrien presentment, shall not be taken but in their proper counties, and after this manner: We, or, if we should be out of the realm, our chief justiciary, shall send two justiciaries through every county four times a year, who, with four knights, chosen out of every shire by the people, shall hold the said assizes, in the county, on the day, and at the place appointed.

19. And if any matters cannot be determined on the day appointed for holding the assizes in each county, so many of the knights and freeholders as have been at the assizes aforesaid, shall stay to decide them, as is necessary, according as there is more or less business.

20. A freeman shall not be amerced for a small fault, but after the manner of the fault; and for a great crime according to the heinousness of it, saving to him his contenement; and after the same manner a merchant, saving to him his merchandise. And a villein shall be amerced after the same manner, saving to him his wainage, if he falls under our mercy; and none of the aforesaid amerciaments shall be assessed but by the oath of honest men in the neighborhood.

21. Earls and barons shall not be amerced, but by their peers, and after the degree of the offense.

22. No ecclesiastical person shall be amerced for his lay tenement, but according to the proportion of the others aforesaid, and not according to the value of his ecclesiastical benefice.

23. Neither a town nor any tenant shall be distrained to make bridges or banks, unless that anciently and of right they are bound to do it.

24. No sheriff, constable, coroner or other our bailiffs, shall hold pleas of the Crown.

25. All counties, hundreds, wapentakes, and tythings, shall stand at the old rents, without any increase, except in our demense manors. 26. If any one holding of us a lay-fee die, and the sheriff, or our bailiffs, show our letters patent, of summons for debt which the dead man did owe to us, it shall be lawful for the sheriff or our bailiff to attach and inroll the chattels of the dead, found upon his lay-fee, to the value of the debt, by the view of lawful men, so as nothing be removed until our whole clear debt be paid; and the rest shall be left to the executors, to fulfill the testament of the dead, and if there be nothing due from him to us, all the chattels shall go to the use of the dead, saving to his wife and children their reasonable shares.

27. If any freeman shall die intestate, his chattels shall be distributed by the hands of his nearest relations and friends, by view of the church; saving to every one his debts which the deceased owed to him.

28. No constable or bailiff of ours shall take corn or other chattels of any man, unless he presently give him money for it, or hath respite of payment by the good-will of the seller.

29. No constable shall distrain any knight to give money for castle guard, if he himself will do it in his person, or by another able man in case he cannot do it through any reasonable cause. And if we lead him, or send him in an army, he shall be free from such guard for the time he shall be in the army by our command.

30. No sheriff or bailiff of ours, or any other, shall take horses or carts of any freeman for carriage, but by the good-will of the said freeman.

31. Neither shall we nor our bailiffs take any man's timber for our castles or other uses, unless by the consent of the owner of the timber.

32. We will retain the lands of those convicted of felony only one year and a day, and then they shall be delivered to the lord of the fee.

33. All wears for the time to come shall be put down in the rivers of Thames and Medway, and throughout all England, except upon the seacoast.

34. The writ which is called *præcipe*, for the future, shall not be made out to any one, of any tenement, whereby a freeman may lose his court.

35. There shall be one measure of wine and one of ale through our whole realm; and one measure of corn, that is to say, the London quarter; and one breadth of dyed cloth, and russets, and haberjeets, that is to say, two sell within the lists; and it shall be of weights as it is of measures.

36. Nothing from henceforth shall be given or taken for a writ of inquisition of life or limb, but it shall be granted freely, and not denied.

37. If any do hold of us by fee-farm, or by socage, or by burgage, and he holds also lands of any other by knight's service, we will not have the custody of the heir or land, which is holden of another man's fee by reason of that fee-farm, socage, or burgage; neither will we have the custody of such fee-farm, socage, or burgage, except knight's service was due to us out of the same fee-farm. We will not have the custody of an heir, nor of any land which he holds of another by knight's service, by reason of any petty serjeanty that holds of us, by the service of paying a knife, an arrow, or the like.

38. No bailiff from henceforth shall put any man to his law upon his own bare saying, without credible witnesses to prove it.

39. Nullus liber homo capiatur, vel imprisonetur, aut utlagetur, aut exuletur, aut aliquo modo destruatur; nec super eum ibimus, nec super eum mittemus, nisi per legale judicium parium suorum, vel per legem terræ.

40. Nulli vendemus, nulli negabimus, aut differemus rectum aut justitiam.

39. No freeman shall be taken or imprisoned, or disseised, or outlawed, or banished, or any ways destroyed, nor will we pass upon him, nor will we send upon him, unless by the lawful judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land.

40. We will sell to no man, we will not deny to any man, either justice or right.

41. All merchants shall have safe and secure conduct, to go out of, and to come into England, and to stay there, and to pass as well by land as by water, for buying and selling by the ancient and allowed customs, without any evil tolls; except in time of war, or when they are of any nation at war with us. And if there be found any such in our land, in the beginning of the war, they shall be attached, without damage to their bodies or goods, until it be known unto us or our chief justiciary, how our merchants be treated in the nation at war with us; and if ours be safe there, the others shall be safe in our dominions.

42. It shall be lawful, for the time to come, for any one to go out of our kingdom, and return safely and securely, by land or by water, saving his allegiance to us; unless in time of war, by some short space, for the common benefit of the realm, except prisoners and outlaws, according to the law of the land, and people in war with us, and merchants who shall be in such condition as is above mentioned.

43. If any man hold of any escheat, as of the honour of Wallingford, Nottingham, Boulogne, Lancaster, or of other escheats which be in our hands, and are baronies, and die, his heir shall give no other relief, and perform no other service to us, than he would to the baron, if it were in the baron's hand; we will hold it after the same manner as the baron held it. 44. Those men who dwelt without the forest, from henceforth shall not come before our justiciaries of the forest, upon common summons, but such as are impleaded, or are pledges for any that are attached for something concerning the forest.

45. We will not make any justices, constables, sheriffs, or bailiffs, but of such as know the law of the realm and mean duly to observe it.

46. All barons who have founded abbeys, and have the kings of England's charters of advowson, or the ancient tenure thereof, shall have the keeping of them, when vacant, as they ought to have.

47. All forests that have been made forests in our time, shall forthwith be disforested; and the same shall be done with the banks that have been fenced in by us in our time.

48. All evil customs concerning forests, warrens, foresters and warreners, sheriffs and their officers, rivers and their keepers, shall forthwith be inquired into in each county, by twelve sworn knights of the same shire, chosen by creditable persons of the same county; and within forty days after the said inquest, be utterly abolished, so as never to be restored: so as we are first acquainted therewith, or our justiciary, if we should not be in England.

49. We will immediately give up all hostages and writings delivered unto us by our English subjects, as securities for their keeping the peace, and yielding us faithful service.

50. We will entirely remove from our bailiwicks the relations of Gerard de Atheyes, so that for the future they shall have no bailiwick in England; we will also remove Engelard de Cygony, Andrew, Peter, and Gyon, from the Chancery; Gyon de Cygony, Geoffrey de Martyn and his brothers Philip Mark, and his brothers, and his nephew. Geoffrey, and their whole retinue.

51. As soon as peace is restored, we will send out of the kingdom all foreign soldiers, cross-bowmen, and stipendiaries, who are come with horses and arms to the prejudice of our people.

52. If any one has been dispossessed or deprived by us, withov the legal judgment of his peers, of his lands, castles, liberties, or right, we will forthwith restore them to him; and if any dispute arise upon this head, let the matter be decided by the five-and-twenty barons hereafter mentioned, for the preservation of peace. As for all those things of which any person has, without the legal judgment of his peers, been dispossessed or deprived, either by King Henry our father, or our brother King Richard, and which we have in our hands, or are possessed by others, and we are bound to warrant and make good, we shall have a respite till the term usually allowed the crusaders; excepting those things about which there is a plea depending, or whereof an inquest hath been

made, by our order, before we undertook the crusade, but when we return from our pilgrimage, or if perchance we tarry at home and do not make our pilgrimage, we will immediately cause full justice to be administered therein.

53. The same respite we shall have (and in the same manner about administering justice, disafforesting the forests, or letting them continue) for disafforesting the forests, which Henry our father, and our brother Richard have afforested; and for the keeping of the lands which are in another's fee, in the same manner as we have hitherto enjoyed those wardships, by reason of a fee held of us by knight's service; and for the abbeys founded in any other fee than our own, in which the lord of the fee says he has a right and when we return from our pilgrimage, or if we tarry at home, and do not make our pilgrimage, we will immediately do full justice to all the complainants in this behalf.

54. No man shall be taken or imprisoned upon the appeal of a woman, for the death of any other than her husband.¹

55. All unjust and illegal fines made by us, and all amerciaments imposed unjustly and contrary to the law of the land, shall be entirely given up, or else be left to the decision of the five-and-twenty barons hereafter mentioned for the preservation of the peace, or of the major part of them, together with the aforesaid Stephen, archbishop of Canterbury, if he can be present, and others whom he shall think fit to take along with him; and if he cannot be present, the business shall notwithstanding go on without him; but so that if one or more of the aforesaid five-andtwenty barons be plaintiffs in the same cause, they shall be set aside as to what concerns this particular affair, and others be chosen in their room, out of the said five-and-twenty, and sworn by the rest to decide the matter.

56. If we have disseised or dispossessed the Welsh, of any lands, liberties, or other things, without the legal judgment of their peers, either in England or in Wales, they shall be immediately restored to them; and if any dispute arise upon this head, the matter shall be determined in the marche by the judgment of their peers for tenements in England according to the law of England, for tenements in Wales according to the law of Wales, for tenements of the marche according to the law of the marche; the same shall the Welsh do to us and our subjects.

¹⁻An appeal, in the sense wherein it is here used, does not signify any complaint to a superior court of an injustice done by an inferior one, which is the general use of the word; but it here means an *original* suit at the time of its first commencement. An appeal, therefore, when spoken of as a criminal prosecution, denotes an accusation by a private subject against another for some heinous crime, demanding punishment on account of the particular injury suffered, rather than for the offense against the public.--Creasy.

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57. As for all those things of which a Welshman hath, without the legal judgment of his peers, been disseised or deprived of by King Henry our father, or our brother King Richard, and which we either have in our hands, or others are possessed of, and we are obliged to warrant it, we shall have a respite till the time generally allowed the crusaders; excepting those things about which a suit is depending, or whereof an inquest has been made by our order, before we undertook the crusade: but when we return, or if we stay at home without performing our pilgrimage, we will immediately do them full justice, according to the laws of the Welsh and of the parts before mentioned.

58. We will without delay dismiss the son of Llewellin, and all the Welsh hostages, and release them from the engagements they have entered into with us for the preservation of the peace.

59. We will treat with Alexander, King of Scots, concerning the restoring his sisters and hostages, and his right and liberties, in the same form and manner as we shall do to the rest of our barons of England; unless by the charters which we have from his father, William, late King of Scots, it ought to be otherwise; but this shall be left to the determination of his peers in our court.

60. All the aforesaid customs and liberties, which we have granted to be holden in our kingdom, as much as it belongs to us, towards our people of our kingdom, as well clergy as laity shall observe, as far as they are concerned, towards their dependents.

61. And whereas, for the honour of God and the amendment of our kingdom, and for the better quieting the discord that has arisen between us and our barons, we have granted all these things aforesaid; willing to render them firm and lasting, we do give and grant our subjects the underwritten security, namely, that the barons may choose five-andtwenty barons of the kingdom, whom they think convenient; who shall take care, with all their might, to hold and observe, and cause to be observed, the peace and liberties we have granted them, and by this our present charter confirmed; so that if we, our justiciary, our bailiffs, or any of our officers, shall in any circumstance fail in the performance of them, towards any person, or shall break through any of these articles of peace and security, and the offence be notified to four barons chosen out of the five-and-twenty before mentioned, the said four barons shall repair to us, or our justiciary, if we are out of the realm, and, laying open the grievance, shall petition to have it redressed without delay; and if it be not redressed by us, or if we should chance to be out of the realm, if it should not be redressed by our justiciary, within forty days, reckoning from the time it has been notified to us, or to our justiciary, (if we should be out of the realm,) the four barons aforesaid shall lay the

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cause before the rest of the five-and-twenty barons; and the said five-andtwenty barons, together with the community of the whole kingdom, shall distrain and distress us in all possible ways, by seizing our castles, lands, possessions, and in any other manner they can, till the grievance is redressed according to their pleasure; saving harmless our own person, and the persons of our queen and children; and when it is redressed, they shall obey us as before. And any person whatsoever in the kingdom, may swear that he will obey the orders of the five-and-twenty barons aforesaid, in the execution of the premises, and will distress us, jointly with them, to the utmost of his power; and we give public and free liberty to any one that shall please to swear to this, and never will hinder any person from taking the same oath.

62. As for all those of our subjects who will not, of their own accord, swear to join the five-and-twenty barons in distraining and distressing us, we will issue orders to make them take the same oath as aforesaid. And if any one of the five-and-twenty barons dies or goes out of the kingdom, or is hindered any other way from carrying the things aforesaid into execution, the rest of the said five-and-twenty barons may choose another in his room, at their discretion, who shall be sworn in like manner as the rest. In all things that are committed to the execution of these five-and-twenty barons, if, when they are all assembled together, they should happen to disagree about any matter, and some of them, when summoned, will not, or cannot, come, whatever is agreed upon, or enjoined, by the major part of those that are present, shall be reputed as firm and valid as if all the five-and-twenty had given their consent; and the aforesaid five-and-twenty shall swear, that all the premises they shall faithfully observe, and cause with all their power to be observed. And we will not, by ourselves, or by any other, procure anything whereby any of these concessions and liberties may be revoked or lessened; and if any such thing be obtained, let it be null and void; -neither shall we ever make use of it, either by ourselves or any other. And all the ill will, indignations, and rancours that have arisen between us and our subjects, of the clergy and laity, from the first breaking out of the dissensions between us, we do fully remit and forgive: moreover all trespasses occasioned by the said dissensions, from Easter in the fifteenth year of our reign, till the restoration of peace and tranquillity, we hereby entirely remit to all, both clergy and laity, and as far as in us lies do fully forgive. We have, moreover, caused to be made for them the letters patent testimonial of Stephen, lord archbishop of Canterbury, Henry, lord archbishop of Dublin, and the bishops aforesaid, as also of master Pandulph, for the security and concessions aforesaid.

63. Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin, that the Church of Eng-

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land be free, and that all the men in our kingdom have and hold all the aforesaid liberties, rights, and concessions, truly and peaceably, freely and quietly, fully and wholly to themselves and their heirs, of us and our heirs, in all things and places, for ever, as is aforesaid. It is also sworn, as well on our part as on the part of the barons, that all things aforesaid shall be observed *bona fide* and without evil subtilty. Given under our hand, in the presence of the witnesses above named, and many others, in the meadow called Runingmede, between Windsor and Staines, the 15th day of June, in the 17th year of our reign.

PETITION OF RIGHTS.¹

3 Car. I. c. l. 1628.

The Petition exhibited to his Majesty by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, concerning divers Rights and Liberties of the Subjects, with the King's Majesty's royal answer thereunto in full Parliament.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty

Humbly shew unto our Sovereign Lord the King, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons in Parliament assembled, that whereas it is declared and enacted by a statute made in the time of the reign of King Edward I., commonly called Statutum de tallagio non concedendo, that no tallage or aid shall be laid or levied by the King or his heirs in this realm, without the good will, and assent of the archbishops, bishops, earls, barons, knights, burgesses, and other the freemen of the commonalty of this realm; and by authority of Parliament holden in the five-andtwentieth year of the reign of King Edward III., it is declared and enacted, that from thenceforth no person should be compelled to make any loans to the King against his will, because such loans were against reason

^{1-&}quot;On the second of June, A. D. 1628, the peers were assembled, the Commons summoned and the king appeared in the House of Lords to give his answer in Parliament to the bill. But, to the surprise of all men, Charles, instead of using the well-known ancient form of words by which such a bill receives the royal assent, addressed the Parliament and told them, 'The king willeth that right be done according to the laws and customs of the realm, and that the statutes be put in due execution, that his subjects may have no cause to complain of any wrong or oppression contrary to their just rights and liberties; to the preservation whereof he holds himself in conscience as well obliged, as of his prerogative.'

[&]quot;The Commons returned highly incensed with this evasive circumlocution. They forthwith began to assail the favorites of the Crown and impeached a Dr. Manwaring, who had preached a sermon, which had afterwards been printed by the king's command, in which discourse the right divine of kings to deal as they pleased with their subjects' property on emergencies, whether Parliament consented or not, and the duty of passive obedience in the subject, were openly and unreservedly maintained. The Commons procured the trial and condemnation of this satellite of arbitrary power, and were proceeding to assail others higher in Charles' councils when the king's obstinacy at length gave way and the Petiton of Right received the royal assent in the customary form of Norman French, and the second great solemn declaration of the liberties of Englishmen was declared to be the law of the land, amidst the general rejoicings of the nation."—Creasy, The Rise and Progress of the English Constitution, 259-260.

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and the franchise of the land; and by other laws of this realm it is provided, that none should be charged by any change or imposition called a benevolence, nor by such like charge; by which statutes before mentioned and other the good laws and statutes of this realm, your subjects have inherited this freedom, that they should not be compelled to contribute to any tax, tallage, aid, or other like charge not set by common consent, in Parliament.

II. Yet nevertheless, of late divers commissions directed to sundry commissioners in several counties, with instructions, have issued; by means whereof your people have been in divers places assembled, and required to lend certain sums of money unto your Majesty, and many of them, upon their refusal so to do, have had an oath administered unto them not warrantable by the laws or statutes of this realm, and have been constrained to become bound to make appearance and give utterance before your Privy Council and in other places, and others of them have been therefore imprisoned, confined, and sundry other ways molested and disquieted; and divers other charges have been laid and levied upon your people in several counties by lord lieutenants, deputy lieutenants, commissioners for musters, justices of peace and others, by command or direction of your Majesty, or your Privy Council, against the laws and free customs of the realm.

III. And whereas also by the statute called "The Great Charter of the Liberties of England," it is declared and enacted, That no freeman may be taken or imprisoned, or be disseised of his freehold or liberties, or his free customs, or be outlawed or exiled, or in any manner destroyed, but by the lawful judgment of his peers, or by the law of the land.

IV. And in the eight-and-twentieth year of the reign of King Edward III., it was declared and enacted by authority of Parliament, that no man, of what estate or condition that he be, should be put out of his land or tenements, nor taken, nor imprisoned, nor disherited, nor put to death without being brought to answer by due process of law.

V. Nevertheless, against the tenor of the said statutes, and other the good laws and statutes of your realm to that end provided, divers of your subjects have of late been imprisoned without any cause shewed; and when for their deliverance they were brought before justices by your Majesty's writs of *habeas corpus*, there to undergo and receive as the court should order, and their keepers commanded to certify the causes of their detainer, no cause was certified, but that they were detained by your Majesty's special command, signified by the lords of your Privy Council, and yet were returned back to several prisons, without being charged with anything to which they might make answer according to the law.

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VI. And whereas of late great companies of soldiers and mariners have been dispersed into divers counties of the realm, and the inhabitants against their wills have been compelled to receive them into their houses, 'and there to suffer them to sojourn, against the laws and customs of this realm, and to the great grievance and vexation of the people.

VII. And whereas also by authority of Parliament, in the five-andtwentieth year of the reign of King Edward III., it is declared and enacted, that no man should be forejudged of life or limb against the form of the Great Charter and the law of the land; and by the Great Charter and other the laws and statutes of this your realm, no man ought to be adjudged to death but by the laws established in this your realm, either by the customs of the same realm, or by Acts of Parliament: and whereas no offender of what kind soever is exempted from the proceedings to be used, and punishments to be inflicted by the laws and statutes of this your realm; nevertheless of late time divers commissions under your Majesty's great seal have issued forth, by which certain persons have been assigned and appointed commissioners with power and authority to proceed within the land, according to the justice of martial law, against such soldiers or mariners, or other dissolute persons joining with them, as should commit any murder, robbery, felony, mutiny, or other outrage or misdemeanor whatsoever, and by such summary course and order as is agreeable to martial law, and as is used in armies in time of war, to proceed to the trial and condemnation of such offenders, and them to cause to be executed and put to death according to the law martial.

VIII. By pretext whereof some of your Majesty's subjects have been by some of the said commissioners put to death, when and where, if by the laws and statutes of the land they had deserved death, by the same laws and statutes also they might, and by no other ought to have been judged and executed.

IX. And also sundry grievous offenders, by color thereof claiming an exemption, have escaped the punishments due to them by the laws and statutes of this your realm, by reason that divers of your officers and ministers of justice have unjustly refused or forborne to proceed against such offenders according to the same laws and statutes, upon pretence that the said offenders were punishable only by martial law, and by authority of such commissions as aforesaid; which commissions, and all other of like nature, are wholly and directly contrary to the said laws and statutes of this your realm.

X. They do therefore humbly pray your most excellent Majesty, that no man hereafter be compelled to make or yield any gift, loan, benevolence, tax, or such like charge, without common consent by Act of Parliament; and that none be called to make answer, or to take such oath, or to give attendance, or be confined, or otherwise molested or disquieted concerning the same or for refusal thereof; and that no freeman, in any such manner as is before mentioned, be imprisoned or detained; and that your Majesty would be pleased to remove the said soldiers and mariners, and that your people may not be so burthened in time to come and that the aforesaid commissions, for proceeding by martial law, may be revoked and annulled; and that hereafter no commissions of like nature may issue forth to any person or persons whatsoever to be executed as aforesaid, lest by colour of them any of your Majesty's subjects be destroyed or put to death contrary to the laws and franchise of the land.

XI. All which they most humbly pray of your most excellent Majesty as their rights and liberties, according to the laws and statutes of this realm and that your Majesty would also vouchsafe to declare that the awards, doings, and proceedings, to the prejudice of your people in any of the premises, shall not be drawn hereafter into consequence or example; and that your Majesty would be also graciously pleased, for the further comfort and safety of your people, to declare your royal will and pleasure, that in the things aforesaid all your officers and ministers shall serve you according to the laws and statutes of this realm, as they tender the honour of your Majesty, and the prosperity of this kingdom.

Quâ quidem petitione lectâ et plenius intellectâ per dictum dominum regem taliter est responsum in pleno parliamento, viz. Soit droit fait comme est desiré.

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An Act for Declaring the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, and Settling the Succession of the Crown.

Whereas the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, assembled at Westminster, lawfully, fully, and freely representing all the estates of the people of this realm, did, upon the thirteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred eighty-eight, present unto their Majesties, then called and known by the names and style of William and Mary, Prince and Princess of Orange, being present in their proper persons, a certain declaration in writing, made by the said Lords and Commons, in the words following; viz.—

Whereas the late King James II., by the assistance of divers evil counsellors, judges, and ministers employed by him, did endeavour to subvert and extirpate the Protestant religion, and the laws and liberties of this kingdom :---

1. By assuming and exercising a power of dispensing with and suspending of laws, and the execution of laws, without consent of Parliament.

2. By committing and prosecuting divers worthy prelates, for humbly petitioning to be excused from concurring to the said assumed power.

3. By issuing and causing to be executed a commission under the Great Seal for erecting a court, called The Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes.

4. By levying money for and to the use of the Crown, by pretence of prerogative, for other time, and in other manner than the same was granted by Parliament.

5. By raising and keeping a standing army within this kingdom in time of peace, without consent of Parliament, and quartering soldiers contrary to law.

6. By causing several good subjects, being Protestants, to be disarmed, at the same time when Papists were both armed and employed, contrary to law.

¹⁻On the accession of William and Mary to the English throne in 1689, the Commons chose this opportunity to secure another great statute declaratory of the liberties and rights of Englishmen, as a part of the act of settling the succession to the crown.

7. By violating the freedom of election of members to serve in Parliament.

8. By prosecutions in the Court of King's Bench, for matters and causes cognisable only in Parliament; and by divers other arbitrary and illegal courses.

9. And whereas of late years, partial, corrupt, and unqualified persons have been returned and served on juries in trials, and particularly divers jurors in trials for high treason, which were not freeholders.

10. And excessive bail hath been required of persons committed in criminal cases, to elude the benefit of the laws made for the liberty of the subjects.

11. And excessive fines have been imposed; and illegal and cruel punishments inflicted.

12. And several grants and promises made of fines and forfeitures, before any conviction or judgment against the persons upon whom the same were to be levied.

All which are utterly and directly contrary to the known laws and statutes, and the freedom of this realm.

And whereas the said late King James II. having abdicated the government, and the throne being thereby vacant, his Highness the Prince of Orange (whom it hath pleased Almighty God to make the glorious instrument of delivering this kingdom from popery and arbitrary power) did (by the advice of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and divers principal persons of the Commons) cause letters to be written to the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, being Protestants, and other letters to the several counties, cities, universities, boroughs and cinqueports, for the choosing of such persons to represent them, as were of right to be sent to Parliament, to meet and sit at Westminster upon the two-and-twentieth day of January, in this year one thousand six hundred eighty and eight, in order to such an establishment, as that their religion, laws and liberties might not again be in danger of being subverted; upon which letters, elections have been accordingly made.

And thereupon the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, pursuant to their respective letters and elections, being now assembled in a full and free representation of this nation, taking into their most serious consideration the best means for attaining the ends aforesaid, do in the first place (as their ancestors in like case have usually done) for the vindicating and asserting their ancient rights and liberties, declare:—

1. That the pretended power of suspending of laws, or the execution of laws, by regal authority, without consent of Parliament, is illegal.

2. That the pretended power of dispensing with laws, or the execu-

tion of laws by regal authority, as it hath been assumed, and exercised of late, is illegal.

3. That the commission for erecting the late Court of Commissioners for Ecclesiastical Causes, and all other commissions and courts of like nature, are illegal and pernicious.

4. That levying money for or to the use of the Crown, by pretence and prerogative, without grant of Parliament, for longer time or in other manner than the same is or shall be granted, is illegal.

5. That it is the right of the subjects to petition the King, and all commitments and prosecutions for such petitioning are illegal.

6. That the raising or keeping a standing army within the kingdom in time of peace, unless it be with the consent of Parliament, is against law.

7. That the subjects which are Protestants may have arms for their defence suitable to their conditions, and as allowed by law.

8. That elections of members of Parliament ought to be free.

9. That the freedom of speech, and debates or proceedings in Parliament, ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court or place out of Parliament.

10. That excessive bail ought not to be required, nor excessive fines imposed; nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

11. That jurors ought to be duly impanelled and returned, and jurors which pass upon men in trials for high treason ought to be free-holders.

12. That all grants and promises of fines and forfeitures of particular persons before conviction, are illegal and void.

13. And that for redress of all grievances, and for the amending, strengthening, and preserving of the laws, Parliaments ought to be held frequently.

And they do claim, demand, and insist upon all and singular the premises, as their undoubted rights and liberties; and that no declarations, judgments, doings or proceedings, to the prejudice of the people in any of the said premises, ought in any wise to be drawn hereafter into consequence or example.

To which demand of their rights, they are particularly encouraged by the declaration of his Highness the Prince of Orange, as being the only means for obtaining a full redress and remedy therein.

Having therefore an entire confidence that his said Highness the Prince of Orange will perfect the deliverance so far advanced by him, and will still preserve them from the violation of their rights, which they have here asserted, and from all other attempts upon their religion, rights, and liberties:

II. The said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, assembled at Westminster, do resolve that William and Mary, Prince and Princess of Orange, be, and be declared, King and Queen of England, France and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, to hold the Crown and royal dignity of the said kingdoms and dominions to them the said Prince and Princess during their lives, and the life of the survivor of them; that the sole and full exercise of the regal power be only in, and executed by, the said Prince of Orange, in the names of the said Prince and Princess, during their joint lives; and after their deceases, the said Crown and royal dignity of the said kingdoms and dominions to be to the heirs of the body of the said Princess; and for default of such issue to the Princess Anne of Denmark, and the heirs of her body; and for default of such issue to the heirs of the body of the said Prince of Orange. And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, do pray the said Prince and Princess to accept the same accordingly.

III. And that the oaths hereafter mentioned be taken by all persons of whom the oaths of allegiance and supremacy might be required by law, instead of them; and that the said oaths of allegiance and supremacy be abrogated.

I, A. B., do sincerely promise and swear, That I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to their Majesties King William and Queen Mary: So help me God.

I, A. B., do swear, That I do from my heart abhor, detest, and abjure as impious and heretical, that damnable doctrine and position, that Princes excommunicated or deprived by the Pope, or any authority of the See of Rome, may be deposed or murdered by their subjects, or any other whatsoever. And I do declare, that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state, or potentate hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, power, superiority, pre-eminence, or authority ecclesiastical or spiritual, within

this realm:

IV. Upon which their said Majesties did accept the crown and royal dignity of the kingdoms of England, France, and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, according to the resolution and desire of the said Lords and Commons contained in the said declaration.

V. And thereupon their Majesties were pleased, that the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, being the two Houses of Parliament, should continue to sit, and with their Majesties' royal concurrence make effectual provision for the settlement of the religion, laws and liberties of this kingdom, so that the same for the future might not be in danger again of being subverted; to which the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, did agree and proceed to act accordingly.

VI. Now in pursuance of the premises, the said Lords Spiritual and

So help me God.

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Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, for the ratifying, confirming and establishing the said declaration, and the articles, clauses, matters, and things therein contained, by the force of a law made in due form by authority of Parliament, do pray that it may be declared and enacted, That all and singular the rights and liberties asserted and claimed in the said declaration, are the true, ancient, and indubitable rights and liberties of the people of this kingdom, and so shall be esteemed, allowed, adjudged, deemed, and taken to be, and that all and every the particulars aforesaid shall be firmly and strictly holden and observed, as they are expressed in the said declaration; and all officers and ministers whatsoever shall serve their Majesties and their successors according to the same in all times to come.

VII. And the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons. seriously considering how it hath pleased Almighty God, in his marvellous providence, and merciful goodness to this nation, to provide and preserve their said Majesties' royal persons most happily to reign over us upon the throne of their ancestors, for which they render unto Him from the bottom of their hearts their humblest thanks and praises, do truly, firmly, assuredly, and in the sincerity of their hearts, think, and do hereby recognize, acknowledge and declare, that King James II. having abdicated the government, and their Majesties having accepted the Crown and royal dignity as aforesaid, their said Majesties did become, were, are, and of sovereign right ought to be, by the laws of this realm, our sovereign liege lord and lady, King and Queen of England, France, and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, in and to whose princely persons the royal State, Crown, and dignity of the said realm, with all honours, styles, titles, regalities, prerogatives, powers, jurisdictions and authorities to the same belonging and appertaining, are most fully, rightfully, and entirely invested and incorporated, united and annexed.

VIII. And for preventing all questions and divisions in this realm by reason of any pretended titles to the Crown, and for preserving a certainty in the succession thereof, in and upon which the unity, peace, and tranquillity, and safety of this nation doth, under God, wholly consist and depend, the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, do beseech their Majesties that it may be enacted, established and declared, that the Crown and legal government of the said kingdoms and dominions, with all and singular the premises thereunto belonging and appertaining, shall be and continued to their said Majesties, and the survivor of them, during their lives, and the life of the survivor of them. And that the entire, perfect, and full exercise of the regal power and government be only in, and executed by, his Majesty, in the names of both their Majesties during their joint lives; and after their deceases the said Crown and premises

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shall be and remain to the heirs of the body of her Majesty; and for default of such issue, to her Royal Highness the Princess Anne of Denmark, and the heirs of her body; and for default of such issue, to the heirs of the body of his said Majesty: And thereunto the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons do, in the name of all the people aforesaid, most humbly and faithfully submit themselves, their heirs, and posterities for ever; and do faithfully promise, That they will stand to, maintain, and defend their said Majesties, and also the limitation and succession of the Crown herein specified and contained, to the utmost of their powers, with their lives and estates, against all persons whatsoever that shall attempt anything to the contrary.

IX. And whereas it hath been found by experience, that it is inconsistent with the safety and welfare of this Protestant kingdom, to be governed by a Popish Prince, or by any King or Queen marrying a Papist, the said Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, do further pray that it may be enacted, That all and every person and persons that is, are, or shall be reconciled to, or shall hold communion with, the See or Church of Rome, or shall profess the Popish religion, or shall marry a Papist, shall be excluded, and be for ever incapable to inherit, possess, or enjoy the Crown and government of this realm, and Ireland, and the dominions thereunto belonging, or any part of the same, or to have, use, or exercise any regal power, authority, or jurisdiction within the same; and in all and every such case or cases the people of these realms shall be and are hereby absolved of their allegiance; and the said Crown and government shall from time to time descend to, and be enjoyed by, such person or persons, being Protestants, as should have inherited and enjoyed the same, in case the said person or persons so reconciled, holding communion, or professing, or marrying as aforesaid, were naturally dead.

X. And that every King and Queen of this realm, who at any time hereafter shall come to and succeed in the Imperial Crown of this kingdom, shall, on the first day of the meeting of the first Parliament, next after his or her coming to the Crown, sitting in his or her throne in the House of Peers, in the presence of the Lords and Commons therein assembled, or at his or her coronation, before such person or persons who shall administer the coronation oath to him or her, at the time of his or her taking the said oath (which shall first happen), make, subscribe, and audibly repeat the declaration mentioned in the statute made in the thirteenth year of the reign of King Charles II., initiuled "An act for the more effectual preserving the King's person and government, by disabling Papists from sitting in either House of Parliament." But if it shall happen, that such King or Queen, upon his or her succession to the Crown of this realm, shall be under the age of twelve years, then every such

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King or Queen shall make, subscribe, and audibly repeat the said declaration at his or her coronation, or the first day of meeting of the first Parliament as aforesaid, which shall first happen after such King or Queen shall have attained the said age of twelve years.

XI. All which their Majesties are contented and pleased shall be declared, enacted, and established by authority of this present Parliament, and shall stand, remain, and be the law of this realm for ever; and the same are by their said Majesties, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, declared, enacted, or established accordingly.

XII. And be it further declared and enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after this present session of Parliament, no dispensation by *non obstante* of or to any statute, or any part thereof, shall be allowed, but that the same shall be held void and of no effect, except a dispensation be allowed of in such statute, and except in such cases as shall be specially provided for by one or more bill or bills to be passed during this present session of Parliament.

XIII. Provided that no charter, or grant, or pardon granted before the three-and-twentieth day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand six hundred eighty-nine, shall be any ways impeached or invalidated by this Act, but that the same shall be and remain of the same force and effect in law, and no other than as if this Act had never been made.

ABUSIONS OF THE COMMON LAW.

Being Chapter V., Section 1, of The Mirrour of Justices, written originally in the old French, long before the Conquest; and many things added by Andrew Horne. Translated into English by William Hughes, of Gray's Inn, Esq.¹

There are many who say, that although other realms use a written law, yet only *England* useth her customs, and her usages for law not written; but betwixt rightful and tortious usages there is a difference, for tortious usages not warranted by law, nor suffered by Holy Scripture, are not at all to be used: as for example those of thieves, whose usages are to rob and steal.

And to shew some abuses holden for usages, which are frauds to the law, and repugnants to right, and which are not found justifiable by Holy Scripture, is this chapter made of a collection of part of the abusions of the law, and of persons erring from the knowledge of the right of law and from lawful usages.

Abusion is a disuse, or a misuse of right usages turned to abuses, sometimes by contrariety and repugnancy to law, sometimes by too large a usage thereof.

"1. Of offences against the peace.

"Which book I have called *The Mirrowr of Justices*, according as I have found their virtues, and the most excellent substance after the time of King Arthur, used by holy usages according to the rules, aforesaid; and I desire that you would amend the defects thereof, according to such lawful and true warrants as you prove, both to learn the truth and confound the daily abuses of the law."

It may well be a matter of speculation how many abuses of the written and unwritten law could now be enumerated, if at this early date this writer was able to point out one hundred and fifty-five.

¹⁻From title page of the Mirrour of Justices, one of the earliest books upon the common law of England. This book was compiled by Andrew Horn, a merchant of London, about the end of the 13th century, and is supposed to have been derived by him from more ancient sources antedating the Conquest of England by the Normans in 1066.

In the preamble, or preface to this work, the author says: "And for the condemning of false judges I compiled this little book of the law of persons into five chapters, that is to say:

[&]quot;2. Of actions.

[&]quot;3. Of exceptions.

[&]quot;4. Of judgments.

[&]quot;5. Of Abusions.

1. The first and chief abusion is, that the king is above the law, whereas he ought to be subject to it, as it is contained in his oath.

2. It is an abuse, that whereas parliaments ought to be, for the salvation of the souls of trespassers, twice in the year at *London*, that they are there but very seldom, and at the pleasure of the king; for subsidies and collections of treasure, and where the ordinances ought to be made by the assent of the king, and of his earls, they are now made by the king and his clerks, and by aliens, and others who dare not contradict the king, but desire to please him, and to counsel him for his profit, though the counsel be not convenable for the common people, without calling the counties thereunto, and without following the rules of law, whereby it followeth that many ordinances are grounded more upon pleasure than upon law.

3. It is an abuse that the laws, and the customs of the realm, with their occasions, are not put into writing, whereby they may be known, so as they might be known by all men.

4. It is an abuse, that force holds in disseising after the third day of peaceable seisin, for as much as he is not worthy to be aided by the law, who flyeth from judgment, and useth force.

5. It is an abuse, that justice is delayed in the king's court, more than elsewhere.

6. It is an abuse to suffer any to be in the realm above forty days, who is of the age of fourteen years, *English* or alien, if he be not sworn to the king by an oath of fealty, and in some pledge and dozein.

7. It is an abuse, that clerks and women are exempted to make the said oath to the king, seeing the kind taketh their homage and fealty for lands.

8. It is an abuse to hold an escape out of prison, or the breach of the gaol, to be a moral offence, for that usage is not warranted by any law, nor is it used in any place but within this realm and in *France*, for as much as one is warranted to do it by the law of nature.

9. It is an abuse to suffer so many forms of writs to be pleadable, and therein especially that the writs are close, and not patents as the writs of right; and in that they are made with interlinings and rasure, and otherwise vicious.

10. It is an abuse that the money is not quarterable, that it is not silver, that it is held payable if the foreign circle be not whole, to allay the money *per* 18 d. and make paying of lead to every, etc.

11. It is an abuse that the king takes more than twelve pence for the exchange of twenty shillings in the pound.

12. It is an abuse that no pound is suffered to weigh twenty-five shillings, or more than twelve ounces.

13. It is an abuse that Treason is not adjudged more by appeals than it is.

14. It is an abuse that a man who hath done manslaughter of necessity, or with the peace, or not feloniously, is detained and kept in prison until he hath purchased the king's charter of pardon of death; as it is for mischance.

15. It is an abuse to hold the moveable goods of flyers forfeited before they be attainted of the felony by outlawry, or otherwise.

16. It is an abuse to outlaw a man before it hath been enquired by the oaths of neighbours.

17. It is an abuse to suffer a man attainted of felony to be an approver, and to have a voice as a true man, and that clerks, women, infants, and others who cannot combat are suffered to be approvers.

18. It is an abuse that others receive the appeals of approvers, than coroners, and that they are suffered to appeal oftener than once, or by distress or otherwise, or in any manner falsly.

19. It is an abuse that the Justices drive a true man to be tried by his country, where he profereth to defend himself against the approver by battle.

20. It is an abuse to force people appealed by approvers to acquittals, where the approver put in his appeals, if he be not thereof elsewhere indicted, or after the lying of the approver attained, or after the death of the approver.

21. It is an abuse to suffer an approver to live, after he shall be attainted of a false appeal.

22. It is an abuse to suffer thieves, and known and notorious felons, to be defended in sanctuaries.

23. It is an abuse that those felons who are forjudged the realm are not suffered to chuse their port and passage out of the realm, and to limit their journies.

24. It is an abuse that they enter into the sea, and from the sea, the church next the sea, and that entries into great places are denied them, and that they have not the privilege of pilgrims.

25. It is abuse to adjudge murder for default of *Engleshire*, since murder ought to be the *English* punishment of an alien.

26. It is an abuse that acquittances of payments made to the king in the Exchequer are by tallies, and not by the seal appointed for it.

27. It is abuse that the king's officers of the Exchequer, have jurisdiction of other things than the king's monies, of his fees, and of his franchises, without an original writ out of the chancery under white wax.

28. It is an abuse that the king's debts lie dormant, and are delayed to be levied by estreats, since the arrears of sheriffs, and of other the king's receivers are to be levied without delay upon those who prefer them, if they themselves be not sufficient, and the arrearages of the debts of others are to be levied upon their sureties where the principals are not sufficient to pay the arrearages, the amercements are liable upon the assessors if the principals are not sufficient; and so it is of fines, and all other the king's debts whereby it appeareth that no debt ought to be much behind, in so much as some think that none are chargeable with an old debt if not of malice, or by negligence of the king's officers.

29. It is an abuse that they of the Exchequer, or other, receive attornies, or hold conusance without an original writ out of the chancery, which none can do without jurisdiction.

30. It is an abuse that freedom and freeholders have ordinary jurisdiction, but in the courts of lords of manors, or of hundreds of counties.

31. It is an abuse to amerce any man by reason of a presentment in personal trespass, in as much as no man is to be amerced but for the offence in a real or mixt action.

32. It is an abuse to amerce any man by a presentment made of less than twelve sworn freemen.

33. It is an abuse to assess an amercement certain, without the affeerment of freemen sworn to it.

34. It is an abuse to affeer amercements in the absence of those who are to be amerced.

35. It is an abuse to charge the jurors with any article touching wrong done betwixt neighbour and neighbour.

36. It is abuse to believe any one hath jurisdiction, if a commission give it not.

37. It is an abuse to obey the judge who is appealed of doing wrong, the example whereof appeareth in the old writ of right, *Et nisi feceris vicecomes faciat*.

38. It is abuse that a freeman be made the king's officer by any election against his will.

39. It is an abuse that the salaries of pleaders be not certain.

40. It is an abuse that the defendants have not amends of wrongful plaintiffs.

41. It is an abuse that pleaders are spared of oaths according to the points.

42. It is abuse to suspend a pleader if he be not attaint of a trespass, for which he is condemnable to corporal punishment.

43. It is abuse to summon a man for a personal offence.

44. It is abuse to adjudge a man to death by suitors, if not in cases so known, that there need no answer.

45. It is an abuse to bring the appeal elsewhere than before the

coroner of the county, and that appeareth by the writ of appeal, as a writ grounded upon error.

46. It is abuse to let to bail a man appealed, or indicted of a mortal offence, by pledges.

47. It is an abuse to determine the appeals of felony by judges, ordinaries, suitors.

48. It is abuse that all persons are commonly receivable in appeals of felony.

49. It is abuse that all infants within age are in ward.

50. It is an abuse that people may alien their inheritances from their heirs further than the grants, or their purchase of lands make mention, for none can make an assignee, if it be not specified in the grant.

51. It is abuse that the inheritances of heirs females are held in ward (though it be of knights service) as of heirs males, since a woman is at age at 14 years.

52. It is abuse that gaolers or their sovereigns plunder prisoners, or take from them other things than their arms.

53. It is abuse that prisoners or others for them pay any thing for their entries into the gaol, or for their coming out.

54. It is abuse that a prisoner is laden with irons, or put to pain before he be attainted of the felony.

55. It is abuse that the gaols are not delivered of the prisoners, who are deliverable without delay, without a writ.

56. It is abuse to make a man to answer to the king's suit where he is not indicted, nor appealed.

57. It is abuse to imprison any other than a man indicted or appealed, without a special warrant, in case for want of pledges or mainprisors.

58. It is abuse that justices deliver prisoners not taken before the date of their warrants, since the king's intention was not but of those who are then kept in prison.

59. It is abuse that the writ of Odio et atia take no place but in murder.

60. It is abuse that that writ lieth for indictees.

61. It is abuse that appellees or indictees of mortal crime are got out of prison by bail, or those who are condemned to corporal punishment before they do their penance, or that they have bought in the same by fine and ransom.

62. It is abuse that the writs Sicut alias et sicut pluries pass the seal in case where it should make those officers inobedient of right, and to the king, and should charge others to do such commandment.

63. It is abuse to put these words in writs, Nisi captus sit per speciale

præceptum nostrum, vel capitalis justiciarii nostri, vel pro foresta nostra, etc., for no special commandment ought to exceed the common law.

64. It is abuse to suffer the judges to be plaintiffs for the king.

65. It is abuse that aliens or others who have not sworn fealty to the king or infamous persons, or indicted or appealed of mortal crime, or who have not an able commission, or after any wrong done, or after judgment given, be suffered to have jurisdiction, or to judge out of the points specified in their commissions.

66. It is abuse that in appeals by pleaders are the places, and the countries, and the hours of the days, and that it is against the peace, since every offense is against the peace, and such other words needless.

67. It is abuse to abate sufficient appeals, according to the statute of Gloucester.

68. It is abuse that the remedial writs are saleable, and that the king commands the sheriff, that he take sureties to his use for the writ, for and by the purchase of these writs one may destroy his enemy wrong-fully; and because that such fines and penalties run in estreats, though they do nothing but hurt to the purchaser thereof.

69. It is abuse that foreigners are not receivable in actions by sureties of freemen, who have not wherewith to find pledges.

70. It is abuse to distrain in personal actions, where the profit of the issues comes to the king, and no profit accrueth to the plaintiffs.

71. It is abuse that any plaint is received to be heard without sureties present, to testify the plaint to be true.

72. It is abuse, that it is said that villainage is not a frank tenement, and that an assize lieth not of an ejector for term of years, as well as it doth of a frank tenement for term of life, or in fee; for a villain and a slave are not all one, either in name or signification, for as much as every freeman may hold in villainage to him and his heirs, performing the services and charges of the fees.

73. It is abuse to hold that seisin accrued not to the purchaser when the donor left his goods, for as a contract of marriage is good by the consent of the wills of men and women, although that one of them repent, and after the marriage would withdraw himself, but he cannot thereby dissolve the contract; so as well it sufficient to make the contract by the delivery of seisin as by the celebration of the marriage, although the purchaser have no other seisin by taking the esplees, nor any deed, nor writing to testify the bargain; and if it were that a woman after the marriage were ravished and consented thereto, and the husband repleve her, and the ravisher answering to the contract say, that the husband had no right nor action, because he was never fully seised by taking the esplees nor had no deed: or said, that he was never out of seisin of the woman because she was cloathed with his robes, and by her robe she remained in his seisin; this exception nothing availeth him to excuse his wrong no more than in this case. If a man buy a horse, and agree with the seller, and the seller deliver the same to the buyer, notwithstanding that the seller repent of the bargain, and forceably take back the horse, although the buyer hath no action for the same, because he remained always seised thereof at will; such exception is not good.

74. It is abuse to think that contracts for goods not moveables are otherwise than for moveable goods.

75. It is abuse to think that seisin accrueth not as soon to a purchaser of his purchase, as to an heir of his inheritance, since the law requires but three things in contracts: 1. The agreement of the wills. 2. Satisfaction to the donor. 3. Delivery of the possession and gift. If a transmutation of seisin be given to the purchaser by the donor at the hour of one of the clock, and the purchaser dieth at the hour of three of the clock he dieth as well seised of the tenement as he should be of a woman, or a horse, though the donor have not departed with and removed his chattels and it shall never be a good plea for him to say, that the freehold after the transmutation of seisin by a simple livery remained in the donor, after this livery of the tenement; but if the agreement of the donor be not performed according to the contract, then he may help himself thereby.

76. It is abuse to think that one cannot recover a term for years; nor presentments to churches in manner of disseisin, since many reasons may avail to redisseisors.

77. It is abuse that attaints are not granted in chancery without difficulty, to attaint all false jurors, as well in all other actions personals, reals and mixt, as in assizes brought.

78. It is abuse to drive a distress out of the hundred.

79. It is abuse to make the view of the distress to bailiffs, in that a plaint will suffice, and a court, and that he is yet seised thereof.

80. It is abuse that we do not sue for a tortious distress by way of felony, and that one attaint not these robbers at the king's suit.

81. It is abuse that vicious contracts are by agreements maintained by law, as forbidden of offence. Is not usury an offence? is not imprisonment an offence? how can one bind himself to usury, or to imprisonment, or a disseisin, if he do not offend?

82. It is abuse that advowsons of charters are aliened by law for years in mortgage, or to farm, or are partable.

83. It is abuse that leases of farms are not longer than forty years, since continuance of seisin by length of time doth disinherit no man.

84. It is abuse that no land is let to farm or in fee, or for years rendering rent by the year, more than the fourth part. 85. It is abuse to outlaw a man for a default, in case where the principal cause is not felony.

86. It is abuse that auditors are appointed by the lords to hear accounts without the assent of bailiffs.

87. It is abuse that bailiffs have no recovery of damages from tortious auditors.

88. It is abuse that regard is had to the persons, when such law is not for bailiffs against their lords, as *e contra* in the right of debts due by one to the other.

89. It is abuse that a man may challenge one for his nief to whom he never found sustenance, in as much as a villain is not a villain but so long as he remaineth in custody; and since none can challenge his villain for villainage though he be in his custody, if he find not sustenance to his villain, or send him to some land in his manor where he may gain his living, or otherwise retain him in his service.

90. It is abuse that villains are frank-pledges, or pledges of freemen.

91. It is abuse that others suffer villains to be in their views of frankpledges.

92. It is abuse that the lords suffer their villains to plead, or be impleaded without them, for a villain is not amerceable in any other court, because he can lose nothing, as he who hath nothing proper of his own.

93. It is abuse to hold villains for slaves, and this abuse causeth great destruction of poor people, great poverty, and is a great offence.

94. It is abuse that a man is summoned who is no freeholder.

95. It is abuse to summon a man elsewhere than in the land contained in the demand, if it contain land.

96. It is abuse that a man travel at his own charges, by any summons personal.

97. It is abuse that a justice or other make a summons, who is not a freeholder within the county.

98. It is abuse to summon men without giving them reasonable warning upon what to answer.

99. It is abuse that false causes of essoins are admitted, for as much as the law alloweth falsity in no case.

100. It is abuse that an essoiner is admitted in a personal action to the defendant, since one is mainprized to appear in court by mainprisors.

101. It is an abuse to receive an essoin cast in by an infant within age.

102. It is an abuse to receive an attorney, where no power so to do is given by writ out of the chancery.

103. It is abuse to receive an attorney, where the plea is not to be judged in the presence of the parties, if not in case where one maketh an attorney general.

104. It is abuse that none can make an attorney in personal actions, where corporal punishment is to be awarded.

105. It is abuse to receive exceptions in judgments, if they be not sufficiently pronounced, for from the order of the exception rarely ariseth clear judgment.

106. It is abuse to allow a warrant of voucher to a thief, or in other personal action.

107. It is abuse that judges assigned shew not the parties pleading their warrants, or of his power, when they demand it.

108. It is abuse that justices and their officers, who kill people by false judgment, be not destroyed as other murderers, which *King Alfred* caused to be done, who caused forty-four justices in one year to be hanged as murderers for their false judgment.

1. He hanged Darling because he had judged Sidulf to death, for the retreat of Edulf his son, who afterwards acquitted him of the fact.

2.. He hanged Segnor who judged Ulfe to death after sufficient acquittal.

3. He hanged *Cadwine*, because that he judged *Hackwy* to death without the consent of all the jurors, and whereas he stood upon the jury of twelve men, and because three would have saved him against the nine, *Codwine* removed the three, and put others upon the jury, upon whom *Hackwy* put not himself.

4. He hanged *Cole*, because he judged *Ive* to death when he was a mad-man.

5. He hanged *Malme*, because he judged *Prat* to death upon a false suggestion that he committed the felony.

6. He hanged Athulf because he caused Copping to be hanged before the age of one and twenty years.

7. He hanged *Markes* because he judged *During* to death by twelve men who were not sworn.

8. He hanged Ostline because he judged Seaman to death by a false warrant, grounded upon false suggestion, which supposed Seaman to be a person in the warrant, which he was not.

9. He hanged *Billing*, because he judged *Leston* to death by fraud, in this manner he said to the people, Sir, all ye here but he who assisted to kill the man, and because that *Leston* did not sit with the other he him commanded to be hanged, and said that he did assist, where he knew he did not assist to kill him.

10. He hanged *Seafaule* because he judged *Olding* to death for not answering.

11. He hanged *Thurston* because he judged *Thurguer* to death by verdict of enquest, taken *ex officio* without issue joined.

12. He hanged Athelston, because he judged Herbert to death for an offence not mortal.

13. He hanged Rombold because he judged Lischild, in a case not notorious, without appeal, and without indictment.

14. He hanged *Rolfe*, because he judged *Dunstan* to die for an escape out of prison.

15. He hanged *Freburne* because he judged *Harpin* to die, whereas the jury were in doubt of their verdict, for in doubtful causes one ought rather to save than to condemn.

16. He hanged Seabright who judged Aihebbrus to death, because he condemned one by a false judgment mortal.

17. He hanged *Hale* because he saved *Tristram* the sheriff from death, who took to the king's use from another's goods against his will, for as much as any such taking from another against his will, and robbery hath no difference.

18. He hanged Arnold because he saved Boyliffe, who robbed the people by colour of distresses, whereof, some were by selling distresses, some by extortion of fines, as if betwixt extortion of fines, releasing of tortious distresses, and robbery there were difference.

19. He hanged *Erkinwald* because he hanged *Franklin*, for naught else but because he taught to him who vanquished by battle mortal to say the word of cravant.

20. He hanged Bermond because he caused Garbolt to be beheaded by his judgment in England, for that for which he was outlawed in Ireland.

21. He hanged Alkman because he saved Cateman by colour of disseisin, who was attainted of burglary.

22. He hanged Saxmond because he hanged Barrold in England, where the king's writ runneth for a fact which he did in the same land where the king's writ did not run.

23. He hanged Alflet because he judged a clerk to death, over whom he had no cognizance.

24. He hanged *Piron* because he judged *Hanting* to death because he gave judgment in appeal before the forty days pendant the appeal, by a writ of false judgment before the king.

25. He hanged *Diling* because he caused *Eldon* to be hanged, who killed a man by misfortune.

26. He hanged Oswin because he judged Fulcher to death out of court.

27. He hanged Muclin, because he hanged Helgrave by warrant of indictment not special.

28. He hanged Horne because he hanged Simin at days forbidden.

29. He hanged *Wolmer* because he judged *Graunt* to death by colour of a larceny of a thing, which he had received by title of bailment.

30. He hanged *Therberne* because he judged *Osgot* to death for a fact, whereof he was acquitted before, against the same plaintiff, which acquittance he tendred to aver by oath, and because he would not aver it by record, *Therberne* would not allow of the acquittal which he tendred him.

31. He hanged *Wolster* because he adjudged *Haubert* to death at the suit of the king, for a fact which *Haubert* confessed, and of which the king gave him his pardon, but he had no charter thereof, nevertheless he vouched the king to warrant it, and further tendred to aver it by inrolment of the chancery.

32. He hanged Oskitell because he judged Cathing to death, by the record of the coroner, whereby replication allowable the plea did not hold. And the case was such, Catling was taken and punished so much, as he confest he had mortally offended, and that to be quitted of the pain; and Oskitell adjudged him to death upon his confession which he had made to the coroner, without trial of the truth of the pain, or the fact. And further, he caused the coroners and officers accessaries to be apprehended, who hanged the people, and all those who might have hindred the false judgment, and did not hinder the same in all cases; for he hanged all the judges who had falsly saved a man guilty of death, or had falsly hanged any man against law, or any reasonable exception.

33. He hanged the suitors of *Calevot*, because they had adjudged a man to death in a case not notorious, although he were guilty thereof; for no man can judge within the realm but the king, or his commissaries, except those lords in whose lordships the king's writ doth not run.

34. He hanged the suitors of *Dorchester*, because they judged a man to death by jurors in their liberty, for a felony which he did out of the liberty, and whereof they had not the conusance by reason of foreignty.

35. He hanged the suitors of *Cirencester*, because they kept a man so long in prison, that he died in prison, who would have acquitted himself by foreigners, that he offended not feloniously.

36. In his time the suitors of *Doncaster* lost their jurisdiction, besides other punishments, because they held pleas forbidden by the customs of the realm to judges, ordinaries, and suitors to hold.

37. In his time *Colgrin* lost his franchise of enfangthief, because he would not send a thief to the common gaol of the county, who was taken within his liberty for a felony done out of the liberty in guildable.

38. In his time Buttolphe lost his view of frank-pledgess, because he charged the jurors with other articles than those which belonged to the view, and amerced people in personal actions where one was not to be amerced by a pecuniary punishment. And accordingly he caused mortal rewards to criminal judges for wrongful mortal judgments, and so he did for wrongful judgments venials. Imprisonment for wrongful imprison-

ments, and like for like, with the other punishments; for he delivered *Thelweld* to prison, because he judged men to prison for an offence not mortal.

39. He judged Litbing to prison, because he imprisoned Herbote for the offence of his wife.

He judged Rutwood to prison, because he imprisoned Olde for the king's debt.

On the other side he cut off the hand of *Haulf*, because he saved *Armock's* hand, who was attainted before him that he had feloniously wounded *Richold*.

He judged Edulfe to be wounded, because he judged not Arnold to be wounded, who feloniously had wounded Aldens.

In lesser offences he did not meddle with the judgments, but disinherited the justices, and removed them according to the points of those statutes in all points where he could understand that they had passed their jurisdiction, or the bounds of their delegacy, or of their commission; or had concealed fines, or amercements, or other thing which belonged to the king; or had released or increased any punishment contrary to law, or procured the exercising or pleading without warrant, either by the property, by warrant of writ, or of a plaint of the possession, or *e contra*; or in the venial actions by words of felony, or *e contra*, or had sent to no party a transcript of his plea at the journey, or any of the parties wrongfully grieved, or done any other wrong in disallowance of a reasonable exception of the parties, or to the judgment.

In his time every plaintiff might have a commission and a writ to his sheriff, to the lord of the fee, or to certain justices assigned upon every wrong which was done.

In his time law was hastened from day to day, so that above fifteen days there was no default nor essoin adjournable.

In his time the parties might carry away the parts of their pleas under the seal of the judges, or the averse parties.

In his time there was no stay of writs, all remedial writs were grantable, as of debt by virtue of an oath.

In his time the judges used to take twelve pence of every plaintiff at the journey.

In his time plaintiffs recovered not only damages of the issues of the possessions, and of the fees, but recovered costs as to the hurts, and as much as one might lawfully tax, by the occasion of such a fact.

109. It is abuse that such a multitude of clerks are suffered to be made, whereby the king's jurisdiction is overthrown.

110. It is abuse that clerks have leases of that which belongs to the temporalty, and hold lay fees.

111. It is abuse that pleas hold upon Sundays, or other days forbidden, or before sun-rising, or in the night time in dishonest places.

112. It is abuse that none answer to a felony, or other personal action of trespass or scandal, before his age of one and twenty years.

113. It is abuse that when the action is affirmative to take the proof against the answer, or plea affirmative.

114. It is abuse that a man be accused of life and member, *ex officio*, without suit or without indictments.

115. It is abuse that the justices shew not the indictments to those who are indicted, if they require the same.

116. It is abuse that no man in *England* doth answer for a thing done out of the realm, *et e contra*, or in a privileged place, where the king's writ runneth not, for a thing done to a foreigner, *et e contra*, or within a place within a franchise, for a thing done in guildable.

117. It is abuse that rape is a mortal offence.

118. It is abuse that rape extends to others than virgins.

119. It is abuse to outlaw a man if not for felony.

120. It is abuse that one take in *England* any one outlawed in *Ireland*, or elsewhere out of the realm; or that one is put out of his fee by judgment of law of judges ordinaries, suitors.

121. It is abuse to count of so long time, whereof none can testify the hearing or seeing, which is not to endure generally above forty years.

122. It is abuse that a man have an action personal from a longer time than the last Eyre.

123. It is abuse of the writ of account, for which every one may imprison another wrongfully.

124. It is abuse that one is bound to render an account of issues of land whereof he is guardian by title of law.

125. It is abuse that the writ of Ne in juste vexes is so out of use.

126. It is abuse that battles be not in personal actions as well as in felonies.

127. It is abuse that proofs and purgations be not by the miracle of God where other proof faileth.

128. It is abuse to join battle betwixt persons who are not admitted to wage battle.

129. It is abuse that a knight is otherwise armed than another man in a combat.

130. It is abuse that judges have cognizance by original writ, or warrant by vouchers, or in others to which his jurisdiction extendeth not.

131. It is abuse to suffer a voucher to warranty in the king's writ of Quo warranto.

132. It is abuse that those who are found usurers by indictments

after their deaths are suffered to be buried in sanctuaries, and that the lands do not escheat to the lords of the fees.

133. It is abuse that vicious obligations drive the authors to personal damages, in as much as they are voidables.

134. It is abuse to compel jurors, witnesses, to say that which they know not, by distress of fine and imprisonment after their verdict, when they could not say any thing.

135. It is abuse to use the words (to their knowledge) in their oath, to make the jurors speak upon thoughts, since the chief words of their oaths be that they speak the truth.

136. It is abuse that one examine not the jurors, though they find at least two to agree.

137. It is abuse to put more words in the doing of homage; but thus, I become your man, for the land which I claim to hold of you.

138. It is abuse to answer or appear by attorney.

139. It is abuse to make justices such parties without the writ in the king's presence, if not with the assent of the parties.

140. It is abuse that the writs of *audita querela*, and conspiracy and others contain not the substance of the plaints.

141. It is abuse that the justices of the bench meddle with more pleas than of wrong done against fines, grand assistes, translation of pleas out of lower courts, and of darrein presentment, and of the rights of the king, queen and their allies.

142. It is abuse to use a Pone when their causes are discussed, if the parties challenge the same, for a lying purchaser ought not to have benefit of his leasings.

143. It is abuse to sue forth grand distress in pleas of attachments, whereof the defaults are to the profit of the king, and not of the plaintiffs.

144. It is abuse that trespassers who have nothing, are not banished from towns, counties, manors, and hundreds as they used to be.

145. It is abuse to hold that a *petit cape* maketh other title but to save every right in real action, not in others.

146. It is abuse that the issues of grand distresses in mixt actions come not to the profit of the lords of the fees, and others who have courts, as they do to the king, of pleas moved in his court upon the same actions.

147. It is abuse to think the same punishment is to be to mainprisors, as to principals who make default, whereas they are amercable only in courts.

148. It is abuse to amerce a man in plesive of fee, or of service, going out of the land by default in a personal action or real; for outlawry or loss of land is sufficient punishment.

149. It is abuse that sheriffs do not execution of writs vicecountiels,

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in as much as the plaintiffs have found pledges *de prosequend*, where there is no mention to take sureties.

150. It is abuse to distrain for arrearages of services issuing out of lands, moveable goods, whereas no distress ought to be but in the land only.

151. It is abuse that the tenant may without punishment enfeoff a third person of the land, of his lord in prejudice of him, or do other thing, or say any thing against the points of his oath of fealty.

152. It is abuse to suffer a man who is a champion to be a witness.

153. It is abuse that none have recovery of wrong done by the king, or the queen, but at the king's pleasure.

154. It is abuse to judge a man to divers punishments for one trespass, as to a corporal punishment and to a ransom, since ransom is but a redemption from corporal punishment by payment of a fine of money.

155. It is abuse that people defamed of offence are not barred from making oaths, and of their dignities, and of their other honors.

And divers other abuses appear by those who well understand the writ before written.

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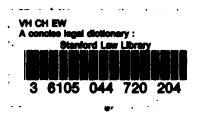
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