

VII. And be it enacted, That every Juridical day in Term and out of Term, except from the Ninth day of July until the First day of September both exclusive, in each year, shall hereafter be an *Enquête* day for all Default or *Exparte* causes and proceedings in the Superior Court, and also for all Default or *Exparte* causes or proceedings of an appealable character in the Circuit Court; and all witnesses produced for examination therein may be sworn, and their examinations taken and acknowledged, before the Prothonotary or Clerk of either of the said Courts, appointed for the District or Circuit, and such examinations so taken shall serve to all intents as though taken at an *Enquête* sitting in the ordinary course.

All juridical days (except from 9th July to 1st Sept.) to be *Enquête* days in default and *Exparte* cases.
Prothonotary may swear witnesses, &c.

VIII. And whereas in such causes and proceedings *Exparte* it is required by law that notice of the inscription thereof for *Enquête* be given to the party foreclosed from pleading, and doubts may be entertained as to the extent of the rights of such party at the *Enquête*, Be it enacted, that such party shall not be entitled to adduce evidence thereat, but may cross-examine all witnesses brought up against him, and resist the taking of any evidence in any wise illegal or inadmissible; and if such *Enquête* be proceeding, as hereinbefore is provided, before a Prothonotary or Clerk only, all objections taken by either party shall by such Prothonotary or Clerk be taken down in writing, and kept of record in such cause or proceeding for adjudication by the Court at the final hearing thereof.

Recital.
Rights of fore-closed party attending an *Enquête*.

IX. And be it enacted, That for and notwithstanding any thing in the said Act or in any other Act or law, no party to any suit or case in or before the said Superior Court, shall be compellable to file any plea or answer, or take any step, or otherwise to proceed therein, between the tenth day of July and the last day of August both inclusive, in any year, or shall incur any forfeiture, penalty or disadvantage by refraining from so doing between the said days, unless he shall be commanded so to do by some express order of the Court or of some Judge thereof made in such suit or case (which order the Court or any Judge thereof may always make) and in the absence of such order, no day from the tenth of July to the last day of August, both inclusive, shall be reckoned in computing the delay or time allowed for filing any plea or answer, or taking any step or otherwise proceeding in any suit or case before the said Court, but for the purpose of computing such time or delay the first day of September shall be taken to be the day next following the ninth day of July, and such time or delay shall be computed by reckoning only the days before the tenth day of July and after the last day of August: Provided always, that nothing in this section shall extend to prevent or excuse any Prothonotary, Sheriff, Bailiff or other Officer from returning any Writ or doing any other thing on the day when he would otherwise be bound to return or do the same, or to prevent or excuse any party or person from obeying any process or order of the Court

No party bound to any suit proceed in any cause from the 10th July to 31st Augt. inclusive in the Superior Court.

Proviso: exceptions as to things expressly ordered by the Court to be done.