

COUNTY—LIABILITY FOR EXPENSES OF TROOPS SUMMONED TO PRESERVE PEACE.

In *The Queen v. Glamorgan* (1899) 2 Q.R. 536, the Court of Appeal (Smith, Williams and Rigby, L.J.J.) have affirmed the judgment of the Divisional Court (1899) 2 Q.B. 26 (noted vol. 35, 670) to the effect that a county is not liable to defray the expenses of troops, whose aid is obtained by the municipal authorities for the purpose of preserving the peace.

LOST WILL—PROBATE—PRACTICE—PROOF OF LOST WILL ON MOTION—NEXT OF KIN, CONSENT OF, DISPENSED WITH.

In *the goods of Apted* (1899) P. 272, was an application to prove a lost will on motion, and without notifying or procuring the consent of all of the next of kin. The applicant was the universal legatee and sole executrix named in the alleged will. The estate was of small value, in all £196 5s. Some of the next of kin (a brother and three sisters) had been notified, and made no objection. Barnes, J. entertained the motion, and dispensed with notice to the other next of kin, and granted administration with the will, as contained in the copy annexed, until the original shall be found.

DESERTION—HUSBAND AND WIFE—HUSBAND'S REFUSAL TO LEAD A CHASTE LIFE.

Sickert v. Sickert (1899) P. 278, was a suit for divorce on the ground of desertion. The husband had been guilty of continuous acts of adultery, and refused to give up that course of life, in consequence of which the plaintiff refused to live with him, and it was held by Barnes, J. that such conduct on the part of the husband amounted in law to desertion by the husband.

COMPANY—PROMOTERS OF COMPANY BEING ALSO VENDORS—CONTRACT SALE BY DIRECTORS OF ONE COMPANY TO THEMSELVES AS DIRECTORS OF ANOTHER COMPANY—RESCISSION.

Lagunas Nitrate Co. v. Lagunas Syndicate (1899) 2 Ch. 392, is a case which gave rise to a difference of opinion in the Court of Appeal. The action was brought by the plaintiff company to rescind a contract of sale under the following circumstances. The plaintiff company was promoted and formed by the directors of the defendant syndicate, for the purpose of purchasing and working nitrate works of the syndicate. The articles of association were prepared by the directors of the syndicate, and stated specifically that the