

full liberty of action in the event of the difficulty arising in a case before the House of Lords.

In another case, in a similar matter (*In re Tattersalls, of New York*), Mr. Justice Kekewich said that he would allow the name of the holder to be removed from the register, assuming that the creditor would not be injured by such a course, and that the assets were sufficient to pay them without resort to the holder of the share.—*London Law Journal*.

A PERSONAL AFFRONT.

Many years ago a young man noted for industry and probity of character, who was six feet seven inches tall and large in proportion, who resided in an inland county in Virginia, and whose education was somewhat defective, determined to study law. He got three books, the chief one of which was "Stephen on Pleading," and after reading them for two months without any instructor, applied for and by some unaccountable means obtained a license. He had hardly opened his office before a merchant gave him six accounts upon which he was directed to bring suit. He had no forms except those set forth in an old edition of "Stephen on Pleading," which had been obsolete for more than half a century; he had never seen a declaration in his life, but he brought the suits. When the cases were called, six of the most enormous documents ever seen in any court-house were placed on the bar of the court; they were not folded in legal style, but were in six tremendous envelopes, addressed to the court, just as though they had been letters. They all commenced as follows: "Charles Creditor complains of David Debtor, who is in the custody of the marshal of the Marshalsea," and so on. Such declarations were never before seen in America. The counsel for the defendant was an old county court lawyer, not overburdened himself with legal knowledge, but he knew enough to know that these declarations were demurrable. When the first case was called he rose from his seat in the bar with some difficulty, as he was just recovering from a spell of illness, and said: "May it please the court: I tender a demurrer to the declaration, and ask the court to pass upon it. In a practice extending over forty years, I have never before seen such a declaration." And he held up the awful looking document, the sight of which caused a suppressed smile on the part of the audience. Now this giant young lawyer lived near the old one. There was an intense