No Fee.

To decide according to conscience.

another. No fee can be received by the Judge for any services rendered in the said Court, nor can any proceedings be protracted therein longer than fifteen days, unless both parties agree to a longer delay. When advising parties, in cases submitted to him, the Judge shall act according to conscience and right, without regard to technical rules.

Admission, &c. not to be used against party making

XVII. And be it enacted, That no party to any admission or declaration made before the Court of Conciliation, shall be bound thereby or responsible therefor, in 10 any other judicial proceeding whatever, except as provided in this Act. No statements made by parties before the said Court shall be used as evidence for or against them in any other place, in case the Court fail to effect a settlement of their differences. The hearing of all mat- 15 Hearing to be ters submitted to the Court must be private.

private.

No attorney, &c. allowed.

XVIII. And be it enacted, That the parties must appear in person, and not by an agent or attorney; and no oaths shall be administered to parties; nor are the parties to call and examine witnesses.

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Commencement and duration of Act.

XIX. And be it enacted, That this Act shall have force and take effect upon, from and after the first day of January, 1852, and shall continue in operation until the first day of January, 1855.