

92. If any witness is examined by interpretation, such interpretation shall be made by a sworn interpreter of the court, or by a person previously sworn according to the form in the Appendix hereto, No. 33.

OATHS.

93. The judge may appoint any person to administer oaths in Admiralty proceedings generally, or in any particular proceedings. Forms of Appointments to administer oaths will be found in the Appendix hereto, No. 34.

94. If any person tendered for the purpose of giving evidence objects to take an oath, or is objected to as incompetent to take an oath, or is by reason of any defect of religious knowledge or belief incapable of comprehending the nature of an oath, the judge or person authorized to administer the oath shall, if satisfied that the taking of an oath would have no binding effect on his conscience, permit him, in lieu of an oath, to make a declaration. Forms of oath, and of declaration in lieu of oath will be found in the Appendix hereto, Nos. 35 and 36.

AFFIDAVITS.

95. Every affidavit shall be divided into short paragraphs numbered consecutively, and shall be in the first person.

96. The name, address, and description of every person making an affidavit shall be inserted therein.

97. The names of all the persons making an affidavit, and the dates when, and the places where it is sworn, shall be inserted in the jurat.

98. When an affidavit is made by any person who is blind, or who from his signature or otherwise appears to be illiterate, the person before whom the affidavit is sworn shall certify that the affidavit was read over to the deponent, and that the deponent appeared to understand the same, and made his mark or wrote his signature thereto in the presence of the person before whom the affidavit was sworn.

99. When an affidavit is made in English by a person who does not speak the English language, or in French by a person who does not speak the French language, the affidavit shall be taken down and read over to the deponent