

ceed on his own showing "subject to Rules of Court," than what was contained in the old, which said the same thing in fewer words, it is impossible for the average practitioner to perceive. Is it supposed that after he is presented with a copy of the new form of writ the denizen of the back township will rush to the law bookseller's and procure a copy of these new rules in order to learn what significance is attached to these new and mysterious words? It is not long since a change was made in the forms of endorsements on writs for foreclosure and sale under mortgages, a change involving more words, but expressing identically the same meaning, at all events to the non-professional citizen, as the old one. Some of these changes consist merely in the transposition of lines and sentences, leaving the sense unaltered. The objection to these changes is not purely whimsical, but is founded on substantial ground, namely, the serious expense they entail to the individual practitioner and the enormous cost that results to the profession in the aggregate. The practitioner being supplied with a full stock of forms, the the so-called law reformer comes along with his desolating pen and renders the stock utterly valueless—no one profiting thereby except the vendor of these articles. I believe I voice the sentiments of the profession at large when I say it is time to call a halt in this respect. The personnel of the Commission place; anything they do above all criticism, but possibly these details are left to some one who was not a member of the Commission. Whoever it may be, he inflicts great loss in the aggregate upon the profession at large.

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[Our correspondent adds some comments, which although cleverly put are perhaps unnecessary to the point at issue. We are not entirely surprised at his wrath. The reduction of a stock of forms to waste paper is a process few of us can contemplate with equanimity. We agree with his criticism as to the changes in the writ; but in other respects the changes seem to be improvements, and, if this be so, the loss complained of would be a matter of necessity.—ED. C.L.J.]