

APPEARANCE.

25. A party appearing to a writ of summons shall file an appearance at the place directed in the writ.

26. A party not appearing within the time limited by the writ may, by consent of the other parties or by permission of the judge, appear at any time on such terms as the judge shall order.

27. If the party appearing has a set-off or counter-claim against the Plaintiff, he may indorse on his appearance a statement of the nature thereof, and of the relief or remedy required, and of the amount, if any, of the set-off or counter-claim. But if in the opinion of the judge such set-off or counter-claim cannot be conveniently disposed of in the action, the judge may order it to be struck out.

28. The appearance shall be signed by the party appearing, and shall state his name and address, and an address, to be called an address for service, not more than three miles from the registry, at which it shall be sufficient to leave all documents required to be served upon him. Forms of Appearance and of Indorsement of set-off or counter-claim will be found in the Appendix hereto, Nos. 12 and 13.

PARTIES.

29. Any number of persons having interests of the same nature arising out of the same matter may be joined in the same action whether as Plaintiffs or as Defendants.

30. The judge may order any person who is interested in the action, though not named in the writ of summons, to come in either as Plaintiff or as Defendant.

31. For the purposes of the last preceding rule an underwriter or insurer shall be deemed to be a person interested in the action.

32. The judge may order upon what terms any person shall come in, and what notices and documents, if any, shall be given to and served upon him, and may give such further directions in the matter as to him shall seem fit.

CONSOLIDATION OF ACTIONS.

33. Two or more actions in which the questions at issue are substantially the same, or for matters which might properly be combined in one action, may be consoli-