

Delay for
pleading and
between
pleadings.

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foreclosure.

Proviso: right
of party fore-
closed.

Delay for
pleading may
be enlarged.

How and
where *enquêtes*
may be taken.

XXV. And be it enacted, That whether the appearance be fyled in term or in vacation, the Defendant shall be allowed eight clear days from his appearance to plead to the Declaration, and the Plaintiff shall have a like delay to answer, and there shall be a like delay between each further pleading allowed by law; and if at the expiration of the delay allowed for any pleading, the same shall not be fyled, the opposite party may demand the same, and if it be not fyled on or before the third juridical day after such demand, may foreclose the party by whom it ought to have been fyled; and the fyling of the return of service of such demand shall be sufficient to authorize the Prothonotary, upon application in writing for *Acte* of foreclosure, to grant and record the same without further notice or formality: Provided always, that the party foreclosed shall nevertheless be entitled to at least one clear day's notice of the inscription of the cause for *enquête* or hearing, before such *enquête* shall be commenced or the cause shall be heard.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the delay for pleading may in any case be enlarged by the Superior Court, or by any one Judge thereof, on special application of which notice shall be given to the opposite party at least one clear day before it is made; and that any party may fyle any pleading within the time hereby allowed for fyling the same.

XXVII. And be it enacted, That the *enquêtes* in causes cognizable in the Superior Court shall be taken before a single Judge, or before more than one Judge of the said Court, or before any Circuit Judge as *Commissaire Enquêteur* of the Superior Court, and as well in Term as in Vacation, subject to the provisions hereinafter made; and that for that purpose it shall be lawful for the Judges of the Superior Court to assign one room, or more than one room, in each Court House in which the