

In what stage  
of the cause  
such examina-  
tion may be  
had.

IV. Provided always, and be it enacted, That no witness shall by virtue of the foregoing Sections, be examined in any cause on the part of the plaintiff, unless the declaration containing the demand shall have been fyled, nor shall any witness be examined on the part of a defendant, until this answer or plea to the action shall have been fyled, or in lieu thereof a brief statement of the facts to be relied on in his defence.

Evidence to  
be read to the  
Jury.

V. And be it enacted, That any testimony received and fyled under the authority of this Act, shall, if the cause be tried by a Jury be received and read as evidence at such trial.

Extent of Act.

VI. And be it enacted, That this Act shall apply only to Lower Canada.