

- such Attorney or Solicitor, (or, in the case of a partnership, by any of the partners, either with his own name, or with the name or style of such partnership,) or of the Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of such Attorney or Solicitor, or be enclosed in or accompanied by a letter subscribed in like manner, referring to such Bill; and upon the application of the party chargeable by such Bill within such month it shall be lawful for any of the superior Courts of Law or Equity, or any Judge of either of them, or any Judge of a County Court, in Upper Canada, and they are hereby respectively
- 10 required, to refer such Bill, and the demand of such Attorney or Solicitor, Executor, Administrator, or Assignee, thereupon to be taxed and settled by the proper officer of any of the Courts in which any of the business charged for in such Bill may have been done, without any money being brought into Court; and the Court
- 15 or Judge making such reference shall restrain such Attorney or Solicitor, or Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of such Attorney or Solicitor, from commencing any action or suit touching such demand pending such reference; and in case no such application as aforesaid shall be made within such month as aforesaid, then it shall
- 20 be lawful for such reference to be made as aforesaid, either upon the application of the Attorney or Solicitor, or the Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of the Attorney or Solicitor, whose Bill may have been so as aforesaid delivered, sent, or left, or upon the application of the party chargeable by such Bill, with such direc-
- 25 tions and subject to such conditions as the Court or Judge making such reference shall think proper; and such Court or Judge may restrain such Attorney or Solicitor, or the Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of such Attorney or Solicitor, from commencing or prosecuting any action or suit touching such demand pending such
- 30 reference, upon such terms as shall be thought proper: Provided always, that no such reference as aforesaid shall be directed upon an application made by the party chargeable with such Bill after a verdict shall have been obtained or a Writ of Inquiry executed in any action for the recovery of the demand of such Attorney or
- 35 Solicitor, or Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of such Attorney or Solicitor, or after the expiration of twelve months after such Bill shall have been delivered, sent, or left as aforesaid, except under special circumstances, to be proved to the satisfaction of the Court or Judge to whom the application for such reference shall be made;
- 40 and upon every such reference, if either the Attorney or Solicitor, or Executor, Administrator, or Assignee of the Attorney or Solicitor, whose Bill shall have been delivered, sent, or left, or the party chargeable with such Bill having due notice, shall refuse or neglect to attend such taxation, the Officer to whom such reference shall be
- 45 made may proceed to tax and settle such Bill and demand *ex parte*; and in case any such reference as aforesaid shall be made upon the
- Party charged may have the Bill referred for taxation.
- No suit to be brought on it pending such reference.
- The Attorney &c., may apply for such reference after a certain time.
- No suit to be brought pending such reference.
- Proviso: such reference not to be made in certain cases. Exceptions
- Taxation may be *ex parte* if either party fail to attend.
- Costs of re-