

discretion is to fix. A minute of such order is to be entered by the Registrar in the Assignment Book, and the property is then to be offered again to sale by public auction.

When the proceeds are brought into the Registry, the Registrar may pay out of Court to the party proceeding, on his application for that purpose, the amount of the debt pronounced for, together with the costs of the suit, the same being first duly taxed and allowed by the Judge.

When a decree pronouncing for the interest of a party proceeding by default has been signed by the Judge, or any other party should also proceed against the property, he will be entitled, on motion of Counsel, to have his interest pronounced for by an interlocutory decree, after the warrant has been returned two months, and a second default has been incurred in his particular suit. On this occasion a similar affidavit must be exhibited to that required on obtaining the decree for the interest of the party who had originally proceeded by default.

The balance of proceeds, if any remain in the Registry after satisfying the amount pronounced for and costs, may, on production of the Ship's Register or other satisfactory evidence of ownership, be paid out to the owner. But if his application be made within a year and a day from the return of the warrant, he is to give bail to answer latent demands.

The sufficiency of sureties is to be reported upon by the Marshal, and the bail must be given in the manner hereinafter mentioned respecting bail to answer an action in a contested suit.

In a case proceeding by default or *in poenam*, the owners of the property are to be allowed to contest the suit at any time before the expiration of a year and a day from the return of the warrant; but if they neglect to appear until they have been pronounced in default, they must, on appearing, pay contumacy fees, viz., all the costs occasioned by such their neglect, including the charges for keeping possession beyond the time specified in the warrant for its return, which costs are to be taxed by the Court.

§ 11. *Contested Suits.*

In contested suits the property remains in the custody of the Court, but if the release thereof be a material ob-