

- 10.** If the said Court shall at any time by exemption, death or illness of Members, be reduced to less than seven, the Judge shall adjourn its sittings for any time not exceeding three days, and shall immediately report the same to both Houses, with the names of all the Members whose absence caused such reduction.
- 11.** Unless the House whose Members are reported to be absent from the sittings of the said Court shall otherwise order, the Clerk shall, between five and six of the clock, on the same day on which the Report is communicated to the House, proceed to choose by lot from all the other names on the panel as many as will be equal to the number reported absent belonging to that House, and the Members so chosen shall thereafter be Members of the said Court in the place and stead of those reported absent as aforesaid.
- 12.** No Member of either House chosen to serve on the said Court shall be allowed to absent himself from the same without leave of the House to which he belongs, and in default thereof he shall be fined in the discretion of such House upon the report of the Judge.
- 13.** The said Court shall sit every day (Sunday and statutory holidays excepted,) and shall never adjourn for a longer time than twenty-four hours, exclusive of such Sunday or holiday, but it shall be lawful for the Judge, at the request of either of the parties to the Petition, upon good cause shewn, to postpone the further hearing of the case until a day to be then named, but not more than ten days from the day on which the request is made.
- 14.** As soon as any petition is disposed of by the Court, whether finally or otherwise, such disposition thereof shall be immediately reported to both Houses, and the Court shall on the next sitting day proceed to try the Petition (if any) next in order, as previously fixed by the Judge.
- 15.** If either of the parties to such Petition shall make application to the Judge for a Special Court, it shall be his duty to cause five Members to be chosen by lot from the said fifteen Members, and seven Members to be chosen by lot from the said twenty-four Members, and the said five Members and the said seven Members so chosen shall be the Court under the Presidency of the said Judge for the trial of such Petition, and their names shall be immediately reported to both Houses. If no such application is made before the day fixed for the trial of such Petition, then the Court, as already constituted, shall proceed to try the same.
- 16.** It shall be lawful for the Judge, with the consent of the parties, to try the merits of any Petition, and report finally thereon without the said Court. Whenever any such consent, signed by the parties, their Counsel or Agents, is filed with the Judge, he shall report the same to both Houses, and the Members, if any, then chosen to serve on the said Court, shall be discharged from further attendance thereon in respect to the said Petition,
- 17.** The Members of the said Court shall, before proceeding to try any Petition, take and subscribe the following oath, which shall be administered by the *clerk*.—
 “I, A. B., do solemnly promise and declare that I will well and truly inquire of the matters referred to this Court, and true report make, ac-
- Adjournment of Court if reduced to less than seven.
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