

## Courts and Practice.

### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

#### RULES AS TO APPEALS.

The following rules of the Judicial Committee making a change in the practice in some particulars are not easy of access. We therefore reproduce them for the benefit of those concerned:

1. Where a respondent . . . whose name has been entered on the record of the appeal by the Court admitting the appeal, fails to enter an appearance to the appeal in the registry of the Privy Council, and it appears from the transcript record in the appeal, or from a certificate of the officer of the Court transmitting the said transcript record to the registrar of the Privy Council, that the said respondent has received notice of the order admitting the appeal . . . or of the order . . . giving the appellant special leave to appeal . . . and has also received notice of the despatch of the said transcript record to the registrar of the Privy Council, the appellant shall not, subject to any direction by their Lordships to the contrary, be required to take out appearance orders calling upon the said respondent to enter an appearance in the appeal, and the appeal may, subject as aforesaid, be set down for hearing ex parte as against the said respondent, at any time after the expiration of three calendar months from the date of the lodging of the appellant's petition of appeal, in like manner as if the said appearance orders had been taken out by the appellant and the times thereby respectively limited for the said respondent to enter an appearance had expired.

Rule 2 makes a similar provision in regard to a case where a respondent to the appeal, whose name has been brought on the record of the appeal by an order of the Privy Council, fails to enter an appearance.

3. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to affect the power of their Lordships to order the appellant in an appeal referred . . . to their Lordships to take out appearance orders, or to be excused from taking out appearance orders in any case in which their Lordships shall think fit so to order, and generally to give such directions as to the time at which, and the conditions on which an appeal so referred as aforesaid shall be set down as, in the opinion of their Lordships, the circumstances of the case may require.

4. This order shall apply to all appeals in which the petition of appeal shall be lodged after the date hereof.