

first day of the Spring Term in the said Circuit, and before the first day of the Autumn Term therein,—and the first juridical day in term after the first day of June next after the expiration of the said delay for filing such opposition, if such delay expires 5 on or after the first day of the Autumn Term in the said Circuit, and before the first day of the Spring Term therein.

*Procedure generally.*

XL. In the absence of any Judge of the Superior Court at the *Chef-lieu* of any District in vacation, the Prothonotary of the said Court in and for such District, may, in cases of 10 evident necessity, and when by delay in the performance or exercise thereof, a right might otherwise be lost or a wrong sustained, perform and exercise at such *Chef-lieu* any ministerial or judicial act or function which any Judge of the said Court might perform or exercise in vacation. But any order or 15 judgment made or rendered by any Prothonotary under this section, shall be subject to revision by the Court, at its next sitting in such District, or by any Judge of the Court present at the *chef-lieu* before such sitting, provided the party requiring such revision do, on or before the third juridical day after the 20 making or rendering of such order or judgment, file with the Prothonotary an exception thereto stating the grounds on which it is founded; and the execution of such order or judgment shall in all cases be suspended until the time for filing such exception has expired, and if an exception be filed the sus- 25 pension shall continue until the decision of the Judge after such revision as aforesaid.

Prothonotary may act for Judge in cases not admitting delay.

His orders, &c., subject to revision, and in what manner.

XLI. It shall not be necessary for the Judges of the Superior Court to affix their official signatures to Writs of Execution from the Superior Court, or to indorse the same, but the signa- 30 ture of the Prothonotary to any such Writ shall be sufficient; nor shall it be necessary that the said Judges should sign Bonds of security in appeal or other Bonds, in any case, or should number or authenticate (*parapher*) Registers of Baptism, Marriages or Burials, in Lower Canada, but the said security 35 Bonds or any other Bond or recognizance, may be received, acknowledged, and taken by the Prothonotary of the district in which such Bonds shall be required to be given, and be received by and acknowledged before him in the same manner and to the same legal effect as by any of the said 40 Judges; and the said Registers may be presented to and numbered and authenticated (*parapher*) by the Prothonotary of the district with the same legal effect as by any of the said Judges; any law, ordinance, statute, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding;—and all and every person now by law required 45 to present and keep such Registers shall continue to be subject to all the requirements and penalties of the law in that respect as fully as if this enactment in this section had not been made: But nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any such Judge Proviso.

Judges relieved from certain routine duties.