- 3. Between the summoning of the witness and the day upon which he should appear, the delay is graduated upon the scale of the following computations:
- 4. The summons shall be for the next day, if the witness resides in the town, parish, township or other locality in which the Court is held, if made personally, and of one clear day if it has been made by speaking to another person for him.
- 5. It shall also be one clear day if the witness, who does not reside in the place where the Court is held, resides within a radius of five leagues, and if the summons is served upon him personally, and of two clear days, if it is served by speaking to another person.
- 6. The same rule applies to the case of a distance of more than five leagues from the domicile of the witness to the Court, with an additional delay of one day for fifteen leagues, any part of fifteen leagues counting for fifteen leagues.
- 7. In the computation for the previous article, if the distance or a portion of the distance between the domicile of the witness and the Court, may be traversed by railway, each fifteen leagues of such distance shall count only as five ordinary leagues.
- 8. If the summons to the witness has been served upon him personally, he shall inform the bailiff of the causes which he thinks will prevent him from obeying the summons, of the value of which reasons the Courts are the judges.
- 9. If poverty or the want of pecuniary means is one of these reasons, and the witness whom the bailiff is allowed to swear, makes oath to the truth of his assection, the bailiff shall offer, and if he accepts, pay over to him a