

COUNTY COURT.

1. Hereafter no formal statement of the cause of action shall be necessary in the County Court, but every plaintiff when he enters an action with the clerk shall leave with him (which may be done by post) a simple statement in writing of the cause of action; in the case of an account the particulars of the demand may be in the usual form of an account or otherwise; in the case of a trespass or a wrong, a like simple statement of the trespass or wrong complained of, with the amount of damages claimed; and in the case of a claim under a written instrument, as a note, bill, bond, covenant or contract, the original instrument with a copy of the statement or the purport or effect of it to the extent of exhibiting the ground of action, so that in each of the foregoing cases it may be known and understood by a person of ordinary intelligence what the action is brought for; and the clerk shall indorse on or attach to the writ of summons the original demand or a copy thereof, and on each copy of the writ of summons a copy of the said demand.
2. In actions where the demand is an account or is ascertained by some instrument signed by the defendant as a note, bill, bond, covenant or other memorandum in writing, and the defendant does not appear according to the exigency of the said writ, the clerk may forthwith enter up judgment against the defendant for the amount of the said demand and costs, and issue execution thereon without any further proof of the correctness of the said demand except the default of the appearance of the defendant according to the said writ.
3. If the defendant disputes the right of the plaintiff to recover in any action of the class of those mentioned in rule 2, he must cause a written statement to the following effect to be filed for him with the clerk before the entry of judgment, namely:—

"John Brown against John Smith.	}	"In the County of _____ The plaintiff's demand is disputed. <div style="text-align: right;">JOHN SMITH."</div>
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And the case shall then be brought on to trial in due course. And in cases of set-off or payment the defendant must in some way let the plaintiff know, a reasonable time before the trial of the case, the nature and particulars of such set-off or payment.

4. In actions other than those mentioned in Rule 2, appearance and plea *may* be entered but *shall not be necessary*, and they shall, without any appearance or plea be brought to trial as though appearance and plea had been entered.