

were used in a defamatory sense—specifying such defamatory slander or libel. sense without any prefatory averment to show how such words or matter were used in that sense, and such averment shall be put in issue by the denial of the alleged libel or slander; and
 5 where the words or matter set forth, with or without the alleged meaning, show a cause of action, the declaration shall be sufficient.

And as to pleas and subsequent pleadings; Be it enacted that :—

10 CXI. No rule to plead or demand of plea shall be necessary, and a notice to plead served shall be sufficient. Notice to plead sufficient.

CXII. In cases where the Defendant is within the jurisdiction, the time for pleading in bar, unless extended by the Court or a Judge, shall be eight days, and a notice requiring
 15 the Defendant to plead thereto in eight days, otherwise judgment, may be indorsed on the copy of the declaration served or delivered separately. Time for pleading in bar.

CXIII. Express colour shall no longer be necessary in any pleading. Express colour.

20 CXIV. Special traverses shall not be necessary in any pleading. Traverses.

CXV. In a plea or subsequent pleading it shall not be necessary to use any allegation of *actionem non* or *actionem ultorius non*, or to the like effect, or any prayer of Judgment; nor
 25 shall it be necessary in any replication or subsequent pleading to use any allegation of *precludi non*, or to the like effect, or any prayer of Judgment. Certain allegations and prayers not required.

CXVI. No formal defence shall be required in a plea or avowry or cognizance, and it shall commence as follows, or to
 30 the like effect :—“ The Defendant, by E. F., his Attorney, (or “ in person, *as the case may be*) says that (*here state first defence*) ” ; and it shall not be necessary to state in a second or other plea or avowry or cognizance, that it is pleaded by leave of the
 Court or a Judge or according to the form of the statute, or to
 35 that effect, but every such plea, avowry or cognizance, shall be written in a separate paragraph and numbered, and shall commence as follows, or to the like effect ; “ And for a second (&c.,) plea to (*stating to what it is pleaded*) the Defendant says that &c., ” and no formal conclusion shall be necessary to any
 40 plea, avowry, cognizance, or subsequent pleading. Commencement of plea, &c. Second plea, &c. Conclusion.

CXVII. Any defence arising after the commencement of any action shall be pleaded according to the fact without any formal commencement or conclusion, and any plea which does not state whether the defence therein set up arose before or after
 Defence arising after action.