



Common Law Procedure Act 1852

1852 CHAPTER 76

Writs for Commencement of Actions

XVIII As to Actions against British Subjects residing out of the Jurisdiction of Superior Courts.

In case any Defendant, being a *British* Subject, is residing out of the Jurisdiction of the said Superior Courts, in any Place except in *Scotland* or *Ireland*, it shall be lawful for the Plaintiff to issue a Writ of Summons in the Form contained in the Schedule (A.) to this Act annexed, marked No. 2., which Writ shall bear the Indorsement contained in the said Form, purporting that such Writ is for Service out of the Jurisdiction of the said Superior Courts; and the Time for Appearance by the Defendant to such Writ shall be regulated by the Distance from *England* of the Place where the Defendant is residing ; and it shall be lawful for the Court or Judge, upon being satisfied by Affidavit that there is a Cause of Action, which arose within the Jurisdiction, or in respect of the Breach of a Contract made within the Jurisdiction, and that the Writ was personally served upon the Defendant, or that reasonable Efforts were made to effect personal Service thereof upon the Defendant, and that it came to his Knowledge, and either that the Defendant wilfully neglects to appear to such Writ, or that he is living out of the Jurisdiction of the said Courts, in order to defeat and delay his Creditors, to direct from Time to Time that the Plaintiff shall be at liberty to proceed in the Action in such Manner and subject to such Conditions as to such Court or Judge may seem fit, having regard to the Time allowed for the Defendant to appear being reasonable, and to the other Circumstances of the Case: Provided always, that the Plaintiff shall and he is hereby required to prove the Amount of the Debt or Damages claimed by him in such Action, either before a Jury upon a Writ of Inquiry, or before One of the Masters of the said Superior Courts in the Manner herein-after provided, according to the Nature of the Case, as such Court or Judge may direct; and the making such Proof shall be a Condition precedent to his obtaining Judgment.