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P R E F A C E.

THE accompanying Forms of Jurats and Oaths were originally published with a view to assist the Profession in carrying into effect the provisions of the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 78, under which "London Commissioners to administer Oaths in Chancery" are appointed. Although thus primarily intended for the information and guidance of the London Commissioners, the Forms were, and still are, equally useful to Country Commissioners; indeed to all persons authorized to administer oaths in proceedings in Chancery, whether exercising such authority in England or elsewhere—the necessary variation in any case being, not in the form of oath to be administered, nor of the jurat, &c. applicable thereto, but simply in the style or designation of the person administering the oath.

In the present Edition, therefore, no particular style or designation is appended to the Forms, but only a memorandum instructive as to the style or designation to be appended.

Considerable additions are made to the practical directions, and some further observations are introduced in notes appended to each set of Forms. The Preliminary Note now presented is also additional matter—and for much of the information given therein the Author is indebted to Mr. Goodbody, Purse Bearer to the Lord Chancellor, and to Mr. Holden, of the Petty Bag Office. Such Note, intituled “Commissioners to administer Oaths in Chancery,” embraces information respecting their appointment, style or designation, limits of jurisdiction, powers and fees.

The Manual character of the Book has been preserved by restricting its contents to the practical information indicated in the preceding remarks—the whole being corrected in harmony with present practice, and arranged with a stricter regard to order and method than was attempted in the previous Edition. A fuller Index is also appended.

With these additions and improvements the Manual is again submitted to the use and approbation of the Profession.

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

2. In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual data entry and the use of specialized software tools. The goal is to ensure that the data is both accurate and easy to interpret.

3. The third part of the document provides a detailed breakdown of the results. It shows that there is a clear trend in the data, which is consistent with the initial hypothesis. This finding is significant as it provides strong evidence for the proposed model.

4. Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future research. It suggests that further studies should be conducted to explore the underlying causes of the observed trends. This will help to refine the model and improve its predictive accuracy.

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PRELIMINARY NOTE.

COMMISSIONERS TO ADMINISTER OATHS IN CHANCERY.

I. APPOINTMENT.

“London Commissioners to administer Oaths in Chancery” are appointed by the Lord Chancellor pursuant to the Act 16 & 17 Vict. c. 78, s. 2. Such section is in the following terms:—

“It shall be lawful for the Lord Chancellor from time to time to appoint any persons practising as solicitors within ten miles from Lincoln’s Inn Hall, at their respective places of business, to administer oaths and take declarations, affirmations and attestations of honour in Chancery, and to possess all such other powers and discharge all such other duties as aforesaid (a); and such persons shall be styled

(a) *i. e.* “as now appertain to the office of Master Extraordinary in Chancery by virtue of any statute or order.” See 16 & 17 Vict. c. 78, s. 1.

‘ London Commissioners to administer Oaths in Chancery ;’ and they shall be entitled to charge and take a fee of one shilling and sixpence for every oath administered by them, and for every declaration, affirmation or attestation of honour taken by them, subject to any order of the Lord Chancellor varying or annulling the same.”

The course of procedure to obtain an appointment as a “ *London Commissioner* ” is as follows (a) :— Notice of intention to apply for such appointment must be given by the applicant (b) to the Registrar of Attornies and Solicitors, at the hall of the Incorporated Law Society, in the following form :—

Notice is hereby given, that I, — of — in the parish of — in the c— of —, intend to apply to the Right Honorable the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain to be appointed a London Commissioner to administer Oaths in Chancery under the 16 & 17 Vict. c. 78, s. 2, and that I was admitted a solicitor of the High Court of Chancery in — Term, 18—, and have taken out my practising certificate for ten years.

Dated this — day of — 186 .

[*Signature.*]

To the Registrar of Attornies and Solicitors, Incorporated Law Society’s Hall, Chancery Lane, London.

(a) See note (b) on next page.

(b) Twenty-one days before applying to the Lord Chancellor.