1 John F. Hutchens, grantee's agent; Tenant-in-Chief, Warden of the Forests & Stannaries, Curator 2 P.O. Box 182, Canyon, Ca. 94516, 925-878-9167 john@ironmountainmine.com T.W. Arman, pro se; sole stockholder: Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. President, Chairman, CEO 3 4 P.O. Box 992867, Redding, CA 96099 530-275-4550, fax 530-275-4559 5 Iron Mountain Mines, Inc.; corporation property in the custody of the United States of America 6 P.O. Box 992867, Redding, CA 96099, T.W. Arman, sole stockholder, no parent corporation 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF FEDERAL CLAIMS 9 10 TWO MINERS & 8000 ACRES OF LAND) Court of Federal Claims No. 09-207 L 11 **IRON MOUNTAIN MINES, INC. et al,**)Honorable Judge Christine O. C. Miller 12 T.W. ARMAN and JOHN F. HUTCHENS,)PETITION FOR ADVERSE CLAIMS WRITS (real parties in interest), "Two Miners" 13) OF POSSESSION & EJECTMENT; DAMAGES 14 Plaintiffs) WAIVER OF TORTS: THE UNITED STATES v. 15) TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THE SECOND) AMENDED COMPLAINT: REQUEST FOR 16 **UNITED STATES** 17) ADMISSIONS, DECLARED DETRIMENT. Defendants 18 RIGHTS OF PRESENT POSSESSION PRESUMED ON FACTS PLEAD IN EVIDENCE

380. In an action brought by a person out of possession of real property, to determine an adverse claim of an interest or estate therein, the person making such adverse claim and persons in possession may be joined as defendants; and if the judgment be for the plaintiff, he may have a writ for the possession of the premises, as against the defendants in the action, against whom the judgment has passed. [Approved March 24; effect July 1, 1874.]

381. Any two or more persons claiming any estate or interest in lands under a common source of title, whether holding as tenants in common, joint tenants, coparceners, or in severalty, may unite in an action against any person claiming an adverse estate or interest therein, for the purpose of determining such adverse claim, or of establishing such common source of title, or of declaring the same to be held in trust, or of removing a Cloud Upon the Same. [Approved March 24; effect July 1, 1874.]

Ejectment, 426 n. Quiet title, action to, 738.

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"ATTENTION: THIS MATTER IS ENTITLED TO PRIORITY AND SUBJECT TO THE EXPEDITED HEARING AND REVIEW PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN SECTION 1094.8 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE."

Authorities of Sec. 2326 Perfected Title Law. 1881.

JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF RIGHT OF POSSESSION

Sec. 2326 "verified by the oath of any duly authorized agent or attorney in fact. Cognizant of the

8 || facts stated; oath of adverse claim before the clerk of any court of record of the United States".

9 Pursuant to provisions of the General Mining Law of 1872 and amendments thereto.

§ 26. Locators' rights of possession and enjoyment; exclusive right.

§ 29. Patents; ... the affidavits required made by authorized agent conversant with the facts.

§ 30. Adverse claims; judicial determination of right of possession;

13 || § 31. Oath: agent or attorney in fact, title may be verified by the oath of any duly authorized agent.

§ 33. Existing rights; all the rights and privileges conferred.

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§ 40. Verification of affidavits before officer authorized to administer oaths within land district

§ 51. Vested and accrued rights; by priority of possession, rights vested and accrued,

...the possessors and owners of such vested rights shall be maintained and protected in the same;

LOCATORS RIGHTS OF POSSESSION AND ENJOYMENT;

§ 1988. Proceedings in vindication of civil rights CAUSE OF ACTION: EJECTMENT

4. Petitioner submits that due notice was given to both the California and United States Attorney
General of a citizen suit by the private attorney general in the vindication of civil rights, that the
action involves civil rights that are in the interests of California and United States citizens, and on
behalf of a class, but the attorney generals are moot. Prior to this enactment, two or more of several
co-tenants could not join in an action of ejectment, the interest of each being separate and distinct.
Df Johnson v. Sejmlbeda, 5 Cal. 149; Tkrockmorton v. Burr, 5 Cal. 401; Welch y. Sullivan, 8 Cal.
187. Nor could a tenant in common maintain an action at law to recover his share of the rents and
profits from his co-tenant. Pico v. Columbet, 12 Cal. 420. But that principle had no application to

the case of money received by one tenant in common from sales of water or profits derived from the business of a ditch or mine. Oooilenow v. Ewer, 16 Cal. 461; AM v. Love, 17 Cal. 237. Under this section the right of one tenant in common to recover in an action of ejectment the possession of the 4 entire tract as against all persons but his co-tenants, has been repeatedly held by the Supreme Court. Tovchard v. Crow, 20 Cal. 150; Stark v. Barrett, 15 Cal. 371; Mahoney v. Van Winkle, 21 Cal. 58.3; Ooller v. Fett, 30 Cal. 484. And executors and administrators can maintain such jointly with the other tenants in common in all cases where their testators or intestates could have done so until 8 the administration of the estates they represent is closed, or the property distributed under decree of 9 the Probate Court. 1581 et seq.; Meeks v. Hahn, 20 Cal. 620; Toucliard v. Keyes, 21 CaL 208; 10 Jie.t/noMs v. Jfottmer, 45 Cal. 631. If an estate should be sold in lots to different persons, the purchaser could not join in exhibiting one bill against the vendor for specific performance; but where there was a contract to convey with but one person, under which the purchaser conveyed his equitable interest of a moiety to each one of two persons, it was held that "these two persons might sue 13 14 the original vendor for specific performance. The general rule used to be that unconnected parties 15 may join in bringing a bill in equity, where there is one connected interest among them all, center-16 ing in the point in issue in the cause. Owen v. Frink, 24 Cal. 177. 17

Parties numerous, one suing for all. In March term, 1850, it was held that a suit ought not to be dismissed for defect of parties, where, although the complaint did not expressly allege that it was filed on behalf of the plaintiffs, and all others interested, etc., its scope was to protect the rights not only of the plaintiffs, but also of a numerous class, and from the nature of the enterprise, the condition of the country, and the ever-changing locations of the people engaged in mining, it was, if not utterly impracticable, productive of manifest inconvenience and oppressive delays, to require that all parties should be brought into court. Von Schmidt v. Huntingdon, 1 Cal. 68.

But the Supreme Court have held that this section in the former Practice Act was intended to apply to suits in equity, and not to actions at law. Andrews v. Mokelumne Hill Co., 7 Cal. 333.

In equity the strict rule, that all persons materially interested must be parties, was always dispensed with, where it was impracticable or very inconvenient, as in case of a very numerous association in

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a joint concern— in effect a partnership. Cockburn v. Thompson, 16 Ves.321; Slo. &/. PI., Sec.

2 || 135. Oormanv. RusuM, 14 Cal. 540.

California Code of Civil Procedure.

5. 1085. (a) A writ of mandate may be issued by any court to any inferior tribunal, corporation, board, or person, to compel the performance of an act which the law specially enjoins, as a duty resulting from an office, trust, or station, or to compel the admission of a party to the use and enjoyment of a right or office to which the party is entitled, and from which the party is unlawfully precluded by such inferior tribunal, corporation, board, or person.

THE COURT IS COMPELLED TO ISSUE THE WRIT OF POSSESSION EX PARTE THE COURT IS COMPELLED TO FILE THE DECLARATION FOR EX PARTE WRIT THE COURT IS COMPELLED TO ORDER A WRIT OF EJECTMENT THE COURT IS COMPELLED TO DIRECT THE CLERK TO ISSUE THE WRIT IMMEDIATELY 6. 1086. The writ must be issued in all cases where there is not a plain, speedy, and adequate remedy, in the ordinary course of law. It must be issued upon the verified petition of the party beneficially interested.

7. 1087. The writ may be either alternative or peremptory. The alternative writ must command the party to whom it is directed immediately after the receipt of the writ, or at some other specified time, to do the act required to be performed, or to show cause before the court at a time and place then or thereafter specified by court order why he has not done so. The peremptory writ must be in a similar form, except that the words requiring the party to show cause why he has not done as commanded must be omitted.

8. 1088. When the application to the court is made without notice to the adverse party, and the writ is allowed, the alternative must be first issued; but if the application is upon due notice and the writ is allowed, the peremptory may be issued in the first instance. With the alternative writ and also with any notice of an intention to apply for the writ, there must be served on each person against whom the writ is sought a copy of the petition. The notice of the application, when given, must be at least ten days. The writ cannot be granted by default. The case must be heard by the court, whether the adverse party appears or not.

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9. 1088.5. In a trial court, if no alternative writ is sought, proof of service of a copy of the petition need not accompany the application for a writ at the time of filing, but proof of service of a copy of the filed petition must be lodged with the court prior to a hearing or any action by the court.
10. 1089. On the date for return of the alternative writ, or on which the application for the writ is noticed, or, if the Judicial Council shall adopt rules relating to the return and answer, then at the time provided by those rules, the party upon whom the writ or notice has been served may make a return by demurrer, verified answer or both. If the return is by demurrer alone, the court may allow an answer to be filed within such time as it may designate. Nothing in this section affects rules of the Judicial Council governing original writ proceedings in reviewing courts.

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11. 1094. If no return be made, the case may be heard on the papers of the applicant. If the return raises only questions of law, or puts in issue immaterial statements, not affecting the substantial rights of the parties, the court must proceed to hear or fix a day for hearing the argument of the case. If a petition for a writ of mandate filed pursuant to Section 1088.5 presents no triable issue of fact or is based solely on an administrative record, the matter may be determined by the court by noticed motion of any party for a judgment on the peremptory writ.

PETITION FOR REVIEW OF ABUSE OF PROCESS AND ABUSE OF DISCRETION

FALSE AND MALICIOUS PROSECUTION FOR CRIME OF INFAMY EX POST FACTO

12. 1094.5. (a) Where the writ is issued for the purpose of inquiring into the validity of any final administrative order or decision made as the result of a proceeding in which by law a hearing is required to be given, evidence is required to be taken, and discretion in the determination of facts is vested in the inferior tribunal, corporation, board, or officer, the case shall be heard by the court sitting without a jury. All or part of the record of the proceedings before the inferior tribunal, corporation, board, or officer the inferior tribunal, corporation, board, or officer may be filed with the petition, may be filed with respondent's points and authorities, or may be ordered to be filed by the court. Except when otherwise prescribed by statute, the cost of preparing the record shall be borne by the petitioner. Where the petitioner has proceeded pursuant to Section 68511.3 of the Government Code and the Rules of Court implementing that sec-

tion and where the transcript is necessary to a proper review of the administrative proceedings, the cost of preparing the transcript shall be borne by the respondent.

PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO SECTION 1088.5

13. Where the party seeking the writ has proceeded pursuant to Section 1088.5, the administrative record shall be filed as expeditiously as possible, and may be filed with the petition, or by the respondent after payment of the costs by the petitioner, where required, or as otherwise directed by the court. If the expense of preparing all or any part of the record has been borne by the prevailing party, the expense shall be taxable as costs.

14. (b) The inquiry in such a case shall extend to the questions whether the respondent has proceeded without, or in excess of jurisdiction; whether there was a fair trial; and whether there was any prejudicial abuse of discretion. Abuse of discretion is established if the respondent has not proceeded in the manner required by law, the order or decision is not supported by the findings, or the findings are not supported by the evidence.

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THE FINDINGS ARE NOT SUPPORTED BY THE EVIDENCE

15. (c) Where it is claimed that the findings are not supported by the evidence, in cases in which the court is authorized by law to exercise its independent judgment on the evidence, abuse of discretion is established if the court determines that the findings are not supported by the weight of the evidence. In all other cases, abuse of discretion is established if the court determines that the findings are not supported by substantial evidence in the light of the whole record.

16. (810.) Section Eight Hundred and Ten. When the action is brought upon the information or application of a private party, the Attorney General may require such party to enter into an undertaking, with sureties to be approved by the Attorney General, conditioned that such party or the sureties will pay any judgment for costs or damages recovered against the plaintiff, and all the costs and expenses incurred in the prosecution of the action.

§ 1985. Conspiracy to interfere with civil rights

26 || 17. (3) Depriving persons of rights or privileges

If two or more persons in any State or Territory conspire or go in disguise on the highway or on the
premises of another, for the purpose of depriving, either directly or indirectly, any person or class of

persons of the equal protection of the laws, or of equal privileges and immunities under the laws; or for the purpose of preventing or hindering the constituted authorities of any State or Territory from giving or securing to all persons within such State or Territory the equal protection of the laws; or if two or more persons conspire to prevent by force, intimidation, or threat, any citizen who is lawfully entitled to vote, from giving his support or advocacy in a legal manner, toward or in favor of the election of any lawfully qualified person as an elector for President or Vice President, or as a Member of Congress of the United States; or to injure any citizen in person or property on account of such support or advocacy; in any case of conspiracy set forth in this section, if one or more persons engaged therein do, or cause to be done, any act in furtherance of the object of such conspiracy, whereby another is injured in his person or property, or deprived of having and exercising any right or privilege of a citizen of the United States, the party so injured or deprived may have an action for the recovery of damages occasioned by such injury or deprivation, against any one or more of the conspirators.

Where the plaintiff sued on behalf of himself and others, residents and property-holders of the city of Oakland, to set aside certain conveyances operating as a cloud upon the title to a tract of land occupied by the city, and to obtain an injunction, etc., and the court below entered a judgment declaring the conveyances fraudulent and void, and enjoining the defendants from future alienations in respect to the land of the plaintiff, the relief in this particular being confined to the plaintiff alone, the Supreme Court held that there was no such community of interest between the plaintiff and those whom he represented in the action as entitled him to an injunction in their favor. Gibbons v. Peralta, 21 Cal. 632, 633.

383. (15.) Persons severally liable upon the same obligation or instrument, including the parties to
bills of exchange and promissory notes, and sureties on the same or separate instruments, may all or
any of them be included in the same action, at the option of the plaintiff.

5 || Sureties, 1059.

384. All persons holding as tenants in common, joint tenants, or coparceners, or any number less
than all, may jointly or severally commence or defend any civil action or proceeding for the enforcement or protection of the rights of such party.

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387. (659, 660, 661.) Any person may, before the trial, intervene in an action or proceeding, who has an interest in the matter in litigation, in the success of either of the parties, or an interest against both. An intervention takes place when a third person is permitted to become a party to an action or proceeding between other persons, either by joining the plaintiff in claiming what is sought by the complaint, or by uniting with the defendant in resisting the claims of the plaintiff, or by demanding anything adversely to both the plaintiff and the defendant, and is made by complaint, setting forth the grounds Upon which the intervention rests, filed by leave of the court, and served upon the parties to the action or proceeding who have not appeared, and upon the attorneys of the parties who have appeared, who may answer or demur to it as if it were an original complaint. [Approved March 24; effect July 1, 1874.]

2 || Intervention. Eminent domain, 1244.

(1097.) Section Ten Hundred and Ninety-seven. When a peremptory mandate has been issued and directed to any inferior tribunal, corporation, Board, or person, if it appear to the Court that any member of such tribunal, corporation, or Board, or such person upon whom the writ has been personally served, has, without just excuse, refused or neglected to obey the same, the Court may, upon motion, impose a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars. In case of persistence in a refusal of obedience, the Court may order the party to be imprisoned until the writ is obeyed, and may make any orders necessary and proper for the complete enforcement of the writ.

1107. When an application is filed for the issuance of any prerogative writ, the application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy thereof upon the respondent and the real party in interest named in such application. The provisions of Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 1010) of Title 14 of Part 2 shall apply to the service of the application. However, when a writ of mandate is sought pursuant to the provisions of Section 1088.5, the action may be filed and served in the same manner as an ordinary action under Part 2 (commencing with Section 307)

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. Where the real party in respondent's interest is a board or commission, the service shall be made upon the presiding officer, or upon the secretary, or upon a majority of the members, of the board or commission. Within five days after service and filing of the application, the real party in interest or the respondent or both may serve upon the applicant and file with the court points and authorities in opposition to the granting of the writ.

The court in which the application is filed, in its discretion and for good cause, may grant the application ex parte, without notice or service of the application as herein provided. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to applications for the writ of habeas corpus, or to applications for writs of review of the Industrial Accident or Public Utilities Commissions.

1108. Writs of review, mandate, and prohibition issued by theSupreme Court, a court of appeal, or a superior court, may, in the discretion of the court issuing the writ, be made returnable, and a hearing thereon be had at any time.

1138. Parties to a question in difference, which might be the subject of a civil action, may, without action, agree upon a case containing the facts upon which the controversy depends, and present a submission of the same to any Court which would have jurisdiction if an action had been brought; but it must appear, by affidavit, that the controversy is real and the proceedings in good faith, to determine the rights of the parties. The Court must thereupon hear and determine the case, and render judgment thereon, as if an action were depending.

1139. Judgment must be entered as in other cases, but without costs for any proceeding prior to the trial. The case, the submission, and a copy of the judgment constitute the judgment roll.

1140. The judgment may be enforced in the same manner as if it had been rendered in an action of the same jurisdictional classification in the same court, and is in the same manner subject to appeal.

1159. Every person is guilty of a forcible entry who either:

2. Who, after entering peaceably upon real property, turns out by force, threats, or menacing conduct, the party in possession.

The "party in possession" means any person who hires real property and includes a boarder or lodger, except those persons whose occupancy is described in subdivision (b) of Section 1940 of the Civil Code.

1160. Every person is guilty of a forcible detainer who either:

1. By force, or by menaces and threats of violence, unlawfully holds and keeps the possession of any real property, whether the same was acquired peaceably or otherwise; or,

2. Who, in the night-time, or during the absence of the occupant of any lands, unlawfully enters upon real property, and who, after demand made for the surrender thereof, for the period of five days, refuses to surrender the same to such former occupant.

The occupant of real property, within the meaning of this subdivision, is one who, within five days preceding such unlawful entry, was in the peaceable and undisturbed possession of such lands.

1161. A tenant of real property, for a term less than life, or the executor or administrator of his or her estate heretofore qualified and now acting or hereafter to be qualified and act, is guilty of unlawful detainer:

1. When he or she continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, of the property, or any part thereof, after the expiration of the term for which it is let to him or her; provided the expiration is of a nondefault nature however brought about without the permission of his or her landlord, or the successor in estate of his or her landlord, if applicable; including the case where the person to be removed became the occupant of the premises as a servant, employee, agent, or licensee and the relation of master and servant, or employer and employee, or principal and agent, or licensor and licensee, has been lawfully terminated or the time fixed for occupancy by the agreement

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1 between the parties has expired; but nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as preventing the removal of the occupant in any other lawful manner; but in case of a 2 3 tenancy at will, it must first be terminated by notice, as prescribed in the Civil Code. 4 2. When he or she continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, without the 5 permission of his or her landlord, or the successor in estate of his or her landlord, if 6 applicable, after default in the payment of rent, pursuant to the lease or agreement 7 under which the property is held, and three days' notice, in writing, requiring its pay-8 ment, stating the amount which is due, the name, telephone number, and address of 9 the person to whom the rent payment shall be made, and, if payment may be made 10 personally, the usual days and hours that person will be available to receive the pay-11 ment (provided that, if the address does not allow for personal delivery, then it shall 12 be conclusively presumed that upon the mailing of any rent or notice to the owner by 13 the tenant to the name and address provided, the notice or rent is deemed received by 14 the owner on the date posted, if the tenant can show proof of mailing to the name and 15 address provided by the owner), or the number of an account in a financial institution 16 into which the rental payment may be made, and the name and street address of the 17 institution (provided that the institution is located within five miles of the rental 18 property), or if an electronic funds transfer procedure has been previously 19 established, that payment may be made pursuant to that procedure, or possession of 20 the property, shall have been served upon him or her and if there is a subtenant in ac-21 tual occupation of the premises, also upon the subtenant. 22 The notice may be served at any time within one year after the rent becomes due. In 23 all cases of tenancy upon agricultural lands, where the tenant has held over and re-24 tained possession for more than 60 days after the expiration of the term without any 25 demand of possession or notice to quit by the landlord or the successor in

estate of his or her landlord, if applicable, he or she shall be deemed to be holding by
permission of the landlord or successor in estate of his or her landlord, if applicable,
and shall be entitled to hold under the terms of the lease for another full year, and

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shall not be guilty of an unlawful detainer during that year, and the holding over for that period shall be taken and construed as a consent on the part of a tenant to hold for another year.

3. When he or she continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, after a neglect or failure to perform other conditions or covenants of the lease or agreement under which the property is held, including any covenant not to assign or sublet, than the one for the payment of rent, and three days' notice, in writing, requiring the performance of such conditions or covenants, or the possession of the property, shall have been served upon him or her, and if there is a subtenant in actual occupation of the premises, also, upon the subtenant. Within three days after the service of the notice, the tenant, or any subtenant in actual occupation of the premises, or any mortgagee of the term, or other person interested in its continuance, may perform the conditions or covenants of the lease or pay the stipulated rent, as the case may be, and thereby save the lease from forfeiture; provided, if the conditions and covenants of the lease, violated by the lessee, cannot afterward be performed, then no notice, as last prescribed herein, need be given to the lessee or his or her subtenant, demanding the performance of the violated conditions or covenants of the lease.

A tenant may take proceedings, similar to those prescribed in this chapter, to obtain possession of the premises let to a subtenant or held by a servant, employee, agent, or licensee, in case of his or her unlawful detention of the premises underlet to him or her or held by him or her.

4. Any tenant, subtenant, or executor or administrator of his or her estate heretofore qualified and now acting, or hereafter to be qualified and act, assigning or subletting or committing waste upon the demised premises, contrary to the conditions or covenants of his or her lease, or maintaining, committing, or permitting the maintenance or commission of a nuisance upon the demised premises or using the premises for an unlawful purpose, thereby terminates the lease, and the landlord, or his or her successor in estate, shall upon service of three days' notice to quit upon the person or per-

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sons in possession, be entitled to restitution of possession of the demised premises under this chapter.

5. When he or she gives written notice as provided in Section 1946 of the Civil Code of his or her intention to terminate the hiring of the real property, or makes a written offer to surrender which is accepted in writing by the landlord, but fails to deliver possession at the time specified in that written notice, without the permission of his or her landlord, or the successor in estate of the landlord, if applicable.

As used in this section, tenant includes any person who hires real property except those persons whose occupancy is described in subdivision (b) of Section 1940 of the Civil Code. This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2012,

and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends that date.

1161. A tenant of real property, for a term less than life, or the executor or administrator of his or her estate heretofore qualified and now acting or hereafter to be qualified and act, is guilty of unlawful detainer:

1. When he or she continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, of the property, or any part thereof, after the expiration of the term for which it is let to him or her; provided the expiration is of a nondefault nature however brought about without the permission of his or her landlord, or the successor in estate of his or her landlord, if applicable; including the case where the person to be removed became the occupant of the premises as a servant, employee, agent, or licensee and the relation of master and servant, or employer and employee, or principal and agent, or licensor and licensee, has been lawfully terminated or the time fixed for occupancy by the agreement between the parties has expired; but nothing in this subdivision shall be construed as preventing the removal of the occupant in any other lawful manner; but in case of a tenancy at will, it must first be terminated by notice, as prescribed in the Civil Code.

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2. When he or she continues in possession, in person or by subtenant, without the permission of his or her landlord, or the successor in estate of his or her landlord, if applicable, after default in the payment of rent, pursuant to the lease or agreement under which the property is held, and three days' notice, in writing, requiring its payment, stating the amount which is due, the name, telephone number, and address of the person to whom the rent payment shall be made, and, if payment may be made personally, the usual days and hours that person will be available to receive the payment (provided that, if the address does not allow for personal delivery, then it shall be conclusively presumed that upon the mailing of any rent or notice to the owner by the tenant to the name and address provided, the notice or rent is deemed received by the owner on the date posted, if the tenant can show proof of mailing to the name and address provided by the owner), or the number of an account in a financial institution into which the rental payment may be made, and the name and street address of the institution (provided that the institution is located within five miles of the rental property), or if an electronic funds transfer procedure has been previously established, that payment may be made pursuant to that procedure, or possession of the property, shall have been served upon him or her and if there is a subtenant in actual occupation of the premises, also upon the subtenant.

The notice may be served at any time within one year after the rent becomes due. 4. Any tenant, subtenant, or executor or administrator of his or her estate heretofore qualified and now acting, or hereafter to be qualified and act, assigning or subletting or committing waste upon the demised premises, contrary to the conditions or covenants of his or her lease, or maintaining, committing, or permitting the maintenance or commission of a nuisance upon the demised premises or using the premises for an unlawful purpose, thereby terminates the lease, and the landlord, or his or her successor in estate, shall upon service of three days' notice to quit upon the person or persons in possession, be entitled to restitution of possession of the demised premises under this chapter.

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As used in this section, tenant includes any person who hires real property except those persons whose occupancy is described in subdivision (b) of Section 1940 of the Civil Code.

1161.1. With respect to application of Section 1161 in cases of possession of commercial real property after default in the payment of rent:

(a) If the amount stated in the notice provided to the tenant pursuant to subdivision
(2) of Section 1161 is clearly identified by the notice as an estimate and the amount
claimed is not in fact correct, but it is determined upon the trial or other judicial determination that rent was owing, and the amount claimed in the notice was reasonably estimated, the tenant shall be subject to judgment for possession and the actual
amount of rent and other sums found to be due. However, if (1) upon receipt of such a
notice claiming an amount identified by the notice as an estimate, the

tenant tenders to the landlord within the time for payment required by the notice, the amount which the tenant has reasonably estimated to be due and (2) if at trial it is determined that the amount of rent then due was the amount tendered by the tenant or a lesser amount, the tenant shall be deemed the prevailing party for all purposes. If the court determines that the amount so tendered by the tenant was less than the amount due, but was reasonably estimated, the tenant shall retain the right to possession if the tenant pays to the landlord within five days of the effective date of the judgment (1) the amount previously tendered if it had not been previously accepted, (2) the difference between the amount tendered and the amount determined by the court to be due, and (3) any other sums as ordered by the court.

(b) If the landlord accepts a partial payment of rent, including any payment pursuant to subdivision (a), after serving notice pursuant to Section 1161, the landlord, without any further notice to the tenant, may commence and pursue an action under this chapter to recover the difference between the amount demanded in that notice and the payment actually received, and this shall be specified in the complaint.

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(c) If the landlord accepts a partial payment of rent after filing the complaint pursuant to Section 1166, the landlord's acceptance of the partial payment is evidence only of that payment, without waiver of any rights or defenses of any of the parties. The landlord shall be entitled to amend the complaint to reflect the partial payment without creating a necessity for the filing of an additional answer or other responsive pleading by the tenant, and without prior leave of court, and such an amendment shall not delay the matter from proceeding. However, this subdivision shall apply only if the landlord provides actual notice to the tenant that acceptance of the partial rent payment does not constitute a waiver of any rights, including any right the landlord may have to recover possession of the property.

(d) "Commercial real property" as used in this section, means all real property in this state except dwelling units made subject to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1940) of Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code, mobilehomes as defined in Section 798.3 of the Civil Code, or recreational vehicles as defined in Section 799.24 of the Civil Code.

(e) For the purposes of this section, there is a presumption affecting the burden of proof that the amount of rent claimed or tendered is reasonably estimated if, in relation to the amount determined to be due upon the trial or other judicial determination of that issue, the amount claimed or tendered was no more than 20 percent more or less than the amount determined to be due. However, if the rent due is contingent upon information primarily within the knowledge of the one party to the lease and that information has not been furnished to, or has not accurately been furnished to, the other party, the court shall consider that fact in determining the reasonableness of the amount of rent claimed or tendered pursuant to subdivision (a).

(a) The clerk may allow access to limited civil case records filed under this chapter, including the court file, index, and register of actions, only as follows:
(1) To a party to the action, including a party's attorney.

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(2) To any person who provides the clerk with the names of at least one plaintiff and one defendant and the address of the premises, including the apartment or unit number, if any.

(3) To a resident of the premises who provides the clerk with the name of one of the parties or the case number and shows proof of residency.

(4) To any person by order of the court, which may be granted ex parte, on a showing of good cause.

(5) To any other person 60 days after the complaint has been filed, unless a defendant prevails in the action within 60 days of the filing of the complaint, in which case the clerk may not allow access to any court records in the action, except as provided in paragraphs (1) to (4), inclusive.

(b) For purposes of this section, "good cause" includes, but is not limited to, the gathering of newsworthy facts by a person described in Section 1070 of the Evidence Code.It is the intent of the Legislature that a simple procedure be established to request the ex parte order described in subdivision (a).

(c) Upon the filing of any case so restricted, the court clerk shall mail notice to each defendant named in the action. The notice shall be mailed to the address provided in the complaint. The notice shall contain a statement that an unlawful detainer complaint (eviction action) has been filed naming that party as a defendant, and that access to the court file will be delayed for 60 days except to a party, an attorney for one of the parties, or any other person who (1) provides to the clerk the names of at least one plaintiff and one defendant in the action and provides to the clerk the address, including any applicable apartment, unit, or space number, of the subject premises, or (2) provides to the clerk the name of one of the parties in the action or the case number and can establish through proper identification that he or she lives at the subject premises.

The notice shall also contain a statement that access to the court index, register of actions, or other records is not permitted until 60 days after the complaint is filed, ex-

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cept pursuant to an order upon a showing of good cause therefor. The notice shall contain on its face the name and telephone number of the county bar association 3 and the name and telephone number of an office or offices funded by the federal Legal Services Corporation or qualified legal services projects that receive funds distributed 4 5 pursuant to Section 6216 of the Business and Professions Code, that provide legal ser-6 vices to low-income persons in the county in which the action is filed. The notice shall state that these numbers may be called for legal advice regarding the case The notice shall be issued between 24 and 48 hours of the filing of the complaint, excluding weekends and holidays. One copy of the notice shall be addressed to "all occupants" and mailed separately to the subject premises. The notice shall not constitute service of the summons and complaint.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the court shall charge an additional fee of fifteen dollars (\$15) for filing a first appearance by the plaintiff. This fee shall be added to the uniform filing fee for actions filed under this chapter.

(e) This section does not apply to a case that seeks to terminate a mobilehome park tenancy if the statement of the character of the proceeding in the caption of the complaint clearly indicates that the complaint seeks termination of a mobilehome park tenancy.

1161.5. When the notice required by Section 1161 states that the lessor or the landlord may elect to declare the forfeiture of the lease or rental agreement, that declaration shall be nullified and the lease or rental agreement shall remain in effect if the lessee or tenant performs within three days after service of the notice or if the breach is waived by the lessor or the landlord after service of the notice.

1162a. In any case in which service or exhibition of a receiver's or levying officer's deed is required, in lieu thereof service of a copy or copies of the deed may be made as provided in Section 1162.

1164. No person other than the tenant of the premises and subtenant, if there be one, in the actual occupation of the premises when the complaint is filed, need be made

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parties defendant in the proceeding, nor shall any proceeding abate, nor the plaintiff be nonsuited for the nonjoinder of any person who might have been made party defendant, but when it appears that any of the parties served with process, or appearing in the proceeding, are guilty of the offense charged, judgment must be rendered against him or her. In case a defendant has become a subtenant of the premises in controversy, after the service of the notice provided for by subdivision 2 of Section 1161 of this code, upon the tenant of the premises, the fact that such notice was not served on each subtenant shall constitute no defense to the action. All persons who enter the premises under the tenant, after the commencement of the suit, shall be bound by the judgment, the same as if he or they had been made party to the action.

1165. Except as provided in the preceding section, the provisions of Part II of this Code, relating to parties to civil actions, are applicable to this proceeding.

1166. (a) The complaint shall:

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(1) Be verified and include the typed or printed name of the person verifying the complaint.

(2) Set forth the facts on which the plaintiff seeks to recover.

(3) Describe the premises with reasonable certainty.

(4) If the action is based on paragraph (2) of Section 1161, state the amount of rent in default.

(5) State specifically the method used to serve the defendant with the notice or notices of termination upon which the complaint is based. This requirement may be satisfied by using and completing all items relating to service of the notice or notices in an appropriate Judicial Council form complaint, or by attaching a proof of service of the notice or notices of termination served on the defendant.

(b) The complaint may set forth any circumstances of fraud, force, or violence that may have accompanied the alleged forcible entry or forcible or unlawful detainer, and claim damages therefor.

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(c) (1) In an action regarding residential property, the plaintiff shall attach to the complaint the following:

(A) A copy of the notice or notices of termination served on the defendant upon which the complaint is based.

(B) A copy of any written lease or rental agreement regarding the premises. Any addenda or attachments to the lease or written agreement that form the basis of the complaint shall also be attached. The documents required by this subparagraph are not required to be attached if the complaint alleges any of the following:

(i) The lease or rental agreement is oral.

(ii) A written lease or rental agreement regarding the premises is not in the possession of the landlord or any agent or employee of the landlord.

(iii) An action based solely on subdivision (2) of Section 1161.

(2) If the plaintiff fails to attach the documents required bythis subdivision, the court shall grant leave to amend the complaintfor a 5-day period in order to include the required attachments.

(d) Upon filing the complaint, a summons shall be issued thereon.

1166a. (a) Upon filing the complaint, the plaintiff may, upon motion, have immediate possession of the premises by a writ of possession of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or real property issued by the court and directed to the sheriff of the county or marshal, for execution, where it appears to the satisfaction of the court, after a hearing on the motion, from the verified complaint and from any affidavits filed or oral testimony given by or on behalf of the parties, that the defendant resides out of state, has departed from the state, cannot, after due diligence, be found within the state, or has concealed himself or herself to avoid the service of summons. The motion shall indicate that the writ applies to all tenants, subtenants, if any, named claimants, if any, and any other occupants of the premises.

(b) Written notice of the hearing on the motion shall be served on the defendant by the plaintiff in accordance with the provisions of Section 1011, and shall inform the

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defendant as follows: "You may file affidavits on your own behalf with the court and may appear and present testimony on your own behalf. However, if you fail to appear, the plaintiff will apply to the court for a writ of possession of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or real property."

(c) The plaintiff shall file an undertaking in a sum that shall be fixed and determined by the judge, to the effect that, if the plaintiff fails to recover judgment against the defendant for the possession of the premises or if the suit is dismissed, the plaintiff will pay to the defendant those damages, not to exceed the amount fixed in the undertaking, as may be sustained by the defendant by reason of that dispossession under the writ of possession of a manufactured home, mobilehome, or real property.

(d) If, at the hearing on the motion, the findings of the court are in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, an order shall be entered for the immediate possession of the premises.

(e) The order for the immediate possession of the premises may be enforced as provided in Division 3 (commencing with Section 712.010) of Title 9 of Part 2.

(f) For the purposes of this section, references in Division 3 (commencing with Section 712.010) of Title 9 of Part 2 and in subdivisions (e) to (m), inclusive, of Section 1174, to the "judgment debtor" shall be deemed references to the defendant, to the "judgment creditor" shall be deemed references to the plaintiff, and to the "judgment of possession or sale of property" shall be deemed references to an order for the immediate possession of the premises.

1167. The summons shall be in the form specified in Section 412.20 except that when the defendant is served, the defendant's response shall be filed within five days, in-24 cluding Saturdays and Sundays but excluding all other judicial holidays, after the complaint is served upon him or her. If the last day for filing the response falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the response period shall be extended to and including the next court day.

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In all other respects the summons shall be issued and served and returned in the same manner as a summons in a civil action.

1167.3. In any action under this chapter, unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown, the time allowed the defendant to answer the complaint, answer the complaint, if amended, or amend the answer under paragraph (2), (3), (5), (6), or (7) of subdivision (a) of Section 586 shall not exceed five days.

1167.4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in any action under this chapter: (a) Where the defendant files a notice of motion as provided for in subdivision (a) of Section 418.10, the time for making the motion shall be not less than three days nor more than seven days after the filing of the notice.

(b) The service and filing of a notice of motion under subdivision

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(a) shall extend the defendant's time to plead until five days after

service upon him of the written notice of entry of an order denying his motion, except 14 that for good cause shown the court may extend the defendant's time to plead for an additional period not exceeding 15 days.

1167.5. Unless otherwise ordered by the court for good cause shown, no extension of time allowed in any action under this chapter for the causes specified in Section 1054 shall exceed 10 days without the consent of the adverse party.

1169. If, at the time appointed, any defendant served with a summons does not appear and defend, the clerk, upon written application of the plaintiff and proof of the service of summons and complaint, shall enter the default of any defendant so served, and, if requested by the plaintiff, immediately shall enter judgment for restitution of the premises and shall issue a writ of execution thereon. The application for default 24 judgment and the default judgment shall include a place to indicate that the judgment includes tenants, subtenants, if any, named claimants, if any, and any other occupants 26 of the premises. Thereafter, the plaintiff may apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint, including the costs, against the defendant, or defendants, or against one or more of the defendants.

1170. On or before the day fixed for his appearance, the defendantmay appear and answer or demur.

1170.5. (a) If the defendant appears pursuant to Section 1170, trial of the proceeding shall be held not later than the 20th day following the date that the request to set the time of the trial is made. Judgment shall be entered thereon and, if the plaintiff prevails, a writ of execution shall be issued immediately by the court upon the request of the plaintiff.

(b) The court may extend the period for trial upon the agreement of all of the parties. No other extension of the time for trial of an action under this chapter may be granted unless the court, upon its own motion or on motion of any party, holds a hearing and renders a decision thereon as specified in subdivision (c).

(c) If trial is not held within the time specified in this section, the court, upon finding that there is a reasonable probability that the plaintiff will prevail in the action, shall determine the amount of damages, if any, to be suffered by the plaintiff by reason of the extension, and shall issue an order requiring the defendant to pay that amount into court as the rent would have otherwise become due and payable or into an escrow designated by the court for so long as the defendant remains in possession pending the termination of the action.

The determination of the amount of the payment shall be based on the plaintiff's verified statement of the contract rent for rental payment, any verified objection thereto filed by the defendant, and the oral or demonstrative evidence presented at the hearing. The court's determination of the amount of damages shall include consideration of any evidence, presented by the parties, embracing the issue of diminution of value or any set off permitted by law.

(d) If the defendant fails to make a payment ordered by the court, trial of the action shall be held within 15 days of the date payment was due.

(e) Any cost for administration of an escrow account pursuant to this section shall be recoverable by the prevailing party as part of any recoverable cost in the action.

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(f) After trial of the action, the court shall determine the distribution of the payment made into court or the escrow designated by the court.

(g) Where payments into court or the escrow designated by the court are made pursuant to this section, the court may order that the payments be invested in an insured interest-bearing account.

6 Interest on the account shall be allocated to the parties in the same proportions as the 7 original funds are allocated.

(h) If any provision of this section or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the section which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this section are severable.

(i) Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate or interfere with the precedence given to the trial of criminal cases over the trial of civil matters by Section 1050 14 of the Penal Code.

1170.7. A motion for summary judgment may be made at any time after the answer is filed upon giving five days notice.

Summary judgment shall be granted or denied on the same basis as a motion under Section 437c.

1170.8. In any action under this chapter, a discovery motion may be made at any time upon giving five days' notice.

1170.9. The Judicial Council shall adopt rules, not inconsistent with statute, prescribing the time for filing and serving opposition and reply papers, if any, relating to a motion under Section 1167.4, 1170.7, or 1170.8.

24 1171. Whenever an issue of fact is presented by the pleadings, it must be tried by a jury, unless such jury be waived as in other cases. The jury shall be formed in the 26 same manner as other trial juries in an action of the same jurisdictional classification in the Court in which the action is pending.

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1172. On the trial of any proceeding for any forcible entry or forcible detainer, the plaintiff shall only be required to show, in addition to the forcible entry or forcible detainer complained of, that he was peaceably in the actual possession at the time of the forcible entry, or was entitled to the possession at the time of the forcible detainer. The defendant may show in his defense that he or his ancestors, or those whose interest in such premises he claims, have been in the quiet possession thereof for the space of one whole year together next before the commencement of the proceedings, and that his interest therein is not then ended or determined; and such

showing is a bar to the proceedings.

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10 1173. When, upon the trial of any proceeding under this chapter, it appears from the evidence that the defendant has been guilty of either a forcible entry or a forcible or 12 unlawful detainer, and other than the offense charged in the complaint, the Judge 13 must order that such complaint be forthwith amended to conform to such proofs; such 14 amendment must be made without any imposition of terms. No continuance shall be 15 permitted upon account of such amendment unless the defendant, by affidavit filed, 16 shows to the satisfaction of the Court good cause therefor.

1174. (a) If upon the trial, the verdict of the jury, or, if the case be tried without a jury, the findings of the court be in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendant, judgment shall be entered for the possession of the premises; and if the proceedings be for an unlawful detainer after neglect, or failure to perform the conditions or covenants of the lease or agreement under which the property is held, or after default in the payment of rent, the judgment shall also declare the forfeiture of that lease or agreement if the notice required by Section 1161 states the election of the landlord to declare the forfeiture thereof, but if that notice does not so state that election, the lease or agreement shall not be forfeited.

26 (b) The jury or the court, if the proceedings be tried without a jury, shall also assess the damages occasioned to the plaintiff by any forcible entry, or by any forcible or 28 unlawful detainer, alleged in the complaint and proved on the trial, and find the

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amount of any rent due, if the alleged unlawful detainer be after default in the payment of rent. If the defendant is found guilty of forcible entry, or forcible or unlawful detainer, and malice is shown, the plaintiff may be awarded statutory damages of up to six hundred dollars (\$600), in addition to actual damages, including rent found due. The trier of fact shall determine whether actual damages, statutory damages, or both, shall be awarded, and judgment shall be entered accordingly.

(c) When the proceeding is for an unlawful detainer after default in the payment of rent, and the lease or agreement under which the rent is payable has not by its terms expired, and the notice required by Section 1161 has not stated the election of the landlord to declare the forfeiture thereof, the court may, and, if the lease or agreement is in writing, is for a term of more than one year, and does not contain a forfeiture clause, shall order that a writ shall not be issued to enforce the judgment until the expiration of five days after the entry of the judgment, within which time the tenant, or any subtenant, or any mortgagee of the term, or any other party interested in its continuance, may pay into the court, for the landlord, the amount found due as rent, with interest thereon, and the amount of the damages found by the jury or the court for the unlawful detainer, and the costs of the proceedings, and thereupon

the judgment shall be satisfied and the tenant be restored to the tenant's estate. If payment as provided in this subdivision is not made within five days, the judgment may be enforced for its full amount and for the possession of the premises. In all other cases the judgment may be enforced immediately.

(d) Subject to subdivision (c), the judgment for possession of the premises may be enforced as provided in Division 3 (commencing with Section 712.010) of Title 9 of Part 2.
(e) Personal property remaining on the premises which the landlord reasonably believes to have been lost shall be disposed of pursuant to Article 1 (commencing with Section 2080) of Chapter 4 of Title 6 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code. The landlord is not liable to the owner of any property which is disposed of in this

manner. If the appropriate police or sheriff's department refuses to accept that property, it shall be deemed not to have been lost for the purposes of this subdivision.
(f) The landlord shall give notice pursuant to Section 1983 of the Civil Code to any person (other than the tenant) reasonably believed by the landlord to be the owner of personal property remaining on the premises unless the procedure for surrender of property under Section 1965 of the Civil Code has been initiated or completed.

(g) The landlord shall store the personal property in a place of safekeeping until it is either released pursuant to subdivision (h) or disposed of pursuant to subdivision (i). (h) The landlord shall release the personal property pursuant to Section 1965 of the Civil Code or shall release it to the tenant or, at the landlord's option, to a person reasonably believed by the landlord to be its owner if the tenant or other person pays the costs of storage as provided in Section 1990 of the Civil Code and claims the property not later than the date specified in the writ of possession before which the tenant must make his or her claim or the date specified in the notice before which a person other than the tenant must make his or her claim.

(i) Personal property not released pursuant to subdivision (h) shall be disposed of pursuant to Section 1988 of the Civil Code.

(j) Where the landlord releases personal property to the tenant pursuant to subdivision (h), the landlord is not liable with respect to that property to any person.

(k) Where the landlord releases personal property pursuant to subdivision (h) to a person (other than the tenant) reasonably believed by the landlord to be its owner, the landlord is not liable with respect to that property to:

(1) The tenant or to any person to whom notice was given pursuant to subdivision (f); or

(2) Any other person, unless that person proves that, prior to releasing the property, the landlord believed or reasonably should have believed that the person had an interest in the property and also that the landlord knew or should have known upon reasonable investigation the address of that person.

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(l) Where personal property is disposed of pursuant to Section 1988 of the Civil Code, the landlord is not liable with respect to that property to:

(1) The tenant or to any person to whom notice was given pursuant to subdivision (f); or

(2) Any other person, unless that person proves that, prior to disposing of the property pursuant to Section 1988 of the Civil Code, the landlord believed or reasonably should have believed that the person had an interest in the property and also that the landlord knew or should have known upon reasonable investigation the address of that person.

(m) For the purposes of subdivisions (e), (f), (h), (k), and (l), the terms "owner,"
"premises," and "reasonable belief" have the same meaning as provided in Section 1980 of the Civil Code.

1174.2. (a) In an unlawful detainer proceeding involving residential premises after default in payment of rent and in which the tenant has raised as an affirmative defense a breach of the landlord's obligations under Section 1941 of the Civil Code or of any warranty of habitability, the court shall determine whether a substantial breach of these obligations has occurred. If the court finds that a substantial breach has occurred, the court (1) shall determine the reasonable rental value of the premises in its untenantable state to the date of trial, (2) shall deny possession to the landlord and adjudge the tenant to be the prevailing party, conditioned upon the payment by the tenant of the rent that has accrued to the date of the trial as adjusted pursuant to this subdivision within a reasonable period of time not exceeding five days, from the date of the court's judgment or, if service of the court's judgment is made by mail, the payment shall be made within the time set forth in Section 1013, (3) may order the landlord to make repairs and correct the conditions which constitute a breach of the landlord's obligations, (4) shall order that the monthly rent be limited to the reasonable rental value of the premises as determined pursuant to this subdivision until

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repairs are completed, and (5) except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b), shall award the tenant costs and attorneys' fees if provided by, and pursuant to, any 3 statute or the contract of the parties. If the court orders repairs or corrections, or both, pursuant to paragraph (3), the court's jurisdiction continues over the matter for 4 5 the purpose of ensuring compliance. The court shall, however, award possession of the premises to the landlord if the tenant fails to pay all rent accrued to the date of trial, 6 7 as determined due in the judgment, within the period prescribed by the court pursu-8 ant to this subdivision. The tenant shall, however, retain any rights conferred by Section 1174. 9

(b) If the court determines that there has been no substantial breach of Section 1941 of the Civil Code or of any warranty of habitability by the landlord or if the tenant fails to pay all rent accrued to the date of trial, as required by the court pursuant to subdivision (a), then judgment shall be entered in favor of the landlord, and the landlord shall be the prevailing party for the purposes of awarding costs or attorneys' fees pursuant to any statute or the contract of the parties.

(c) As used in this section, "substantial breach" means the failure of the landlord to comply with applicable building and housing code standards which materially affect health and safety.

(d) Nothing in this section is intended to deny the tenant the right to a trial by jury. Nothing in this section shall limit or supersede any provision of Chapter 12.75 (commencing with Section 7060) of Division 7 of Title 1 of the Government Code.

1174.21. A landlord who institutes an unlawful detainer proceeding based upon a 23 tenant's nonpayment of rent, and who is liable for a violation of Section 1942.4 of the 24 Civil Code, shall be liable to the tenant or lessee for reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of the suit, in an amount to be fixed by the court.

26 1174.25. (a) Any occupant who is served with a prejudgment claim of right to posses-27 sion in accordance with Section 415.46 may file a claim as prescribed in Section 28 415.46, with the court within 10 days of the date of service of the prejudgment claim to

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right of possession as shown on the return of service, which period shall include Saturday and Sunday but excluding all other judicial holidays. If the last day for filing 3 the claim falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the filing period shall be extended to and including the next court day. Filing the prejudgment claim of right to possession 4 shall constitute a general appearance for which a fee shall be collected as provided in 6 Section 70614 of the Government Code.

7 Section 68511.3 of the Government Code applies to the prejudgment claim of right to 8 possession.

(b) At the time of filing, the claimant shall be added as a defendant in the action for unlawful detainer and the clerk shall notify the plaintiff that the claimant has been added as a defendant in the action by mailing a copy of the claim filed with the court to the plaintiff with a notation so indicating. The claimant shall answer or otherwise respond to the summons and complaint within five days, including Saturdays and Sundays but excluding all other judicial holidays, after filing the prejudgment claim of possession. Thereafter, the name of the claimant shall be added to any pleading, filing or form filed in the action for unlawful detainer.

1174.3. (a) Unless a prejudgment claim of right to possession has been served upon occupants in accordance with Section 415.46, any occupant not named in the judgment for possession who occupied the premises on the date of the filing of the action may object to enforcement of the judgment against that occupant by filing a claim of right to possession as prescribed in this section. A claim of right to possession may be filed at any time after service or posting of the writ of possession pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 715.020, up to and including the time at which the levying 24 officer returns to effect the eviction of those named in the judgment of possession. Filing the claim of right to possession shall constitute a general appearance for which a fee shall be collected as provided in Section 70614 of the Government Code. Section 68511.3 of the Government Code applies to the claim of right to possession. An

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occupant or tenant who is named in the action shall not be required to file a claim of right to possession to protect that occupant's right to possession of the premises. (b) The court issuing the writ of possession of real property shall set a date or dates when the court will hold a hearing to determine the validity of objections to enforcement of the judgment specified in subdivision (a). An occupant of the real property for which the writ is issued may make an objection to eviction to the levying officer at the office of the levying officer or at the premises at the time of the eviction.

If a claim of right to possession is completed and presented to the sheriff, marshal, or other levying officer, the officer shall forthwith (1) stop the eviction of occupants at the premises, and (2) provide a receipt or copy of the completed claim of right of possession to the claimant indicating the date and time the completed form was received, and (3) deliver the original completed claim of right to possession to the court issuing the writ of possession of real property.

(c) A claim of right to possession is effected by any of the following:

(1) Presenting a completed claim form in person with identification to the sheriff, marshal, or other levying officer as prescribed in this section, and delivering to the court within two court days after its presentation, an amount equal to 15 days' rent together with the appropriate fee or form for proceeding in forma pauperis. Upon receipt of a claim of right to possession, the sheriff, marshal, or other levying officer shall indicate thereon the date and time of its receipt and forthwith deliver the original to the issuing court and a receipt or copy of the claim to the claimant and notify the plaintiff of that fact. Immediately upon receipt of an amount equal to 15 days' rent and the appropriate fee or form for proceeding in forma pauperis, the court shall file the claim of right to possession and serve an endorsed copy with the notice of the hearing date on the plaintiff and the claimant by first-class mail. The court issuing the writ of possession shall set and hold a hearing on the claim not less than five nor more than 15 days after the claim is filed with the court.

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(2) Presenting a completed claim form in person with identification to the sheriff, marshal, or other levying officer as prescribed in this section, and delivering to the court within two court days after its presentation, the appropriate fee or form for proceeding in forma pauperis without delivering the amount equivalent to 15 days' rent. In this case, the court shall immediately set a hearing on the claim to be held on the fifth day after the filing is completed. The court shall notify the claimant of the hearing date at the time the claimant completes the filing by delivering to the court the appropriate fee or form for proceeding in forma pauperis, and shall notify the plaintiff of the hearing date by first-class mail. Upon receipt of a claim of right to possession, the sheriff, marshal, or other levying officer shall indicate thereon the date and time of its receipt and forthwith deliver the original to the issuing court and a receipt or copy of the claim to the claimant and notify the plaintiff of that fact.

(d) At the hearing, the court shall determine whether there is a valid claim of possession by the claimant who filed the claim, and the court shall consider all evidence produced at the hearing, including, but not limited to, the information set forth in the claim. The court may determine the claim to be valid or invalid based upon the evidence presented at the hearing. The court shall determine the claim to be invalid if the court determines that the claimant is an invitee, licensee, guest, or trespasser. If the court determines the claim is invalid, the court shall order the return to the claimant of the amount of the 15 days' rent paid by the claimant, if that amount was paid pursuant to paragraph (1) or (3) of subdivision (c), less a pro rata amount for each day that enforcement of the judgment was delayed by reason of making the claim of right to possession, which pro rata amount shall be paid to the landlord.

If the court determines the claim is valid, the amount equal to 15 days' rent paid by
the claimant shall be returned immediately to the claimant.

(e) If, upon hearing, the court determines that the claim is valid, then the court shall
order further proceedings as follows:

1 (1) If the unlawful detainer is based upon a curable breach, and the claimant was 2 not previously served with a proper notice, if any notice is required, then the required 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 class mail. 24 25 26 27 28

notice may at the plaintiff's discretion be served on the claimant at the hearing or thereafter. If the claimant does not cure the breach within the required time, then a supplemental complaint may be filed and served on the claimant as defendant if the plaintiff proceeds against the claimant in the same action. For the purposes of this section only, service of the required notice, if any notice is required, and of the supplemental complaint may be made by first-class mail addressed to the claimant at the subject premises or upon his or her attorney of record and, in either case, Section 1013 shall otherwise apply. Further proceedings on the merits of the claimant's continued right to possession after service of the Summons and Supplemental Complaint as prescribed by this subdivision shall be conducted pursuant to this chapter. (2) In all other cases, the court shall deem the unlawful detainer Summons and Complaint to be amended on their faces to include the claimant as defendant, service of the Summons and Complaint, as thus amended, may at the plaintiff's discretion be made at the hearing or thereafter, and the claimant thus named and served as a defendant in the action shall answer or otherwise respond within five days thereafter. (f) If a claim is made without delivery to the court of the appropriate filing fee or a form for proceeding in forma pauperis, as prescribed in this section, the claim shall be immediately deemed denied and the court shall so order. Upon the denial of the claim, the court shall immediately deliver an endorsed copy of the order to the levying officer and shall serve an endorsed copy of the order on the plaintiff and claimant by first-

(g) If the claim of right to possession is denied pursuant to subdivision (f), or if the claimant fails to appear at the hearing or, upon hearing, if the court determines that there are no valid claims, or if the claimant does not prevail at a trial on the merits of the unlawful detainer action, the court shall order the levying officer to proceed with enforcement of the original writ of possession of real property as deemed

amended to include the claimant, which shall be effected within a reasonable time not to exceed five days. Upon receipt of the court's order, the levying officer shall enforce the writ of possession of real property against any occupant or occupants.

(h) The claim of right to possession shall be made on the following form:

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The Claim of Right to Possession form appears in the hard-copy publication of the chaptered bill. See Sec. 43 of Chapter 75, Statutes of 2005.

1174.5. A judgment in unlawful detainer declaring the forfeiture of the lease or agreement under which real property is held shall not relieve the lessee from liability pursuant to Section 1951.2 of the Civil Code.

1176. (a) An appeal taken by the defendant shall not automatically stay proceedings upon the judgment. Petition for stay of the judgment pending appeal shall first be directed to the judge before whom it was rendered. Stay of judgment shall be granted when the court finds that the moving party will suffer extreme hardship in the absence of a stay and that the nonmoving party will not be irreparably injured by its issuance. If the stay is denied by the trial court, the defendant may forthwith file a petition for an extraordinary writ with the appropriate appeals court. If the trial or appellate court stays enforcement of the judgment, the court may condition the stay on whatever conditions the court deems just, but in any case it shall order the payment of the reasonable monthly rental value to the court monthly in advance as rent would otherwise become due as a condition of issuing the stay of enforcement. As used in this subdivision, "reasonable rental value" means the contract rent unless the rental value has been modified by the trial court in which case that modified rental value shall be used.

(b) A new cause of action on the same agreement for the rental of real property shall not be barred because of an appeal by any party.

1177. Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter the provisions of Part II of this Code are applicable to, and constitute the rules of practice in the proceedings mentioned in this Chapter.

1178. The provisions of Part 2 of this code, relative to new trials and appeals, except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter or with rules adopted by the Judicial Council, apply to the proceedings mentioned in this chapter. 1179. The court may relieve a tenant against a forfeiture of a lease or rental agreement, whether written or oral, and whether or not the tenancy has terminated, and restore him or her to his or her former estate or tenancy, in case of hardship, as provided in Section 1174. The court has the discretion to relieve any person against forfeiture on its own motion.

An application for relief against forfeiture may be made at any time prior to restoration of the premises to the landlord. The application may be made by a tenant or subtenant, or a mortgagee of the term, or any person interested in the continuance of the term. It must be made upon petition, setting forth the facts upon which the relief is sought, and be verified by the applicant. Notice of the application, with a copy of the petition, must be served at least five days prior to the hearing on the plaintiff in the judgment, who may appear and contest the application. Alternatively, a person appearing without an attorney may make the application orally, if the plaintiff either is present and has an opportunity to contest the application, or has been given ex parte notice of the hearing and the purpose of the oral application. In no case shall the application or motion be granted except on condition that full payment of rent due, or full performance of conditions or covenants stipulated, so

far as the same is practicable, be made.

1179a. In all proceedings brought to recover the possession of real property pursuant to the provisions of this chapter all courts, wherein such actions are or may hereafter be pending, shall give such actions precedence over all other civil actions therein, except actions to which special precedence is given by law, in the matter of the setting the same for hearing or trial, and in hearing the same, to the end that all such actions shall be quickly heard and determined.

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Where, in a suit to quiet title, Hager, the original defendant, filed his answer in the court below, in the nature of a disclaimer, denying that he had any interest in the property in controversy, and alleging that he had sold the same to Lent, and Lent sought to intervene and defend, which was refused by the court from which order an appeal was brought, the Supreme Court said it would be truly hard, if in such a suit Lent, who brought pendente lite, and who would be bound by the decree, was not allowed to be heard; that the only objection was that such transfers might be "made ad infinitum, and justice entirely frustrated or delayed; but the court did not think such consequences need reasonably be apprehended; no one would willfully thrust himself into a controversy where he was sure to lie much in costs for his mendacity. Brooks v. Hayer, 5 Cal. 283. Where a suit of plaintiff had been pending for some time to foreclose a mortgage, and a creditor of defendant holding a mechanic's lieh moved to intervene at the time of trial, just as the plaintiff was about asking judgment, the Supreme Court thought the application was too late, and that the court below was not bound to allow it when so interposed. Hotker v. Kellry, 14 Cal. 165. In a suit on a note or mortgage where creditors of the defendant intervene, alleging the note and mortgage to be fraudulent as against them, the interveners cannot prevent a judgment for plaintiff against defendant. The most they can claim is protection against enforcement of the judgment to their prejudice.

The interest which entitles a person to intervene in a suit between other parties, must be in the matter in litigation, and of such a direct and immediate character, that the intervener will either gain or lose by the direct legal operation and effect of the judgment. It must be that created by a claim to the demand, or some part thereof, in suit, or a claim to or lien upon the property, or some part thereof, which is the subject of litigation. A simple contract creditor of a common debtor cannot intervene in a foreclosure suit. But judgment creditors, being as such subsequent encumbrancers, may intervene. And a court may order them to be made parties. Horn v. Volcano W. Co., 13 Cal. 62.

Where an action is brought to foreclose a mortgage upon property claimed as a homestead, the wife of a mortgagor is a necessary party to a full adjustment of the controversy, and should be allowed to intervene. Sargent v. Wilson, 5 CaL 505; McDonald v. Badger, 23 Cal. 396.

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On the tenth of January, 1861, plaintiff caused an attachment to be levied upon the property of Ih-2 mels & Co.; on the same day Eggers & Co. caused an attachment to be levied upon the same prop-3 erty, but subsequent to the plaintiffs levy, and in due course obtained judgment. On the day previ-4 ous E. L. Goldstein had caused an attachment to be levied upon the same property, but also subse-5 quent to the plaintiffs levy. Before a default was entered against the defendants in this action, E. L. Goldstein and Eggers & Co. severally filed interventions setting forth these facts, and also averring 6 7 that the property attached was only sufficient to satisfy the plaintiffs claim, and also charging that 8 the plaintiffs demand was not due at the time he commenced his action; and also that he had no 9 valid demand against the defendants, and that his action was prosecuted for the purpose of hinder-10 ing and defrauding creditors of the defendants. A general demurrer was interposed to these complaints of intervention; that is, that the facts set forth did not constitute a cause of intervention. The 12 two main points presented were: 1st, whether the facts showed a case for a proceeding by intervention; and 2d, whether the onus prooandi was on the plaintiff to prove his cause of action as between 13 14 him and the interveners, or on the interveners to prove their cause of action against the plaintiff. The 15 court said that before the introduction of these provisions, and as doubtless might still be done, the 16 proceedings would have been by bill in chancery: see Heyneman v. Dannen- bfrg, 6 Cal. 376; or by 17 motion to the court: see Dizey v. Pollock, 8 Id. 570. But in Davis v. Eppingfr, 18 Id. 378, where the 18 facts were similar to the above, it was decided to be a proper case for intervention. Although the 19 interveners had not a claim to or hen upon any property which was the direct subject of litigation, 20 they had a lien upon property which was held subject to the results of the litigation, and which would be lost to the interveners if the original action should proceed to judgment and execution. If 22 the case did not fall within the precise definition of the cases in which intervention takes place, as 23 explained in the case of Horn v. Volcano Water Works, 13 Cal. 62, it was substantially within the object; and as the law was only regulating modes of procedure, and not affecting rights of property, 24 25 the interpretation given to it in the case of Davin v. Eppinger, ought not to be changed. As to the 26 second point, the interveners were interested in preventing the plaintiff recovering a judgment. They 27 were for this purpose defendants in the action, and after they had proved the facts alleged to show 28 their right to intervene, he was required to prove his cause of action. Although in the case of Davis

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v. Eppinger, and in the case of fforny. The Volcano Water Works Co., 13 Cal. 70, it was decided that judgment might be rendered against the original defendants; it was because under our system the court by its judgment could make various depositions to meet all the exigencies of the case. Speyer v. Ihmels, 21 Cal. 286-288.

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If the court finds that a portion only of the debt on which a prior attachment issued was fraudulent, the lien of the prior attachment should be postponed only as to that portion of the debt which was fraudulent. If the debt on which an attachment was issued was not due when the suit was com-8 menced, a subsequent attaching creditor cannot by intervention postpone the lien of the first at-9 tachment to his own, unless the plaintiffs in the first action fraudulently commenced their action. 10 Coghill < fc Co. v. Marks, 29 Cal. 673.

In a suit upon a promissory note and mortgage by the holder against the maker, a third person, who claims to be the rightful owner of the securities, has the right to intervene. The court thought that although the intervener certainly had no interest in common either with the plaintiff or the defen-14 dant, he had an interest in the matter in litigation adverse to both, within the meaning of the section. He had an interest against the pretension of the plaintiff to be owner of the note and mortgage, and to have a decree of foreclosure for his benefit, and against, the defendant for the collection of the debt. Stick v. OoUlner, 38 Cal. 608. After having gone to trial without any objection, it was too late to raise an objection for the first time to the intervention for the first time in the appellate court. McKenty v. Gladwin, 10 Cal. 228; Smith v. Penney, 44 CaL 164. One who indemnifies the sheriff for an act done by virtue of his office, may, and should, intervene, 1055. DutU v. Pacheto, 21 Cal. 442.

An exparte order may be made allowing an intervention to be filed. Spanagel v. Reay, 47 Cal. 608.Demurrer, 430. Answer, 437.

24 388. (656.) When two or more persons, associated in any business, transact such business under a 25 common name, whether it comprises the names of such persons or not, the associates may be sued 26 by such common name, the summons in such cases being served on one or more of the associates; 27 and the judgment in the action shall bind the joint property of all the associates, in the same manner 28 as if all had been named defendants and had been sued upon their joint liability.

1 Where the title of the action, as given at the head of the complaint, was Martin Walsh v. M. Walsh 2 et al., composing the Red Star Mining Company, and in the body of the complaint it was stated that "said Red Star Company," omitting the word "Mining," was a mining association, composed of a 3 great number of persons who were so numerous and so much scattered over the country, that plain-4 5 tiff could not serve them with process without much delay and great expense, and he therefore sued them by the company name, and then the complaint proceeded and set out a cause of action for the 6 7 recovery of money, and concluded with a prayer for judgment for the amount alleged to owe due 8 and owing against the "Red Star Mining Company, and in his return to the summons, the sheriff 9 certified that he served the same by delivering a copy thereof to M. Walsh, personally, one of the members of the "Red Star Mining Co.," defendant, etc., and the time for answering having expired 10 11 without any appearance, the clerk entered the default, and immediately thereafter entered a judg-12 ment against the "Red Star Mining Co.," without naming Walsh, for the amount sued for, to be enforced against the joint property of the members of the company; the court held in a collateral pro-13 14 ceeding that this was substantially within the section, and that there was certainly not an entire ab-15 sence of averment on the subject, and nothing short of that would justify the court in holding the 16 judgment absolutely void in a collateral proceeding. Moreover it might be doubted whether a ques-17 tion whether the defendants had been sued by the proper name, was anything more than matter in abatement, and to say the least, was analogous to the case of a misnomer, which never rendered the 18 19 judgment void. If the defendant does not choose to appear and plead matter in abatement, such mat-20 ter is waived and cannot be assigned for error, if he has been actually served, and much less is a 21 judgment by default against him, though by the wrong name, void. Wtlah v. Kirkpatrick, 30 Cal. 204; Ex parte Kellogg, 6 Vt. 509; Guinard \: Heyfinger, 15 111. 288; Hammond v. The People, 32 22 23 111. 446. On the ground that the statute was in derogation of the common law (as to which see 4, ante), the court held it must be strictly construed, and that the record in an action commenced not 24 25 against the "Independent Tunnel Co.," but against the "Independent Co.," which was certainly a 26 different name, and in which the summons was addressed to the Independent Tunnel Co., failed to 27 show, in a collateral proceeding, a valid judgment against the Independent Tunnel Co. King v. 28 Randlet, 33 Cal. 321.

(17.) The court may determine any controversy between the parties before it, when it can be done without prejudice to the rights of others, or by saving their rights; but when a complete determination of the controversy cannot be had without the presence of other parties, the court must then or-4 der them to be brought in. And when, in an action for the recovery of real or personal property, a person not a party to the action, but having an interest in the subject thereof, makes application to the court to be made a party, it may order him to be brought in by the proper amendment. 6 Adding parties. A plaintiff who moved on 19th April to add a party defendant, and stipulated on 8 13th May that the answer should be filed on that day as of 19th April, could not, it was held, be 9 heard to say that the added party was not a party on the last-named day. Lawrence v. Ballou, 50 10 Cal. 263. An instance where a party should be added is a case where defendants and one Brodie had a claim to a mine, and the possession of land, each holding an equal share, also some sort of an agreement to explore and develop it. A subcontract was then entered into between defendants and plaintiff, by which plaintiff was to devote his skill, time and labor to the enterprise; and in consid-13 14 eration thereof, they were to furnish provisions and coals, and share their interests equally. Brodie 15 had nothing to do with this sub-contract. The court held that if Brodie still had an interest, and an 16 account was to be taken, the association dissolved, and the interests severed as prayed for, Brodie was a necessary party, and might be added. If, however, the plaintiff was content with a judgment 17 establishing his right, and for a conveyance of the interest to which he was entitled, the court saw 18 19 no reason why he might not waive any relief which required the presence of other parties. Settembre v. Putnam, 30 Cal. 497. Landlord, admitting to defend in ejectment, 379. Adding or striking out 20 the names of parties, 473.

409. (27.) In an action affecting the title or the right of possession of real property, the plaintiff, at the time of filing the complaint, and the defendant, at the time of filing his answer, when affirmative relief is claimed in such answer, or at any time afterwards, may record in the office of the recorder of the county in which the property is situated, a notice of the pendency of the action, containing the names of the parties, and the object of the action or defense, and a description of the property in that county affected thereby. From the time of filing such notice for record only, shall a

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purchaser or incumbrance of the property affected thereby be deemed to have constructive notice of
 the pendency of the action, and only of its pendency' against parties designated by their real names.
 [Approved March 24; effect July 1, 1874.]

Attorney-General, information by. The court considered the attorney-general had power to file an information in the name of the people, and in the nature of a bill in chancery, to annul a patent of lands granted by the State, but the suit was dismissed on other grounds, and the court said the party in interest in such cases might maintain an action in his own name, and thereby could attain to the same end in effect that could be accomplished by a proceeding in the name of the people of the State, upon his relation; and that course better accorded with the system of procedure provided in the State. People v. Straton, 25 Cal. 246-252.

As to the use of the name of the people generally, 367 n., p. 123.

2 Cloud on title, action to remove, 738,1050, and notes.

Waiver of tort, and action on implied contract. Plaintiff may waive a tort, and sue on the implied contract created by the facts. Perhaps the better way of stating the proposition is, that plaintiff should allege the exact facts, and if they are such that an implied contract arises upon them, he is entitled to introduce evidence accordingly. Frattv. Clark, 12 Cal. 90; Sheldon v. " Uncle Sam," 18 Cal. 526; Mills v. Barney, 22 Cal. 246.

If plaintiff is a tenant in common with persons other than defendant, and defendant tortiously enters and ousts him, he may recover the whole premises as against defendant, and he is not precluded from doing so by the fact that the defendant has acquired by adverse possession the title of the other tenants in common. Chipman v. Hastings, 50 Cal. 310. Landlord against Tenant, see" Lessor and Lessee," infra. Tenants in common, etc., may unite as plaintiffs, 381; also see "Demand. A complaint by an executor in ejectment is not necessarily defective because it fails to allege any title in the testator, as neither the legal title nor the right of possession may have been in him at his death, and yet both may have been afterwards acquired by the executor as such. Where a complaint in ejectment by an executrix, after setting forth the will, its probate and issuance of letters, averred that by virtue thereof, she, as executrix, possessed herself of the real estate of the testator, and that she ever since had been and was the owner, seised in fee of an estate of inheritance therein, both as such executrix and heir at law,

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1 and was entitled to the possession thereof, it was held a sufficient averment of seisin and right of pos-2 session in her capacity of executrix. Salmon v. Wilson, 41 Cal. 595. Where the husband sold the 3 homestead to plaintiffs, who brought ejectment, and being defeated on the ground that it was " homestead," plaintiffs contended that they were entitled to the excess of the value of the premises over 4 5 85000, the amount exempted by homestead law, the court said if the plaintiffs had any rights they must establish them in a different action. They could take nothing by a suit in ejectment. Cook v. 6 7 McChristian, 4 Cal. 27. The property must be described so as to enable the officer, upon execution, to 8 identify it, 455. In ejectment it need only be alleged that the plaintiff is seised of the premises, or some 9 estate therein, as, in fee, or for life, or for years, and that the defendant was in possession at the com-10 mencement of the action. The seisin is the fact to be alleged. It is a pleadable and issuable fact, to be 11 established by conveyances from a paramount source of title, or by evidence of prior possession. It is 12 the ultimate fact upon which the claim to recover depends, and it is facts of this character which must be alleged, and not the prior or probative facts which go to establish them. It is the ultimate facts, 13 14 which could not be struck out of a pleading without leaving it insufficient, and not the evidence of 15 those facts, which must be stated. The right of the possession follows as a conclusion of law from the 16 seisin, and need not be alleged. The possession of the defendant is of course a pleadable and issuable 17 fact, and the only question of difficulty arises from the supposed necessity of negativing its possible rightful character. If the defendant's holding rests upon any existing right, he should be compelled t ϕ 18 19 show it affirmatively, in defense. The right of possession accompanies the ownership; and from the 20 allegation of the fact of ownership, which is the allegation of seisin in "ordinary language," the right 21 of present possession is presumed. Payne «£, Dewey v. Treadwell, 16 Cal. 243; Haight v. Oreen, 19 22 Cal. 118; Salmon v. Xymonds, 24 Cal. 266; McCarthy \. Yale, 39 Cal. 586; Keller v. Suiz de Ocana, 48 Cal. 638. Aa to allegation that plaintiff is the "owner" being sufficient. Qarwood v. Hatting*, 38 23 Cal. 218. 24

If plaintiff attempt to set forth in his complaint a specific deraignment of his title, he must aver
every fact that he could be required to prove. Where one of the links of his chain of title set out in
the complaint is a will, the complaint must aver that the will has been admitted to probate. Castro v.
Richardson, 18 Cal. 478. If he allege his title and fails to establish it, he must fail. Talbfrt v. Hop-

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2 tary title; and if he rail, may rely on prior possession. Morton v. Folger, 15 Cal. 283. 3 Where plaintiff relied upon the adverse possession of the demanded premises by himself and his 4 grantor for the period of five years prior to the commencement of the suit, but only averred his 5 ownership in fee and right to the possession of the land at the date of the commencement of the suit. it was held he might prove any facts which would entitle him to possession at that time. The aver-6 7 ment that the plaintiffs grantor had been in possession for more than five years would have been 8 superfluous. Gillespif. v. Jones, 47 Cal. 263. If plaintiff alleges that defendant is in possession he 9 cannot say that defendant was not in possession, if defendant relies on adverse possession as a de-10 fense. Lawrence v. Ballou, 50 Cal. 258.

per, 42 Cal. 402. If he allege seisin generally as above suggested he may offer to prove a documen-

11 An allegation in a complaint that the plaintiff "assumed to and did exercise acts of control over and 12 possession of portions " of a tract of land, is not equivalent to an averment that the plaintiff had actual possession of the tract of land or any part of it. Brennan v. Ford, 46 Cal. 8. 13

The possession to be shown in the defendant in an action of ejectment need not be actual, as contradistinguished from constructive, in its character. Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 609; Crane v. Ghirardelli, 45 Cal. 236. An action of ejectment may be brought against an officer of the army of the United States who is in possession of the demanded premises for the

18 Purposes of a military camp or fortification under the direction of the Secretary of War or the Presi-19 dent of the United States. Polactv. VMansfield, 44 Cal. 36. One who, without the permission of the 20 grantee, takes possession of land within the boundaries of a Mexican grant, whether perfect or inchoate, before the final survey is made by the United States, is guilty of an ouster, although when 22 he entered into possession he was informed by the grantee that the possession so taken was not 23 within the limits of the grant. Love v. Shartzrr, 31 Cal. 487. If in ejectment the defendant admits in his answer that he is in possession of a portion of the demanded premises, it is not necessary for the 24 25 plaintiff to prove his possession. Salmon v. Wilson, 41 Cal. 595; McCretry v. Everdina, 44 Cal. 284. But it is indispensable that it should in some way appear that defendant was, at the com-26 27 mencement of the suit, in possession of some part of the tract to which the plaintiff establishes his

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title. Brown v. Brackett, 45 Cal. 173. Misjoinder, non-joinder, etc., 430 and note. Ejectment, order
 for party to make survey of property in dispute, 742-3.

3 || Estoppel, 1908 n.

LlbeL Extrinsic facts need not he alleged, 460. If a party, in an application to the Supreme Court for
an extension of time to file a transcript, goes outside of the facts material to procure the order, and
states matter wholly foreign to the application, in which he charges his attorney with having entered
into a collusive agreement with the attorney of the other party, this charge against his attorney is not
a privileged communication, but is libel-ous par »e. WyaU v. Buell, 47 CaL 624.

9 Limitations, statute of, 312-363. How pleaded, 458. What is sufficient allegation of acknowledg10 ment in writing, 360 n.

11 Malicious prosecution. To support this action there must be both malice and want of probable 12 cause. King v. Montgomery, 50 Cal. 115. Malice may be inferred from want of probable cause, but want of probable cause cannot be inferred from malice, but must be affirmatively shown by plain-13 14 tiff. Orant v. Moore, 29 Cal. 651. As to the question of malice, it is one solely for the jury; and to 15 sustain the averment, the charge must be shown to have been willfully false. Levy v. Brannan, 39 16 CaL 488. Probable cause is a mixed question of law and fact. Whether the alleged circumstances 17 existed or not, is simply a question of fact; and conceding their existence, whether or not they con-18 stitute probable cause is a question of law. Where the circumstances are admitted, or clearly proved 19 by uncontradicted testimony, it is the province of the court to determine the question of probable 20 cause, and the court may order a nonsuit But if there be a conflict of testimony, or the credibility of 21 witnesses is to be estimated, the canse must go to a jury. As the question of probable cause is a 22 mixed question of both law and fact, it is error to submit to the jury to say whether there was prob-23 able cause. The jury have solely the right to decide, in cases of reasonable doubt, whether the al-24 leged circumstances really existed. Probable cause is a suspicion founded upon circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a reasonable man in the belief that the charge is true. 2 Oreenl, Ev., Sees. 25 453-7; 6 Barhour S. C. K. 86, and the authorities there cited. Where defendant laid his case fully 26 27 before his counsel, and before instituting proceedings the counsel demanded the return of certain notes which were the foundation of the charge of fraud on which defendant prosecuted plaintiff, 28

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from the plaintiff, and neard from him the alleged ground upon which he refused to return them; and counsel being then in possession of all the material facts 01 the case, the arrest was made under his advice, and by his professional assistance, the court held that the question, whether the defen-4 dant acted bona fcle under the advice of his counsel, was a question to be determined by the jury in all cases where there was any legitimate evidence to show a want of good faith in following professional advice, but there being no such evidence in the case, there was probable cause. Potter v. Stale, 8 Cal. 220. An action for malicious prosecution will lie against several defendants; a conspiracy need not be averred. An action lies for a conspiracy unjustly to prosecute a person, but the gist of this action is the malicious prosecution; that of the other is the combining of two or more to do 10 an unlawful and injurious act. In the first case, the cause of action is complete before an acquittal; in the other, the acquittal or termination of the prosecution is necessary to enable the plaintiff to maintain the suit. Drtux v. Domec, 18 Cal. 88. As to necessity for acquittal, see HilMng v. Hyde, 50 Cal. 13 206.

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Mistake. A complaint claiming relief on the ground of mistake, must not only distinctly aver the fact of the mistake, but also set forth the circumstances under which it occurred, in so far as those circumstances may be necessary to present a case within the rule of equity, upon which relief is granted. Wirth v. Shafler, 48 Cal. 276; see 1856, post.

Owners of steamers who purchased stamps from the defendant, as treasurer of the city and county of San Francisco, to be placed on passage tickets, were held not entitled to recover back the money on the ground that the act of 1857, as amended by the act of 1858, declared that such tickets should not be admitted in evidence in any court unless stamped as required; and hence that the tickets could not be sold without stamps. The influence exerted by these provisions of the statute did not constitute that kind of compulsion or coercion which the law recognizes as sufficient to render the payment in a legal sense involuntary. There was no compulsion or coercion on the part of the defendant. The stamps were by the law deposited with him to be sold to applicants. The compulsion or coercion which is sufficient in law to render a payment involuntary, must come from the party to whom or by whose direction the payment is made, and arise from the exercise of some power, possessed, or supposed to be possessed, by him, over the person or property of the party making the

1 payment. Whether the provisions of the stamp act were constitutional or not, did not affect the quest 2 tion of plaintiffs' right to recover. If they were constitutional, there was no basis for the action; if 3 unconstitutional, and plaintiffs were ignorant of this at the time, the case became one when a recov-4 ery was sought, because made under a mistake of law, a ground which could not avail (but see C. C. 5 1578, 1712, 1713); but if the plaintiffs knew the act to be unconstitutional, as they protested it was, then the case was only an attempt to recover an illegal demand, voluntarily paid, knowing it to be 6 7 illegal at the time, and was not entitled to any consideration. Garrison v. Tilinghast, 18 Cal. 404; 8 Brummagim v. Tillinghast, 18 Cal 270. The mere fact that a party made an unjust claim, and sup-9 ported it by unjust practices, is not enough to authorize the interposition of equity. Terrill v. Groves, 10 18 Cal. 149. It was held, in Hayes v. ffogan, 5 Cal. 243; McMillan \. Pichards, 9 Cal. 417; Falkner 11 v. Hunt, 16 Cal. 170, and Guy y. Washbum, 23 Cal 113, that if money which in not legally due is 12 exacted by means of duress or coercion, it may, if paid under protest, be recovered back. The court said the purpose and effect of the protest had not been satisfactorily defined in any of these cases. In 13 14 most of the cases the payment was made to a public officer; and the only purpose of the protest was 15 to give the officer notice that the money was not legally due, and thus to enable the officer to pro-16 tect himself. The officer was thereby put on inquiry; and if he found that the demand was illegal, he might protect himself by refusing to receive the money; or, if he found that it was of doubtful legal-17 ity, he might take the proper steps to protect himself against responsibility. If the officer has notice 18 19 of the matter which renders the demand illegal, another notice in the form of a protest is useless; but 20 if he has no knowledge of such matter, he ought not to be subjected to the costs and consequences 21 of an action to recover the money from him—and that, too, perhaps, after he has paid over the money in the usual course of official business—without notice from the party paying the money of 22 23 the grounds upon which he claims, that the demand is not legally due. Whenever a protest is essen-24 tial, it is therefore necessary to state the grounds upon which the party paying the money claims that 25 the demand is illegal. The statement of the precise amount which is claimed to be illegal, when a 26 part of the demand is legal, is of but little moment, for that can be readily ascertained by the official 27 to whom the money is paid, upon being informed of the ground, upon which payment would be re-28 fused, except for the coercion or duress. Sieth v. McClare, 49 Cal. 627.

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Where the complaint charges that A., being indebted to plaintiff in a sum of money, it was agreed 2 between A., plaintiff, and defendant, that A. should pay the same to defendant, who should pay the 3 same to plaintiff on the request of plaintiff; that thereafter A. paid to defendant said sum, in gold 4 coin of the United States, to and for the use and benefit of plaintiff; that defendant refused to pay 5 the same to plaintiff upon said request duly made; an action to recover said sum in said coin is an action for money had and received, and therein defendant is not charged, nor, upon said facts, 6 7 chargeable as a bailee. Wendt y. Ross, 33 Cal. 650.

8 Money paid. A surety who pays may maintain an action for contribution, against the other sureties, 9 and the executor of a deceased surety. Dytsol v. Bruguiere, 50 CaL 456. Money paid by husband for wife. 370 n. 10

11 Multiplicity of actions. If a claim is founded upon one entire contract, where the breaches are not 12 recurring, or upon one single or continuous tortuous act, it cannot be divided up into distinct demands, and made the subject of separate actions; and if this is attempted, a judgment in one action 13 14 will be a conclusive bar to any other action, upon the principle that if a plaintiff bring an action for 15 a part only of an entire and indivisible demand, the verdict and judgment in that action will be a 16 conclusive bar to any subsequent suit for another part of the same demand. fferriter v. Porter, 23 17 Cal. 387; Phillips v. Berit, 16 Johns. 136; Farrington v. Payne, 15 J. K. 432; Cunningham v. Harris, 18 5 CaL 81.

19 Mortgage, 726 n.

20 Recognizance. In an action upon a recognizance, the complaint must aver that the recognizance was filed in court, or that it became a matter of record. A recognizance is an obligation of record. With-22 out record, there is no recognizance; and in an action on such obligation it should be alleged that the 23 same was a record. Mendocino Co. v. Lamar, 30 Cal. 629; People v. Ihiygins, 10 Wend. 465;

24 Bidye. v. Ford, 4 Mass. 641; Tarbell v. Oray, 4 Gray, 445.

Right, statutory, infringement of. See "Franchise," supra. In the cases of the creation of a power or duty by statute, the statute giving the power or casting the duty is alone looked to to determine the power given or duty cast, and has provided its own exclusive remedy for the execution of the

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power or the enforcement of the duty. The statute is complete in itself, giving a power or imposing 2 a duty on its own terms; the remedy to be taken in connection with and as a part of the right. But this is a matter of legal inference from the statute, and this inference may be repelled by its express language or the general scope. State v. Poulterer, 16 Cal. 531.

Slander. Extrinsic facts need not be stated, 460.

In an action by a tenant in common against his co-tenant, who is in the sole possession of the premises, to recover a share of the profits of the estate, a complaint which avers a tenancy in common between the parties; the sole and exclusive possession of the premises by the defendant; the receipt by him of the rents, issues and profits thereof; a demand by the plaintiff of an account of the same, and the payment of his share; the defendant's refusal; and that the rents, issues, and profits amount to \$84,000—is insufficient to support the action.

In such complaint the court held there were no special circumstances alleged which withdrew the case from the ordinary remedies at law, and required the interposition of equity. They said the action was a common-law action of account; and, viewed in this light, the complaint was fatally defective in not averring that the defendant occupied the premises upon any agreement with the plaintiff as receiver or bailiff of his share of the rents and profits; that it was essential to a recovery that this circumstance should exist, and equally essential to the complaint that it be

alleged; that at common law one tenant in common had no remedy against the other who exclusively occupied the premises, and received the entire profits, unless he was ousted of possession, when ejectment might be brought, or unless the other was acting as bailiff of his interest by agreement, when the action of account would lie. The occupation by him, so long as he did not exclude his co- tenant, was but the exercise of a legal right. His cultivation and improvements were made at his own risk; if they resulted in loss, he could not call upon his co-tenant for contribution; and if they produced a profit his co- tenant was not entitled to a share of them. The co-tenant could at any moment enter into equal enjoyment of his possession; his neglect to do so might be regarded as an assent to the sole occupation of the other. There was no equity in the claim asserted by the tenant to snare in the profits resulting from the labor and money of his co-tenant, when he had expended neither and had never claimed possession, and never been liable for contribution in cases of loss. There

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would be no equity in giving to a tenant who would neither work himself nor subject himself to any expenditures or risks, a share in the fruits of another's labor, investments and risks. The statute of 4 and 5 Anne, 16, gave a right of action to one joint tenant in common against the other as bailiff, who received more than his proportional share of the profits; at common law the bailiff was answerable, not only for his actual receipts, but for what he might have made from the property without willful neglect: Co. Litt. 172 a; Willis, 210; but it was never adopted in this State, nor have we any similar statute. Pico v. Columbet, 12 Cal. 414. Where plaintiff was employed by special agreement as the agent of defendant and others, to render services in respect to land, the fact that he was himself an owner in the tract did not prevent his enforcing his claim for compensation under his agreement. Thompson v. Salmon, 18 Cal. 634.

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If several persons are the owners, as tenants in common, of a mining claim, and one of them is also a tenant in common with several other persons in the ownership of an adjoining claim, and the firstnamed owners lease their claim to the second-named owners, to be mined for a given term, and the one of the lessees who is a tenant in common in both claims, and superintendent of the lessees' claim, after the term of the lease has expired, as superintendent of the lessees and a member of their company, sells the tailings of the claim leased, and accounts to the lessees for the proceeds, the other lessors cannot maintain an action against him as a tenant in common in their company for their proportion of the proceeds. Clark v. Jones, 49 Cal. 618. Demand, when necessary, supra; Partners, supra; Replevin, supra.

Trust, enforcement of A complaint averring that defendant agreed to buy in, as agent of plaintiff, plaintiff's property, about to be sold under process, and pay for it and allow plaintiff to redeem it, and that defendant purchased the property, and in violation of his agreement and of the trust had sold the property, and that plaintiff had sustained damages, etc., was held a good complaint in equity. Wingate v. Ferris, 50 Cal. 107.

Use and occupation. No action for use and occupation will lie when possession has been adverse and tortious, for such excludes the idea of a contract, which in all cases of this action must be express or implied. The Supreme Court said this was undoubtedly the correct as well as the general rule, and was fully supported by the case of Birch v. Wright, I Term Rep.; Durnford and East, 378;

Smith v. Stewart, 6 Johns. Rep. 46; Wharton v. Fitzgerald, 3 Dal I., and innumerable cases cited by 2 these authorities. See Sampson v. Shaeffer, 3 Cal. 201, 203; followed, O'Connor v. Corbett, 3 Cal. 373. 3

4 If a lease or agreement is invalid under 1973, subd. 5, post, Stat. of Frauds, it would seem that if the 5 tenant has been in possession, plaintiff may recover for use and occupation. folsom v. .Pen-in, 2 Cal. 603. 6

7 Verification of pleadings, 446.

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8 Averments necessary to sustain claim. If damages are claimed, the fact that they have been sus-9 tained must be alleged, or plaintiff will not be entitled to any judgment for damages: BohaU v. Ditter, 41 Cal. 535; and it must be borne in mind, that, if there is no answer, the relief granted to plain-10 tiff cannot exceed that claimed in the complaint. 580, post. Where plaintiffs laid their damages at 12 \$1000, and judgment was rendered in their favor for \$1500, it was reversed on appeal; and though by 580, post, if an answer is put in, the court may grant any relief consistent with the case made by 13 14 the complaint, the relief must be embraced within the issue, as specified in that section, and the 15 court cannot render a judgment, to base which the averments in the complaint are not sufficient. 16 Sterling v. Hanson, 1 Cal. 479. Justice requires that parties should be confined to that to which they are entitled within their pleadings. Benedict v. Bray, 2 Cal. 256. Where the judgment was for a lar-17 18 ger sum than was claimed at the commencement of the action, but the complaint was amended by 19 leave of the District Court, before the commencement of the trial, and the amount claimed by the 20 amended complaint was in excess of the sum for which judgment was given, it was held that the judgment was good. Tally v. Harlot, 35 Cal 306.

22 There is no rule of pleading which requires a party to aver the precise amount he claims; but he may 23 recover an amount less than that which is stated in the complaint. Meek v. McClure, 49 Cal. 627. If 24 the complaint contains two independent counts, each complete within itself, and concluding with its 25 own appropriate prayer for relief and separately signed by counsel, the prayer to the second count 26 wifl not be deemed to have any reference to the first; and on a verdict on the first count only the 27 relief granted will follow the prayer of that count. N. C. A S. C. Coy v. KM, 37 Cal. 283. The amount of the damages sustained should also be alleged, for if the allegation is not denied by the

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1 answer no issue is raised upon it. McLaughlin v. Kelly, 22 CaL 221. From this decision it would 2 seem that in such a case the jury do not assess the damages, for there is no issue on that point; but it 3 was said in Patterson v. Ely, 19 Cal. 28, that the allegation being deemed admitted was conclusive 4 evidence of the extent of the damages, and authorized the jury to assess them to the extent claimed. 5 See also 437 n., post.

Kinds of relief, etc. As a general rule compensation is the relief or remedy provided by the law of 6 7 this State for the violation of private rights and the means of securing their observance; and specific 8 and preventive relief may be given in no other cases than those specified in C. C., Div. IV, Part I (t. 9 e., C. C. 3274-3423, for which sections see infra). C. C. 3274.

10 Forfeiture. Whenever by the terms of an obligation a party thereto incurs a forfeiture, or a loss in the nature of a forfeiture, by reason of his failure to comply with its provisions, he may be relieved 12 therefrom, upon making full compensation to the other party, except in case of a grossly negligent, willful, or fraudulent breach of duty. C. C. 3275 Damages, persons suffering detriment may recover 13 14 reasonable. Every person who suffers detriment from the unlawful act or omission of another may 15 recover from the person in fault a compensation therefor in money, which is called damages. C. C. 16 3281. Damages must, in all cases, be reasonable; and where an obligation of any kind appears to 17 create a right to unconscionable and grossly oppressive damages, contrary to substantial justice, no 18 more than reasonable damages can be recovered. C. C. 3359.

Damages on revoking submission, 1290. Damages are exclusive of exemplary damages and interest, except where those are expressly mentioned. C. C. 3357. No person can recover a greater amount in damages for the breach of an obligation than he could have gained by the full performance thereof on both sides, except in the cases specified in the articles on Exemplary Damages and Penal Damages, and in U. C., sections 3319, 3339 and 3340. C. G. 3358.

The Supreme Court approved the rule stated by Mr. Justice Wilde, in Wooster v. Proprietors of Canal Bridge, 16 Pick. 547: "In all cases where there is no rule of law regulating the assessment of damages, and the amount does not depend on computation, the judgment of the jury and not the opinion of the court is to govern, unless the damages are so excessive as to warrant the belief that the jury must have been influenced by partiality or prejudice, or have been misled by some mis-

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1 taken view of the merits of the case." Boyce v. California Stage Co., 25 Cal. 473. As to new trial for 2 excessive damages, etc., 657, and notes. The fact that the plaintiffs claim damages beyond the just 3 measure of their right, is not a ground for reversing the judgment. If plaintiffs at the trial offer tes-4 timony to prove damages which they had no right to claim, defendant can object to its introduction. 5 Aitleen v. Mendenhall, 25 Cal. 213. As by Pol. C. 3274 in judgments and executions the amount thereof must be stated as near as may be, in dollars and cents, rejecting fractions, it is no doubt 6 7 proper to apply the same rule to the claim for damages in the complaint.

8 Nominal damages. When a breach of duty has caused no appreciable detriment to the party affected 9 he may yet recover nominal damages. C. C. 3360.

In actions for a breach of a contract, nominal damages are presumed to follow as a conclusion of 10 11 law, from proof of the breach. Browner \. Davis, 15 Cal. 11. Also from a trespass. Attwood v. Fri-12 cott, 17 Cal. 43.

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Special damages. Inasmuch as the object of the rules of pleading is, to have the pleading so framed as to apprise the parties of the facts to be proved by them: Piercy v. Sabin, 10 CaL 28; the rule laid down in Cole v. Swan- ttoa, 1 Cal. 54; Stevenson v. Smith, 28 Cal. 102; Gay v. Winter, 34 Cal. 16 153; Lewiston, etc., Co. v. tiltasta, etc., Co., 41 Cal. 565, and Potter v. Froment, 47 Cal. 165, that where the damages are special (that is, such as do not necessarily arise or are not implied by law), the facts out of which such special damages arise must be averred, must be adhered to. In an action against a carrier of passengers for damages for detention of a passenger, an instruction to the jury that, " It being shown in evidence that the plaintiff was a good bookkeeper, and his servant an ablebodied man, the measure of damages would be the wages at the then rate in San Francisco, of a good bookkeeper and able-bodied workingman, during the period of detention of the plaintiff and his servant at New Orleans and Panama," was held to depend on too many contingencies (probability of plaintiffs procuring employment immediately on his arrival, and of such employment being continued, etc.) to admit of its being applied as an absolute and fixed criterion by which the damages could be measured, range v. P. M. S. 6'. Co., 1 Cal. 354. Where an award showed that the arbitrator had based his calculation of damages for breach of covenants of a lease on the fact that the product of twenty acres of land was worth \$9000, from which he inferred that the product of two

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1 hundred acres would have been worth \$96,000, it was held that the damages thus estimated were 2 too remote and speculative, and involved too many contingencies. Muldrow v. Norrii, 2 Cal. 78, 3 citing Sedgwick, p. 98; and Yonge v. P. M. S. S. Co., supra.

4 In an action against surgeons for negligence, per quod amputation became necessary, where there was no allegation as to bodily pain, suffering, etc., it was held that the court erred in directing the jury that if they believed that the defendants were guilty of negligence, etc., by which plaintiff was 7 caused great bodily pain and suffering, the plaintiff was entitled to a verdict. The court said the de-8 fendants were not sued for causing bodily pain and suffering by their negligence or carelessness; 9 they were sued for alleged malpractice, by which amputation became necessary. Moor v. Teed, 3 Cal. 190. 10

In an action for slander of a person as a clerk or tradesman, it is unnecessary to allege special dam-12 age. Butler v. Howes, 1 Cal. 89. Plaintiff sued for the balance of the agreed price of a steam engine. By the contract the engine was to be delivered by 5th April, under a penalty of \$20 for every day's 13 14 delay. The engine was not delivered until the 6th May. Defendants claimed damage for loss of time. 15 services, and wages of employed at defendant's mill, and the profits which defendants would have 16 realized during the delay. The referee omitted to find damages for any of these, considering them too remote. But the court held that the loss of time, value of services, and wages of employee's, 17 caused by the failure of the respondents to perform their contract, were damages by no means re-18 19 mote, but, on the contrary, strictly proximate and immediate, and they ought to have been consid-20 ered and allowed. Kenyan v. Goodall, 3 Cal. 259.

Where a plaintiff sued in respect to the destruction by the defendants of a book of plaintiff's, and offered to prove that the book contained the names of subscribers to his newspaper, and that it cost him two dollars to obtain each subscriber, and the evidence was excluded, the Supreme Court held that the plaintiff was entitled to recover the value of his subscription book, but not the amount that the subscriptions cost him, for that he had not alleged in his complaint that he sustained, by the destruction of the book, any special damage. Nimian v. City <k Co. of S. F., 38 Cal. 690. But if the plaintiff mistake his measure of damages, his allegations are surplusage; and if a cause of action and general damages are alleged, this is sufficient on demurrer. Barber v. Cazalis, 30 Cal. 97.

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General damages are the immediate and necessary loss caused by defendant's act. Special damages comprise the loss which follows as its natural and proximate consequence beyond its necessary and immediate effect; and special damages must come within this latter definition, or they will be too 4 remote.

5 Where a master suffers a loss of profits in his business, owing to his servant's breach of his contract to faithfully serve, the master may recover from the servant for the loss of profits in-6 7 volved in the diminution of business caused hy the servant's neglect. Loss of profits as an element 8 of damage is usually too remote, hut not in such a case as this. It is the natural and first effect of the 9 neglect alleged. Stoddard v. Treadwell, 26 Cal. 307; Sedgicick on Dam. 72; Ma«terton). Mayor of 10 Brooklyn, 7 Hill, 62; Laurence v. Wardwell, 6 Barb. S. C. 423; Bracket v. McNair, 14 Johns. 170; Sedg. 337-338. 11

12 Detriment, definition of Detriment is a loss or harm suffered in person or property. C. C. 3282. Prospective damages. Damages may he awarded in a judicial proceeding, for detriment resulting 13 14 after the commencement thereof, or certain to result in the future. C. C. 3283. In an action for waste 15 pending an action of forcible entry and detainer, the Supreme Court held the rule to be that the 16 proof of damages might extend to all matters up to verdict, which were the natural result of the pre-17 vious injury. Hicks v. Herring, 17 Cal. 569. But prospective damages can be allowed only when it 18 appears that the party will be subjected to the particular loss or injury for which he demands com-19 pensation. De Costa v. Mass. M. Co., 17 CaL 613.

Peculiar value, property of Where certain property has a peculiar value to a person recovering damages for deprivation thereof, or injury thereto, that may be deemed to be its value against one who had notice thereof before incurring a liability to damages in respect thereof, or against a willful wrongdoer. C. C. 3355.

Writing, value of. For the purpose of estimating damages, the value of an instrument in writing is presumed to be equal to that of the property to which it entitles its owner. C. C. 3356. Where a check had been lost and paid by a banker upon a forged indorsement, it was held that upon a suit for the same, after a refusal by the banker to deliver the check to the owner, in the absence of rebutting

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evidence, the measure of damages was the full value of the amount for which it was drawn. Survey
 v. Wells, Fargo «fc Co., 5 Cal. 125.

Interest in actions not ex contract!!. In an action for the breach of an obligation not arising from
contract, and in every case of oppression, fraud, or malice, interest may be given, in the discretion
of the jury. O. C. 3288.

Where the jury rendered a verdict for the value of the property, with "legal interest" thereon from the time of the seizure by the sheriff to the date of the verdict, and damages in the sum of \$50, the court said that section 200 of the Practice Act, which was in force when the action was brought, authorized the recovery of damages for the detention of personal property. But a party was not entitled to a gross sum for such damages, and to interest upon the value of the property from the time it was taken. Interest in such case was given for damages; and if allowed in addition to a gross sum for damages, it would amount to double damages. Freeborn v. Norcross, 49 CaL 314. If the plaintiff in replevin takes possession of the property when the suit is commenced, and the jury, on the trial, find for the defendant, and assess the value of the property at a time subsequent to the taking, they cannot add to this value interest from the time of the taking, up to about the time the value was assessed. Atherton v. Fowler, 46 Cal. 323.

Exemplary Damages. In any action for the breach of an obligation not arising from contract, where the defendant has been guilty of oppression, fraud, or malice, actual or presumed, the jury, in addition to the actual damages, may give damages for the sake of example, and bv way of punishing the defendant. C. C. §294. For wrongful injuries to animals being subjects of property, committed willfully or by gross negligence, in disregard of humanity, exemplars- damages may be given. C, C. 3340. It was held that exemplary damages might be given for a wanton, malicious, and unprovoked assault upon the person, in Wade. v. Thayer, 40 Cal. 585. But in an action for taking plaintiff's goods in a former action, the judgment under which they were seized being invalid, the court held that the fact of the invalidity of the judgment was not sufficient to warrant the conclusion that the seizure was malicious, the defendants acted in the matter under the advice of counsel, and there was no reason for supposing that they cither knew or suspected that the judgment was invalid. The seizure was undoubtedly a hardship upon the plaintiff, but the court below acted properly in refusing

to allow exemplar)' damages. Selden v. Caghman, 20 Cal. 67. Where in an action on a contract for conveyance of a passenger, the carrier was guilty of acts of willful oppression, the court said it would be a reproach to the law if nothing could be recovered but the mere pecuniary loss resulting from the breach of contract. Janet v. "Cortes," 17 Cal. 495. If the proprietor of a stage-coach should wantonly and maliciously overturn it, with the intent to kill or inflict bodily injury upon a passenger, in an action by the passenger the jury might give punitive damages. In like manner, if a family picture, having no appreciable market value, be delivered to a common carrier to be transported for hire, and if he wantonly destroy it, the damages would not be confined to the mere money value of the picture. But though the principal is liable for the actual damage caused by the act of his agent done in the usual course of his employment, he is not responsible for wanton and malicious damage done by the agent without the consent, approval, or subsequent ratification of the principal. Turner v. The N. B. & N. R. K. Co., 34 Cal. 594; Mendelsohn v. Anaheim Lighter Co., 40 Cal. 661. In an action for breaking and entering the plaintiff's rooms, and injuring and destroying his prop-

erty, the jury were instructed that,

in awarding exemplary damages, they might take into consideration the expenses which the plaintiff had incurred about the business in and about the litigation; that the amount had not been proved, but that their knowledge of such matters would enable them to arrive at something like a just calculation as to what should be allowed as counsel fees, legal expenses, and other expenses. It was held that the instruction was erroneous. Falk v. Waterman, 49 Cal. 225.

An officer acting in the discharge of his official duties, is no less responsible for the consequences of a malicious act than a private person, and the effect of a different rule would be to turn loose upon every community a set of licensed wrongdoers. San Joaquin v. Jones, 18 Cal. 327; see, also, "Carriers, damages for omitting to curry," infra.

Torts, damages for. For the breach of an obligation not arising from contract, the measure of damages, except where otherwise expressly provided by this Code, is the amount which will compensate for all the detriment proximately caused thereby, whether it could have been anticipated or not. C. C. 3333; see "Exemplary Damages," ante. Where a part-owner sues ex dtlieto, and the objection of defect of parties is not get up in the answer, the damages should be apportioned at the trial.

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1 Whitney v. Stark, 8 Cal. 514. In an action by a reversioner for injury done to the freehold, the dura-2 tion of the term of the tenant in possession is material in evidence as affecting the measure of dam-3 ages. Uttendorffer v. Saegerg, 50 Cal. 496. In an action for nuisance, by obstructing a street oppo-4 site plaintiff's residence, defendant is liable only for damages actually sustained prior to the com-5 mencement of the action. . Hopkins v. W. P. R. R. Co., 50 Cal. 191.

If a person having a good cause of action against another, willfully sue for a much greater amount 6 7 than is due, and attach the property of the other, and put him to charges, he is liable. The jury are 8 not confined to the actual pecuniary loss sustained by the plaintiff, but may take into consideration 9 the character and position of the parties, and all the circumstances attending the transaction. In such 10 a case the court would not disturb a verdict, unless it clearly appeared that injustice has been done. Weaver v. Pagt, 6 Cal. 685; 16 Pick. 453. In an action for personal torts, the law does not fix any 12 precise rule of damages, but leaves their assessment to the unbiased judgment of the jury. Wheaton v. N. B. Jc M. JR. R. Co., 36 Cal. 590. 13

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In cases of simple negligence, the rule governing the measure of damages is to allow the . actual damages. The allowance of "smart money" in such cases is improper. Moody v. McDonald, 4 CaL 297. Proximate, or immediate and direct damages, are the ordinary and natural results of the negligence. Therefore a spreading of a fire from one field to another is, in our dry season, the natural, direct, and proximate consequence of a firing by sparks from a locomotive. Henry v. 8. P. B. S., 50 Cal. 183.

In an action for trespass, where plaintiff complained of the destruction of his fences, and trampling 20 21 of grain, etc., it was held that plaintiff could not recover for injury to the grain by cattle of others. Berry v. S. F. < fc N. P. R. R. Co., 50 Cal. 437. 22

23 Libel or slander, damages on. In actions for libel or slander, defendant may justify and allege mitigating circumstances, and whether he prove justification or not he may give in evidence the mitigat-24 25 ing circumstances, 461.

26 Mesne profits. The detriment caused by the wrongful occupation of real property, in cases not em-27 braced in sections 3335, 3344 and 3345 of this Code (C. C.), or section 1174 of the Code of Civil 28 Procedure, is deemed to be the value of the use of the property for the time of such occupation, not

exceeding five years next preceding the commencement of the action or proceeding to enforce the right to damages, and the costs, if any, of recovering the possession. C. C. 3334.

Ejectment, damages on, 427 and notes. Where plaintiff's right terminates during pendency of action plaintiff may recover damages for withholding the property, 740. Defendant may set off value of improvements where made' under color of title, 741. Damages can never be recovered in the action of ejectment for use and occupation anterior to the existence of the plaintiff's right of possession. Clark v. Boyreau, 14 Cal. 637. Where the plaintiff, at the time the action was brought, was himself in possession of 180 acres, parcel of the 500 acres demanded, and the possession continued in him thereafter to the day of the trial, and defendants in their answers denied the plaintiff's title to the whole or tiny part of the 500 acres, it was held that plaintiff could not recover damages for the use of the land of which the defendants had never dispossessed him. Ellis v. Jeans, 26 Cal. 278. In an action to recover lands, the plaintiff can recover the rents and profits only for the period prior to the commencement of the action allowed by the Statute of Limitations, if the defendant pleads the statute. A party ousted by his co-tenant can recover the dam- aces resulting from such ouster, as well as when ousted by a stranger. His injury is no less because it was done by a co-tenant. Carpentier v. Mitchell, 29 Cal. 330; Ad. on £jert., Waterman'scd.449; Ooodtitley. Tombs, 3 Wilson, 118; Lanyendyck v. Burhans, 11 John. 461; Campy, ffometley, 11 Ircdell, 212; Hare v. Fury, 3 Yeates, 13.

Holding over real property, damages for. For willfully holding over real property, by a person who"
entered upon the same, as guardian or trustee for an infant, or by right of an estate terminable with any life or lives, after the termination of the trust or particular estate, without the consent of the party immediately entitled after such termination, the measure of the damages is the value of the profits received during such holding over. C. C. 3335; see "Penal Damages," infra.
Conversion of goods, damages for. The detriment caused by the wrongful conversion of personal property is presumed to be: 1. The value of the property at the time of the conversion, with the interest from that time; and 2. A fair compensation for the time and money properly expended in pursuit of the property. C. 6. 3336.

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1 If plaintiff docs not exercise his option, damages may be awarded under either rule. Barraide v. 2 Garrall, 60 Cal. 115.

The presumption declared by the last section cannot be repelled in favor of one whose possession 3 4 was wrongful from the beginning, by his subsequent application of the property to the benefit of the 5 owner, without his con-Bent. C. C. 3337. Where, in an action to recover possession of personal property, the person making any affidavit did not truly state the value, and the officer or his sureties 6 7 are sued for taking the same, they may set up the true value of the same in their answer. 473, post. 8 Where the property is delivered and accepted pending the suit, that is, before verdict, the damages 9 should be merely nominal; but where the goods are only delivered after verdict, it must be pre-10 sumed that the delivery was in pursuance of the verdict which had already determined the rights of 11 the parties. A referee found as part or damages the difference in value of certain iron at the time of 12 detention and delivery, and judgment was entered on the report. The Supreme Court held that there*was no 13

14 principle of law which recognized such a measure of damages. The most liberal rule would allow the highest value of the goods at any time between the conversion and the judgment, and interest 16 thereupon. But that where the plaintiff accepts the goods, he makes his election to take the goods in lieu of their value, and the only damage he can recover is the interest upon their highest value, except in cases where some special damage is specifically averred in the complaint. C'cmroy v. Flint, 5 Cal. 329. The court also held that when property converted had a fixed value, the measure of damages was that value, with the legal interest from the time of its conversion. Douglass v. Kraft, 9 Cal. 562. Where the value was fluctuating, the court said the correct measure was the highest market value within a reasonable time after the property was taken, with interest from that time. Page v. Fowler, 39 Cal. 412.

24 Some qualification of the rule may be found necessary when there has been an unreasonable delay 25 in bringing suit, or under special circumstances. It was held that the market value is to be ascer-26 tained at the place of the conversion, and that interest was to be allowed, as a matter of legal right, 27 from the time at which the value is estimated. Hamer v. Hathaway, 33 Cal. 119, 120.

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1 The Supreme Court held it error to allow proof of injury to plaintiff's business, as a criterion of 2 damage, in an action against the sheriff for seizing plaintiffs goods under attachment, without any 3 improper motive. Nightingale v. fieanndl, 18 CaL 315; Dexter v. Paugh, 18 Cal. 372. 4 In an action against a sheriff for wrongfully seizing and selling property under an execution, and 5 where there was no wantonness or oppression on the part of such officer in the seizure, the court held the measure of damages was the value of the property at the time it was seized, and legal inter-6 7 est on such amount from the time of seizure up to the time of the rendition of the verdict. Phelps v. 8 Owens, 11 CaL 22; Pelberg v. Qorham, 23 Cal. 349. Plaintiff cannot recover the value of the goods 9 and also the profits which might have been made on their sale. Butler v. Collins, 12 Cal. 460. An instruction as follows: "In estimating the value of the property, you will take as the basis of your 10 11 verdict the cash value of the articles in the market at the time they were taken out of the possession 12 of the plaintiff by defendant. What amount of money will it take in the market to replace the articles seized by the sheriff? That sum will be the measure of damages," was held, taken altogether, to give 13 14 the true standard of damages. Cattin v. Marshall, 18 Cal. 689. In an action for wrongfully taking 15 gold from a mining claim, if defendants decline to prove the exact amount they have taken, as the 16 evidence of the amount is necessarily exclusively confined to or under the control of the defendants 17 the plaintiffs must rely to a great extent upon the judgment and estimates of men who are not fully 18 acquainted with the facts; and if more than the real amount is given as damages, the defendants 19 cannot complain. Antoine Co. v. Ridge Co., 23 Cal. 221. In such a case, the right of plaintiffs to 20 recover damages which they have actually sustained is not affected by the fact that the trespass was 21 not willful in its character. The true measure of damages is the value of the gold-bearing earth at the 22 time it is separated from the surrounding soil, and becomes a chattel In estimating the damages, the 23 expense of separating the earth from the gold after it is moved to the place of washing, is to be de-24 ducted from the value of the gold. Unless a demand is made for the possession of the gold after it is 25 separated from the earth, and an action is then brought for the conversion of the chattel, the measure 26 of damages would be the value of the gold detained. Maye v. Tappan, 23 Cal. 306. The measure of 27 damages depends, in some instances, on the way in which plaintiff puts his case. Thus, where de-28 fendant broke down and removed plaintiff's fence, the court held that if plaintiff had sued for the

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damage to the freehold, he might have recovered the value of the fence as it stood, if it was a part of the realty. But having elected to sue in replevin for the materials as personal property, he could only recover their value as such. Pennybecker v. 'McDougal, 48 Cal 164. One having a mere lien on per-4 sonal property, cannot recover greater damages for its conversion from one having a right thereto superior to his, after his lieu is discharged, than the amount secured by the lien, and the compensation allowed by section 3336 for loss of time and expenses. C. C. 3338. It was said that in an action by the pledgee against a stranger for the conversion of goods, the plaintiff is entitled to recover the 8 full value of the goods, because he is answerable over to the pledgor for the surplus. But if the 9 goods be converted by the owner or by any one acting in privity with him, the pledgee can recover 10 only the value of his special interest in the pledge. Treadmtl v. Davig, 34 Cal. 606; Story on Bail, sec. 352; Lyle v. Barker, 5 Bin. 457; Heydan tt Smith's Case, 3 Coke, 7; fngergoll v. Van Bokktkn, 12 7 Cow. 670; Pomeroy v. Smith, 17Pick. 85

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Penal damages. Waste by guardians, tenants for life or years, joint tenants, or tenants in common, 731, post. Wasting or embezzling estate of deceased, 1458-1460. Executor fraudulently selling real property, 1572. In an action for waste, upon the authority of the rule laid down in Bacon's Abridgment, that " where treble damages are given by a statute, the demand for such damages must be expressly inserted in the declaration, which must either recite the statute, or conclude to the damage of the plaintiff against the form of a statute:" Rees v. Enteric, 6 S. and R. 288; jfetccomb v. Butterfield, 8 Johns. 342; Livingston v. Plainer, 1 Cow. 175; Benton v. Dale, Id. 160; the Supreme Court held that where treble damages were not claimed, judgment should have been entered in favor of the plaintiff for single damages only, and reversed a judgment for treble damages. Chipman v. Emeric, 5 Cal. 239. This decision never seems to have been overruled; but as to forcible entry and detainer cases, the rule is otherwise; see 1174, and notes. Forcible or unlawful entry upon, or detention of any building or cultivated real property, 735; see also as to forcible entry, or forcible or unlawful detainer, 1174. If any tenant give notice of his intention to guit the premises, and does not deliver up the possession at the time specified in the notice, he must pay to the landlord treble rent during the time he continues in possession after such notice. C. C. 3344. If any tenant, or any person in col lusion with the tenant, holds over any lands or tenements after demand made and one month's no-

tice, in writing given, requiring the possession thereof, such person holding over must pay to the landlord treble rent during the time he continues in possession after such notice. C. C. 3345. For wrongful injuries to timber, trees, or underwood, upon the land of another, or removal thereof, the measure of damages is three times such a sum as would compensate for the actual detriment, except where the trespass was casual and involuntary, or committed under the belief that the land belonged to the trespasser, or where the wood was taken by the authority of highway officers for the purposes of a highway; in which case the damages are a sum equal to the actual detriment. C. C. 3346. For cutting down or carrying off wood, underwood, trees, or timber, or girdling or otherwise injuring trees or timber, or on the street or highway in front of any person's house, village or city lot or cultivated grounds, or on the commons or public grounds of any city or town, or on the street or highway in front thereof, 733; see note "Waste," supra. The wording of 733 more resembles the wording of 735, 1174, the sections as to forcible entry, etc., than that as to waste, 732. The measure of damages for cutting trees, etc., is not the actual value of the trees for firewood, but the damage done to the land by reason of destroying them. This damage should be estimated by all the circumstances and the purposes for which the trees are used or designed, and not according to

16 the speculative or fancied ideas that the jury or plaintiff may draw of their worth. Chipman v. Hib-17 btrd, 6 Cal. 162.

18 SPECIFIC AND PREVENTIVE RELIEF.

19 Specific or preventive relief may be given in cases specified in this title («'. e., C. C. 3366- 3423) 20 and, in no others. C. C. 3366.

Specific relief is given: 1. By taking possession of a thing, and delivering it to a claimant; 2. By 22 compelling a party himself to do that which ought to be done; or 3. By declaring and determining 23 the rights of parties, otherwise than by an award of damages. C. C. 3367. Preventive relief is given by prohibiting a party from doing that which ought not to be done. C. C. 3368. Preventive relief, see 24 25 526 and notes. Neither specific nor preventive relief can be granted to enforce a penal law, except in 26 a case of nuisance, nor to enforce a penalty or forfeiture in any case. C. C. 3369.

27 Possession of real property. A person entitled to specific real property, by reason either of a per-28 fected title, or of a claim to title which ought to be perfected, may recover the same in the manner

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1 prescribed by the Code Of Civil Procedure, either by a judgment for its possession, to be executed 2 by the sheriff, or by a judgment requiring the other party to perfect the title and to deliver posses-3 sion of the property. C. C. 3375; and see below C. C. 3387.

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4 Possession of personal property. A person entitled to the immediate possession of specific personal property may recover the same in the manner provided by the Code of Civil Procedure (509, post). C. C. 3379; and see below C. C. 3387. Any person having the possession or control of a particular 6 7 article of personal property, of which he is not the owner, may be compelled specifically to deliver 8 it to the person entitled to its immediate possession. C. C. 3380; and see below C. C. 3387. 9 Obligations, specific performance of. Except as otherwise provided in this article (C. C., Sees. 10 3384-3395) the specific performance of an obligation may be compelled. C. C. 3384. A court of equity is always chary of its power to decree specific performance, and will withhold the exercise of 12 its jurisdiction in that respect, unless there is such a degree of certainty in the terms of the contract as will enable it at one view to do complete equity. Morrison v. Rossignol, 5 Cal. 64. The jurisdic-13 14 tion of a court of equity to decree specific performance does not turn at all upon the question 15 whether the contract relates to real or personal property, but altogether upon the question whether 16 the breach complained of can be adequately compensated in damages; accordingly, while it is a 17 general rule that contracts for the sale and transfer of personal property will not be specifically en-18 forced, yet if there are circumstances in view of which a judgment for damages would fall short of 19 the redress which the plaintiff's situation demands, as that the thing bargained for is a curiosity, or 20 that by non-performance he will be greatly embarrassed and impeded in his business plans, or involved in a loss of profits which a jury cannot estimate with any degree of certainty, equity will de-22 cree specific performance. Nickerson v. Challerton, 7 Cal. 572; Dufv. Fisher, 15 Cal. 375; Treas-23 urer v. Comrn. C, M. Co., 22 Id. 390; McLaughlin v. Piatti, 27 Id. 451; Senter v. Davis, 38 Cal. 453. 24

25 Real property, claims to recover with damages, etc. A claim for the possession of real property, 26 with damages for its detention, cannot be joined in the same complaint with a claim for consequen-27 tial damages arising from a change of a road by which a tavern-keeper may have been injured in his 28 business. The damages in the one case arise out of the use of land claimed by the plaintiffs; the

damages in the other case arise from an unauthorized diversion of a public road, by means of which the plaintiff suffered a loss of his usual business and profits. Bowles v. Sacramento Turnpike Road, 5 Cal. 225. One action may be brought to recover two separate or distinct pieces or parcels of land. Soles v. Cohen, 15 CaL 152. As to alleging the damages, an allegation of the value of the "use and occupation, rents and profits," of the premises for the period during which the defendants were in the wrongful possession and excluded the plaintiffs, was held sufficient to charge the defendants without any averment that they received such rents and profits. The whole averment was held to be in effect only that the value of the use of the premises, whilst the plaintiffs were excluded from their enjoyment, was the amount stated, which was a very proper averment as the basis of the damages claimed for the wrongful detention of the property .^Patterson v. Ely, 19 Cal. 40.

11 Trustees, claims against. A claim to enforce an express or implied trust may be

joined in a complaint with a claim to enforce a vendor's lien, existing without any written contract.
Both such claims are founded on trusts—one lying in contract, and the other arising by act and operation of law. Burt v. Wilson, 28 Cal. 632-639.

Injuries to person. Mayo filed his complaint, praying for the recovery of possession of land in the city of S., and damages for the detention of the land, and for forcible eviction and expulsion from it, and for the value of improvements erected upon it by him. The Supreme Court sustained a demurrer to the complaint because a cause of action for an injury to property was improperly joined with one for an injury to person. Mayo v. Madden, 4 Cal 27.

Injuries to property. Plaintiff filed her complaint in the court below for trespass against defendant, and prayed a verdict for \$500, the alleged value of property destroyed, and \$500 damages. On demurrer the court held the complaint unobjectionable. Tendesen v. Marshall, 3 Cal. 440.

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breaking away of the defendant's dam, and the consequent washing away of the pay- dirt of the
plaintiff, may properly be joined with a claim for damages in the preventing plaintiff from working
his claim. Fraler v. Sears Union W. Co., 12 Cal. 555.

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In an ejectment suit it was held that the defendant need only answer the very concise allegations material to constitute a sufficient complaint in ejectment, as to which see 426, n., and that other and immaterial allegations inserted in the complaint, whether controverted or not by the answer, went for nothing. Doyle v. Franklin, 48 Cal. 539.

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Coffee, 14 Cal. 92; Wood-worth v. Knowlton, 22 Cal. 168; Wood v. Richardson, 35 Cal. 149;
 Feeley y. Shirley, 43 CaL 369.

If several material facts are stated conjunctively in a verified complaint, an answer which under-3 4 takes to deny these averments as a whole, conjunctively stated, is evasive, and an admission of the 5 allegation thus attempted to be denied. The rules of pleading, under our system, are intended to prevent evasion, and to require a denial of every specific averment in a sworn complaint, in substance 6 7 and in spirit, and not merely a denial of its literal tnitn; and whenever the defendant fails to make 8 such denial, he admits the averment. Doll v. Good, 38 Cal. 287; Smith v. Biehmond, 15 Cal. 501; 9 Blankman v. Vallejo, Id. 638; Castro v. Wetmore, 16 Id. 380; ffiggins v. Wor- te.ll, 18 Id. 333; 10 Woodworth v. Knowlton, 22 Id. 169; Landers v. Bolton, 26 Id. 417; MorriU v. Morrill, Id. 292; 11 Camden v. Mullen, 29 Id. 564; Blood v. Light, 31 Id. 115.

12 The following instances will serve to explain this: A complaint alleged that on a certain day the plaintiff was the owner and in possession of certain personal property, of the value of \$1000; and 13 14 that the defendant on the same day seized upon and converted it to his own use. The answer denied 15 that on the day specified the plaintiff was the owner, and lawfully in possession of the property; the 16 court said the denial was open to various objections. It raised an immaterial issue as to time; and, in 17 reference to the possession, amounted simply to a conclusion of law. There was not even the pre-18 tense of an issue npon this allegation, except conjunctively, with the allegation of ownership. Each 19 of these allegations was sufficient to sustain the complaint; and an issue presented by a conjunctive 20 denial must be regarded as irrelevant and immaterial. Kuhland v. Sedgwick, 17 Cal. 126.

A denial as follows was held bad: "And this defendant further answering, on information and belief,
denies that said Daniel Richards, for a valuable consideration, assigned by a written instrument the
indebtedness due upon said note, or that the said assignment was stamped with United States revenue stamps of the required amount and denomination, or that any written assignment was made."
If this was a denial at all, it was only a denial that the assignment was in writing, and that it was
made for a valuable consideration. Randolph v. Harris, 28 Cal. 566.

Where defendants met an averment that plaintiff was the owner, and in the possession of property,
by denying that he was the owner and entitled to the possession of it, the court held it neither a de-

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nial that the plaintiff was the owner of the property, nor that he was in possession of the property when it was taken from him. The defendants also denied that they at any time wrongfully took from the possession of the plaintiff the property and chattels mentioned in the complaint, and also denied 4 that they wrongfully detained from him such property. This was held bad as only denying the wrongfulness, t. e., the conclusion of law. Richardson v. Smith, 29 CaL 531.

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A denial that on the 4th day of February, 1865, the plaintiffs were in possession of premises, was 6 7 held to amount at most to a denial that both plaintiffs were in possession, and certainly not to pre-8 sent the issue of the mis- joinder of either of the plaintiffs. QiUan v. Sigman, 29 CaL 641; Fosgate 9 v. Herkimer Nov. & Hyd. Co., 12 N. Y. 582.

10 A denial in the conjunctive "that said plaintiff is seised and possessed, and is the owner in her own right, as her separate property, of the land, etc., was held not to amount to a denial of the allegation 12 to which it professed to respond. Filch, v. Bunch, 30 Caf. 211. A denial that "defendant received \$3000 in gold coin, parcel of the \$65,000, to and for the use of the plaintiff," was held bad for two 13 14 reasons: First. The count did not charge that the \$3000 sued for was parcel of the \$65,000, or of any 15 other sum; but 83000 absolutely, and without clog. The traverse was therefore pregnant with an 16 admission that \$3000 had been received as charged—

that is, \$3000 disconnected from the circumstance named in the denial, and spoiling its pith. Second. The denial was, that the \$3000 was received in gold coin. That involved an admission that \$3000 was received in either one of the two other forms of lawful money, and therein it denied what was non- essential, and admitted all that was essential to a recovery. Leffingwdl v. Griffing, 31 CaL 232.

Plaintiffs averred in their complaint that they "now are, and for several years last past have been, 22 23 the owners in fee simple absolute, and in the possession, and rightfully entitled to the possession of," etc. Defendant in his answer denied that "plaintiffs now are, and for several years last past have 24 25 been the owners in fee simple or otherwise in the possession (except as hereinafter alleged), or entitled to the possession of the land and premises described in the complaint." The pleadings were 26 27 verified. It was held that the averment of the plaintiffs that they were in possession at the com-28 mencement of the action, was not effectually denied. Reed v. Calderwood, 32 CaL 109, 110.

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In an action of ejectment, the complaint being verified, and setting forth facts sufficient to entitle the plaintiff to recover, the defendants answered separately. One of them admitted that he was in possession of the

Premises when the suit was brought, and denied generally the other allegations of the complaint. He, however, disclaimed any title to or interest in the premises in controversy. The other denied the allegations of the complaint in the following form: "And now comes N. T., one of the defendants, and makes his separate answer, and says, that he denies generally and specifically each and every material allegation in the complaint, the same as if each allegation were herein recapitulated." The court held that neither of the answers contained a specific denial of any material allegation in the complaint. Hensley v. Tartar, 14 Cal. 508. K. acquired the legal title to land under such a state of facts as made his purchase fraudulent, and made him the trustee of S. U. bought from K. S. commenced an action against U. to have him declared trustee, and to compel him to convey the land. In his complaint he averred the facts showing K.'s fraud, and which in law made him the plaintiff's trustee. U., in his answer, admitted these facts and his knowledge of them, but denied that he became the trustee of S., or that there was anything unfair or fraudulent in the facts alleged. It was held that the answer admitted the trust. Scott v. Umbarger, 41 Cal. 411. A general denial of the averments of the complaint, with the qualification of "except as hereinafter admitted," is clearly insufficient when the pleadings are verified. Lewnson v. Schwartz, 22 Col. 231.

Where an alleged entry and ouster were controverted by the answer, it was held that the entry being denied, it could not be said that the withholding of the possession at the commencement of the action stood admitted by the pleadings, for the withholding must have been preceded by an entry.

Hawkins v. Rfichert, 28 Cal. 538. If the complaint avers a judgment, and the issuing of an execution thereon, and a sale thereunder of land, and the answer denies the validity of the judgment, and avers that it was void for want of jurisdiction, and denies that the plaintiff acquired any title by the pretended sale by the sheriff, the execution and sale thereunder are not sufficiently denied to require the execution to be put in evidence. Lee v. Figg, 37 Cal. 328.

The court will not give effect to a denial when it appears from the context and other portions of the answer that the denial was intended to be hypothetical. Alemany v. Petaluma, 38 CaL 557.

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Where an answer admitted a contract with plaintiff and one Williston, and averred that this was the only contract made by defendants in relation to the matter, and denied that they made any other, this was held to be a denial in "a plain and unequivocal form of the making of any contract with plaintiff." Murphy v. Napa County, 20 Cal. 503. 4

Where one material allegation in the complaint was that the plaintiffs, at the time of the alleged entry of the defendants, were the owners and in possession of the mining claim sued for; and another was that the ownership and right of possession remained in the plaintiffs up to the commencement of the action, and the defendants denied these allegations in direct and positive terms, and then proceeded and amplified those denials, by alleging previous abandonment and forfeiture, which, if 10 true, would have sustained the general denial, the court said they could not see how plaintiff was injured by having these facts fully set forth in the answer. It advised him of the character of defendants' proof upon the main point in issue, and to that extent it was a benefit to him. BeU v. Brown, 22 Cal. 681.

14 Where plaintiff alleged that he was the owner, and entitled to the possession of one undivided half of certain chattels, and defendant, in his answer, admitted that he was in possession of the chattels, and alleged that he was the owner thereof, the court held plaintiff's title was sufficiently put in issue. Miller v. Brighton, 50 Cal. 615.

18 A denial i lint plaintiff has been in possession of land adversely to the claim of defendants for longer than four months previous to filing the answer, is equivalent to a denial of an allegation in 20 the complaint that plaintiff had been in such possession for four years, or, in fact, for a perioa exceeding three months, the complaint having been filed one month before the answer. Oarvey v. 22 Willis, 50 Cal. 620. To determine whether an allegation has been properly denied or not, the answer 23 to the particular allegation which it is designed to controvert must be examined. If taken by itself an 24 issue is fairly made, and there is no admission inconsistent with the answer, the denial is sufficient 25 Each denial must be regarded as applying to the specific allegation it purports to answer, and not as 26 forming part of an answer to some other specific and entirely independent allegation. Racouillat v. Rene, 32 Cal. 453-455.

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Any form of denial which fairly meets and traverses the allegation is admissible. Suppose it is alleged in a complaint that the defendant, at a certain time, made and delivered to the plaintiff his certain promissory note,

etc., this allegation is as directly and fairly traversed by saying, "I did not, at the time specified or at any other time, make or deliver to the plaintiff the note described in the complaint," as by saying, "I deny that on the day specified, or at any other time, I made or delivered to the plaintiff the note described in the complaint" If the denial is not evasive, but directly traverses the matter alleged, it is good, without regard to the mere form in which it is expressed. Hill v. Smilit, if] CaL 479.

The following form is sufficient: "The defendant, for answer, says, he denies," etc., dissenting from the New York cases. Espmom. v. Gregory, 40 Cal. 62. At the time when the practice required a replication, it was held that a replication under oath in response to a material averment of the answer, saying, "It is not true, "etc., did not specifically deny the averment Venan \. McGregor, 23 Cat 339. If the complaint in an action to enjoin the diversion of water alleges that the plaintiff has appropriated and used the water for more than five years, and the answer denies that the plaintiff ever at any time used or took up, or appropriated the water, the denial is sufficient

If the complaint in such action avers that from the spring there ran and flowed irn- memorially upon the plaintiff's premises a constant and never-failing stream of pure, fresh water, and the answer denies that the water flowing from the spring ever at any time ran or flowed to or upon the plaintiff's premises, the denial is sufficient, nilkim v. McCue, 46 Cal. 656. If the answer contains a special defense which consists of an averment of facts, which, if admissible in evidence, can be proved under denials contained in the answer, an order of the court overruling a demurrer to the special defense, if erroneously made, constitutes immaterial error. Broten v. Xentfield, 60 Cal. 129. Damages, denial of. Where the complaint is verified, the question of damages is not in issue, if the allegation of the complaint on that point is not specifically denied by the answer. McLaughlin v.

Kelly, 22 CaL 221; Jtovx v. Bradley, 12 Cal. 231.

A denial that the plaintiff has suffered damage in the exact sum claimed by him, is insufficient. Button v. T. <fc C. C. T. R. Co., 45 Cal. 553.

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In an action to enforce a mechanic's lien for \$76, where the answer averred that the value of the labor "was not over the sum of \$15 or \$20," it was held that it was a denial that the value of the labor was f 76, and that the answer should not be stricken out Way v. Ogfaby, 45 Cal. 655.

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Admission, effect of on denial. The admission of the attorney of record of the correctness of the
amount due for which judgment is taken, when not done in fraud of the rights of his client, must
destroy the effect of a denial in the answer. Taylor v. Randall, 5 Cal 80.

In ejectment, plaintiffs asserted title under a patent of the United States. The defendants, m their answer, denied generally the allegations of the complaint, and at the same time admitted the issuance of the patent, and that it embraced the premises in controversy. The court held that the admissions in the answer negatived its general denials, and the latter in such case might be disregarded, and judgment asked upon the former, the complaint being verified. Fremont v. Seals, 18 Cat 434. But this only applies to existing pleadings, and not to defunct pleadings for which other and amended pleadings have been substituted. Mecham v. McKay, 37 Cal. 165.

New matter. New matter is where de- fendaiit seeks to introduce into the case a defense not disclosed by the pleadings—something relied on by him, but not put in issue by the plaintiff. In all cases where the pleadings are verified, every matter of defense not directly responsive to the allegations of the complaint must be set up in the answer. Terry v. Sickles, 13 Cat 430. Gavin v. Annan, 2 Cal. 494, and McLaren v. Spalding. Id. 510, were overruled by Piercy v. tiabin, 10 Id. 22, and Glazer v. Cltf, Id. 303. Whatever admits that a cause of action as stated in the complaint, once existed, but at the same time avoids it—that is, shows that it has ceased to exist—is new matter. Such are release, and accord and satisfaction. Coles v. Soulsby, 21 Cal. 50. An equitable title cannot avail a defendant in an action of ejectment, unless it be pleaded as new matter. Cadiz v. Maiors, 33 CaL 288. Where the defendant wished to raise the point, under a denial, that a steamboat company could not be incorporated under an act of the Legislature, the court held that the want of capacity in the plaintiff to sue should have been specially set up in the answer; the denial was not sufficient. """. Steam Nav. Co. v. Wright, 8 Cal. 690; 1 Mass. 1, 159; 6 N. H. 527, 197; 7 Mon. Ky. R. 484. The want of legal capacity to sue is a personal disability, and if the defendant intends to set up such a defense he should state so distinctly. Cal. Steam Nav. Co. v. Wright, 8 Cal 590. In an action by an

attorney on a quantum meruit for fees, skillful or unskillful and negligent conduct of a case is an important subject of inquiry. Anything which shows the services were not of the value claimed, as the nature of the suit conducted, its little difficulty, small amount, little skill requisite, the absence 4 of skill, and the like, is competent, under the issue of value. A trial may result successfully and yet the attorney be guilty of negligence. His want of skill, or neglect, may put the client to great expense to redeem his blunders; and, on a quantum meruit, the value of services would be reduced. fridges v. Paige, 13 CaL 640. Any objection that may be taken by answer may be taken by demur-8 rer, 433. Whether or not the objection be apparent upon the face of the complaint the objection it-9 self is still the same. The mode of taking advantage of the error only, is different in the two cases. It 10 was not so in all cases, under the former system, as some matters had to be specially pleaded, though the defect was apparent upon the face of the declaration; as, for example, usury. Jfentsch v. 12 Porter, 10 Cal. 560. In an action of ejectment to recover mining claims, an answer to the complaint which avers "that any right that plaintiffs may have ever had to the possession, etc., they forfeited 13 14 by a non-compliance with the rules, customs and regulations of the miners of the diggings embrac-15 ing the claims in dispute, prior to the defendants' entry," is insufficient in not setting forth the rules, customs, etc. Dutch. Flat W. Co. v. Mooney, 12 Cal. 534 Under a denial of a contract, defendant 16 17 may show anything disproving the contract as averred; as, that another party, who in fact sold 18 goods, sold them as his own and not as agent of plaintiff, or, that defendant was not to pay until 19 cattle sold were fattened and slaughtered. Such proof is not new matter. Hawkins v. Borland, 14 Cal. 415. 20

The officers of a corporation have no power to authorize the execution of a note as surety for another, in respect to a matter having no relation to the corporate business, and in which the corporation has no interest. A party receiving such note with notice cannot recover on it Hall v. Auburn T. Co., 27 Cal, 257; Parsons on Notes and Bills, 166; Bank of Genesee v. Patchm Bank, 13 N. Y. 309; Angell A Ames on Corp., Sees. 257, 258. Where a note was given to plaintiffs for a debt due them from B., one of the directors of a corporation, the court held that an answer denying the making and delivery of the note by defendant was sufficient to a flow of the introduction of evidence of the want of authority of the directors to make the note. Hall v. Auburn Turnpike Co., 27 CaL 257, 258.

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Ejectment. Defendant may set off against damages value of improvements made under color of title, 741. If defendant has a legal title, he need not go into equity to assert it. Chip/man v. Hastings, 50 Cal. 311. A disclaimer of possession or interest in real property (739) is not a proper proceeding in an action of ejectment; it is only proper in actions brought to determine estates or interests asserted against parties in possession by parties out of possession. A judgment in ejectment cannot be entered against a party unless he was in the possession, actual or constructive, of the property at the commencement of the suit. Noe v. Card, 14 Cal. 609; Gamer v. Marshall, 9 Cal. 268.

Where a complaint avers that on a particular day the plaintiffs were the owners in fee simple and in possession, etc., the defendant, under a denial, may confine himself to simply rebutting the evi-

dence of the plaintiff. He need not show that he has any title whatever. It is sufficient if he make it appear that the plaintiff has no title or interest entitling him to the possession at the time of the trial. He may show this by proving that the title and right of possession is in some third person, except in the case of public lands, in which case this rule is gualified. Moore v. Tict, 22 Cal. 516; Adams on 14 Ejectment, 337- 380 and notes; Coryell v. Cain, 16 Cal. 572.

The plaintiff must show a title or right of possession existing at the time of the commencement of the suit. Moore v. Tict, 22 Cal. 516; Yount v. Howdl, 14 Cal. 465; Stark v. Barrett, 15 Id. 361. But no necessity exists on the part of the defendant to show a title or right of possession existing in him at the time. He has a clear right to snow, by any proper evidence, that at the time of the trial he had the title or right of possession, and this is sufficient to defeat the plaintiff's action. Moore v. Tiee, 22 Cal. 516.

Where the strict legal title is not involved, and the plaintiff relies upon a right to recover founded upon a naked possession, defendant may defeat a recovery by proving that the premises were abandoned by plaintiff before the alleged entry of defendant, and were therefore at the time of the entry publici juris, and he may do this under a simple denial of plaintiff's right to the possession. In such case the issue is, was plaintiff entitled to the possession at the date of defendant's entry? And anything which shows that he was not is but matter in rebuttal, and competent evidence for the defendant under the denial, upon the same principle that the defendant may defeat a recovery where the plaintiff relies upon strict title. Wilson \. Cleaveland, 30 Cal. 200. A defendant setting up title to

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1 only a portion of the demanded premises, must specify the part he claims, in order to apprise his 2 adversary of it, that he may bring his proofs understandingly. Anderson v. Fisk, 36 Cal. 633. 3 Errors and defects to be disregarded, 475.

4 Estoppel, 1908.

5 Executor. See "Administrator," supra.

Fraud. See 426 n., p. 161. 6

7 In defense to an action on a promissory note, it is not sufficient to plead in general terms want of 8 consideration, and that the note was obtained by fraud. The answer should set out the circumstances 9 under which the note was given, and point out the facts which constitute the fraud. Gushee v. Leavitt, 5 Cal. 161. 10

11 Gold coin, etc., allegation as to money being payable in, should be denied, 667.

12 Husband and wife, 370, 371, and notes.

Judgment or other determination of a court, officer, or board, pleading, 456. 13

14 Judgment, foreign. In an action on a judgment obtained in a New York court, the answer did not 15 allege that an appeal, which it alleged had been taken and perfected to the New York Court of Ap-16 peals from said judgment, had, by the laws or New York, the effect of suspending the judgment 17 thus appealed from, or of staying the execution thereof, nor was it alleged that the undertaking on such appeal was to the effect that the sureties thereon were bound in double the amount named in 18 19 the judgment; that if the judgment appealed from, or any part thereof, should be arnnned, the appel-20 lant would pay the amount directed to be paid by the judgment, or that any order was entered staying proceedings upon or execution of the judgment. The court held the presumption was that the effect of the alleged appeal by the laws of New York was the same as in this State; and in this State such appeal would not stay execution or proceedings for the collection of the amount of the judgment appealed from, pending the appeal, nor destroy or weaken the force and effect of the record of the judgment as evidence of the facts, or matters necessarily determined thereby. Whether by an appeal from a judgment in which appellant had given an undertaking on appeal, in form and amount sufficient to stay proceedings for its enforcement, the effect of the record of the judgment as evidence was thereby suspended or nullified, was not decided. Taylor v. Shew, 39 Col. 539.

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Justification. An execution is sufficient justification to the sheriff for the seizure of the property of the debtor, and it is immaterial whether the property be in the actual possession of the debtor, or in the possession of parties holding it for his benefit. But if the property be in the possession of a stranger to the writ, claiming it as his own by virtue of a transfer to him of the debtor, which «>ould prevent the latter htmse {f/rom retaking the possession, the officer must plead not only the writ but the judgment. Bickerstaff \. Doub, 19 Cal. 112; Knoxv. Marshall, 19 Cal. 622; Demiek v. Chapman, 11 Johns. 131; Pool v. Chandler, 10 Wend. Ill; Elyv. Ehle, 3 Corns. 506; 1 Saund. R. 298; Van Ellfn v. Hurst < fc Gushing, 6 Hill, 311; NobU & Eastman v. Holmes, 5 Hill, 195; Thornburgh v. Hand, 1 Cal. 554; Glazer v. Clift, 10 Cal. 304.

10 Where, in an action against the sheriff for taking goods, he justifies under an attachment against a 11 third person, it is not necessary that his answer should set forth minutely every fact relating to the 12 attachment suit. An answer which stated the time of commencement of the action, the names of parties, the court, and that the goods were taken by virtue of a writ of attachment issued therein, was 13 14 held sufficient. Towdy v. Ellis, 22 Cal. 651. In trespass quart clausumfregit, where the complaint 15 avers matter of aggravation after the entry, an answer justifying the aggravating matter, but admit-16 ting plaintiffs title and possession, does in it state facts sufficient to constitute a defense. In trespass 17 quare claugum freait an answer justifying merely because the defendant hag an easement on the 18 land contains no defense. Pico v. Colimas, 32 Col. 578. Process regular on its face justifies sheriff, 19 262, n., p. 90, ante; Pol. C. 4187.

20 Leave and license must be specially pleaded. Alford v. Bctrnum, 45 Cal. 485.

Libel. Defendant may justify and allege mitigating circumstances, 461.

22 Limitations, statute of, see 430, n.

23 On demurrer to a complaint which charged that the parties each recovered a judgment in rem, 24 against the property of the other; that defendant, by giving a bond with sureties, which he knew to be worthless, deprived plaintiffs of their lien on the property, against which he recovered judgment; 25 that defendant, as well as the sureties on his bond, were insolvent, and that a fraudulent assignment 26 27 of the judgment had been executed for the purpose of defeating plaintiffs' right to set off their decree against it, the court held that it became their imperative duty to interfere to prevent the con-

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summation of a fraud. Runaell v. Comeay, 11 Cal. 101; Simson v. Hart, 14 Johns. 74; Gay \. Gay, 2 10 Paige 376. The claim must be such that the party pleading it might obtain a several judgment 3 against nis adversary upon it, and this undoubtedly excludes a joint debt as a set-off against a sepa-4 rate debt Howard v. Shore, 20 Cal. 281. But although the parties named in the record of two judg-5 ments are not the same, and therefore a court of common-law jurisdiction could not make the setoff, a court of equity will look beyond the nominal to the real parties in interest, and adjudicate the 6 7 rights of the parties accordingly. The interposition of a trustee will not prevent a court of equity 8 from reaching the cestuis que trust, when all the parties are before it, and from compelling them and 9 the trustee to allow a set-oft, even though such relief could not be granted by a court of common 10 law. Walker v. Sedgwick, 8 Cal. 405; Russell v. Conway, 11 Cal. 93; Na- glee v. Palmer, 7 Cal. 543; Howard v. Shorts, 20 Cal. 277. Where some equity intervenes independent of the fact of mu-12 tual unconnected debts, equity will take jurisdiction and determine the matter upon principles of mutual equity. Jfobbs v. Duff, 23 Cal. 627; /;='.. on Set-off, 190; Lindsay v. Jackson, 2 Paige, 581. 13 14 The set-off will be allowed as between the real parties in interest regardless of a nominal party. 15 Hobbs v. Duff, 23 Cal. 627; O'Connor v. Murphy, 1 H. BL 657; see Du/v. Hobbs, 19CaL 658. 16 Where defendant sought to avail himself of a demand by way of counter-claim, not in favor of defendant alone, nor in favor of defendant and his comaker of the note in the suit, hut a joint demand 17 18 in favor of defendant, his co-obligor, and one Taylor, a stranger to the note and suit, and there was 19 no allegation that either the defendant or the makers of the note had acquired Taylor's interest in 20 this demand, it was held not available as a defense, and a judgment thereon could not be rendered in favor of defendant as demanded. Hooky. White, 36 Cal. 301; and see Sterns v. Martin, 4 Cal. 229, 22 and Gannon v. Dougherty, 41 Cal. 663. Joint and separate debts cannot be set off at each other at 23 law, and there is no good reason for the application of a different rule to a claim for damages. Jfmgv. Wise, 43 Cal. 635. Equity will not set off the claim of an individual creditor of one joint 24 25 owner of a judgment against the judgment. And it the judgment be partnership assets, the individual 26 creditor has no claim to any part of it until adjustment of the firm accounts. Colling v. Butler, 14 CaL 223.

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Subdivisions 1 and 2, what are causes of action within. In a suit for services as agent of defendant under a contract, defendant in answer set up a violation of the contract on the part of plaintiff, and also certain other matter, amounting to a tort on his part, as conspiracy to have the property of defendant sold, and bought in by him, circulating false reports that defendant was a bankrupt, its affairs a swindle, etc. It

was held that this latter portion of the answer was properly struck out on motion of plaintiff.

Batesv.SierraNevada,etc.,Co.,18Cal.ni. It has been said that an unliquidated claim for damages was held not the subject of offset, either equitable or legal. Riclceison v. Richardson, 19 Cal. 354. But in a subsequent case, where the principal and cross-claim were based upon the same contract, the court held that both, might be considered in the same action, though the damages might be unliquidated; and if the jury found a balance in favor of defendant, he might have judgment and , execution therefor. Stoddard v. Treadwell, 26 I Cal. 305; Pattison v. Richards, 22 Barb. 146; I Glason v. Moen, 2 Duer, 639; Spencer v. Bab- { cock, 22 Barb. 326. The Code, by enumerating tests, excludes all others by intendment. Stoddard v. TreadweU, 26 Cal. 305.

Where a breach of a contract on the defendant's part was the foundation of the plaintiff's claim for damages, and the counter-claim for damages arose on the same contract, the court held that it could be interposed by the defendant. Dennis v. Belt, 30 Cat. 252.

In replevin, the subject-matter of the litigation necessarily consists only of the property mentioned in the complaint; and it is not competent to the defendant by his answer to introduce a newand distinct subject-matter of litigation, by claiming of the plaintiff the release and return of other and distinct personal property, even though he present such a case as would have enabled him to recover in an independent action. Lorensohn v. Ward, 45 Cal. 10.

In an action for damages for an assault and battery, a libel published by the plaintiff of and concerning the defendant, docs not constitute a counter-claim. Macdougallv. Maguire, 35 CaL 274; Pattison v. Richards, 22 Barb. 143; Murden v. Priment, 1 Hilton, 76; Barhyte v. Hughes, 33 Barb. 320;

Schnaderbeck v. Worth, 8 Abb. 38. The objection is not waived by the failure to demur. The ground of demurrer is not a misjoinder of defenses; but it is that the matter is not recognized by the law as a defense to the action. The party may have an independent cause of action, but it has no relation to

the pending action. As it is not recognized by the law as a defense, the objection may be taken at any time. Alacdoiujall y. Maguire, 35 Cal. 274-281. Damages for injury to the property against which the assessment was issued cannot be set up as a counterclaim in an action to recover an as-4 sessment for the improvement of a street.

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5 The court said this doctrine was settled in Emery v. San Francisco Gas Co., 28 Cal. 345; Emery v. Bradford, 29 Cal. 75; Nolan v. Reese, 32 Cal. 484; and Himmelman v. Steiner, 38 Cal. 176, that the 6 7 owners of property adjacent to a street were not in any sense parties to the contract for the im-8 provement of a street, entered into by a contractor with the superintendent of streets; that the as-9 sessment was the " transaction " within the meaning of this section out of which the cause of action 10 must arise, out of which the defendants are authorized to set up as a counter-claim; that such a de-11 mand did not arise out of the assessment, nor indeed out of the proceedings upon which it is based, and therefore was not available as a counter-claim. Himmelmann v. Spanagel, 39 Cal. 389, 392. 12 Equitable defense by way of counterclaim. Equitable defenses may be interposed to the action of 13 14 ejectment, but the defendant in auch cases becomes an actor, Bruck v. Tucker, 42 Cal. 346, with 15 respect to the matter presented by him, and his answer must contain all the essential averments of a 16 bill in equity. The defense to an action of ejectment must meet the present claim of the plaintiff to 17 the possession; and in order that an equitable defense may prevail, the equity presented must be of 18 such a character that it may be ripened by the decree of the court into a legal right to the premises, 19 or such as will estop the plaintiff from the prosecution of the action. Such defense can only be in-20 terposed where the parties to the action are such as would be required to a bill in equity, seeking the 21 same relief. Leatrade v. Earth, 19 Cal. 671, 673. Defendant must file an answer which in matter of allegation would be a good bill in equity under the old system. Meador v. Parson*, 19 Cal. 299. He 22 23 need not, however, conclude with a prayer for affirmative relief in order to make nis defense avail-24 able. An equitable cause of action in favor of the defendant, in order to be available to him as a de-25 fense, must be one which has not been barred by the Statute of Limitations. Carpentier v. Oakland, 26 30 CaL 443; see McCauley v. Fulton, 44 Cal. 362.

27 Where the owner of land sold the same, and covenanted to execute a warranty-deed therefor on pay-28 ment of the purchase-money, and the purchaser took and held actual possession and afterwards paid

the purchase-money, it was held that such purchaser's or his grantee's equitable title was a sufficient defense to an action of ejectment under the legal title by the original owner, or any one holding under

439. If the defendant omit to set up a counter-claim in the cases mentioned in the first subdivision of the last section, neither he nor his assignee can afterwards maintain an action against the plaintiff therefor. them with notice. Talbert v. Singleton, 42 Cal. 391.

§ 1982. Property rights of citizens

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1. All citizens of the United States shall have the same right, in every State and Territory, as is enjoyed by white citizens thereof to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal 10 property.

11 Plaintiff's Pray for Declaratory Relief, Damages according to Proof. Breach of Implied Contract. 12 Quo Warranto Incidental and Peremptory Administrative Mandamus filed under the Great Seal.

Picturi; Signis; Famosus libellus sine scriptis; Bursae decrementum; Quando dominus conscientiae detrimentum; Breve capitalis justiciarius noster and ad placita coram nobis tenenda

THE SUPREME COURT HAS ERRED IN DEFENSE OF THE CONSTITUTION.

THE RULE MUST BE DISCHARGED!

CREATION OF THE ESSENTIAL PRODUCTS ADMINISTRATION

18 **CREATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE WARDEN OF THE FORESTS & STANNARIES.**

19 **CREATION OF THE SPECIAL DEPUTY PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

DETINUE SUR BAILMENT, REMISSION AND REVERSION.

writ of unspeakable errors, divide et regnes! RELIEF: UNCONSTITUTIONAL LAW IN

22 VIOLATIONS OF FIRST, FOURTH, AND TENTH AMENDMENT PROTECTIONS.

23 § 3729. FALSE CLAIMS; MISTAKE! PROHIBITION! EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL!

Categorical Rules 24

Noxious Use of land – need not pay 25

26 Permanent Physical Occupancy – must pay

27 100% wipe out (of reasonable investment backed expectations) – must pay

28 Multi-factored test on whether they have to pay or not – Penn Central

- 1 A condition on land has to have a "rational nexus" and "rough proportionality" to what the purpose
- 2 of the condition is
- 3 Temporary taking needs to be paid for
- 4 Court Cases
- 5 || HHA v. Midkiff can take land directly to a private party and compensate mkt value
- 6 Causby Easment of flying directly overhead is a taking
- 7 Miller v. Schoene making them cut down ceder trees wasn't a taking
- 8 || Loretto v. Teleprompter permanent physical occupation is a taking
- 9 Allerd not a taking when outlaw sale of eagle feathers
- 10 Kaiser Aetna taking when take away the excluendi of their private lake
- 11 Pruneyard not a taking when made shopping center admit free speech activities
- 12 Hadacheck v. Sebastian regulation of business operations to prevent harm to public is police power
- 13 Pennsylvania Coal Co. v. Mahon If a regulation goes too far then it's a taking
- 14 Penn Central v. NY keeping historical landmarks in good repair and historic good for everyone,
- 15 within police power

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- 16 Lucas v. SC if regulatory action denies an owner viable use of land, it's a taking, unless it's a
- 17 Common Law nuisance
- 18 Pallazzo v. Rhone Island is not barred from a takings claim just because the title was acquired af-
- 19 || ter the effective date of the state regulation
- 20 Nollan v. CA Coast A state may not condition a property use permit for something not addressing
 21 the purpose use
- Dolan v. City of Tigard A condition of permit needs to be proportional to the impact the change
 will be. (First Evangelical v. LA temporary takings need to be compensated)

24 QUO WARRANTO INCIDENTAL AND PEREMPTORY ADMINISTRATIVE MANDAMUS

1. The right to petition the government is the freedom of individuals (and sometimes groups and corporations) to petition their government for a correction or repair of some form of injustice without fear of punishment for the same. Although often overlooked in favour of other more famous freedoms and sometimes taken for granted, many other civil liberties are enforceable against the

government only by exercising this basic right,, making it a fundamental right in both representative
democracies (to protect public participation) and liberal democracies. While the prohibition of
abridgment of the right to petition originally referred only to the federal legislature (the Congress)
and courts, the incorporation doctrine later expanded the protection of the right to its current scope,
over all state and federal courts and legislatures and the executive branches of the state and federal
governments.

7 Boumediene v. Bush, 553 U.S. (2008), was a writ of habeas corpus submission made in a civil-8 ian court of the United States on behalf of Lakhdar Boumediene, a naturalized citizen of Bosnia and 9 Herzegovina, held in military detention by the United States at the Guantanamo Bay detention 10 camps.[1][2][3] The case was consolidated with habeas petition Al Odah v. United States. The case 11 challenged the legality of Boumediene's detention at the Guantanamo Bay military base as well as 12 the constitutionality of the Military Commissions Act (MCA) of 2006. Oral arguments on the combined case were heard by the Supreme Court on December 5, 2007. On June 12, 2008, Justice 13 14 Kennedy wrote the opinion for the 5-4 majority holding that the prisoners had a right to the habeas 15 corpus under the United States Constitution and that the MCA was an unconstitutional suspension of 16 that right.

Grantees can have no less right as a citizen than these.

 Habeas petitioner Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. et al v. United States challenges the legitimacy of Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. invasion and occupation by the Environmental Protection Agency and particularly contests the illegitimate animus and vindictiveness of the EPA actions, the defamations, libel and slander, loss of enjoyment, value, and livelihood; injury to reputation, credit, honor, dignity THE UNITED STATES HAS NO RIGHT TO ABROGATE PATENT TITLE! TRESPASS!
 Grantees challenge the constitutionality of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Cleanup, and Liability Act "CERCLA" 42 U.S.C. 9601-9659 et seq. for violation of the establishment clause.
 Petitioners claim quo Warranto with incidental and preemptory administrative mandamus by right because they contest the Environmental Protection Agencies actions and will rectify the abuse of discretion and imbalance of government authority, and because petitioners demand equal protection and due process of law, because the EPA actions are implicitly an assertion of unquestionable and

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unchallengeable authority to bury the petitioners property, and by extension to bury the entire State
of California and even the entire United States under unquantified and unlimited amounts of acutely
toxic hazardous waste sludge, solely for the benefit of fishes, all the while claiming such authorities
are scientifically justified as somehow protecting the "environment", in disregard and breach of duty
to implement remedies that are fully protective of human health and the environment. Petitioners
allege that EPA claims that such actions have any scientific merit are false claims, and petitioners
further allege that these EPA actions are unscientific, unreasonable, unfair and unjust, and are unsupportable by scientific or economic accountability.

5. Petitioners allege that such an absurd and illogical result of executive mismanagement, facilitated by unfair and unjust Congressional legislation, and coddled in Judicial swaddling and Judicial deference, without any timely means of recourse or for redress of grievances, is an abomination of unbounded executive authority, and petitioners raise these allegations to a constitutional question with claims of unconstitutional jurisdiction by the EPA and DOJ; hence the petitioners claim by ancient writ "*Breve Soke*", and convene by right of the "Warden of the Stannaries" and the "Warden of the Forest" a "Miner's Court" for a determination of franchise jurisdiction according to the Constitutions of the United States and of the State of California, and according to the codes of California, the laws of the United States of America, and the common law of England, and petitioners motion for writ of *certiorari* to resolve these questions and the allegations of abuse of executive authority and unconstitutional jurisdiction by the EPA and DOJ. Jurisdiction is also properly reserved to the District Courts by the covenants of patent title and Federal law.

"The English practice . . . [is] more necessary to be observed here than there" *John Jay, 1793 Petitioners claim violation and usurpation of a franchise granted by patent title and mineral rights.

ABSOLUTE ORIGINAL ORDER TO CEASE, DESIST, VOID, AND VACATE! ABSOLUTE ORDER FOR REMISSION, REVERSION, AND DETINUE SUR BAILMENT. quo Avarranto: de Quibis Commote Alodium & Alodarii, Quia tria sequunturdefamatorem; Knowingly reckless disregard of the truth, deliberate ignorance of actual information; trespass: Praecipe quod reddat & detinue sur bailment; subpoena ad testificandum; subpoena duces tecum; impunity; miscarriage of justice; prohibition; illegitimate animus;

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Differing court interpretations of a statute "is evidence that the statute is ambiguous and unclear." 2 U.S. v. Iron Mountain Mines, Inc., 812 F. Supp. 1528, 1557 (E.D. Cal. 1993).

3 Courts frequently interpret an ambiguous contract term against the interests of the party who pre-4 pared the contract and created the ambiguity. This is common in cases of adhesion contracts and insurance contracts. A drafter of a document should not benefit at the expense of an innocent party because the drafter was careless in drafting the agreement. 6

7 In Constitutional Law, statutes that contain ambiguous language are void for vagueness. The lan-8 guage of such laws is considered so obscure and uncertain that a reasonable person cannot determine 9 from a reading what the law purports to command or prohibit. This statutory ambiguity deprives a 10 person of the notice requirement of Due Process of Law, and, therefore, renders the statute unconstitutional. 11

West's Encyclopedia of American Law, edition 2.

CERCLA still has no preamble, and as applied in this case undermines RCRA, CWA, CAA, NEPA, EPCRA, NCP, and violates the petitioners and defendant's constitutional protections, due process, equal protection, and is a negligently arbitrary and capricious imminent and substantial endangerment to the innocent landowner, miners, the public, and environment.

WRIT OF EQUITABLE ESTOPPEL! WRIT OF POSSESSION & EJECTMENT! WAIVER OF TORTS AND DEMAND FOR ANSWERS FROM UNITED STATES

August 19, 2009 Signature:

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/s/ John F. Hutchens, grantees' agent; Tenant in-Chief, Warden of the Forests & Stannaries

Verification affidavit:

I, John F. Hutchens, hereby state that the same is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are herein stated on my own information or belief, and as to those matters, I believe them to be true. Affirmed this day: August 19, 2009

August 19, 2009 Signature:_____

COUNSEL OF RECORD; Iron Mountain Mines, Inc. s/ John F. Hutchens