

CHAPTER XVII
Dates and Cause Lists

1. Cause lists—(a) On such day in the week as may be fixed by him, the Registrar shall sit to fix dates in suits, miscellaneous and interlocutory applications and other matters pending on the original side.

(b) Subject to the orders of the Court, matters fixed for final disposal on any day of the week shall be entered in the list for that day according to the date of their registration provided that precedence be given to :

(i) Part-heard matters;

(ii) As between the suits of the same year to commercial suits.

(c) The cause list shall be prepared under the directions of the Registrar and signed by him;

(d) If there be more Judges than one on the Original Side, a separate cause-list of the matters before each Judge shall be prepared in the manner aforesaid.

2. Day for short causes—Short causes shall be set down for hearing on such date as may be appointed for the purpose.

3. What are short causes—The following suits or matters shall be deemed to be short causes :

(1) *Ex-parte* suits;

(2) Undefended suits;

(3) Suit to which Chapter XV applies;

(4) Mortgage suits, rent suits on bonds or acknowledgement;

(5) Objection to Commissioner's report;

(6) Such other suits or matters as may, by special order of the Court, be directed to be tried as short causes.

Any other suit or matter shall be deemed to be a long cause.

4. Fixing of dates for final disposal—Suits to which Chapter XV applies shall not be set down for hearing till the expiration of 10 days from the date of service of summons. If an application for leave to defend is filed within those ten days, notice shall be given to the plaintiff or his advocate and the suit shall be set down for hearing of the application instead of for final disposal.