

summons for a witness, to appear and testify before the said court, it appear that such witness hath been duly summoned and doth not appear, it shall be lawful for the said chief justice or presiding justice, unless good and sufficient cause be shown to the contrary, to issue an attachment against such witness, to compel his or her attendance.

Compel attendance.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the chief justice of the said district court, or in his absence, of the next named justice of the same court sitting, to make regular and fair entries or minutes, in a docket to be kept for that purpose, of all cases, suits or actions and complaints, brought before the said court upon process, previously issued by any one of the said justices as aforesaid, or otherwise, and it shall be the duty of each of the said district justices to make and keep a docket of fair and accurate entries or minutes of all and every original process, writ, or summons, issued by him as aforesaid, for compelling the appearance of parties or witnesses before the said court, particularly specifying the days and times of issuing the same, and the precise names of the parties or witnesses named therein, and the days when returnable, and to what constable directed, which said docket and entries, or minutes, shall be regularly produced by the said justice before the said district court, at its sittings, and so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be transferred to the docket of the said district court, by the chief justice, or in his absence by the next named presiding justice, so that a full docket may be made, in the manner herein before directed, of all cases, suits, actions, complaints, pleas, and subpoenas and attachments, intended to be brought or returned before the said district court, and upon the final decision of any such case, an entry shall be made in the said docket by the chief justice, or in case of his absence by the presiding justice, of the final judgment of the court, which shall specify and declare the true parties to the case, the date of the judgment, the principal debt or damage, the time from which interest is awarded, and the costs taxed and adjudged; and it shall be the duty of every such chief justice safely to keep and preserve the said docket of the judgments rendered by the said district court, and transmit the same to his successor in office; but in case the said chief justice shall at any time be unable to attend the sitting of the said district court, he shall cause the said docket of judgments to be delivered for the time being into the possession of the justice next named in the commission, whose duty it shall be to keep and preserve the same, and after the sittings of the said court shall have been ended, carefully return the same to the said chief justice for safe keeping, and if any person shall wilfully alter any part of the entries or judgments contained in

Required to keep docket.

Entries therein.

Each justice to keep a docket.

To be produced and the entries transferred.

Entries of final judgment directed.

Delivery over of said docket.

Persons altering entries deemed guilty of forgery.