

answered by the defendants, or some of them, in which cases there shall be a prayer that the defendant or defendants be required to answer the bill, or the special interrogatories appended thereto, under oath.

Rule 16.

134. The prayer for process or for order of publication shall contain the names of all the defendants named in the introductory part of the bill or petition, and the place of their residence, as far as known; and if any of said defendants are known to be infants under age, or under any other disability, such fact shall be stated, so that the court may take order thereon, as justice may require. And if an injunction, or other writ, or any special order be asked in the prayer for relief, that shall be sufficient, without repeating the same in the prayer for process.

Rule 17.

135. At any time before the bill is taken *pro confesso*, or afterwards, (before final decree,) by the special leave of the court or judge thereof, the defendant may answer, plead or demur to the bill; and he may plead or demur to the whole bill, or to part thereof, and he may demur to part, plead to part, and answer as to the residue: but in every case in which the bill specially charges fraud, usury or combination, a plea to such part must be accompanied with an answer supporting the plea, and explicitly denying the fraud, usury or combination, and the facts on which the charge is founded.

Belt v. Bowie, 65 Md. 350.

Rule 18.

136. No plea or demurrer shall be allowed to be filed to any bill or petition, unless it be supported by affidavit that it is not intended for delay; and if a plea, that it is true in point of fact. The form of demurrers shall be substantially as follows: "The defendant demurs to the whole bill," or "to so much of the bill, or discovery, or relief," stating the particular part or parts demurred to, and the special grounds of the demurrer.

Rule 19.

137. The plaintiff may set down the demurrer or plea to be argued, or he may take issue on the plea. If, upon an issue, the