

the plaintiff may, by special direction, require any process to be made returnable at the return day next after the first return day for such process ensuing the issuance of the same.

1888, art 16, sec 122. Rule 7.

135. Whenever a bill or petition is filed, the clerk shall issue the process, or order of publication thereon, for the appearance of the defendants, as of course; and whenever there are more than one defendant, summons may, upon the special direction of the plaintiff, be sued out separately for each defendant, except in case of husband and wife, or a joint summons against all the defendants may be issued.

Ibid. sec. 123. Rule 8.

136. The service of process to require appearance shall be by reading the summons, or other writ or order, to the party to be served therewith; or by delivering a copy of the same to such party; and in case the party be an infant or *non compos mentis*, in addition to the service on such party, a copy of the process or order shall be left with the parent or guardian of the infant, if there be one within the jurisdiction of the court, and with the committee or other person having the care of the person or estate of the party alleged to be *non compos mentis*; and such service shall be specially certified in the return by the officer making the service.

Ibid. sec. 124. Rule 9.

137. Upon return of process as served, or upon proof of due publication of the order of publication as against non-resident defendants, the court shall, in case of infant or non-sane defendants, on application of the plaintiff, or any other party concerned, by order, either require the legal guardian or committee of the infant or non-sane defendant (if there be such guardian or committee within the jurisdiction of the court) to appear, answer and defend for such party, or appoint a guardian *ad litem* to answer and defend the suit for such party; and in appointing guardians *ad litem*, no person shall be appointed who may have any interest whatever involved in the suit adverse to that of the person so under disability. In any case where it may be deemed necessary, the court or judge thereof may appoint a solicitor to appear and defend for any infant or non-sane defendant. All commissions for taking answers or to plead shall be and they are hereby abolished.

Willis v. Hodson, 79 Md. 327.