

make further oath or affirmation that he has personal knowledge of the matters therein stated; and the said affirmation or affidavit may be made before any of the persons who may take an affidavit or affirmation to authorize the issuing of a foreign attachment, and may be certified in the same manner.

**314.** When any judgment by default shall be entered under any of the preceding sections, the court may assess the damages on proof thereof without empanelling a jury to do so, unless the defendant shall have filed a motion in writing before the entry of such default for a jury trial, and shall have stated in such motion how much of the plaintiff's demand is disputed, and how much thereof, if any, is admitted by said defendant to be due, and in such case the plaintiff may forthwith have judgment entered up for the amount so admitted, as provided in the preceding section.

**315.** If the defendant shall dispute the whole or any part of the plaintiff's demand in any action brought under the provisions of the three foregoing sections, and upon trial of the case the plaintiff shall recover a judgment for any portion of his demand so disputed, then the plaintiff shall be allowed in addition to the costs of the suit, reasonable counsel fees, to be fixed by the court, said fees not to be less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars.

**316.** Bills of exception may be signed in any cause pending in any of said courts at any time within thirty days from the rendition of the verdict of the jury or the findings of the court upon the issues of fact in said cause, but not thereafter, unless the time for signing said bill of exception shall have been previously extended by order of court, or by consent of parties; but nothing herein shall prevent either party from requiring the bills of exception to be signed before verdict.

**317.** Any action taken or order passed by any of said courts in relation to any judgment rendered by it, if taken or passed within thirty days after the entry of such judgment, or upon a motion or application made to it within said thirty days, shall have the same effect and force as it would have had under the