

defendant shall not, before the expiration of such further time, put in a sufficient answer to the bill or petition exhibited against him, such bill or petition shall be taken *pro confesso*, without further delay, and such decree made thereon as by the court may be deemed just, or the chancellor may, in his discretion, in said cases, order commission to issue, or examine the plaintiff as aforesaid, and thereupon decree as he shall think just.—*ibid.* § 21.

23. In all cases, the defendant in chancery may exhibit interrogatories to the plaintiff, which shall be answered by him in writing upon oath, and such answer shall be evidence in the cause, in the same manner, and to the same effect, that the defendant's answer to the plaintiff's bill is evidence, and there shall be the same process, and the same power exercised by the chancellor to compel the plaintiff to answer the defendant's interrogatories, as can be issued; or lawfully exercised, to compel the defendant to answer the plaintiff's bill.—*ibid.* § 22.

24. In order to enforce obedience to the process, rules and orders, of the chancery court, in all cases where any party or person shall be in contempt for disobedience, non-performance, or non-observance, of any process, rule or order, of the chancellor or chancery court, or for any other matter or thing, whereby or wherein a contempt, according to the rules, law, practice or course, of the said court, may be incurred, such party or person shall, for every such contempt, and before he shall be released or discharged from the same, pay to the register in chancery, (to be by him accounted for upon oath, and paid, every 6 months, to the treasurer of the Western-shore, to the use of the state,) a sum not exceeding 10l. current money, as a fine for the purgation of every such contempt, and that the said party or person being in court, upon any process of contempt, or otherwise, upon the order of the chancery court, shall and may stand committed, and remain in close custody, until the said process, rule or order, shall be fully performed, and until the said fine or fines for such contempts imposed, and the costs shall be discharged.—*ibid.* § 23.

25. If any sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to whom any process or order, according to the course of the chancery court, shall or may be directed or delivered, shall serve and execute, and return served or executed, and the said sheriff, &c. is and are hereby commanded to serve and execute any process of contempt, whether it be an attachment of contempt, attachment with proclamations, or any order of the chancellor commanding such sheriff, &c. to take and bring into court the body or bodies of the person or persons therein mentioned, and the said sheriff, &c. do and shall not bring into and have in court the body or bodies of the person or persons mentioned, according to the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof, the person obtaining such process or order, may move, that