

dents, the court may order notice to be given by publication, in one or more newspapers, stating the substance and object of the bill or petition, and warning such party to appear on or before the day fixed in such order and show cause why the relief prayed should not be granted, and such notice shall be published as the court may direct, not less, however, than once a week for four successive weeks, previous to fifteen days before the day fixed by such order for the appearance of the party; provided, if a copy of the order be personally served on such party one month before the day fixed for his appearance, if he be within the limits of the United States, or three months if beyond, such service shall have the same effect as a publication. Proof of said service must be as follows: First, if served by the sheriff, his certificate thereof; second, if by any other person, his affidavit or affirmation thereof, made and signed before a notary public and certified by him; third, the written admission of the defendant proved to the satisfaction of the court; and such certificate, affidavit, affirmation or admission shall state the time and place of service. And any person making a false affidavit or affirmation as to any such service shall be guilty of perjury, and any sheriff making a false certificate as to the service of any such notice shall be liable for making a false return.

Pleadings, Practice and Process.

1890, ch. 424.

117. The circuit courts for the several counties of this State, and the circuit court of the city of Baltimore, and the circuit court number two of the city of Baltimore, as courts of equity, shall be deemed and taken to be always open for the transaction of business therein, and the several regular terms of said courts for the return of process and other practical purposes, shall be of two months' duration, and shall commence in the counties on the first Monday of January, of March, of May, of July, of September, and of November of each year; and in Baltimore city shall commence on the second Monday of January, of March, of May, of July, of September, and of November of each year.

Ibid.

121. All process, other than process to give notice to, or to procure the appearance of defendants, shall be made returnable .