New South Wales.



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References

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References by consent out of Court.

Effect of submission. 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 1.

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Provisions implied in submissions. Ibid. s. 2.

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Power to stay proceedings where there is a submission.

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6. If any party to a submission, or any person claiming through or under him, commences any legal proceedings in any Court against any other party to the submission, or any person claiming through or under him, in respect of any matter agreed to be referred, any party to such legal proceedings may at any time after appearance, and before delivering any pleadings or taking any other steps in the proceedings, apply to that Court to stay the proceedings, and that Court or a Judge if satisfied that there is no sufficient reason why the matter should not be referred in accordance with the submission, and that the applicant was, at the time when the proceedings were commenced, and still remains, ready and willing to do all things necessary to the proper conduct of the arbitration, may make an order staying the proceedings.

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(c) where the parties or two arbitrators are at liberty to appoint an umpire or third arbitrator

and do not appoint him;

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any party may serve the other parties or the arbitrators, as the case may be, with a written notice to appoint an arbitrator, umpire, or third arbitrator.

If the appointment is not made within seven clear days after the service of the notice, the Court or a Judge may, on application by the party who gave the notice, appoint an arbitrator, umpire, or third arbitrator, who shall have the like powers to act in the reference and make an award as if he had been appointed by consent of all parties.

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Witnesses may be summoned by subpæna. 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 7.

Proviso.

10. Any party to a submission may sue out a writ of subpæna ad testificandum, or a writ of subpæna duces tecum; but no person shall be compelled under any such writ to produce any document which he could not be compelled to produce on the trial of an action:

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payment for expenses as upon a trial in the Court.

Power to enlarge time for making award. Ibid. s. 8. Power to

remit award.

Ibid. s. 9.

11. The time for making an award may from time to time be enlarged by order of the Court or a Judge, whether the time for making the award has expired or not.

12. (1) In all cases of reference to arbitration the Court or a Judge may from time to time remit the matters referred, or any of them, to the reconsideration of the arbitrators or umpire.

(2) Where an award is remitted, the arbitrators or umpire shall, unless the order otherwise directs, make their award within three months after the date of the

order.

Power to set aside award.

Ibid. s. 10.

13. (1) Where an arbitrator or umpire has misconducted himself the Court may remove him.

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Enforcing award. Ibid. s. 11.

Writs of fi. fa. and ca. sa. may be issued. 37 Vic.

No. 11, s. 6.

14. An award on a submission may, by leave of the Court or a Judge, be enforced in the same manner as a judgment or order to the same effect.

No writ of attachment shall be issued to enforce payment of any money, costs, or expenses under any such award; but writs of fieri facias or capias ad satisfaciendum, and such other writs as may be necessary, shall be issued by order of the Court, or in vacation by order of a Judge, and every such order shall have the force and effect of a judgment at law or decree in equity.

References under order of Court.

Powers to

55 Vic. No. 32, s. 12.

15. In any cause or matter (other than a criminal certain cases. proceeding by the Crown)—

(a) if all the parties interested who are not under disability consent; or,

(b) if the cause or matter requires any prolonged examination of documents or any scientific or local investigation which cannot, in the opinion of the Court or a Judge, conveniently be made before a jury or conducted by the Court through its other ordinary officers; or

(c) if the question in dispute consists wholly or in part of matters of account;

the Court or a Judge may at any time order the whole cause or matter or any question or issue of fact arising therein, to be tried before an arbitrator agreed on by the parties, or before a referee appointed by the Court or a Judge for the purpose.

16. (1) In all cases of reference under an order of the Powers and Court or a Judge in any cause or matter, the referee or remuneration of arbitrator shall be deemed to be an officer of the Court, referees and and shall have such authority, and shall conduct the arbitrators. reference in such manner, as may be prescribed by rules 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 13. of Court, and subject thereto as the Court or Judge may direct.

(2) The report or award of any referee or arbitrator on any such reference shall, unless set aside by the Court or a Judge, be equivalent to the verdict of a jury.

(3) The remuneration to be paid to any referee or arbitrator to whom any matter is referred under order of the Court or a Judge shall be determined by the Court or a Judge.

17. The Court or a Judge shall, as to references under Court to have order of the Court or a Judge, have all the powers which powers as in references by this Act conferred on the Court or a Judge as to consent. references by consent out of Court.

1bid. s. 14.

General.

18. (1) The Court or a Judge may order that a writ Power to of subpœna ad testificandum or subpæna duces tecum compel shall issue to compel the attendance before a referee, or of witness, before any arbitrator or umpire, of a witness wherever habeas corpus to issue.

(2) The Court or a Judge may also order that a *Ibid.* s. 15. writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum shall issue to bring up a prisoner for examination before a referee, or before any arbitrator or umpire.

Statement of case pending arbitration. 55 Vic.

Judges may make general Ibid. s. 17.

In all cases of arbitration orders may be made for obtaining evidence.

Ibid. s. 18.

19. Any referee, arbitrator, or umpire may at any stage of the proceedings under a reference, and shall, if so directed by the Court or a Judge, state in the form of a No. 32, s. 16. special case for the opinion of the Court any question of law arising in the course of the reference.

20. The Judges of the Supreme Court, or any two of rules and orders. them, may, from time to time, make general rules and orders for carrying the purposes of this Act into effect.

21. In all cases of reference to arbitration under any authority whatsoever it shall be lawful for the Court, or a Judge thereof, to make an order or issue a commission for the examination of any party to such reference, or any witness whose evidence, by reason of absence or intention to depart from New South Wales, or illness, age, distance of residence, or other cause, would otherwise be liable to be lost, and to give all such directions as to the time, place, and manner of examination and other matters connected therewith as such Court or Judge shall think And every such order or commission may be made or issued in like manner as orders are made or commissions issued for the examination of witnesses in any cause in the said Court in its common law jurisdiction, or as near thereto as may be. Any person authorised to take the evidence of witnesses under any such order or commission shall take such evidence upon oath.

22. No person shall be compelled under any such order or by any arbitrator to answer any question he would not

be compelled to answer at a trial.

23. All evidence taken under any such order or commission shall be received by the arbitrators, saving all just exceptions, in like manner as evidence taken under any order or commission made or issued by the Court or a Judge in a cause pending therein is received at the trial of such cause.

24. Any order made under this Act may be made on such terms as to costs, or otherwise, as the authority

making the order thinks just.

25. Any person who wilfully and corruptly gives false evidence before any referee, arbitrator, or umpire shall be guilty of perjury, as if the evidence had been given in open Court, and may be dealt with, prosecuted, and punished accordingly.

Witnesses to protection as on trials.

Ibid. s. 19.

Evidence taken under orders, &c., to be received.

Ibid. s. 20.

Costs. Ibid. s. 21.

Penalty for perjury. Ibid. s. 22.

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 55 Vic. No. 32, 8. 23.
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SCHEDULES.

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Reference to Act.	Title or short title.	Extent of repeal.
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- (d) If the arbitrators have allowed their time or extended time to expire without making an award, or have delivered to any party to the submission or to the umpire a notice in writing stating that they cannot agree, the umpire may forthwith enter on the reference in lieu of the arbitrators.

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55 Vic. No. 32, s. 5.

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Powers and remuneration of referees and arbitrators. Ibid. s. 13.

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Government to be bound.

55 Vic. No. 32, s. 23,
Application of Act to references under statutory powers.

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(d) where an appointed umpire or third arbitrator refuses to act, or is incapable of acting, or dies, and the submission does not show that it was intended that the vacancy should not be supplied, and the parties or arbitrators do not supply the vacancy;

any party may serve the other parties or the arbitrators, as the case may be, with a written notice to appoint an arbitrator, umpire, or

third arbitrator.

(2) Where an arbitrator or umpire has misconducted himself, or an arbitration or award has been improperly procured, the Court may set the award aside.

Enforcing award.

14. An award on a submission may, by leave of the Court or a 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 11. Judge, be enforced in the same manner as a judgment or order to the same effect.

Writs of fi. fa. and

No writ of attachment shall be issued to enforce payment of ca. sa. may be issued. any money, costs, or expenses under any such award; but writs of fieri facias or capias ad satisfaciendum, and such other writs as may be necessary, shall be issued by order of the Court, or in vacation by order of a Judge, and every such order shall have the force and effect of a judgment at law or decree in equity.

References under order of Court.

Power to refer in

15. In any cause or matter (other than a criminal proceeding 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 12. by the Crown),-

(a) if all the parties interested who are not under disability

consent; or,

- (b) if the cause or matter requires any prolonged examination of documents or any scientific or local investigation which cannot, in the opinion of the Court or a Judge, conveniently be made before a jury or conducted by the Court through its other ordinary officers; or,
- (c) if the question in dispute consists wholly or in part of matters of account;

the Court or a Judge may at any time order the whole cause or matter or any question or issue of fact arising therein, to be tried before an arbitrator agreed on by the parties, or before a referee appointed by the Court or a Judge for the purpose.

Powers and referees and arbitrators. Ibid. s. 13.

- 16. (1) In all cases of reference under an order of the Court or a Judge in any cause or matter, the referee or arbitrator shall be deemed to be an officer of the Court, and shall have such authority, and shall conduct the reference in such manner, as may be prescribed by rules of Court, and subject thereto as the Court or Judge may direct.
- (2) The report or award of any referee or arbitrator on any such reference shall, unless set aside by the Court or a Judge, be equivalent to the verdict of a jury.

(3) The remuneration to be paid to any referee or arbitrator to whom any matter is referred under order of the Court or a Judge

shall be determined by the Court or a Judge.

Court to have powers as in references by consent.

Ibid. s. 14.

17. The Court or a Judge shall, as to references under order of the Court or a Judge, have all the powers which are by this Act conferred on the Court or a Judge as to references by consent out of Court. General.

General.

18. (1) The Court or a Judge may order that a writ of subpœna Power to compel ad testificandum or subpæna duces tecum shall issue to compel the attendance of witness, attendance before a referee, or before any arbitrator or umpire, of a corpus to issue. witness wherever he may be within the jurisdiction.

(2) The Court or a Judge may also order that a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum shall issue to bring up a prisoner for examination before a referee, or before any arbitrator or umpire.

19. Any referee, arbitrator, or umpire may at any stage of the statement of case proceedings under a reference, and shall, if so directed by the Court or pending arbitration. a Judge, state in the form of a special case for the opinion of the Court Ibid. s. 16. any question of law arising in the course of the reference.

20. The Judges of the Supreme Court, or any two of them, may, Judges may make from time to time, make general rules and orders for carrying the general rules and orders. purposes of this Act into effect.

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22. No person shall be compelled under any such order or by Witnesses to have any arbitrator to answer any question he would not be compelled to same protection as on trials. answer at a trial.

23. All evidence taken under any such order or commission Evidence taken shall be received by the arbitrators, saving all just exceptions, in like under orders, &c., to manner as evidence taken under any order or commission made or Ibid. s. 20. issued by the Court or a Judge in a cause pending therein is received at the trial of such cause.

24. Any order made under this Act may be made on such terms Costs. as to costs, or otherwise, as the authority making the order thinks just. Ibid. s. 21.

25. Any person who wilfully and corruptly gives false evidence Penalty for perjury. before any referee, arbitrator, or umpire shall be guilty of perjury, as Ibid. s. 22. if the evidence had been given in open Court, and may be dealt with, prosecuted, and punished accordingly.

26.

If the appointment is not made within seven clear days after the service of the notice, the Court or a Judge may, on application by the party who gave the notice, appoint an arbitrator, umpire, or third arbitrator, who shall have the like powers to act in the reference and make an award as if he had been appointed by consent of all parties.

8. Where a submission provides that the reference shall be to Power for parties in two arbitrators, one to be appointed by each party, then, unless the certain cases to supply vacancy. submission expresses a contrary intention—

55 Vic. No. 32, s. 5.

(a) if either of the appointed arbitrators refuses to act, or is incapable of acting, or dies, the party who appointed him may appoint a new arbitrator in his place;

(b) if, on such a reference, one party fails to appoint an arbitrator, either originally or by way of substitution as aforesaid, for seven clear days after the other party, having appointed his arbitrator, has served the party making default with notice to make the appointment, the party who has appointed an arbitrator may appoint that arbitrator to act as sole arbitrator in the reference, and his award shall be binding on both parties as if he had been appointed by consent:

Provided that the Court or a Judge may set aside any appoint-

ment made in pursuance of this section.

9. The arbitrators or umpire acting under a submission shall, Powers of arbitrator. unless the submission expresses a contrary intention, have power—

(a) to state an award as to the whole or part thereof in the form of a special case for the opinion of the Court; and

(b) to correct in an award any clerical mistake or error arising

from any accidental slip or omission.

10. Any party to a submission may sue out a writ of subpoena Witnesses may be ad testificandum, or a writ of subpœna duces tecum; but no person subpœna by subpœna. shall be compelled under any such writ to produce any document Ibid. s. 7. which he could not be compelled to produce on the trial of an action: Provided that every person whose attendance is so required shall be Proviso. entitled to the like conduct money and payment for expenses as upon a trial in the Court.

11. The time for making an award may from time to time be Power to enlarge enlarged by order of the Court or a Judge, whether the time for time for making award. making the award has expired or not.

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Government to be bound. 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 23. Application of Act to references under statutory powers. Ibid. s. 24.

26. This Act shall apply to any arbitration to which the

Government of the State is a party.

27. This Act shall apply to every arbitration under any Act passed before or after the commencement of this Act as if the arbitration were pursuant to a submission, except in so far as this Act is inconsistent with the Act regulating the arbitration, or with any rules or procedure authorised or recognised by that Act.

SCHEDULES.

Section 2.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Reference to Act.	Title or short title.	Extent of repeal. Section 6.
37 Vic. No. 11	An Act to amend the law of arrest and imprisonment on civil process.	
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Section 5.

SECOND SCHEDULE.

Provisions to be implied in submissions.

(a) If no other mode of reference is provided, the reference shall be to a single arbitrator

(b) If the reference is to two arbitrators, the two arbitrators may appoint an umpire at any time within the period during which they have power to make an award.

(c) The arbitrators shall make their award in writing within three months after entering on the reference, or after having been called on to act by notice in writing from any party to the submission, or on or before any later day to which the arbitrators, by any writing signed by them, may from time to time enlarge the time for making the award

(d) If the arbitrators have allowed their time or extended time to expire without making an award, or have delivered to any party to the submission or to the umpire a notice in writing stating that they cannot agree, the umpire may forthwith enter on the reference in lieu of the arbitrators.

(e) The umpire shall make his award within one month after the original or extended time appointed for making the award of the arbitrators has expired, or on or before any later day to which the umpire by any writing signed by him may from time to time enlarge the time for making his award.

(f) The parties to the reference, and all persons claiming through them respectively, shall, subject to any legal objection, submit to be examined by the arbitrators or umpire, on oath, in relation to the matters in dispute, and shall, subject as aforesaid,

produce before the arbitrators or umpire all books, deeds, papers, accounts, writings, and documents within their possession or power respectively which may be required or called for, and do all other things which, during the proceedings on the reference, the arbitrators or umpire may require.

(g) The witnesses on the reference shall, if the arbitrators or umpire thinks fit,

be examined on oath.

(h) The award to be made by the arbitrators or umpire shall be final and binding

on the parties and the persons claiming under them respectively.

(i) The costs of the reference and award shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators or umpire, who may direct to and by whom and in what manner those costs or any part thereof shall be paid, and may tax or settle the amount of costs to be so paid or any part thereof, and may award costs to be paid as between solicitor and client.

In the name and on the behalf of His Majesty I assent to this Act.

HARRY H. RAWSON, Governor.

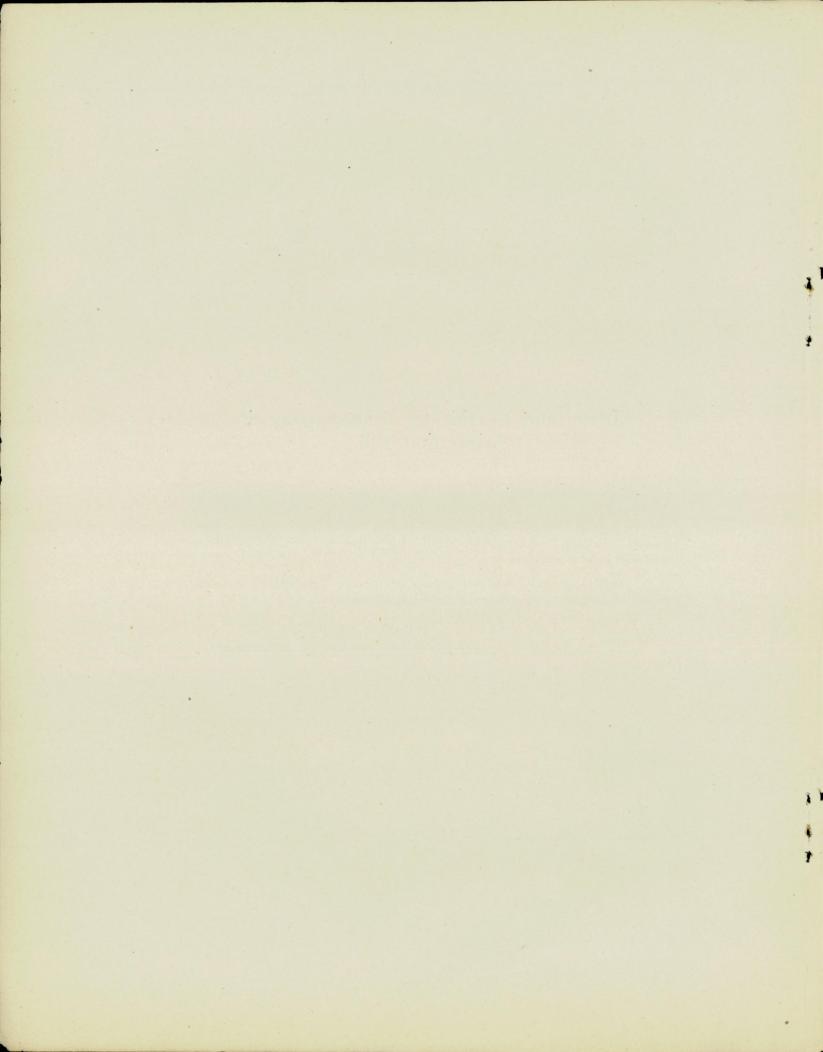
State Government House, Sydney, 16th August, 1902. IIA TERRITA III TERRITA III COMPANIA CO

Memo. and Certificate to accompany the Arbitration Bill.

Clause 3. In the original section "Court" is defined to mean "the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof," and immediately after the expression "Court or a Judge" is used and appears through the Act, entirely ignoring the definition. In some cases, however, "the Court" is used, and the definition may be there necessary, and accordingly is retained in its original form.

I certify that this Bill solely consolidates, and in no way alters, adds to, or amends the law as contained in the enactments therein consolidated.

CHAS. G. HEYDON,
Commissioner for the Consolidation of the Statute Law.



Arbitration Bill.

Table showing how the sections of Acts consolidated have been dealt with.

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25		Omitted. Not required in consolidation.	
26		Unnecessary. See No. 4, 1897, s. 8.	
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28		Short title.	

This Public Bill originated in the Legislative Council, and, having this day passed, is now ready for presentation to the Legislative Assembly for its concurrence.

Legislative Council Chamber, Sydney, 9th July, 1902. JOHN J. CALVERT, Clerk of the Parliaments.

New South Wales.



ANNO SECUNDO

REGIS.

Act No. . 1902.

An Act to consolidate the enactments relating to Arbitration.

E it enacted by the King's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with D the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Arbitration Act, 1902."

2. The Acts mentioned in the First Schedule are, to the extent Repeal. therein expressed, hereby repealed.

3. În this Act, unless the context or subject-matter otherwise Interpretation. indicates or requires,— 55 Vie. No. 32, s. 27.

"Court" means the Supreme Court or a Judge thereof.
"Judge" means a Judge of the Supreme Court.

"Rules of Court" means rules made as hereinafter provided. 91019 c 42-"Submission"

"Submission" means a written agreement to submit present or future differences to arbitration, whether an arbitrator is named therein or not.

References by consent out of Court.

4. A submission, unless a contrary intention is expressed therein, Effect of submission. shall be irrevocable, except by leave of the Court or a Judge, and shall 55 Vic. No. 32, s. 1. have the same effect in all respects as if it had been made an order of Court.

5. A submission, unless a contrary intention is expressed therein, Provisions implied shall be deemed to include the provisions set forth in the Second in submissions. Schedule to this Act, so far as they are applicable to the reference Ibid. s. 2.

under the submission.

6. If any party to a submission, or any person claiming through Power to stay or under him, commences any legal proceedings in any Court against proceedings where any other party to the submission. any other party to the submission, or any person claiming through or Ibid. s. 3. under him, in respect of any matter agreed to be referred, any party to such legal proceedings may at any time after appearance, and before delivering any pleadings or taking any other steps in the proceedings, apply to that Court to stay the proceedings, and that Court or a Judge if satisfied that there is no sufficient reason why the matter should not be referred in accordance with the submission, and that the applicant was, at the time when the proceedings were commenced, and still remains, ready and willing to do all things necessary to the proper conduct of the arbitration, may make an order staying the proceedings.

7. In any of the following cases—

(a) where a submission provides that the reference shall be to a in certain cases to single arbitrator, and all the parties do not after differences appoint an arbitrator, have arisen concur in the appointment of an arbitrator, have arisen concur in the appointment of an arbitrator;

(b) if an appointed arbitrator refuses to act, or is incapable of Ibid. s. 4. acting, or dies, and the submission does not show that it was intended that the vacancy should not be supplied, and the parties do not supply the vacancy;

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Power for the Court

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(d) If the arbitrators have allowed their time or extended time to expire without making an award, or have delivered to any party to the submission or to the umpire a notice in writing stating that they cannot agree, the umpire may forthwith enter on the reference in lieu of the arbitrators.

(e) The umpire shall make his award within one month after the original or extended time appointed for making the award of the arbitrators has expired, or on or before any later day to which the umpire by any writing signed by him may from time

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(f) The parties to the reference, and all persons claiming through them respectively, shall, subject to any legal objection, submit to be examined by the arbitrators or umpire, on oath, in relation to the matters in dispute, and shall, subject as aforesaid,

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(g) The witnesses on the reference shall, if the arbitrators or umpire thinks fit,

be examined on oath.

(h) The award to be made by the arbitrators or umpire shall be final and binding

on the parties and the persons claiming under them respectively.

(i) The costs of the reference and award shall be in the discretion of the arbitrators or umpire, who may direct to and by whom and in what manner those costs or any part thereof shall be paid, and may tax or settle the amount of costs to be so paid or any part thereof, and may award costs to be paid as between solicitor and client.

