

and authority in respect to the Supreme Court in this Island as the present Assistant Judge of the said Supreme Court now hath and possesses.

III. That the said Vice Chancellor, in all cases, except in appeals from his decisions and hearings thereon before the Chancellor, shall be and be deemed an additional adviser and Judge of the said Court of Chancery, and shall have power to sign all rules, orders and decrees made by him therein, and shall, in every respect whatever, have a co-ordinate jurisdiction with the Master of the Rolls of this Island; and the signature of the Chancellor, except in the cases aforesaid, shall not be necessary to the validity of any such rules and orders in any cause, or to any decree made in the absence of the Chancellor from this Island. Provided always, that the enrollment of all decrees shall be signed by the Chancellor to whom the same shall be presented to be signed for enrollment.

IV. That the said Vice Chancellor and assistant Judge appointed under and by virtue of this Act, shall be deemed ineligible for holding a seat in either the Executive, or Legislative Council, or House of Assembly of this Island, nor shall it be lawful for him to practice in any manner as a Solicitor, Proctor, Master in Chancery, Attorney, or Counsel, or to hold any Agency of any kind whatsoever, or to act as an Agent, or to be concerned in any manner either directly or indirectly in the management of lands or collection of rents in this Island, not being bona fide the Estate and property owned by such Vice Chancellor and Assistant Judge.

V. That there shall be no fees in Chancery paid to the said Vice Chancellor.

VI. That from and after the passing of this Act, all suits, proceedings, matters and things in Chancery to be instituted or commenced before the Master of the Rolls, shall be prosecuted, heard and determined before and by him, and in like manner, all Suits, proceedings, matters and things in Chancery to be instituted or commenced before the Vice Chancellor, shall be prosecuted, heard and determined before and by him, except as hereinafter provided in the next section, and all Bills of whatsoever kind, and all Petitions shall be entitled 'In Chancery,' 'Before the Master of the Rolls' or 'Before the Vice Chancellor,' and shall be directed to the Master of the Rolls or the Vice Chancellor, according as the parties may elect to proceed

before the Master of the Rolls, or the Vice Chancellor, and the several prayers thereof shall be accordingly.

VII. In cases of the death, illness, incapacity, absence or other cause, whereby either the Master of the Rolls or Vice Chancellor shall be unable to proceed with or hear a cause, or any motion or argument in any cause, entitled before either of them, it shall be lawful for the other of them in his discretion to act for such Master of the Rolls or Vice Chancellor in such matter, and to hear any cause, motion or argument for and on behalf of the other of them so absent, or incapacitated, as aforesaid, and any decree made or given, or any order or decree made in any such cause shall be deemed to have been in the Court in which such proceedings shall have been first instituted, and any order or decree required to be signed under the aforesaid provision shall be signed A. B., acting Master of the Rolls, or C. D., acting Vice Chancellor, as the case may be.

VIII. And whereas it is necessary to provide an appellate Jurisdiction from any decision of the Master of the Rolls and Vice Chancellor, in addition to the right of appeal to the Chancellor: Be it therefore enacted by the authority, aforesaid, that the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, shall, together with the Master of the Rolls and Vice Chancellor, constitute a Court of Appeal in Equity, of which Court the said Chief Justice shall be the Presiding Judge.

IX. When a party to a suit or other proceeding in Chancery, shall deem himself aggrieved by any order, decree, direction or judgment of the Master of the Rolls or Vice Chancellor, he shall be at liberty to appeal from such order, decree, direction or judgment to the said Court of Appeal in Equity, in such way and manner, and subject to such directions as shall hereafter be prescribed, directed and appointed by the consolidated orders hereinafter referred to.

X. Immediately after the appointment of a Vice Chancellor, under the provisions of this Act, the Chief Justice, as the Presiding Judge of the Court of Appeal in Equity, together with the Master of the Rolls and Vice Chancellor, shall appoint three Barristers of the Court of Chancery, to revise, consolidate and amend the rules of the said Court, and to frame other rules, directing and declaring the forms of writs and processes, and other forms of procedure and practice, in all matters and proceedings of the said Court of Chancery, either before the