

(2.) The Assistant Paymaster-General is precluded from giving any information respecting any Funds in Court mentioned in the following list, except upon a request signed by the person applying for such information, and, if made by any person other than a Solicitor, "such information shall not be given unless the applicant is able to satisfy the Paymaster that the request is such as may, in the particular case, be properly complied with." (Supreme Court (Funds) Rules, No. 101.)

(3.) In the case of a request made by a Solicitor, such information shall not be given unless the request states the name and address of the person on whose behalf it is made, and that such person is, in the opinion of the applicant, beneficially interested in such funds.

(4.) An application with respect to Funds must quote the correct title of the matter or suit to which such Funds are placed; without this information it is not possible, in most cases, to trace the account referred to.

(5.) A request for information can only be complied with (to the extent shown in Paragraph 8), upon its being established to the satisfaction of the Paymaster that the applicant has or might have some beneficial interest; but it is misleading to assume that the mere coincidence of the surname of the original owner of property with the surname of one of the parties to a suit is sufficient evidence of a genuine ground of claim; nor is it within the functions of the Pay Office to investigate any claims founded on such an assumption. No Wills, Probates, or Letters of Administration, are kept at the Pay Office.

(6.) Each request must be stamped with a 2s. 6d. adhesive Judicature Stamp, as provided by the Order as to Supreme Court Fees, 1884, Rule 107. Stamps can be obtained at Rooms 6 and 419 of the Royal Courts of Justice; at the District Registries of the High Court; and at certain Stamp and Post Offices.

(7.) It must be borne in mind that Funds in Court can only be dealt with under the direction of an Order of Court. If a Fund cannot be dealt with, either by the Order quoted in the Return, or any other existing Order, application to the Court for a further Order will be necessary, in accordance with the customary form of legal procedure.

(8.) The only information which, subject to the conditions herein mentioned, it is in the power of the Assistant Paymaster-General to furnish is—

(a.) The amount of the Fund in Court.

(b.) The date of an Order of Court affecting the account (if any) other than that noted in the last column (if specially required).

(9.) Of the Orders, Affidavits, Certificates, and Reports referred to in this List, copies of those prior to 1870 are kept at the Public Record Office, Fetter Lane, London, E.C. Those dated after 1st January, 1870, are kept at the Filing Department of the Central Office, Room 81, Royal Courts of Justice.

They can be inspected during official hours, or copies obtained on payment of the prescribed Fees.

(10.) It is provided by Rule 12B, of Order 22, that—

(a.) When a cause or matter has been inserted in the following list, "the fact should be stated in every petition or summons affecting any money or securities to the credit of such Cause or Matter;" and that—

(b.) In cases in which the money or securities affected by such petition shall together amount to, or exceed in value, £500, a copy of such petition, and notice of all proceedings in Court or at Chambers shall (unless the Court otherwise directs) be served on the Official Solicitor of the Court, who shall be at liberty to appear and attend thereon.

(11.) The Paymaster cannot undertake to reply to applications unless the foregoing instructions are strictly complied with.

All Official Letters should be addressed to—

THE ASSISTANT PAYMASTER-GENERAL,

Royal Courts of Justice,

London, W.C.