

oath of office. A qualifying oath, in a form prescribed by statute, of a public officer required, as an incident of office, upon assuming the office. 42 Am J1st Pub Of § 7. The qualifying oath of an administrator or executor. 31 Am J2d Ex & Ad § 106.

oath purgatory. The oath made by a defendant in a trial by wager of law.

oath suppletory. An oath which was administered to a party to an action who testified in his own behalf.

The rule of the law courts required two witnesses to supply full proof of a single fact, and hence it was held that the testimony of one witness supplied only half proof. And where one witness had testified to a single fact in a party's behalf, he was-contrary to the general rule-in order to make full proof, permitted to testify in his own behalf, and it was then that the suppletory oath was administered to him. See 3 Bl Comm 368, 370.

oathworthy. Worthy of belief when testifying under oath; credible. oats. An agricultural crop. A grain.

ob. On account of; because of; by reason of; in consideration of.

Ob alterius culpam tenetur, sive servi, sive liberi. One is liable for the faults of others, if they are his servants, or if they are his children. See 1 Bl Comm 431.

ob causam aliquem a re maritima ortam. By reason of some cause or consideration arising out of a maritime matter.

ob continentiam delicti. Because of, or by reason of, connection with the tort or the crime.

ob contingentiam. Because or by reason of connection or relationship.

obedient. Submissive to authority, yielding compliance with commands, orders or injunctions; performing what is required, or abstaining from what is forbidden.

The word might with propriety be used to express the same meaning as the word "amenable," which is defined as liable to answer; responsible; answerable; liable to be called to account. Miller v Commonwealth, 62 Ky (1 Duv) 14, 17.

Obedientia est legis essentia. Obedience is the essence of law.

ob favorem mercatorum. In favor of merchants; by reason of partiality toward merchants.

Ob infamiam non solet juxta legem terrae aliquis per legem apparentem se purgare nisi prius convictus fuerit vel confessus in curia.

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By reason of ill repute it is not customary according to the law of the land for anyone to purge himself by lex apparens, unless he was convicted or confessed in court.

obit. To reach the end in death.

obiter. On the way; in passing; incidentally; cursorily.

See **dicta**.

obiter dicta. Same as **dicta**.

obiter dictum. Singular of **obiter dicta**.