6. *This paragraph should be inserted where the property is a dwelling-house in respect of which the amount or the maximum amount of the rent is fixed, determined or approved by, or in pursuance of, any of the enactments specified in paragraph* 10 *of the Third Schedule to the Act of* 1956.

Where, on the 16th May(a) 1957, the amount of the rent or the maximum amount of the rent is fixed under statute because a grant has been paid for the building, conversion or repair of a property or for certain other reasons, that amount will be reduced by the "relevant fraction". *Insert the following words if they have not appeared earlier in the Notes.* The "relevant fraction" is a fraction of which the numerator is the number of pence per pound of rateable value payable by way of owners' rates in respect of the dwelling-house in the year 1956-57 and the denominator is two hundred and forty. In your case the "relevant fraction" is $\frac{\quad}{240}$.

7. On and after the 16th May(a) 1957 the occupier of a property is liable to pay all the rates on that property. The arrangement whereby an owner of a small dwelling-house is responsible to the local authority for the occupier's rates (with a right of recovery against the occupier) is not, however, affected by the Act of 1956.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These regulations prescribe the form of notice to be given by landlords to the occupiers of any property showing the amount of the owners' rates payable in respect of the property for the year 1956-57 and the effect on the rent of the property of the provisions of the Valuation and Rating (Scotland) Act, 1956, abolishing owners' rates.

LIVERPOOL COURT OF PASSAGE

PROCEDURE

1957 No. 1279 (L. 15)

The Rules of the Court of Passage of the City of Liverpool, 1957

Made - - - - *24th June,* 1957
Coming into Operation *2nd September,* 1957

The Rules of the Liverpool Court of Passage(b) are hereby amended as follows:—

1. In Rule 4 of Order VII (which relates to the withdrawal of a solicitor who has ceased to act for a party in any proceedings), paragraph (3) shall be omitted, paragraph (4) shall be renumbered (3), paragraph (5) shall be renumbered and stand as Rule 5, and at the end of the said Rule 4 there shall be added the following paragraphs:—

"(4) Notwithstanding anything in paragraph (1) of this Rule, where the certificate of an assisted person within the meaning of the Legal Aid

(a) Except in the area of any local authority whose financial year commences on a day other than the 16th May.
(b) S.R. & O. 1934/411 (1934 I, p. 947).

(General) Regulations, 1950, is revoked or discharged, the solicitor who has acted for the assisted person shall cease to be the solicitor acting in the cause or matter as soon as his retainer has determined under paragraph (2) of Regulation 12 of the said Regulations; and if the party whose certificate has been revoked or discharged desires to proceed with the cause or matter without legal aid and appoints the solicitor or another solicitor to act on his behalf, the provisions of paragraph (3) of Rule 2 shall apply as if such party had previously sued or defended in person.

(5) After an order has been made under paragraph (1) of this Rule or the certificate of an assisted person has been revoked or discharged, then, until the party to whom the order or certificate relates either appoints another solicitor or gives notice of his intention to act in person and an address for service and in either case complies with the provisions of Rule 2 relating to notice of the appointment or, as the case may be, of the intention to act in person, any document in respect of which personal service is not required may be served on that party by filing the document with the proper officer."

2. The following amendments shall be made in Order XIX (which relates to pleadings) :—

(1) Rule 6 shall be numbered Rule 6 (1) and there shall be added at the end thereof the following paragraph :—

"(2) In an action for libel or slander if the plaintiff alleges that the words or matters complained of were used in a defamatory sense other than their ordinary meaning, he shall give particulars of the facts and matters on which he relies in support of such sense."

(2) Rule 24 shall be amended by adding thereto the following proviso :—

"Provided that where in an action for libel or slander the defendant pleads that any of the words or matters complained of are fair comment on a matter of public interest or were published upon a privileged occasion, the plaintiff shall, if he intends to allege that the defendant was actuated by express malice, deliver a reply giving particulars of the facts and matters from which such malice is to be inferred."

(3) After Rule 24 there shall be inserted the following Rule :—

"24A. Where in an action for libel or slander the defendant alleges that, in so far as the words complained of consist of statements of fact, they are true in substance and in fact, and in so far as they consist of expressions of opinion, they are fair comment on a matter of public interest, or pleads to the like effect, he shall give particulars stating which of the words complained of he alleges are statements of fact and of the facts and matters he relies on in support of the allegation that the words are true."

3. The following amendments shall be made in Order XXII (which relates to payment into and out of Court) :—

(1) In paragraph (1) of Rule 2 for the words "seven days" there shall be substituted the words "fourteen days" and after the words "thereupon he shall" there shall be inserted the words "except as otherwise expressly provided by these Rules and subject to Rule 10 of this Order".

(2) Rule 4 shall be amended by substituting for the words "seven days" in paragraph (2) the words "fourteen days" and by adding at the end of the Rule the following paragraph :—

"(4) In an action for libel or slander against several defendants sued jointly, if any defendant pays money into Court the plaintiff may within fourteen days elect to accept the sum paid into Court in satisfaction of his claim against the defendant making the payment and shall give notice to all the defendants as in Form 4 (*a*) in Part II of Appendix B. The plaintiff may then proceed to tax his costs against the defendant who has made such payment in accordance with Rule 2 (3) of this Order and the action shall thereupon be stayed as against that defendant. The plaintiff may continue with the action against any other defendant, but the sum paid into Court shall be set off against any damages awarded to the plaintiff against the defendant or defendants against whom the action is continued."

4. The following amendments shall be made in Order XXXI (which relates to discovery and inspection) :—

(1) After Rule 1 there shall be inserted the following Rule :—

"1A. In an action for libel or slander where the defendant pleads that the words or matters complained of are fair comment on a matter of public interest or were published on a privileged occasion, no interrogatories as to the defendant's sources of information or grounds of belief shall be allowed."

(2) Rule 10 shall be amended by inserting after the words "be thought fit" the following sentence :—

"In an action for libel or slander the Presiding Judge or Registrar may grant discovery of documents relating to any issue raised in the action."

5. In Order XXXVII (which relates to evidence) Rule 5 shall be amended by inserting after the words "Judge of the High Court of Justice" the words "or a Master or District Registrar".

6. In Order XLV (which relates to the attachment of debts) after Rule 9 there shall be inserted the following Rule :—

"10. Among the conditions mentioned in subsection (1) of section 38 of the Administration of Justice Act, 1956, (which enables any sum standing to the credit of a person in a deposit account in a bank to be attached notwithstanding that certain conditions applicable to the account have not been satisfied) there shall be included a condition that a receipt for the money deposited in the account must be produced before any money is withdrawn."

7. In Order LIV (which relates to applications and proceedings at chambers) there shall be inserted after Rule 9 the following Rule :—

"9A. An application to determine the steps to be taken in fulfilment of an offer of amends under section 4 of the Defamation Act, 1952, shall be made to the Presiding Judge."

8. The following Form shall be added to Part II of Appendix B and shall stand as Form No. 4 (*a*):—

"No. 4 (*a*)

Acceptance of Sum Paid into Court by One of Several Defendants (0.22, R.4(4)).

(Heading as in Form 6)

Take notice that the plaintiff accepts the sum of £ paid by the defendant C.D. into court in satisfaction of his claim against that defendant.

Dated the day of , 19 .

X.Y. Plaintiff's solicitor.

To Mr. P.Q., Solicitor for the defendant C.D., and
Mr. R.S., Solicitor for the defendant E.F."

9. These Rules may be cited as the Rules of the Court of Passage of the City of Liverpool, 1957, and shall come into operation on the 2nd day of September, 1957.

Approved,

G. Glynn Blackledge,
Presiding Judge.

These Rules are made with the concurrence of the authority for the time being empowered to make Rules of the Supreme Court.

G. P. Coldstream,
Secretary of the Supreme Court Rule Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

1957 No. 1800

The Local Government (Allowances for Attendance at Road Safety Conferences) Regulations, 1957

Made - - - -	*17th October,* 1957
Laid before Parliament	*24th October,* 1957
Coming into Operation	*1st November,* 1957

The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under section 117 of the Local Government Act, 1948(**a**), and sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of paragraph 1 of the Second Schedule to the Road Traffic Act, 1956(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1. These regulations may be cited as the Local Government (Allowances for Attendance at Road Safety Conferences) Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of November, 1957.

2.—(1) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**c**), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(2) In these regulations the expression "road safety committee" means a committee or other body set up to act for the purposes of section 5 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956 (which makes provision in relation to road-

(a) 11 & 12 Geo. 6. c. 26. (b) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67. (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.