

1972 No. 220 (S. 15)

**SHERIFF COURT, SCOTLAND**

**Act of Sederunt (Emergency Powers in the Sheriff Court) 1972**

*Made* - - - - - 16th February 1972  
*Coming into Operation* 17th February 1972

The Lords of Council and Session, under and by virtue of the powers conferred upon them by section 32 of the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1971(a) and of all other powers competent to them in that behalf, and after consultation with the Sheriff Court Rules Council, do hereby enact and declare as follows:—

1. From and after 16th February 1972 the Sheriff may in his discretion relieve any party from the consequences of any inability, due to the present emergency created by the coal miners' strike, to comply with the provisions of the Rules contained in the First Schedule to the Sheriff Courts (Scotland) Act 1907(b) or any other statutory requirement so far as relating to any proceedings depending before him.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply to the interpretation of this Act of Sederunt as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Act of Sederunt may be cited as the Act of Sederunt (Emergency Powers in the Sheriff Court) 1972 and shall come into operation on 17th February 1972.

And the Lords appoint this Act of Sederunt to be inserted in the Books of Sederunt.

*J. L. Clyde,*  
I.P.D.

Edinburgh,  
16th February 1972.

---

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This Note is not part of the Act of Sederunt)*

This Act of Sederunt empowers the Sheriff to relieve any party from the consequences of any inability, due to the emergency created by the coal miners' strike, to comply with the provisions of the Sheriff Court Rules or any other statutory requirement so far as relating to proceedings depending before him.

---

(a) 1971 c. 58.

(b) 1907 c. 51.

(c) 1889 c. 63.

SI 1972/220(  
ISBN 0-11-020220-1



780110202204