

much to the like effect that now it is: in which year also *M. Marrow* taketh it that Justices of Peace were first made, they having then first power given them to hear and determine Felonies and Trespasses against the Peace, as appeareth by the Statute of 18 E. 3. c. 2.

The form of the Oath is at this day as followeth.

§. 2. **Y**E shall swear, that as Justice of the Peace in the County of *Camb.* in all Articles in the Kings Commission to you directed, you shall do legal right to the Poor and to the Rich; after your cunning, wit and power, and after the Laws and Customs of the Realm, and Statutes thereof made: And ye shall not be of Council of any quarrel hanging before you: And that ye hold your Sessions after the form of the Statutes thereof made: And the Issues, Fines, and Amercements that shall happen to be made, and all Forfeitures which shall fall before you, ye shall cause to be entred without any concealment (or imbezilling,) and truly send them to the Kings Exchequer; ye shall not let for gift, or other cause, but well and truly you shall do your Office of Justice of the Peace in that behalf: And that you take nothing for your Office of Justice of the Peace to be done, but of the King, and Fees accustomed, and costs limited by the Statute: And ye shall not direct, nor cause to be directed, any Warrant (by you to be made) to the parties, but ye shall direct them to the Bailiffs of the said County, or other the Kings Officers (or Ministers,) or other indifferent persons, to do execution thereof. *So help you God, &c.*

The parts of this Oath are shortly Six

§. 3.
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the Oath.

1. That they shall do equal Right to Rich and Poor, and according to the Laws and Statutes of the Realm.

2. That they shall not be of Council with any person in any matter depending before them.

3. That they shall keep their Sessions according to the Statutes, which (as it seemeth by the Prescript of the Statute 2 H. 5. cap. 4.) ought to be in the first Week after the Feast of *S. Michael*, after the *Epiphany*, after the clause or Feast of *Easter*, and after the Translation of *S. Thomas* the Martyr, being the third day of *July*, And accordingly the Quarter Sessions of the Peace ought so still to be holden throughout the Realm. See *Lam.* 579, 580. And yet by the Statute of 14 H. 6. c. 4. the Justices of Peace of *Middlesex* are to keep their Sessions but twice in the year. 2 H. 5. 4.
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4. That all Issues, Fines, Amercements, and Forfeitures which happen before them, be by them truly entred, and sent into the Exchequer.

5. That they take nothing for doing of their Office; but of the King, and the accustomed Fees appointed by the Statutes.

6. That they shall not direct any their Warrants to the parties, but to the Bailiffs of the County, or to other of the Kings Officers, as to the Sheriff, High Constable, Petty Constable, &c. or other indifferent persons.

§. 4.
Sessions.

Now farther concerning the times of the Quarter Sessions, it seemeth to be the intent or meaning of the afore-recited Stat. 2. H. 5. c. 4. that the weeks wherein the afore-said Feasts of *S. Michael*, the *Epiphany*, and *S. Thomas* fall, must be first ended. before the Sessions can begin. So that if any of these three Feast-days shall fall upon the *Sunday*, *Monday*, *Tuesday*, or *Wednesday*, then shall the Sessions (in our County of *Cambridge*) be upon *Thursday* seven-night after; but if any of those Feasts shall fall upon *Thursday*, *Friday*, or *Saturday*, then shall our Sessions be upon the next *Thursday* after; and for our *Easter* Sessions, upon the *Thursday* seven-night after *Easter-day*. 36 E. 3. 12.

The other Oath, concerning the Kings Supremacy, is by force of the Statute made *primo Eliz. c. 1.* The form of which Oath followeth. P. Crown.