

27 El. 12. Every Under-Sheriff, Bailiff of Franchise, Deputy and Clerk of every Sheriff and Under-Sheriff, and other persons that take on them to impanel or return any Inquest, Jury or Tales; or intermeddle with Execution of Proceſs in any Court of Record, ſhall before they meddle with the Execution of ſuch Office, or Execution of Proceſs, take the Oath of Supremacy, 1 El. 1. And this Oath *Mutatim mutandis*. §. 6.  
Oath of  
Sheriff and  
Bailiff.

27 El. 12. **I** A. B. ſhall not uſe or exerciſe the Office of Under-Sheriff corruptly, during the time that I ſhall remain therein; neither ſhall or will accept, receive or take, by any colour, means or device whatſoever; or conſent to the taking of any manner of Fee or Reward of any perſon or perſons, for the Impannelling or Returning of any Inquest, Jury or Tales, in any Court of Record for the Queen; or betwixt Party and Party above Two ſhillings, or the value thereof; or ſuch Fees as are allowed and appointed for the ſame, by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm; but will, according to my power, truly and indifferently, with convenient ſpeed, impannel all Jurors, and return all ſuch Writ or Writs touching the ſame as ſhall appertain to be done by my Duty or Office, during the time I ſhall remain in the ſaid Office. So help me God.

27 El. 12. And if any perſon ſhall intermeddle, &c. not having taken the ſaid Oath, he ſhall forfeit 40 li. A moiety to the King, and the other moiety to the Proſecutor. Forfeiture.

And the Juſtices of Peace, in their Sessions, have power to hear and determine the defaults againſt that Act, as well by Preſentment and Information as Indictment; and, upon Conviction, to award Execution for the Forfeitures, by *Fieri facias*, *Attachment*, *Capias* or *Exigent*, and the *Cuſtos*, &c.

27 El. 12. P. 32, 33. The *Cuſtos Rotulorum*, or any two Juſtices of the Peace, the one being of the *Quorum* (*Ex Officio*, and without any Commission to that purpoſe to them to be directed) may take the Oaths of the Under-Sheriff of their County, his Bailiffs, Deputies, Clerks and other Officers, before they ſhall exerciſe their ſaid Offices.

ſc. { The Oath of Supremacy.  
The Oath for the true exerciſing of their Offices.

But ſpecial Bailiffs made for the ſerving of Proceſs, are not to be ſworn by this Statute, as Mr. *Crompton* reporteth, and ſaith, *That it was ſo adjudged in the Kings Bench*. And yet the words of the Statute be, That every perſon which ſhall have authority, or take upon him to intermeddle with Execution of Proceſs, &c. ſhall receive and take the ſaid Oaths, *Crompt. 76, & 103*. And ſo it was reſolved *M. 7 Car. 1. Jones Rep. 249*. And the ſame matter was alſo in queſtion lately in the *Kings-Bench*, but not reſolved that I remember.

Sheriffs, Under-Bailiffs, their Bailiffs or Miniſters ſhall not make out any Proceſs on any Indictments or Preſentments in their Leets or Turns, but ſhall deliver the ſame to the Juſtices of Peace at their next Sessions; or in default thereof, ſhall forfeit 40 li. And the Juſtices of Peace may proceed thereon, as if ſuch Indictment or Preſentment were taken before them, and may arraign and deliver the Parties indicted; and ſuch as be indicted of Treſpals ſhall make ſuch Fine as they in their diſcretions ſhall think fit; and the Eſtreats ſhall be inrolled and delivered by Indenture. And if the Sheriff, &c. ſhall arreſt, &c. any perſon or levy ſuch Amerciament without ſuch Authority, he ſhall forfeit One hundred pound. 7 E. 4. 2. §. 7.