

Also the Constable or other such Officer, that shall imprison in the Stocks any Offender for Felony or suspicion thereof, may lock the Stocks, and, if need be, may also put Irons on him, as it seemeth; and when he conveyeth him to the Gaol, or to the Justice, may pinion him, or otherwise make him sure, so that he cannot escape.

Kit. 69. It seemeth by *Britton*, fol. 17 that by the Common Law (before the Statute of *West. 2.*) none should have Irons put on them but such Offenders as were taken for Felony, or Trespassers in Parks. But the words of the Statute of *Westm. 2. cap. 11.* are general, *quod carceri mancipentur in ferris*; which word *Carceri* seemeth to signifie any persons imprisoned for any cause, (or any persons worthy of the prison) and is not to be restrained to accomptants only. See *Coke 3. 44.*

7 Jac. 4. Also by the Statute 7 *Jacobi Regis*, all Rogues, Vagabonds, sturdy Beggars, and other idle and disorderly persons, sent to the House of Correction, may (by the Master of such a House) be punished by putting Fetters or Gyves upon them.

Posse Comitatus. CHAP. CLXXI. V. 119.

Lamb. 38. **W**HERE the Justice of Peace, Sheriff, or other Officer, is enabled to take the power of the County, it seemeth they may command, and ought to have the aid and attendance of all Knights, Gentlemen, Yeomen, Husbandmen, Labourers, Tradesmen, Servants and Apprentices, and of all other persons being about the age of fifteen years, and able to travel. §. 1. *who.*

But Women, Ecclesiastical Persons, and such as be decrepit or diseased of any continual infirmity, shall not be compelled to attend them.

And in such cases it is referred to the discretion of the Justice of peace (or Sheriff, &c.) what number they will have to attend upon them, and how and after what manner they shall be armed, weaponed, or otherwise furnished.

But it is not justifiable for the Justice of peace, Sheriff, or other Officer, to assemble *Posse Comitatus*, or raise a Power or Assembly of people (upon their own Heads) without just cause. *Vide antea tit. Riots.*

What Persons may take Posse Comitatus, and in what Cases.

CHAP. CLXXII. V. 120.

And. part 2. p. 67.

ANY Justice of Peace or Sheriff, may take (of that County where he is a Justice or Sheriff) any number that he shall think meet to pursue, apprehend, arrest and imprison Traitors, Murtherers, Robbers and other Felons; or such as do break, or go about to break, or disturb the Kings Peace: and every Man (being required) ought to assist and aid them, *Vide antea tit. Forcible Entry and Felony.* §. 1.

The Justice of Peace (and Sheriff or Under-Sheriff) may take *Posse Comitatus* for the suppressing of Riots; and all sorts of persons (being able and required) ought to assist them therein, *Vide antea tit. Riots.* 14 H. 7. 8.

Yea, any one Justice of Peace may take the Power and Aid of the County to suppress Rioters, and need not to tarry for the coming of another Justice, or of the Sheriff.

Also in cases of Forcible Entry, any Justice of peace may take *Posse Comitatus* to remove such persons as by his View, or by Inquisition taken

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§. 2. *In what cases.* be.