

Magistrates without your Lord's express Licence or permission
but as several had crept into the Commission who were
unqualified & mostly unworthy to be intrusted with such power
as is given by such Commission especially as the 600 Law
has now taken place I did presume when I issued the last
Commission to the several Counties which is done annually to
leave out such persons Names as I was assured were improper
to be vested with any Authority or power in your Lord's
Government. & I cannot but mention to your Lord a seeming
Impropriety with respect to the Judges or Magistrates of the
supreme or provincial Court, Several of the County Clerks
who are in their respective Counties as it were Servants of
the Bench which is composed of the Justices of Peace or
simple Magistrates have by some means or other been
nominated to sit as Judges in a Superior Court of Judicature
which I beg leave to submit to your Lord's Consideration.
I have taken the Liberty to inclose to your Lord the
Copy of a Letter I lately received from the Rector of Coventry
Parish in Somerset County a Person of a most abandoned &
prostituted Life & Character, which I apprehend he was
incited to write to me by my refusal to grant him a Pro-
sequi to prevent his being punished according to Law for
marrying Persons without Licence. your Lord will perceive
what Sentiments he entertains of any superior Authority
but if your Lord should be pleased to take any Steps for