

last when being desirous to do him a kindness; appointed him  
Sheriff of that County. in which it may be also said there  
is some Impropriety since he is now a Minister of an inferior  
Court: but after all. how can one otherwise make such Gentlemen  
any Recompence, for as to the Allowance made them by the  
Country it is little more than enough to defray their Expenses.  
Upon the whole. I cannot say that I think our Provincial Justices  
equal to their Office, but at the same time I know not how the  
Evil is to be remedied, if such Men are not to be got as one  
could wish we must be contented with such as we can get & it  
would become the Lawyers instead of holding them cheap to make  
Allowances for their Want of a Regular Education & unless the  
Judges Conduct on other Occasions affords Room to think that they  
are partial or ill-disposed. Common Charity would incline one to  
attribute any Errors or Mistakes they may make rather to their ha-  
ving misunderstood the Arguments urged on either Side than to wilful-  
ness or Design. & after all if one may judge from the Number of  
Appeals that are made from that Court very few people are dissa-  
tisfied with their Determinations. With respect to that particular  
Action which you have been told was brought to Trial in July  
last concerning an Excheat Warrant I believe there was something  
very singular in the Case especially with regard to the Facts  
concernances or Descents that were proved as you have been