

Statute Ordering some things touching the Trial and Judging of Causes.

The Judge may administer an oath to either Party in any civil Cause for the better investigation of the truth and upon any ones refusal may proceed against him as if he had Confessed the matter enquired of him by Oath.

The Defendant in any cause civil or criminal may put himself for trial upon the Judge or Court or upon his Country or may wage his Law in cases allowable by the Law of England, if both Parties joyn in the trial it shall be tried according to their agreement. If either Party desire to be tried by the Country and put in security to pay the charge of the Jury the issue shall be tried by the oath of twelve freemen returned by the Sheriff and thought fit by the Judge to be admitted upon the exception of either Party and if either party joyned not in the trial by the Country he that caused the Jury shall defray the charge of it without putting it to costs except that in criminals extending to loss of life or member the Offendor may demand to be tried by the Jury without putting in any security for the charge.

The Sheriff in warning of Jurys shall observe a certain course and Order of turns among all the freemen of the County the Council or Commissioners only excepted to which end the writt for warning the