

The Judge may administer Oath to either Par-
ty 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 crimi-
nall 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 Charges the Jury the issue shall be tried by the
Oath of twelve freemen returned by the Sheriff and though
for by the Judge to be admitted upon the exception
of either party and if the other Party joyned not in the
trial by the Country he that caused the Jury shall de-
fray 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 Country
without putting in any security to pay the Charge

The Sheriff in warranting of Juries shall observe
a certain course and Order of turn among all the free-
men of the County the Council and Commissioners only
excepted to which end the writ for warranting any Jury shall
not be returnable until fifteen days at the least after the
delivery of it to the Sheriff and the Sheriff upon receiving
any writ may award out precepts to any his under-
Sheriff or Bailiff in any hundred or Division to the
effect of the writ which precept shall be of force to all
Persons & the return of such under Sheriff or Bailiff may be
returned by the Sheriff