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EPITOME

OF THE
PRACTICE AND ORIGIN
OF THE
SHERIFF'S COURT,

BY

Writ of Justices,

APPLICABLE TO

EVERY COUNTY IN ENGLAND AND WALES;

SHewing THE EASY METHOD AT WHICH
DEBTS (ABOVE 40s.) NOTES OF HAND, BILLS OF EXCHANGE,
TRESPASS, ASSAULT, DAMAGE, OR THE LIKE, MAY BE RECOVERED BY
THE SHERIFF IN FULL COUNTY COURT.

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

THE FORM OF THE BILL OF COSTS,

AS TAKEN IN THE LATE CASE OF

BONUS v. CARTER,

Tried before the Sheriff at Hertford, in September last;

AS ALSO THE PRACTICE OF THE SAME COURT,
IN REPLEVIN, DAMAGE-FEASANT, WRIT OF FALSE JUDGMENT, &c.
ACCOMPANIED WITH USEFUL AND APPROPRIATE FORMS.

By J. B.

OF INNER TEMPLE LANE.

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TO
RICHARD LONGMORE, Esq
COUNTY CLERK,
OF THE
COUNTY OF HERTFORD.

SIR,—The recent Trial of *BONUS v. CARTER*, brought down by *Writ of Justicies*, at the Sheriff's Court at Hertford, and tried before you in September last, has given rise to numerous speculations respecting the nature and origin of this Writ; and the novelty occasioned thereby may be easily accounted for, inasmuch as it is, I believe, the

first in the County of Hertford which has ever come to Issue—Trial and final Judgment.

At the desire therefore of many respectable individuals, the following pages have been published, and the request has been complied with, more with a view to elucidate the more certain and easy method of trying Issues of a local nature than of encouraging the more heavy Proceedings in the Courts above, where causes are not of sufficient import to carry them thither.

It has been said, and I believe with much truth, that had a certain learned

noble lord consulted the ancient origin of this Writ, there would be no necessity for the establishment of new local Courts, when in fact, there were existing Statutes which gave jurisdiction to the Sheriff by *Justicies*, to hold Pleas to any amount, as will be seen by a review of the subsequent pages.

To add, therefore, to the dignity of this Court, (or rather to its power), it has only to be made one of Record, (which it is not at present), and he will effect every end contemplated by the New Bill.

For the Dedication to you, Sir, I feel I need not apologize, inasmuch as

where the public good is contemplated, a public man requires none ; the office of County Clerk admits this liberty, and particularly where a practice so useful is unknown to numerous branches of the legal Profession.

The following narrative may perhaps be found too much curtailed ; but one object alone has the author in view, viz : to render the Practice concise and useful, and that at a small price, every person who may hereafter have occasion to use this Court, may be enabled to obtain it.

With these brief remarks, I submit

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the following pages for perusal, and
subscribe myself,

Sir,

With much respect,

Your very

Obedient, humble Servant.

J. B.

*Inner Temple Lane,
October, 1831.*