

And the other relates to a gentleman who became famous as counsel during the second Tichborne trial :

"Mr. Justice Hawkins seems to have developed a singular passion for military costumes. At the Derby Assizes, the high sheriff appeared in court in ordinary morning dress, to the great disappointment of Mr. Justice Hawkins, who insisted that this gentleman should attend in uniform or other official attire. The high sheriff ventured to point out to his lordship that as he was not a deputy lieutenant of the county, and held none of those positions which carry with them the perquisite of a uniform, he could not very well conform to the judge's request. His lordship still refused to forego the gratification of seeing the high sheriff in uniform, and threatened that if his commands were not obeyed, he would next day fine that official £500. In vain did the high sheriff protest that in appearing in morning dress he was only following the practice of his predecessors. Mr. Justice Hawkins was inexorable, and the next morning, no doubt to his lordship's very great delight—the high sheriff presented himself in—the uniform of a captain of the Derbyshire Volunteers! Whether his lordship, who appears to be in these matters as punctilious as a Chinese Mandarin, will insist on uniform the next time he presides at the Derby Assizes remains to be seen."

And a third incident, which is depicted in the following little sketch from the *London World*, does not place English court proceedings in a more dignified light ;

"Divisional Court.—*COR. KELLY, L.C.B., and MELLOR, J.*

"Eleven A. M.—At the conclusion of the *ex parte* motions.

"Mr. A.—Might I mention to your Lordship a case of *Snooks v. Jones*, which stands fifth on your Lordship's list? [The learned gentleman was here interrupted by another learned counsel, who made some communication to him.] I beg your Lordship's pardon; I find that it is now useless to apply to your Lordship. [Prepares to sit down.] The L.C.B.—What is the name of your case, Mr. A.—My Lord, the case is that of *Snooks v. Jones*; but—Mr. J. Mellor.—*Snooks* against what? Mr. A.—*Jones*, my Lord. The L.C.B.—How do you spell it? Mr. A.—*J-o-n-e-s*, my Lord. But as I said before

—The L.C.B.—One moment, pray. [Writes down the name.] Now will you have the goodness to tell us what the case is—what question is raised for the decision of this court, and in what form? Mr. A.—My Lord, I was just about to tell your Lordship!—The L.C.B. [with some warmth].—Never mind what you were about to tell me, sir. If learned counsel would not constantly attempt to evade the questions of the court, the business of the court would be transacted in a much more rapid and satisfactory manner, and there would be a great saving of the public time. Mr. A.—My Lord, I was not attempting to evade your Lordship's questions; but with the object of saving public time, I ventured to think—The L.C.B.—I must trouble you not to venture to think anything until you have told us the facts. When the court is in possession of *all* the facts, it will then, and not till then, be in a position to listen to any application which you may wish to make. In the meantime, I must ask you to have the goodness to raise your voice. Mr. A. [in stentorian tones].—I do not wish to make any applica— The L. C. R.—You have not yet informed us for whom you appear. Mr. A.—For the plaintiff. But if your Lordship will bear with me one— The L. C. B.—Stop, pray; for the plaintiff, you say. Does any one appear for the defendant? Mr. A.—My learned friend, Mr. B. Mr. B.—I appear for the defendant, my Lord. I perhaps may be allowed to tell your Lordship— The L. C. B.—One at a time, please. Mr. A. is at present in possession of the Court; and I desire, in the first instance, to hear from him, if he will have the goodness to tell me, which he seems strangely reluctant to do, the facts, the whole facts, and nothing but the facts. [Mr. J. Mellor here left the court, and the facts, which were of an uninteresting and complicated nature, were gone into. Owing to the defective acoustic properties of the building, frequent repetition was necessary, and an hour and a half were thus consumed. Mr. J. Mellor returned.] The L. C. B.—Very well, you have explained the facts lucidly and clearly, and we shall now be most happy to hear the nature of your application. Mr. A.—My Lord, I have no application to make. (Laughter). The L. C. B.—I must really beg—nay, if necessary, I must insist—that there be no unseemly inter-