

to the swift but also to the vigilant ; and if it be said that a landlord should not have a shorter remedy than the holder of a note, it may be answered that the practice is as defensible as that which distinguishes the holder of a promissory note from a creditor with a liquidated account, and the latter from one whose claim lies in damages. The law prescribes more delay for cases in which there is more likely to be dispute and less delay where probably less dispute, and no delay at all where experience has shown that disputes are of extremely rare occasion. There seems to be some reason and common sense in this.

The assertion that bailiffs are often extortionate is probably true. In this they resemble the rest of the world, and in this they should be controlled, and their charges regulated by law. Perhaps certain persons might be licensed to act as landlord's bailiffs, in which case their actions could be more readily supervised, but this we would not recommend.