

CRITICISMS ON THE REPORTERS.

port this position. It is to be found in the language of Alderson B. himself, as reported in *Barrett v. Power*, 18 Jur., 156. We now proceed in alphabetical order with the remainder of the reporters.

CROKE'S REPORTS. "Much weight is due to the authority of Croke."—Per Mansfield, C., in *Simmonds v. Swaine*, 1 Taunton, 549.

CROKE CAR. AND CROKE JAC. "That was a period in which actions of slander had greatly multiplied, and it had become necessary to stop them, and without doubt, some of those decisions would not be supported at the present day."—Pollock, C. B., in *Tozer v. Mushford*, 20 L. J. Exch. 225.

DURNFORD AND EAST'S (TERM) REPORTS. "These are distinguished for care and accuracy of finish, and a matchless propriety of style. They have never been surpassed for general accuracy, and the point and precision with which the essence of the decisions is abstracted in the marginal notes."—9 Law Mag., N. S. 340.

DYER'S REPORTS. "Of high authority." 29 Law Mag., 340.

ESPINASSE'S REPORTS. "It was commonly said that Mr. Espinasse heard half his reports and reported the rest."—Per Pollock, C. B., in *Whyman v. Gath*, 17 Jur., 560.

"Not a book of high authority." Per Blackburn, J., in *Laycock v. Pickles*, 4 B. & S. 497.

HOBART'S REPORTS. "His book of cases commands the highest authority."—31 Law Mag., 94.

LILLY'S REPORTS. "A book of no great authority."—Per Willes, C. J., in Willes, R. 29.

LOFFT'S REPORTS. "These are but of very slight authority."—Per Lefroy, B., in *Cardiff v. Piercy*, Ir. Cir. R. 520.

MODERN REPORTS, VOL. VII. Said not to be of high authority,—in *Chorlton v. Lings*, 17 W. R., 291.

MODERN REPORTS, VOL. XII. "The 12th volume is a book of no great authority."—Per Crompton, J., in *Kennedy v. Stewart*, 7 Ir. L. R., 424, n.

MOSELY'S REPORTS. "Mosely is not a book of very great authority."—Per Shadwell, V. C., in *Brown v. Lockhart*, 4 Jur., 168.

MAUDE & SELWYN'S REPORTS. "These reports are less cited in practice than any other reports of modern times, in proportion to the period of time over which they extend."—9 Law Mag., N. S. 340.

FLOWDEN'S REPORTS. "I cannot be wrong in accepting the precedent as sufficient, when Lord Ellenborough in *Wain v. Warlters*, 5 East 10, said of Plowden's Reports, that better authority could not be cited."—Per Wilson, J. in *Attorney General v. McLachlin*, 5 Prac. R. 73.

PEERE WILLIAMS "is a great authority—as a reporter a very learned person, and I believe a very accurate reporter he is generally allowed to be." Per Lord Brougham in *Ex p. Alou*: 11 Jur. 858.

POLLEXFEN'S REPORTS. "His reports of arguments are of authority, having been revised by him after he became Chief Justice."—*Hawkworth v. Morgan*, Rowe R. 453. See also *Allgood v. Blake*. 21 W. R. 63.

In *North's "Life of Guilford"* it is said, "Pollexfen, since the Revolution, published a book of reports, as they are called, consisting chiefly of his factious arguments." Cited in *Greenleaf's Over-ruled Cases*, p. 382.

RIDGEWAY'S PARLIAMENTARY CASES. "*Vincent v. Going*, 3 Ridg. P. C. 599, is only reported in a book of no authority." Per Walsh, M. R. W. *Davis v. Kennedy*, Ir. L. R. 3 Eq. 56.

RYAN & MOODY'S CROWN CASES RESERVED. "The statements of fact are always drawn up by the Judges respectively before whom the questions arise, and each judgment is understood to be settled by some member of the bench, usually Mr. Justice Bayley." 4 Law Magazine 16, n.

SKINNER'S REPORTS. "His reports are highly esteemed." Woolrych Serjeants, p. 522.

STRANGE'S REPORTS. The passages in parenthesis are comments on the notes of the reporter. See *Clark's Colonial Law*, p. 84 n.

"As to authority, two cases in Strange have been cited on opposite sides. We will set off one against the other." Per Bramwell, B., in *Preston v. Danix*, 21 W. R. 128.

TAUNTON'S REPORTS. "The 8th volume is of very little authority." Per Parker, B., in *Isberg v. Bowden*, 1 C. L. R. 725, note.

VAUGHAN'S REPORTS. "The reports in that book are in general very satisfactory." Per Lord Cranworth in *Carlisle v. Whaley*, L. R. 2 E. & I. App. 419.

VERNON'S REPORTS. In *Greenleaf's "Over-ruled Cases"* it is said, that Lord Kenyon, C. J. observed that it had been an hundred and an hundred times lamented that Vernon's reports were published in a very inaccurate manner. His notes were taken for his own use, and not intended for publication. Yet he was the ablest