

*Requiring aid to other Public Officers.*—Constables may also, in certain cases, be called upon to aid and assist officers engaged in

ceives that the following forms may not be considered out of place, and that they may prove useful to Landlords generally.

The landlord himself, or any other person, as his bailiff, by an authority from him in writing, may make the distress. The warrant or authority may be in the following form:—

To Mr.——my bailiff:

I do hereby authorise and require you to distrain the goods and chattels of ——[*the tenant*] in the house he now dwells in [or “on the premises in his possession,”] situate in the township of——, in the County of——, for ——pounds, being one year’s rent, due to me for the same, on the——day of——last, and to proceed thereon for the recovery of the said rent as the law directs.

Dated the——day of——, A.D., 18—.

Being legally authorised to distrain, you enter on the premises, and make a seizure of the distress. If it be made in a house, seize a chair or other piece of furniture, and say, “I seize this chair in the name of all the other goods on the premises for the sum of——pounds, being one year’s rent due to me [or “to——your landlord] on the——day of——last, [“by virtue of an authority to me from the said——your landlord for that purpose,” *provided you distrain as bailiff*].

Then take an inventory of so many goods as you judge will be sufficient to cover the rent distrained for, and also the charges of the distress. Make a copy thereof as follows;

AN INVENTORY of the several goods and chattels distrained by me——[or, *if as bailiff*, say “—— as bailiff to Mr. ——”] this ——day of—— in the year of our Lord 18—, in the dwelling-house, out houses, and lands [*as the case may be*] of——situate in the Township of——in the County of——[and *if as bailiff*, say, “by the authority and on the behalf of the said ——”] for the sum of ——pounds, being one year’s rent due to me [or “to the said ——”] for the said house and premises, on the ——day of —— last, and as yet in arrear and unpaid.

*In the Dwelling-house.*

1. *In the Kitchen.*

Two tables, six chairs, one cooking stove, &c.

2. *In the Parlour.*

(Describing the various articles seized.)

3. *In the Dining-room.*

(Describing minutely the various articles.)

*In the Outhouses.*

1. *Barn.*

One fanning mill, fifty bushels of wheat, &c.

2. *Stable, &c.*

One horse, one waggon, &c.

And so on, describing the things according to where they are taken from. At the