

Justices of the peace, are all of the governor's appointing, and sit in quarter sessions, conformable to the laws and institutions of England.

The judges of the common pleas are the justices of the peace in each respective county; when the quarter sessions are finished, they continue to sit in quality of the judges of common pleas by commission from the governor. Their present times of sitting are,

For the county of Philadelphia, at Philadelphia, the first Monday in March, June, September, and December.

For the city of Philadelphia, the mayor's courts are the first Tuesday in January, April, July, and last Tuesday in October.

For the county of Buckingham, or Bucks, at Newtown (11 miles west from Bristol) on the eleventh day following the courts of Philadelphia county.

For the county of Chester, at Chester, the last Tuesday in May, August, November, and February.

For the county of Lancaster, at Lancaster, first Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

For the county of Sussex, at Lewis, the first Tuesday in February, May, August, and November.

For the county of Kent, at Dover, the second Tuesday of the last said months.

For the county of Newcastle, at Newcastle, the third Tuesday of said months.

The supreme court consists of a chief justice and two assistant judges commissioned by the governor: they have all the authority of the King's Bench, Common-Pleas, and court of Exchequer in England, in the words of the provincial law; they not only receive appeals, but all causes once commenced in the inferior courts, after the first writ, may be moved thither by a habeas corpus, certiorari, writs of error, &c.

The judges of this supreme court have also a standing and distinct commission, to hold as to them shall seem needful, courts of oyer and terminer, and general goal