

INTRODUCTION.

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I. CERTAIN ABBREVIATIONS MADE USE OF IN THIS WORK.

IN order to keep the Book within a limited compass, the following Abbreviations are made use of:—

1. The word *Justice* is always to be understood to mean *Justice*.
Justice of the Peace, when not otherwise expressed.
2. The words *one Justice* shall be understood to signify *One Justice*.
one or more Justices, so that what is directed to be done by one, shall not be intended thereby to exclude others from joining with him.
3. In like manner, *two Justices*, when not otherwise expressed, shall be understood to signify *Two Justices*.
two Justices or more.
4. So also a conviction on the oath of *one witness*, shall be understood to denote *One Witness*.
one witness or more.
5. And *two witnesses*, shall denote *Two Witnesses*.
two or more witnesses.
6. The *Justices in Sessions* shall signify the said *Justices*.
Justices, or *the major part of them*.
Majority.
7. The word *Sessions* shall denote the *Sessions*.
General Sessions, if not otherwise expressed.
8. The word *Warrant* shall always signify, *Warrant*.
under hand and seal, where not expressed otherwise.
9. The word *Overscer* shall be understood to mean *Overscer*.
of the poor, where not expressed otherwise.