

Such is the totality of the public and burdensome duties to which the Inhabitants, Proprietors are bound on account of their lands. It is also useful to explain who are the other officers whose orders must be obeyed, such as the

JUDGES OF THE KING'S BENCH.—These Judges are commissioned in the King's name to administer to the inhabitants justice in their respective Districts, they generally reside at the head places. The public owe them those civilities and respect that are attached to their high station. It is before their tribunals that are brought all civil and criminal suits, they give orders for the insinuations, receive the meetings of relations, and close the inventories; they are bound to hold Circuit Courts in the Country, at certain times of the year, to distribute justice and prevent the displacing of the inhabitants, which is always injurious to the state.

COMMISSIONERS FOR SMALL SUITS.—Since a few years it has been deemed necessary to establish Commissioners in the most populous parts of the Province to hear and determine in a summary way, all personal actions and suits, of small amounts, relating to moveable property.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.—These gentlemen are appointed by the King to maintain the peace; they receive all complaints against those who trouble it, make them give security to keep it, and if they have broken it compel them to appear at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at the head place of their District; they are specially bound to arrest persons accused of grievous offences, and to have them conducted, to the Common Gaol of the District, where they are detained until judged by a competent authority.

BAILIFFS are charged with the execution of the orders of the civil Judges, and the Constables are charged with the execution of the Justices of the Peace against criminals.

Such are the persons charged with the administration of Justice in the country, to whom must be added the

CLERKS, of whom some are appointed to the civil and others to criminal justice, in each of the Superior Districts, and to whom we must apply when we have recourse to justice either to get summonses, subpoenas, to

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