

In former Days the Guardians of the Peace (who were almost the same with our Justices) had certain Fees allowed for executing their Office; and for that purpose Petitions have been exhibited to Parliaments, as particularly to that held at *York*, *Anne* 8 *Ed.* 3. which Petition was again renewed in the thirty sixth Year of that King's Reign, when they were called *Justices of the Peace*; and then the King answered that he would provide therefore: But it doth not appear what the Fees were, or what was farther done in it; but in *Hilary* Term 12 *R.* 2. it was enacted, that they should have 4*s.* every Day they sate in Quarter-Sessions, which in some Places is still paid by the Sheriff to the Chairman; and since this Statute there are others made, by which they are to have part of the Forfeitures upon Convictions; and by the Statute of Labourers they are to have 5*s.* for every Day they sit in Execution of that Act above three Days.

And there was so much care taken in those Days to reward these Magistrates, that by a Statute *Anno* 14 *R.* 2. 'tis appointed that the Names of the Justices and the Days of their sitting, should be written in Indentures at every Sessions; one part whereof was to remain with the Sheriff, that he might know to what Justices the Wages should be paid, and the other part was to remain in the Exchequer, that he might have Allowance made in passing his Accompts; and if he neglected or refused to pay the Wages, an Action of Debt might be brought against him for the same. His Qualifications both in respect to Estate and otherwise, are as follow.

He must have 20*l.* per *Annum*, except he is a Man of the Law: One was indicted for acting not being qualified with such an Estate, and the Indictment