

the order & controul of a County Court, Inferiour both in Dignity & Power to that where they now Act as Masters; Observe them in this situation view them now as Subject to the Humour & Caprice of every Justice of the Peace in the county, & to Morrow, nay an hour hence if you please, Behold them mounted again to the Exalted Station of Judges in the Supreme Court; Reflect only what weight or Authority, or rather what contempt must attend even the Judges of the Kings Bench in Westminster Hall, were they to be seen alternately desending from giving the Law there to the whole Kingdom, to receiving the Law, nay Acting as Servants & Underlings to a petty county court in England, And thence mounting again to their Exalted station; What regard would be paid to their Decisions? Tis true, they might be Inforced by mere dint of Power, but they would be received & obeyed with Grumbling and discontent; and what scandall & contempt would not such an appearance reflect upon the Ministry if not upon the crown itself? But this is not all, for as it is the Duty of these Gentlemen as clerks to the County Courts to make Entries of their Proceedings, so whatever Blunders as clerks they may commit in such Proceedings, they may as Judges of the Provin^l Court determine to be right, & thus all hopes of Remedy by way of appeal or Writ of Error for any Injury sustained in the County Court, is entirely cutt off, since there can be little doubt that what they do as clerks, they will as Judges think was right done. I need not spend more time in shewing the Impropriety & Indecency of such a stroke in politicks, which I understand long has been & still continues a Subject of General contempt amongst the people & of redicule to the Bar, But it may be matter of wonder what could induce the taking this step at first, it could not be their abilities that recommend them, because it is Notorious to all that have any, that they have none; And if it was an expectation that they would pay a proper regard to his Lordships rights, those who appointed them were certainly disappointed at first, or these Gentlemen have since very much changed their Dispositions. Having done with these Eminent Gentlemen the county clerks, I beg leave to say a word or two of the rest & first as to the two Gentlemen of the Council; their attendance cannot be depended upon for the reasons I have already mentioned, & therefore & because it seems an Indecorum somewhat like that already mentioned, that they who are of the Council & consequently Judges of a still Supreme Court should be not only Acting as Judges in the Provincial Court, which is Inferior to the Court of Appeals, but even acting an under part to others that sit there, it is submitted, whether they might not be left out of the Provincial

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