

Readings and Discourses upon writs into a Methodical Com-
mon place, which he therefore justly intituled De Digesto et
Briefs originali et de Officio Bonorum Curia.

2^d Natura Breuium Vetus, which gave Occasion to Grotius
herbert to call his Lanouelle Natura &c.

3^d Sir Anthony Gittz ^{born at Wymondley, in Dorsetshire} ^{one of the Justices of the}
Common Pleas in Henry the Eighth's time, was Author of
the Nova Natura Breuium, which was ^{carefully} ^{revised}
and Corrected by William Raftal, ^{son of John Raftal of London} who added a table and
some other proper Ornaments to what its Excellent Author
seems to have left unfinished. This Raftal was one
of the Most learned Justices of the same Bench in J. Marius
time; but lost the Kingdom upon his sisters Acquisition to
the throne, being as zealous a Romanist as his Uncle
Sir Thomas More, and died at Louvain.

4th The Book of Assises, so called, because it contains prin-
cipally proceedings upon writs of Novel Disseisin.

5th Entries by the Lord Coke, Raftal, Brown, de
vins. and Stolon.

6th Returna Breuium, that is, Certificates of what
Sherriffs and Bailiffs have done touching the Execution
of writs Directed to them. Which Certificate is Made
by the Sherriff or Bailiff to the Court out of which the
writ issued. Some of these Returns are of the Nature
of our Returns to the Chancery; others are like the Cer-
tificates of our Messengers.

Institutes of the Law of England.

It had been thought Impracticable to bring the
Laws of England into a Method; and therefore a pro-
ject had been taken up against the Study of that
Law even by Men of parts and Learning, as if there
was no way to attain the Knowledge of it, but by a
tedious Wandring about, or with the greatest Ap-
plication and long Attendance on the highest Courts
of Justice. However some have not Unsuccessfully
Attempted to reduce the several titles of the Law of
England into General Distributions and heads Method-
ically Digested, as a learned Author of the Analysis

of that Law published at London 1713 and some Writers of the
Statutes thereof have done.

1st The first in order of Institutes of the Law of England
I shall name is, that book de Legibus & Consuetudinibus
Angliae, commonly attributed to Ralph de Glanvill Earl of
Blethen Chief Justice of the Kings Bench in Henry 2^d
Reign. Whom our Prayers took to be the Author of Regiam Ma-
jestatem. But it hath been Doubted, whether this book
was rightly fathered. One Nat. Bacon Disc. part 1 p. 169
says, that King Henry 2^d Put forth this Primo of English
Laws under the Name of Glanvill. Others also are of opini-
on, that the book was rather penned in the time of that
Judge, than by himself. Coid. Nicolfons Engl. Hist. Lib.
part 3 chap. 5 and M. Tolson Juris. of Just. Part 1 cap. 5
Dares not be Confident that it is Glanvill, but Makes
little Question, that it is as Ancient as his time, if not
his work.

2^d Henry Bracton ^{born at Stratton Chovilly in Devonshire} whom all agree to have been a Judge
Itinerant in the latter end of Henry the third's Reign, and
some say was Lord Chief Justice of England, wrote a book
de Consuetudinibus Angliae containing a body of the English Law. The Method of it is
Natural and very Conformable to that of Justinian the
Emperour, whose Matter is also frequently ad hered to,
and his Law Quoted (Some time in Jysippinis Verbis) as
familiarly, as if they were part of the known Common
Law of England. In every head there is an Index or
Register of proper writs, and Reports of adjudged cases
in both Benches, and also of such as had been tried be-
fore the Judges in Eyre, ap. 208 c. The Author Must
be pardon'd his easie Admission of the Popes Suprema-
cy, and his sometimes Naturalizing the Canon as well
as the Civil Law; when we Consider, that the time
wherein he wrote was soon after King John had Made
a formal Conveyance of his Realm to the See of Rome,
and when the greatest part of Europe was justly
under its usurped Dominion. Some Mistake he Made
in his cap. 19 fol. 417 a. b. c. d. Account of Parliamentary
Proceedings in the thirtieth C. it should be the eighteenth
Year of Henry the third. Are corrected by a learned
Pen Edm. Gittz of Hon. 597. 598 Especially his Mil-
re

The History of the Law of England, as well as the History of the Law of France, is contained in the following works: 1. The History of the Law of England, by Sir William Blackstone, 4 vols. 2. The History of the Law of France, by Sir William Blackstone, 4 vols. 3. The History of the Law of England, by Sir William Blackstone, 4 vols. 4. The History of the Law of France, by Sir William Blackstone, 4 vols.