

was under one General Scheme into as Clear a Method, and Explaining them in as familiar a Manner, as the Nature of the thing will bear. 1724.

All which Books are excellent in their kind, & the only books whereon we find the Criminal law properly treated, except in the trials which are very many, and Lord Chief Justice Glynne's Reports.

There are a great Many Treatises upon the particular subjects of the law, as about the Jurisdiction of Courts, Doctrina Placitandi, Art of Convoynance, Sheriffs, Justices of Peace &c. which it were end less to Enumerate.

Miscellany writings.

Abridgements of Arguments Reports and other Choice Matters in law Under proper heads and Common places Alphabetically Disposed are wrote. Nicholas Statham one of the Barons of Exchequer in the time of Edward, who was the first that Employed himself in that use full service to the Young Students of the Law; Sir Robert Brook Chief Justice of the Common Pleas in Queen Mary's time; Henry Roll; and William the pharidore out of all which and the many books of Reports, Knight =loy D. Invoer of the Inner Temple is publishing a General Abridgement of the Common Law of England Alphabetically Disposed

William Raftat, a Learned Justice of the Common Pleas in Queen Mary's time wrote Les Termes de la Ley, an Useful Explanation of the terms of Art in the English Law books; a work well known and Esteemed by the Professors and Students in that faculty. Doctor Powell's Interpreter or Law Dictionary was intended as an Improvement upon this book; but Met with a Different sort of Usage. The Parliament (June 7 Jac. I) having ordered it to be burnt, and its Author Imprisoned. One of the Grand Law to his Charge, was his Vilifying the laws of England and Endeavouring to Expose Littleton's Genious: Whereat all that

could be justly charged on him as to this Particular, was only a Modest Recital of Sir. Rottomans Railery and objections. Others Alledge a quite Different Reason for this severe treatment of him and his book; Assuring us that he had thorum Ventured to assert, that King James the first who used not to put up a Reflection upon himself had Never taken that bath which he ought to have done at his Coronation; and some say, that his Maintaining that the prerogative was limited was what chiefly occasioned his sufferings. Blunt hath writ another Law Dictionary. This Giles Jacob Gentleman hath lately published a New Law Dictionary in the Year 1729 which is more full than any former. And the scheme thorum very Different from the other Law Dictionaries. The forms of writs and Judicial proceedings, together with forms of Oaths and Convoynances, Illustrating the practices on that head, are thorum inserted. He Makes the knowledge of the English Law it self to follow the terms and Definitions of it; he had Larger heads of Law where they Interfere with others, he but just touches upon the Matters Interfering; and leaves the particular Learning to the more particular heads where it is expected to be found, at the same time some Notices being required under the General titles

The Grand Customier de Normandie compounded of a Great Many laws of Edward the Confessor and other Saxon Kings, Met with many Norman Customs, might be useful for Understanding the Common Law of England, whereof Much is of Norman Extract. Some have asserted it to be the Ancient formulary Drawn up by the first Dukes of Normandy, and brought into England by the Conquerour; but there are many Particulars in it, that will not suffer us to allow it so great an Age. Some are of opinion, that it was writ in the Reign of Henry the first; but the Author himself (Customier cap. 22 p. 29 & cap. 112) intimates, that he compiled the work about 40 Years after Richards the first's death; and that it cost the throne. Others will have it compiled in the Reign of Henry the third Anno 1159 about 130 Years

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