

## Index

- Abbot, Mordecai 126  
 Adams, William 135–6  
 Admiralty  
   application of law of impressment 92–3  
   exemptions from the press 88–9, 91, 92  
   involvement in cases against press gangs, 71, 82, 84–6  
   legal strategy 78, 79, 91, 92  
 advertisements of apology 13–14, 68 n.99, 209 n.4, 208–9, 227–8  
 as admonition 221, 227, 228  
 apologists 213–15, 219, 222, 227  
 and employee relations 219, 222–3, 225–6, 228  
 for defamation 218–25, 226  
 for offence to officials 226–7, 228  
 mediators of dispute 225–6  
 offences occasioning 213, 215–16  
 as part of legal process 13–14, 210–13  
 and transport workers 216–18, 219, 221, 226, 228  
   *see also* newspapers  
 Affleck, Thomas 84–5, 89–90  
 Aikin, John 248  
 alehouse, licensing of 29, 31, 32–3, 37–8, 42–3, 45, 51, 53–4  
 Allan, Grace 178–9  
 Allestree, Richard 200–1  
 Allsopp, Edward 42–3  
 Andrew, Donna 13, 68 n.99  
 apprentices 233–6, 243  
   cases in King's Bench 241–2  
   and 1st Factory Act 8, 231, 247  
   and impressment 89–90, 91, 92  
   J.P.s' regulation of 231, 235, 238, 240–1, 242, 247  
   and parish officers 233, 234, 235–6, 238, 239, 241, 242–3, 246  
   and slavery 176–7, 178–9  
   statutes 240, 244, 245, 246, 253, 254:  
     1st Factory Act (42 George III c. 73)  
     *see* statutes; Statute of Artificers  
     (5 Elizabeth c. 4) *see* statutes  
     *see also* factories  
 Arkwright, Richard 232, 233  
 armed forces 105–6, 113–14  
   *see also* impressment, press gangs  
 Ashurst, William Henry 30  
 Assizes 20  
   and criminal informations 27, 39  
   defendants at 99–105  
   grand jury at 26, 37 n.66, 38  
   indictments at 1, 26, 86, 107  
 Austin, John 161  
 Bacon, Francis 188  
 bail *see* recognizance  
 Bank of England 123, 126, 128–9, 135, 136  
 Baxter, Richard 206  
 Bayley, Thomas Butterworth 238, 239, 240, 242, 244 n.66, 245, 246, 247  
 Beattie, John M. 4–7, 8, 9, 15  
   on crime and the courts 1, 2, 10, 12–13, 16, 97, 115, 141, 208–9, 210 n.9, 214–15  
   on the system of criminal justice 3–4, 139–40  
 Ben Amos, Ilana 234  
 Bentham, Jeremy 152, 161  
 Bernard, Thomas 244, 246  
 Bindloss, Edward 59  
 Birch, George 34, 37  
 Birch, John 37 n.61  
 Blackborow, William 47, 49 n.18, 51, 59, 60

- Blackstone, William 142  
*Commentaries*, 16: audience for 142–3, 160–1; criticism of 160 n.74, 161; on ‘civil’ and ‘criminal’ 140, 142, 147–9, 150–3, 156; on common law’s procedural forms 149–51; on ‘public’ and ‘private’ 140, 147–8, 153–61; statements of law in 25, 118, 121, 125, 176; structure of 142, 143–4, 145–8, 152–4, 159–61
- Bland, Nathaniel 60
- bloody code 2–6, 9, 117–19, 120–1, 133–4, 135, 137–8, 141, 152
- Booth, William 52, 57
- Bootle, Wilbraham 236, 253
- Boteler, Thomas 59 n.61
- Boulton Matthew 37
- Boyle, Robert 197, 199, 200
- Bracton 144, 148
- Brentford 60, 67
- Bridges, William 133
- Brighton 83, 93
- Bristol 74–5, 81, 82, 90, 99, 103–4, 166, 168
- Broadfoot, Alexander 75
- Broadhead, Henry 47 n.8, 48 n.10, 51–2, 57
- Brooks, Christopher 212
- Burke, Edward 159
- Burnet, Gilbert 197, 200
- Burnet, Thomas 203
- Burton, Robert 69, 244, 245
- Butterfield, Herbert 2–3, 9
- Buxton, Thomas Fowell 117, 118
- Calabar 167, 168, 171, 172, 173, 174, 182
- Casaubon, Meric 205, 206
- cases  
*Forbes v. Cochrane* 175, 181  
*Jouvaux*, weaver 242  
*Somerset v. Stewart*: and impressment 74; interpretations of 14–15, 145, 165–6, 169, 170, 172–3, 175–6, 178–9, 180–1, 183–4  
*Rex v. Broadfoot* 75–6, 80  
*Rex v. Stapylton* 172  
*Rex v. Thames Ditton* 177 n.40, 178 n.44  
*Rex v. Tubbs* 76  
 Robin John brothers 166–8, 169–74, 182  
*The Slave Grace* 178–9
- Chambers, Robert 158–9
- Champion, W. A. 212
- Cheshire 252 n.95
- Chillingworth, William 196
- civil suits 25–6, 35, 81, 87, 211
- Clarkson, Thomas 182
- Coke, Sir Edward 144, 146, 149, 151 n.39, 153
- Colt, Sir Henry Dutton 53
- common law  
 concept of criminal law 140–2, 152, 153–4: distinction from civil law 16, 140, 147–9, 150–3, 154–6, 161  
 concept of fact 15, 185–6, 187, 188, 194–5, 206–7: and atheism 202–4; and theology 196–201, 207; and witchcraft 204, 205–6, 207  
 concept of penal law 151–2  
 concept of public 157–61  
 procedural forms of 146–7, 149  
 statutes, impact of 16, 151–2
- Cotter, William 176
- Cotton, Thomas 51
- Cowell, John 145
- Cox, Benjamin 54, 55 n.45, 61 n.74
- Crown Office 26–7
- Dale, David 243, 244 n.66, 246
- Davenant, Charles 123, 125
- Davis, Fanny 107
- Dean Joshua 135
- debt, use of law of 10, 33, 90–1, 92, 170, 180
- Denison, Thomas 81
- Derbyshire 232
- DeVeil, Thomas 60
- Dominica 168, 172
- Douglas, John 251
- Dukinfield, Nathaniel 47 n.8, 53 n.37, 59
- Dunning, John 76
- Durden, Jonathan 59
- East, Edward 131, 134
- Eden, William 141, 152
- Edwards, John 201
- Eldon, John Scott, 1st Baron 55 n.47
- Elliot, Robert 57 n.55
- Enfield 67
- Erskine, Thomas 39, 40–1
- Essex 112, 114, 167
- Evance, Thomas 70 n.107
- factories  
 children in 232–6, 244–5  
 disease in 237–40, 242, 245, 248  
*see also* apprentices
- Falconer, James 43, 45

## 260 Index

- Ferriar, John 239, 244 n.66, 245, 247  
 Fielding, Henry 22, 63  
 Fielding, James 61 n.74  
 Fielding, Sir John 22 n.8, 54, 55, 56, 58, 177–8  
 Fielding, William 70 n.107  
 forgery  
   and capital punishment chapter 6 *passim*  
   of government instruments 121, 124–6, 27–8, 132, 133, 134–7  
   of private instruments 8, 121–2, 127, 130–1, 135, 137  
   of instruments of public companies 128–30  
   prosecutions 130, 135–6  
   statutes: as example of bloody code 119–21, 137, 138; characterization of 119–20, 121, 127, 128, 136–7; chronology of 121–3, 131–2; number of 119–21, 133, 136, 137; 5 Elizabeth c. 14 121–2, 127, 130, 131; 2 George II c. 25 s. 9 8, 130–1, 137  
 Foster, Michael 74–6, 77, 80  
 Frederick, Sir Thomas 48 n.10  
  
 Garnon, George 58  
 Gem, Samuel and Thomas 38 n.68, 40 n.72  
 Gibson, James 136  
 Gilbert, Geoffrey 188, 189, 194  
 Gisborne, Thomas 22–3, 24, 32, 43, 45, 244 n.66, 246  
 Glanvill, Joseph 205–6  
 Glanville, Ranulf de 144, 148  
 Gloucestershire 99, 102, 103, 104, 241  
 Glynn, John 76  
 Godfrey, Ambrose 48 n.10  
 Godolphin, Sidney, 1st Earl of 127  
 Gough, Eleanor *née* Mytton 35–6  
 Gough, John 19, 33–41, 44, 45  
 Gower, Sir Samuel 47 n.8, 53–4  
 Green John 48 n.10  
 Greenwich 242  
 Gresley, Sir Nigel Bowyer 43  
 Gretton, John 48, 51, 57, 59 n.61, 62  
 Grey de Wilton, Thomas Egerton, 1st Baron 237  
 Grotius 156–7, 196  
 Guilford, Francis North, 1st Baron 191, 192  
  
 habeas corpus 10, 19 n.2, 21 n.6, 93, 94, 159, 166, 170, 174, 175, 182  
 Hale, Sir Matthew 144, 145, 154, 160, 188–9, 191–2, 194, 200, 202–3  
  
 Halifax, Sir Thomas 80  
 Hamlet, John 178, 179, 180–1, 183  
 Hanway, Jonas 243, 244  
 Harley, Robert, 1st Earl of Orford 127, 133  
 Harwood, Ralph 53 n.38  
 Hassell, Richard 47 n.9  
 Hawkins, John 55  
 Hawkins, William 130, 141  
 Hay, Douglas 11, 12, 97, 120  
 Hey, William 251, 252  
 Hobbes, Thomas 190  
 Hodgson, Ralph 48, 55–6  
 Holdsworth, Sir William 21, 22, 23  
 Hoppit, Julian 7  
 Howard, John 237  
 Howe, Charlotte 177  
 Hyde, William 61 n.74  
  
 impressment 9–10, 31, 212  
   as alternative to conviction 106–16  
   and fall in crime 12, 97, 98, 106, 110–11, 116  
   by prosecutors 106–7, 113, 114, 115  
   defendants subjected to 107, 108, 109, 110, 112  
   exemption from 75–6, 78, 87, 88–91, 92, 93–4  
   impeded by J.P.s 77–81, 83  
   law on 72, 73, 74–6, 77, 78, 81–2, 86–7, 91  
   opinion against 72–4, 76–7, 80 n.40  
   resistance to 75, 77, 80  
   statutes 10, 75–6, 114  
   use of law against 87–8, 92–4  
   *see also* armed forces, press gang, press warrants  
 indictments 1, 10, 19, 24 n.15, 60, 68 n.99, 82, 86, 135, 210  
   age of defendants 98, 99–105  
   and impressment 106–13, 116  
   fluctuations in 12, 13, 65 n.87, 97–8, 99, 110  
   gender of defendants 99, 100–4, 105, 106, 107, 108–9, 115, 116  
   mixed character of 141, 149, 153–4, 156  
   of J.P. 22 n.7, 25, 37, 38, 48  
   relation to criminal informations 25–6, 28–9, 30 n.39  
 Innes, Joanna 7, 8, 14  
 Isaakson, James 124  
  
 Jackson, Humphrey 67  
 Jacob, Giles 152  
 Jamaica 165

- Jennison, Francis 51, 57  
 Jones, Thomas (J.P.) 53 n.38  
 Jones, Thomas 166, 168, 169, 172, 173, 174  
 Jones, William 166, 168, 174  
 jury 54, 159  
   grand 26, 37 n.66, 38, 48, 241  
   role of 4, 15, 186-7, 188-9, 191-3, 195  
   social status of 15, 26, 192-3  
   special 27, 39  
 justices of the peace  
   activity in committing to prisons 24, 34, 45  
   apology to 227  
   as arbitrators 62-3, 67-70, 114-15, 208, 210, 211, 225  
   borough 20, 28, 32, 33, 41, 44, 45, 108-11  
   and Chancery 19 n.2  
   and control of crime 46-7, 62, 64-5, 66, 97, 106  
   conflict among 11-12, 36-9, 42, 50, 59, 62  
   decisions as to slavery 179-81  
   and 1st Factory Act 247, 249, 251, 252, 253, 254  
   and impressment 10, 31, 32, 77-81, 83, 85, 114-15  
   indictment of 22 n.7, 25, 37, 38, 48  
   investigated by Quarter Sessions 11:  
     procedure of 24 n.16, 47-9, 55-6, 57-8; removal requested 49-56, 57, 58; reprimanded 58-62  
   payment of 20-1, 43, 51-2, 58-64, 65, 67-9, 70  
   reforming 238, 240-1, 242, 245, 249  
   regulating apprenticeship 8, 231, 235, 237-8, 240-1, 242, 244, 245-6  
   removal from bench 48 n.10, 49-56, 57-8, 59, 60 n.66, 61 n.74, 62, 67  
   role 10-11, 20, 189  
   stipendiary, 20, 64-70, 180-1, 227  
   trading 11, 24, 44: illegal activity of 57, 61, 62-4, 65-7; and complaints of poor 54, 62-3, 67-70; reputation of 46-7, 49, 57, 61, 62-4, 69-70; and summary conviction 65-7  
   *see also* King's Bench, prosecutions of J.P.s in  
 justice's clerk 20, 22, 34, 38, 39, 60, 61, 67  
 Justinian's *Institutes* 144, 145, 147  
 Kames, Henry Home, Lord 141  
 Kelynge, William 54  
 Kennedy, Duncan 156  
 Kent 23, 90, 241  
 Kenyon, Lloyd, 1st Baron 241-2, 245  
 King, John 57 n.55  
 King, Peter 12  
 King's Bench 11, 14-15  
   apprenticeship cases 241-2  
   criminal informations in 26-30  
   impressment cases 76, 86  
   prosecution of J.P.s in 19-20, 22-3, 24, 26, 37, 48, 65: involving *certiorari* 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27-8, 37; on criminal information 21-2, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27-8, 37, 39, 40-5; criteria for 28-30, 43, procedure on 26-8, in Staffordshire 23-4, 30-4, 36, 37, 39-43, 44-5  
   *see also* Mansfield  
 King's Lynn 85, 89  
 Kite Francis 124  
 Kynvin, John 124  
 Lambert, Sheila 7  
 Lancashire 8, 99, 101, 102, 103, 104, 232, 237, 244, 247, 248, 253  
 Landau, Norma 11, 141  
 Lane, Thomas 34, 37, 38, 39, 55  
 Langbein, John 120  
 Lascelles, Henry 251  
 Lewis, Captain John 168, 174  
 Lewis, Thomas 172  
 Lichfield 28, 31, 41  
 Lieberman, David 16  
 Lippincott, Henry 166, 174  
 Locke, John 157 n.62, 190, 198  
 London, City of 5, 76, 78, 79-81, 85, 108-11, 216  
 London, metropolitan 1, 11, 13 n.42, 19, 24, 44, chapter 3 *passim*, 99-100, 101, 180-1, chapter 10 *passim*, 233, 236, 239-40, 243, 244, 253  
 Luttrell, Narcissus 124, 126  
 Macaulay, Thomas Babington, Lord 3  
 Mackenzie, George 144  
 Mackintosh, Sir James 118  
 Malbon, George 45  
 Manchester 233, 238, 239, 246, 247, 248, 252  
   J.P.s of 240-1, 242, 244, 245-6, 247, 249, 251  
 mandamus 21 n.6, 26 n.23  
 Manley, Richard and Elizabeth 52  
 Manley, Richard 54, 55 n.45

## 262 Index

- Mansfield, William Murray, 1st Earl of 19,  
 29, 30, 76, 77, 152  
 and law of slavery 177 n.40  
 on Robin Johns case 172, 173, 174  
 on Somerset case 14-15, 165, 166,  
 169-70, 172-3, 174, 175, 176, 180,  
 183  
 and *Zong* case 182
- Marsh, John 45
- Martin, Cornelius 49 n.18, 51, 56 n.51, 57
- McGowen, Randall 8
- Michell, Simon 48 n.10, 60
- Middlesex 1, 19, 23, 111  
 J.P.s of chapter 3 *passim*, 97, 106, 242  
 Quarter Sessions of 11, 62, 66, 67, 65  
 n.87, 68-9, 71-2: proceedings against  
 J.P.s 47-58; reprimand of J.P.s 58-61
- Mile End 59-60
- Millar, John 159
- Miller, Thomas 48 n.10
- Montagu, Charles 126
- Moore, Sir William 51, 57, 59 n.61
- More, Henry 205, 206
- More, Sir Thomas 186, 187, 191
- Munsche, Peter 113
- Mytton, Thomas 35, 36, 37
- Namier, Sir Lewis 3, 9
- National Land Bank 126
- Needwood Forest 22
- newspapers  
 advertisements in 209-10, 227  
*Daily Advertiser*, 208, 209-10, 223, 227  
 insult published in 35  
 on crime 97, 110  
 on impressment 72, 74, 77, 111 n.33  
 on J.P.s of metropolitan London 47,  
 63-4, 67-8  
 on children's work 238-9, 244  
 reports of legal proceedings in 14, 15,  
 22, 26 n.20, 31, 40 n.72, 80, 108,  
 110, 111, 112, 113, 242  
 resolutions of J.P.s in 238, 242  
*see also* advertisements of apology,  
 publications
- Newton, Samuel 52-3
- Nicol John 53 n.37, 60
- Northumberland, Hugh (Smithson) Percy,  
 1st Duke of 55
- Nott, John 29, 41-2
- Nottinghamshire 232, 239
- Oakes, James 107, 111
- offences  
 assault 19, 40, 69, 80, 141, 155, 215,  
 218, 221, 226-7  
 burning heath 42  
 coining 125  
 defamation or libel 14, 38, 39, 156, 211,  
 213, 218-25  
 homicide or murder 86, 155, 157, 224  
 misdemeanour 211  
 nuisance 157-8  
 poaching 25, 31, 33, 35  
 sexual 223-4  
 theft 224-5  
 witchcraft 204-6  
*see also* forgery, summary conviction,  
 and King's Bench, prosecution of J.P.
- Oglethorpe, James 73 n.7
- Old Bailey 1, 65 n.87, 110, 111, 130,  
 135-6
- O'Neill, Capt. Terence 168, 170
- Ongar, Essex 235, 241
- Osborne, William 19, 33, 39-40
- Owen, Robert 233, 243
- Paley, Ruth 14-15
- Palmer, Holland 135
- Parliament  
 character of legislation 6-9, 157: *see also*  
 bloody code  
 debate in 56, 69, 70, 117-18, 119-20,  
 123, 128-9, 133-4, 136, 153-4,  
 233-4, 236, 245, 246-7, 250-1,  
 252-3  
 interest in legislation 5, 6, 7, 12, 117-19,  
 133-4, 137  
 lobbyists 254  
 petition to 50, 72, 235, 239  
 resolution of 127, 128-9  
 role in amending law 16  
 testimony to 66-7, 69, 70, 108, 111  
 vote in 50, 124
- Peel, Sir Robert, 1st Bart. 8, 232, 233-4,  
 240, 245, 246, 247, 248-50, 251,  
 253, 254, 255  
 factories of 237, 238-9, 248-9
- Peel, Sir Robert, 2nd Bart. 119, 132, 133,  
 136, 250
- Percival, Thomas 239, 247
- police 216  
 and impressment 71, 82, 107, 113, 114  
 and J.P.s 47, 61, 66
- Porteus, Beilby, Bishop 246
- press gang 79, 81  
 legal charges brought against 71, 82, 85,  
 86  
 officers of 83-4, 92  
 use of force 71-2, 81-2, 84, 93, 111  
 n.33  
*see also* impressment, press warrants

- press warrants 77, 78, 79, 80-1, 82, 109  
 Preston 233, 239  
 prisons 45, 71, 110, 210, 231, 238-9  
   gaol: calendar 24 n.15, 34 n.47, 98-104,  
     106, 111; committal to 29, 31, 32,  
     33-4, 45, 52, 69, 78-9, 111, 227;  
     discharge from 51, 52, 92; and press  
     gang 71, 78-9, 81, 85  
   house of correction 24 n.15, 33, 34  
     n.47, 40, 106, 112, 210-11  
   reform of 231, 237, 238, 240  
 Proclamation Society 245-6  
 prosecutor  
   Crown as 135, 140, 153-4, 155, 158  
   and impressment 106-7, 113, 114, 115  
   social status of 32, 33, 36, 37, 42, 87-8,  
     93-4, 214-15  
 publications  
   books, tracts, 182, 221, 244-5  
   broadsheet 35  
   effigy 38  
   handbill 38, 39, 221  
   painting 38  
   periodicals 210  
   signboard 39  
   *see also* advertisements of apology,  
     newspapers  
 Pulteney, William 133  
 Quarter Sessions 114  
   and apprenticeship 231, 236, 237-8,  
     240-1, 242, 244  
   proceedings against J.P.s 11, 24 n.16,  
     47-58, 60 n.66, 61 n.74  
   prosecutions at 1, 20, 26, 38, 40, 69,  
     71-2, 112, 210  
   regulates J.P.s' activities 62  
   reprimand of J.P.s 58-61  
   returns to 66, 67, 68-9  
 Radzinowicz, Sir Leon 2-3, 119  
 Railton, Thomas 59 n.61  
 Ray, John 202  
 recognizance 19, 40, 68-9, 212  
 Reid George 65  
 Rice, John 129  
 Robe, Thomas 50  
 Roberts, Simon 14  
 Robin John, Amboe 167, 171  
 Robin John, Ancona Robin and Little  
   Ephraim, 166-8, 171, 173, 174, 182  
 Rogers, Nicholas 9, 226  
 Roman law 143, 144-5, 147, 148, 156-7,  
   159  
 Romano-canon legal tradition 185, 186,  
   189, 191  
 Rooke George, 82  
 Rotheram, John 48 n.10  
 Russell, W. O. 132  
 Sainsbury, Sir Thomas 78  
 Sawbridge, John 81  
 Schaffer, Simon 15, 193  
 Scotland 81, 233, 252  
 Shapiro, Barbara 15-16  
 Shapiro, Steven 15, 193  
 Sharp, Granville, 73 n.7, 76, 108, 169,  
   176, 182, 183, 184  
 Sherratt, John 49-50, 57  
 slavery and slave trade 74, 165-6, 167,  
   168-9, 170-2, 173, 182  
   abolition of 169, 173, 175, 180, 181-2,  
     183, 184, 232  
 Smollett, Tobias 217  
 Society for Bettering the Condition of the  
   Poor, 244, 245, 246-7, 251 n.95, 252  
 South Shields 80, 82  
 South Sea Company 129, 130  
 Spiller, John 22 n.9, 60  
 Spinnage, John 61 n.74  
 St Germain, Christopher 187  
 St Lawrence, Joseph 53 n.37, 60  
 St Loe, Lawrence 53  
 Staffordshire, 19, 20, 23-5, 26, 28, 31-45,  
   248  
 statutes  
   penal 151, 152  
   5 Elizabeth c. 4 (Statute of Artificers)  
     234, 235, 240, 254  
   5 Elizabeth c. 14 (forgery) 121-2, 127,  
     130, 131  
   31 Charles II c. 2 s. 12 (deportation)  
     169, 175  
   4 George I c. 11 (Transportation Act) 5,  
     6, 139  
   2 George II c. 25 s. 9 (forgery) 8, 130-1,  
     137  
   23 George II c. 31 s. 89 (slave trade)  
     168, 232  
   35 George III c. 53 (stipendiary J.P.s)  
     64, 69, 70  
   42 George III c. 73 (1st Factory Act) 8,  
     231: attempts to extend 233-4, 249  
     n.84, 253, 254; enforcement 230, 240,  
     252, 253; opposition to 232, 252-3,  
     254; parliamentary proceedings on  
     245, 246-7, 250-1, 254-5  
   56 George III c. 139 (apprentices) 253,  
     254  
   *see also* bloody code  
 Stillingfleet, Edward 197-8, 200  
 Storey, George 180-1

## 264 Index

- Styles, John 7  
 Suffolk 86, 107  
 summary conviction 24, 25, 31–2, 33, 41–2, 45  
   for the quashing of, *see* King's Bench, certiorari  
   and impressment 79 n.34, 108–11, 113, 115  
   and informers 61, 65, 66–7  
   on turnpike acts 25, 66–7  
 Sunday schools 231–2, 238, 240, 243, 246
- Thomas, Peter 7  
 Thurlow, Edward, 1st Baron 78, 93–4  
 Tillotson, John 197, 198  
 Townsend, James 84, 90  
 Tower Liberty 47 n.5, 58  
 Townshend, George 133  
 Trent, Henry 47 n.8, 53 n.37, 60  
 Trimmer, Sarah 245  
 Triquet, Charles 53 n.37, 59, 60  
 Troughton, John 47 n.9, 53 n.37, 60  
 Truro, 175, 183  
 Turner, Thomas 114
- Uxbridge, Henry (Bayly) Paget, 3rd Earl of 42
- Vaughan, Sir John 192  
 Virginia 168, 169, 170, 172
- Waddington, Samuel 48 n.10, 54, 55 n.45  
 Wagstaffe, John 206  
 Wallis, Robert 71  
 Walpole, Sir Robert, 1st Earl of Orford 74  
 Walsall 31, 35  
 Ward, Seth 196–7, 200
- Watt James 37  
 Webb, Sidney and Beatrice, Baron and Lady Passfield, 6–7, 22, 23  
 Webster, John (J.P.) 60  
 Webster, John 206  
 Wedderburn, Alexander, 1st Baron Loughborough 76  
 Welch, Saunders 55  
 Westminster 23, 107, 111  
   J.P.s of 54, 56 n.52, 57, 61 n.74  
   Quarter Sessions of 11, 47, 57, 60 n.66, 62, 68–9  
 Whinyates, Charles 50, 57  
 Wilberforce, William 23 n.10, 117, 233, 236, 245, 250–1, 253  
 Wilkes, John 73 n.6, 180  
 Wilkins, John 199, 200  
 Williamson family 107, 111, 112, 114  
 witnesses  
   credibility 185, 188–91, 194–5  
   and evaluation of witchcraft 204–6  
   impartiality 190, 193, 194, 195  
   and rebuttal of atheism 202–3, 204  
   role in common law 15, 185–6, 187, 206–7  
   and theological debate 196–7, 198, 199–200  
 women 13, 190, 213–14, 219–20  
   as defendants 99, 100–4, 105, 106, 107, 108–9, 115, 116  
 Wood, Thomas 143, 144, 146, 149, 153, 157–8  
 Wooddeson, Richard 141–2, 145
- Yorkshire 232, 233, 242, 244, 250, 251, 252, 253
- Zong, 182–3