



# Oaths Act 1775

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An Act to empower Justices of the Peace to administer Oaths where any Penalty is to be levied or Distress to be made, in pursuance of any Act of Parliament, wherein the same is not expressly directed.

## Preamble.

Whereas it is frequently necessary for justices of the peace to administer oaths or affirmations, where penalties are to be levied or distresses to be made, in pursuance of Acts of Parliament, which they have no power to administer, unless authorised so to do by such Acts respectively:

### Textual Amendments

F1 Short title given by [Short Titles Act 1896 \(c. 14\)](#)

## [1.] In all cases where penalties, &c. are directed to be levied under Acts, justices are empowered to administer oaths &c. for levying such penalties, &c.

In all cases where any penalty is directed to be levied or distress to be made, by any Act of Parliament now in force or hereafter to be made, it shall and may be lawful for any justice or justices acting under the authority of such Acts respectively, and he and they is and are hereby authorised and empowered to administer an oath or oaths, affirmation or affirmations, to any person or persons, for the purpose of levying such penalties or making such distresses respectively. [<sup>F2</sup>In this Act references to making a distress include references to using the procedure in Schedule 12 to the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 (taking control of goods) to recover a sum.]

### Textual Amendments

F2 Words in [Act](#) inserted (6.4.2014) by [Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007 \(c. 15\)](#), s. 148, [Sch. 13 para. 4](#) (with s. 89); [S.I. 2014/768](#), art. 2(1)(b)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Oaths Act 1775.