



## THE PROHEME.

**T**he wryte of the Office and Duetie of Iustices of the peace, after M. Marrow whose learned reading in that behalfe made the 18. yeare of King Henry the 7. is in many hands to bee seene) and after the reuerend Iustice Fitzherbert (who published an excellent treatise thereof, which is yet euerie where to be had) may at the first seeme no lesse vnadvisedly done, then if a man should bring Owles to Athens, (as the Proverbe is) or to carie sticks into a growing Wood or Copse. Neuerthelesse, if it bee considered, that since their time, this Office is charged with many Statutes, which were not made when their Writings were penned: and if it bee weighed also, that sundrie things in them had then the force of Law, which now at this day they haue lost by alteration of like authoritie: It cannot be thought altogether in vaine, to conferre their writings with the Booke cases, & Statutes that haue arisen of latter times, and out of them all to collect