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Monday 5. State of the Law in Shelburne
~~The~~ ^{or rather} the very Beginning of it ~~ought~~

Justices of the Common Pleas -

Ab. V. B. - a Gentleman & man of
good Understanding - Has been in Service
all the War - & is yet more the Soldier
the Lawyer

J. P. - does not want understanding
but is very timorous - & as timorous
generally are - Cunnings - He shows the
England man very plainly in his manner

Now for the Sessions - The two above
to which add Mr Justice W. - an old Man
top bowline - a Mr Justice Th. - an old
white oak Chip - a Mr Justice B. - a
merchant - has good natural parts which
been improved by an Education calculated

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to make a conspicuous figure in his own line - &
he has ambition & Capacity to make a useful
judicious Magistrate. - but at present rather
C-xc-mb-l Headers -

a dismounted Dragoon Officer of Tarleton's
his acquirements in Law Knowledge are
not much below the Surface - his name J. S. &

a Mr. D. - & a Mr. G. - I put them both
together - for their ~~abilities~~ acquirements
are about equal - the latter the most sensi-
ble - indeed the first is a fool cant spell com-
mon English - passes at present for a
half pay Officer - the Truth of w. remains to
be proved - These are the Deputies by
whom at present we must implead one
another - add to these C. m. - e. St. - pe
who far exceed them all