

body, for want of goods and chattels, out of which to make the money. In the case I now allude to, the gentlemen, who related to me the story, applied to a country Justice for a warrant, he acting as the agent of a firm in St. Louis that had sold a bill of goods to the defendant. The warrant was issued and placed in the hands of the constable. The plaintiff's agent returned to his place of abode, distant several miles from the office of the Justice. The constable, prompt in the discharge of his duty, went in search of the defendant, and in the course of a day or two arrested him and brought him before the Justice. The question now arose, how should the attendance of the agent be accomplished? This was soon settled by the Justice, who immediately issued a warrant against *his* body, and directed the constable to bring him *forthwith* before the court. "But," said the constable, "what shall I do with the *defendant*, in the meantime?—I cannot carry him with me." "Oh, I will fix that," said the Justice, who at the moment observed a man on horseback passing by. The Justice hailed him, and commanded the stranger to alight from his horse and *take charge of the defendant*. The traveller at first refused, alleging that he was a stranger, residing in Illinois, and going on business to a distant point. But the Justice would receive no such excuse. He informed the stranger that he was a Justice of the Peace, and, in the name of the United States and by authority of the laws of the Territory, ordered him again to take charge of the prisoner. He reluctantly obeyed the mandate, and "mounted guard" over the defendant. The constable then went in search of the plaintiff's agent—found him at his residence—arrested him on the *warrant*—brought him before the Court, and reported that he had the "body" there present. The trial proceeded, and judgment was duly rendered against the defendant. It was now nearly dark, and, as in those days houses were few and distant from each other, the traveller said to the Justice, that, as he had detained him nearly all day, it was then too late to proceed on his journey—and he supposed he could give him supper and