

uted; and, in cases of resistance to their legal authority, as in public riots, &c., to raise the *posse comitatus*. For the county alone about 25,000 writs are annually directed to the sheriff.

The RECORDER, who is appointed by the lord mayor and aldermen for life, with the salary of 2,500l., the chamberlain, common-serjeant, city remembrancer, &c., constitute the next of the leading city officers.

The JUDICIAL FRANCHISE is amongst the many valuable privileges enjoyed by the city. It is most important; and yet the powers of the city courts, for the recovery of debts, or of compensations for injuries, "by action or writ, according to the course of common law," are but little known. There are the Lord Mayor's Court, the Court of Hustings, the Sheriffs' Courts, &c.

There are ninety-one CITY COMPANIES. The first twelve that stand on the list are called the chief, and are sometimes styled The Honourable; and the lord mayor must be free of one of those companies before he can be sworn in. The following is the list arranged in their order of precedence:—

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| 1. Mercers.          | 20. Wax Chandlers.               |
| 2. Grocers.          | 21. Tallow Chandlers.            |
| 3. Drapers.          | 22. Armourers and Bra-<br>ziers. |
| 4. Fishmongers.      | 23. Girdiers.                    |
| 5. Goldsmiths.       | 24. Butchers.                    |
| 6. Skinners.         | 25. Saddlers.                    |
| 7. Merchant Tailors. | 26. Carpenters.                  |
| 8. Haberdashers.     | 27. Cordwainers.                 |
| 9. Salters.          | 28. Painter Stainers.            |
| 10. Ironmongers.     | 29. Curriers.                    |
| 11. Vintners.        | 30. Masons.                      |
| 12. Clothworkers.    | 31. Plumbers.                    |
| 13. Dyers.           | 32. Innholders.                  |
| 14. Brewers.         | 33. Founders.                    |
| 15. Leather Sellers. | 34. Poulterers.                  |
| 16. Pewterers.       | 35. Cooks.                       |
| 17. Barber Surgeons. | 36. Coopers.                     |
| 18. Cutlers.         | 37. Tilers and Bricklayers.      |
| 19. Bakers.          |                                  |