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Assize Courts and English Law



In medieval England, the _____ was the ultimate source of law. To enforce his laws across the land, he needed a system that could reach every corner of his _____. Thus, the Assize Courts were established. These courts traveled from town to town, bringing the _____ justice to even the most remote areas. The judges in these courts were appointed directly by the _____ and were often members of the king's council.

The establishment of the Assize Courts marked a significant shift in English legal _____. Prior to this, local lords had the power to adjudicate disputes in their own manors. However, with the _____ Courts, a more uniform system of law began to emerge. These courts were responsible for handling serious _____, including murder, theft, and treason. Over time, their role expanded to include civil cases, such as disputes over land and _____.

One of the most notable contributions of the Assize Courts was the development of Common _____. Unlike statutory law, which is written and passed by legislature, Common Law is based on court decisions and _____. This body of law grew out of the judgments made by the Assize Courts, which were applied consistently across the _____.

Another important aspect was the introduction of the _____ system. Initially, juries were used to provide local knowledge to the traveling judges. However, they soon evolved into a fundamental _____ of the English legal system, embodying the principle that one's peers should _____ an individual.

The Assize Courts not only strengthened the power of the _____ by centralizing legal authority but also laid the foundation for the rights and liberties that would later be enshrined in English law. Their _____ is still evident today in the legal traditions of many countries, including the United States.

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