“By the end of the reign it had become the most detested but the most important of all Henry’s institutions of government involved in the maintenance of law and order.” Caroline Rogers

Administration of Justice – Retained judges of Richard III.

Papacy

Pope provided dispensation for marriage to Elizabeth of York and declared his children legitimate.

Church

Kept tight control over Church appointments, selected local Churchmen to state and Episcopal posts.

Parliament – called as and when

Henry used legislation through Parliament to strengthen royal power and emphasise all power derived from the Crown.

Specialised committees

Court of Star Chamber – Maintenance and retaining by nobility

Counsel Learned in Law – Court and debt collecting agency

Counsel of the North – Border regions.

Justices of the Peace

Controlled by Crown

Used to stop riots, unlawful assemblies, extortion, gambling, coinage etc.

Messages, orders & reports sent from Counsel to JPS who would control localities.