

9. To assure that a thing is what it appears to be, which implies a covenant to make good any defect or loss incurred by it.

WAR'RANT, *n.* An act, instrument or obligation, by which one person authorizes another to do something which he has not otherwise a right to do; an act or instrument investing one with a right or authority, and thus securing him from loss or damage; *a word of general application.*

2. A precept authorizing an officer to seize an offender and bring him to justice. A general *warrant* to seize suspected persons, is illegal.

3. Authority; power that authorizes or justifies any act. Those who preach the gospel have the *warrant* of Scripture. We have the *warrant* of natural right to do what the laws do not forbid; but civility and propriety may sometimes render things improper, which natural right warrants.

4. A commission that gives authority, or that justifies.

5. A voucher; that which attests or proves.

6. Right; legality.
There's *warrant* in that theft
Which steals itself when there's no mercy left. *Obs.* *Shak.*

7. A writing which authorizes a person to receive money or other thing.

Warrant of attorney, that by which a man appoints another to act in his name, and warrants his transaction.

Land warrant, is an instrument or writing issued by the proper officer, authorizing a person to locate or take up a tract of new or uncultivated land. *U. States.*

Search warrant, a precept authorizing a person to enter houses, shops, &c. to search for a criminal, for stolen or smuggled goods.

Warrant officer, an officer holding a warrant from the navy board, such as the master, surgeon, purser, &c. of a ship.

WAR'RANTABLE, *a.* Authorized by commission, precept or right; justifiable; defensible. The seizure of a thief is always *warrantable* by law and justice. Falsehood is never *warrantable*.

His meals are coarse and short, his employment *warrantable*. *South.*

WAR'RANTABLENESS, *n.* The quality of being justifiable. *Sidney.*

WAR'RANTABLY, *adv.* In a manner that may be justified; justifiably. *Walc.*

WAR'RANTED, *pp.* Authorized; justified; secured; assured by covenant or by implied obligation.

WARRANTEE, *n.* The person to whom land or other thing is warranted.

Ch. Justice Parsons.
WAR'RANTER, *n.* One who gives authority or legally empowers.

2. One who assures, or covenants to assure; one who contracts to secure another in a right, or to make good any defect of title or quality; as the *warranter* of a horse.

WAR'RANTING, *ppr.* Authorizing; empowering.

2. Assuring; securing to another a right, or covenanting to make good a defect of title in lands, or of quality in goods.

WAR'RANTISE, *n.* Authority; security. [*Not in use.*] *Shak.*

WARRANTOR, *n.* One who warrants.

WAR'RANTY, *n.* In law, a promise or covenant by deed, made by the bargainer for himself and his heirs, to warrant or secure the bargainee and his heirs against all men in the enjoyment of an estate or other thing granted. Such warranty passes from the seller to the buyer, from the feoffor to the feoffee, and from the releaser to the releasee. Warranty is *real*, when annexed to lands and tenements granted in fee or for life, &c. and is in deed or in law; and *personal*, when it respects goods sold or their quality.

In common recoveries, a fictitious person is called to warranty. In the sale of goods or personal property, the seller warrants the title; for warranty is express or implied. If a man sells goods which are not his own, or which he has no right to sell, the purchaser may have satisfaction for the injury. And if the seller expressly warrants the goods to be sound and not defective, and they prove to be otherwise, he must indemnify the purchaser; for the law implies a contract in the warranty, to make good any defect. But the warranty must be at the time of sale, and not afterwards. *Blackstone.*

2. Authority; justificatory mandate or precept.

If they disobey any precept, that is no excuse to us, nor gives us any *warranty* to disobey likewise. *Kettelwell.*

[In this sense, *warrant* is now used.]

3. Security.
The stamp was a *warranty* of the public. *Locke.*

WAR'RANTY, *v. t.* To warrant; to guarantee. [*A useless word.*]

WAR'RAY, *v. t.* [*Fr. guerroyer, from guerre.*] To make war upon. *Obs.* *Spenser.*

WARRE, *a.* [*Sax. werra, for warsa.*] *Worse.* *Obs.* *Spenser.*

WAR'REN, *n.* [from the root of *wear*, an inclosed place; *Fr. garenc*; *D. waarande*; *Goth. waryan*, *Sax. warian*, to defend. See *Guard*, *Warrant* and *Wary.*]

1. A piece of ground appropriated to the breeding and preservation of rabbits.

2. In law, a franchise or place privileged by prescription or grant from the king, for keeping beasts and fowls. The *warren* is the next franchise in degree to the park; and a forest, which is the highest in dignity, comprehends a chase, a park and a free warren. *Cyc.*

3. A place for keeping fish in a river. *Cyc.*

WAR'RENER, *n.* The keeper of a warren. *Johnson.*

WAR'RIANGLE, *n.* A hawk. *Ainsworth.*

WAR'RIOR, *n.* [from *war*; *Fr. guerrier*; *It. guerriere*; *Sp. guerrero, guerrador.*]

1. In a general sense, a soldier; a man engaged in military life.

2. Emphatically, a brave man; a good soldier.

WAR'RIORESS, *n.* A female warrior. *Spenser.*

WART, *n. wart.* [*Sax. weart*; *D. wrat*; *G. warze*; *Sw. wårta*; *L. verruca*; *Fr. verrue.*]

1. A hard excrescence on the skin of animals, which is covered with the production of the cuticle. In horses, warts are spungy excrescences on the hinder pasterns, which suppurate. *Cyc.*

2. A protuberance on trees.

WART'ED, *a.* In botany, having little knobs on the surface; verrucose; as a *warted* capsule. *Martyn.*

WART'WORT, *n.* A plant of the genus *Euphorbia* or spurge, which is studded with hard warty knobs; also, a plant of the genus *Heliotropium*, and another of the genus *Lapsana*. *Cyc. Lec.*

WART'Y, *a.* Having warts; full of warts; overgrown with warts; as a *warty* leaf. *Lec.*

2. Of the nature of warts.

WAR'-WORN, *a.* [*war* and *worn.*] Worn with military service; as a *war-worn* coat; a *war-worn* soldier.

WARY, *a.* [*Sax. war; Ice. var.* See *Ware* and *Warn.*]

Cautious of danger; carefully watching and guarding against deception, artifices and dangers; scrupulous; timorously prudent. Old men are usually more *wary* than the young. It is incumbent on a general in war to be always *wary*.

WAS, *s* as *z*; the past tense of the substantive verb; *Sax. Goth. wasan*; *L. esse*, for *vesse*, to be, to exist, whence *Eng. is*, in the present tense, and *was* in the past; as, *I was*; he *was*.

WASH, *v. t.* [*Sax. wascan*; *G. waschen*; *D. wasschen.*]

1. To cleanse by ablution, or by rubbing in water; as, to *wash* the hands or the body; to *wash* garments.

2. To wet; to fall on and moisten; as, the rain *washes* the flowers or plants.

3. To overflow. The tides *wash* the meadows.

4. To overflow or dash against; to cover with water; as, the waves *wash* the strand or shore; the sea *washes* the rocks on the shore or beach.

5. To scrub in water; as, to *wash* a deck or a floor.

6. To separate extraneous matter from; as, to *wash* ore; to *wash* grain.

7. In painting, to lay a color over any work with a pencil, to give it the proper tints, and make it appear more natural. Thus work is *washed* with a pale red to imitate brick, &c.

8. To rub over with some liquid substance; as, to *wash* trees for removing insects or diseases.

9. To squeeze and cleanse in water; as, to *wash* wool. So sheep are said to be *washed*, when they are immersed in water and their wool squeezed, by which means it is cleansed.

10. To cleanse by a current of water; as, showers *wash* the streets.

11. To overlay with a thin coat of metal; as steel *washed* with silver.

12. To purify from the pollution of sin.

But ye are *washed*, but ye are sanctified.

1 Cor. vi.
To *wash* a ship, to bring all her guns to one side to make her heel, and then to wash and scrape her side.

WASH, *v. i.* To perform the act of ablution. *Wash* in Jordan seven times. 2 Kings v. [*Elliptical.*]

2. To perform the business of cleansing clothes in water.

She can *wash* and scour. *Shak.*

To *wash off*, in calico-printing, to soak and