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Swindon Police Court – Thursday September 12

Magistrate present: Major Prower, and the Rev. G. Daubeney.

Richard Wheeler, of Bishopstone, was brought up charged with an act of bestiality at Bishopstone. At the close of the evidence, which cannot be given. Mr. Williams, prisoner's employer, said Wheeler had been living with him for 2 years, and previous to that he was in the service of Mr. Dore for five years. He had never heard anything against his character before, but had always looked upon him as being of rather weak intellect. He was never put at anything beyond the most menial labour. The prisoner, who, according to the evidence of the police, admitted the offence, was committed to take trial at the next Quarter Sessions.

Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 16 September 1867

Wiltshire Quarter Sessions

In the case of **Richard Wheeler**, charged with attempting to commit an abominable offence at Bishopstone, the grand jury ignored the bill.

Western Gazette, 25 October 1867