



Crime News - Illegal weights

*Bishopstone
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Illegal Weights and Measures

Miss Elizabeth Ann Lawrence, shopkeeper, of Bishopstone, was charged with having a pair of unjust scales, and also a 7lb., 4lb., 2lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., and $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. weight all light. The scales were in a very bad state, but the weights were very slightly deficient; one dram on the 7lb., and half a dram on the others. Mt North said he had no doubt the lightness was caused by fair wear and tear, but what he complained of most was that people would not send them to be adjusted when they had the chance offered them. The scales in this case had a piece of wood under the weight pan, which would rob the purchaser of a small article of fully one half.

The Bench fined defendant £10 and costs and forfeited the weights and scales.

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