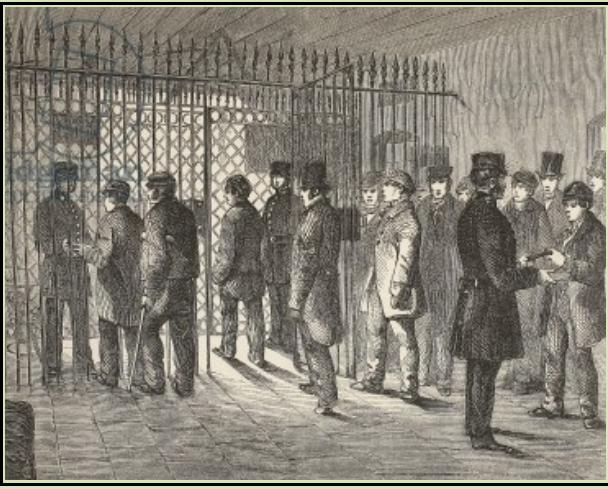


Crime and Punishment

Bishopstrow

Edwin Hoddinott



Police Court, Monday.-Before **Captain Helme** and the **Rev. W. Hickman**. – **Edwin Hoddinott**, a dairy man, was charged with obtaining by false pretenses, the sum of £1, from **William Tyler**, at Boreham, on the previous Thursday. From the evidence it appeared that about ten o'clock on the morning in question, the prisoner went to prosecutor's house, and stated that he was summoned to appear at the Warminster Police-court for striking a man on the Boreham road, and asked prosecutor to lend him a sovereign to prevent going to prison.

He said he had asked Mr. R. Coles (prisoner's employer) if he would lend him a sovereign, and he had said he had not got one in his pocket, but told him to the prosecutor, and he (Mr. Coles) would see that he was paid. Prosecutor, believing the statement of the prisoner to be correct, lent him the money.-Mr. Coles denied having sent the prisoner to prosecutor for the sovereign; and Mr. T.J

Rushton, clerk at the magistrates' office, deposed there had been no summons or warrant issued against the prisoner on the day in question, neither was there any court held on that day.-For the defence, the prisoner said he was very sorry for what he had done: he was under the influence of drink at the time and did not know what he was doing.-

The bench committed the prisoner for trial at the next Quarter sessions, which will be held at Warminster. Bail was allowed-prisoner in £5 and another surety in a like amount.

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