



Assault on Christmas Night

David Sturgess was summoned for assaulting Jeremiah Jenkins on Christmas evening, in the parish of Bulford. Complainant is a servant in the employ of Mr. Long, who being from home on Christmas day, desired him to keep a look out and see if there was anyone about the premises; the cook was also in the house. About nine o'clock they heard someone trying the kitchen window, and the cook observed a man looking over the shutters. Complainant went out and saw the defendant and four other men; he told them to go away, and one of them did; but the defendant, after asking what he had to do with it, followed him into the kitchen, using very abusive language, and pushed him, swearing he would beat his head off. The cook corroborated this evidence, and the defendant was fined 3s and costs, or in default six weeks' imprisonment. **Salisbury & Wilts Journal 29 January 1853**