



Typical Railway line crossing the road

Breach of The Highway Act

George Hopgood and George Weeks, both in the employ of Capt. Pinckney (Melsome), were charged with having allowed a locomotive engine to remain on the highway at Cholderton without anyone in charge, on the 4th inst.

PC Gunner stated that on the day mentioned he saw the locomotive standing on the highway, but although the steam was up and the engine ready for starting, there was no-one near it. After waiting for a few minutes the defendants appeared, and admitted that they were in charge of the locomotive. From what he had heard the engine must have been standing where he saw it for over an hour. Near the spot the road took a sharp curve, and had anyone been driving in that direction they would not have seen the engine until they came close upon it.

Mr Supt. Stevens said he had received numerous complaints of these locomotives being allowed to stand about by the side of the road. He could not, of course, say whether it was this particular engine that had given offence

The Bench fined Hopgood 15s and costs, £1 4s in all, and Weeks 19s including costs, with an alternative in each case of 14 days imprisonment.

Hopgood: Capt. Pinckney will pay the fine.

The Chairman: If we had known that before we should have given you a severe penalty. You may tell Capt. Pinckney from us that he has got off very easily. If any of Capt. Pinckney's men come before us again they will be fined the full sum.

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