



Carpenter Claims Employer Owes Him Unpaid Wages

Malmesbury Petty Sessions, Jan 5. Before the Earl of Suffolk, Lord Andover, Rev. H. Wightwick, Clerk, and R. H. Pollan, Esq.

Mr James Macey, of Dauntsey, Land agent, appeared on a summons obtained by James Barnes, of Christian Malford, Carpenter, who claimed to have due to him on account for wages, £2 10s. It appeared by the plaintiff's statement, that in the year 1838, he was employed to do some carpentering work at Dauntsey, during a period of 17 weeks, and that Mr Macey engaged to give him 18s per week during the summer, and if he should be employed in the winter he was to receive 15 s a week; but the defendant although employed in the summer, had only received the latter sum – the difference constituted his demand. The reason he did not press his claim sooner, was his being in expectation of getting further employment under the defendant. In defence, it was proved that the plaintiff had every week signed a receipt for 15s., without any qualifications as to its being in part only; and that the defendant, as receiver in a cause in the Court of Chancery, had passed his accounts annually, of all receipts and payments, without reservation of any such claim; the vouchers were in town. The Bench considered this defence satisfactory, and dismissed the case.

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