



## **DISPUTE OVER RABBITS AND GAME**

It will appear from a case, which was brought before the Magistrates at the Steeple Ashton Petty Sessions, on Monday last and reported in another column, that Mr. Jonathan Grant, a much respected farmer of Coulston, entered into a deed of covenant with Sir John Hobhouse, not to kill the rabbits or game on certain land in his occupation

Sir John stipulating to indemnify Mr. Grant for the injury the rabbits or game might do to his crops.

By Mr. Grant's statement, the injury he sustained that year amounted to £94. Sir John was made acquainted with the fact; but the right hon. bart. setting the covenant at defiance, refused to pay the money. Mr. Grant then very naturally ordered the rabbits to be killed; whilst in the act of killing them, two of his sons and one of his men were observed by Sir John's gamekeeper, and afterwards summoned at the Petty Sessions.

We sincerely regret that Sir John should appear to such disadvantage, as he possesses many very estimable qualities.

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