



Court Appearances

At the Devizes Petty Sessions, on Monday last, several small shopkeepers in the neighbouring villages were summoned for having deficient weights in their possession. In one case, it appeared that a man named Wilshire, (of Stanton) had been in the habit of serving his customers with an iron weight 2 oz. deficient; and a 28lb. leaden weight was also found upon his premises 3 oz. short - He was fined 40s., and costs.

In another, from this same place, a 56 lb. iron weight used by Daniel Harvey was found 3 lbs. deficient, and a pair of coal scales no less than 12 lbs. out of their proper adjustment. Harvey was also fined 40s. and costs. Other cases various in their character, but of an uninteresting nature, were also disposed of. Among them, were three summonses against Henry Giddings of Erchfont, for displaying his pugnacity at Whitsuntide; and for which the Magistrates adjudged him to pay, in fine and costs £2 1s. 6d. Also a violent dispute between two brothers named Bishop, at Worton, about each other's claim to a house, led to each being bound over to keep the peace in the sum of £50, with sureties of £25.

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