



## **Dispute Between Brothers Over Fixtures**

At the Westbury County Court on the 19th, the case of Alfred Jones, Farmer of Dilton Marsh v Charles Jones, Westbury Leigh, was heard – claim £5 for rent; 10 shillings had been paid into the Court, and £4 10s was claimed as a set-off.

Mr. H. Francis, (Bradford) for the defendant who is the plaintiff's brother, explained that the defendant had taken a farm and bought some fixtures of the outgoing tenant (Mr. Minty) for £4 10s. Defendant's tenancy expired 25th March 1882, when his brother Alfred Jones took the farm. Alfred Jones however consented to let defendant keep the house on for six months for £5, and this was the amount sued for. Defendant contested the fixtures were worth £4 10s, and as his brother refused to let him remove them he pleaded the set off. The receipt for the £4 10s was produced, but Mr. Minty stated the fixtures were not worth half that after the defendant's tenancy. The landlords of the farm were the Trustees of the Chapmanslade Chapel, one of whom (Mr. Flatman) was called, and said that in order to keep the peace, he had offered to allow 30s for the fixtures.

His Honour said that he thought fair terms had been offered, and that the matter might have been settled for the 30s (exclusive of some chains) which Mr. Flatman stated that he had offered. He (the Judge) thought the defendant was entitled to something but not the £4 10s. He gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £5, allowing £2 as the defendants set-off, and the expenses of three of the plaintiff's witnesses.

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