

# Crime and Punishment

## *Dinton*



Samuel Haynes, of Dinton, was charged with stealing a duck and a chicken, value 3s., the property of Mr David Darling, of Marshood Farm, Dinton, on the 24<sup>th</sup> ult.- Sarah Foyle, a servant to Mr Darling, said it was part of her duty to look after the poultry. On the 24<sup>th</sup> ult., between eight and nine o'clock in the evening, she shut up two ducks and three chickens in a coop, and upon going to let them out the next morning she missed the two ducks and one of the chickens. She also missed a white hen from another coop, and another chicken she had seen on the evening before. The dick and chicken produced by Superintendent Dann she knew to be her master's property, and a portion of those missed.- Superintendent Dann having been acquainted with the robbery, went to prosecutor's farm at Dinton. He traced feathers for about a mile, in the direction of the prisoner's house. He also searched prisoner's premises, and found a quantity of charred bones under the fireplace, and in the garden under some rubbish in a basket he found concealed the duck and chicken which he produced. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge, and asked the Bench to be as lenient as they could. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

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