



Crime and Punishment

Durrington

POLICE – WEDNESDAY – (Before J. H. Jacob, Esq.)

Louis Arturic, an Italian, was summoned by John Mountanaro, another Italian, charged with wilfully and maliciously damaging and injuring a portable piano to the amount of 5*l*. It appears that the parties are itinerant musicians, and that the defendant had hired the piano of the complainant at the sum of 2s. per week. On Tuesday the defendant went into the Nag's Head public-house at Durrington, and commenced playing, but being jeered at by the spectators, he became excited, and in his rage broke the instrument in pieces. He was ordered to pay 5*l*., the amount of the damage and costs, and in default of payment was committed to prison for 14 days.

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