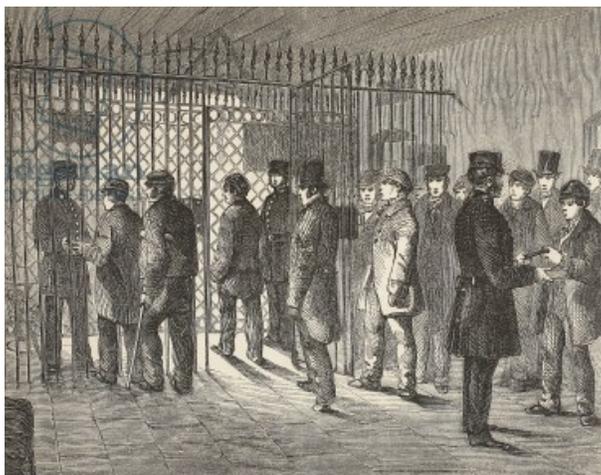


Crime and Punishment

Easton Royal



1863

Pewsey Petty Sessions, January. Before the Revs. J H Gale and H S Crook. Thomas Matthews of Collingbourne Kingston, an old man of 62 years of age, was summoned by John King, gamekeeper to Lord Ailesbury, for using wire for the purpose of taking game, at the parish of Easton, on the 24th December last. Matthews was seen by witness named Chandler to approach the wire and take a hare out. Defendant in defence said, "I found the thing, and being near Christmas time, I thought I would try and catch one for my Christmas dinner: It is the first time, yer honor, I ever done it, and I will warrant it shall be the last. Fined 39s and costs, 50s. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 15 January**

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