



A Soldier of the Devonshire Regiment

Soldier Charged with Poaching

Frederick Berryman, a private in the Devon Regiment, stationed at Tidworth, was summoned for being on land in search of game at Fittleton.

A gamekeeper named Maton stated that he saw five soldiers coming from the direction of Tidworth across land over which Mr. Alexander had the rights of shooting. They had five dogs, and the defendant and another man went on by where witness was concealed, and came to some rabbit burrows. They commenced putting down snares, 30 of which he produced. When witness went to them they ran away, and both dropped wires while running.

Witness followed the defendant for about two miles, and when asked for his name and number said witness would have to go a long way to get that. Defendant wanted to square him with a shilling.

Defendant said they were out for a walk, and had no intention of taking game. The dogs they had were only small barrack dogs. He denied having any snares or rabbits on him.

Case dismissed.

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