



Crime and Punishment

Fonthill Gifford

Accused of Stealing Wood

Charles Small was indicted for stealing one piece of larch fir, the property of the Marquis of Westminster, at Fonthill, and the prisoner was proved to have cut up part of a tree in company with another man named Hewell, and to have removed it to his farm house. In defence, the prisoner urged that he had purchased the wood of a man named Doggerell, who had since died. It was proved that Doggerell had been in the habit of selling wood, but had no right to sell timber. The prisoner received an excellent character. The jury acquitted him.

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