



Shepherd, Robert Smith Steals Mutton

Robert Smith, a shepherd in the employ of Mr. Thatcher, of Wishford, was charged with stealing 10 lbs of mutton, the property of his employer. The prisoner told Mr. Thatcher that he had a sheep that had died. On being asked what had been done with the carcass, he said he had taken it home, and given the meat to the dog. He brought the fore quarters to Mr. Thatcher, who found them to be quite good. Mr. Thatcher's suspicion being aroused, he communicated with the police, and P.C. Shipton, on going to the prisoner's house, found two legs of mutton and one of the loins in salt. The prisoner, in defence, said he took the mutton home for his dog. Sentenced to 21 days imprisonment, with hard labour.

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