



Bastardy Examination

Hankerton

At Malmesbury Petty Sessions

Friday 15th May 1874

Maria Blizzard v Stiles Shipton

Stiles Shipton, labourer, of Luckington, was brought up under warrant, charged with non-payment of an order in bastardy.

Maria Blizzard, native of Hankerton, but now an inmate of the Malmesbury Union Workhouse, stated that she was a single woman, and that she obtained an order for 1s 6d per week on the 7th of April, 1869, against the prisoner. He paid her for some time, but she had not received anything from him for the past two years. She now claimed 19s 6d, being the arrears for 13 weeks. Prisoner said he was willing to pay the money if the bench would allow him a week to pay it in.

He was told that they had not the power to do this, but he would be remanded for two days, and on payment of the money he would be immediately discharged.

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