



Drunk and Leaving Master Charges

County Petty Sessions, Tuesday.

Before Colonel Miles, M.P. (chairman) Earl of Suffolk, Sir R. H. Pollen, Bart, and Messrs. W. H. and C. R. Luce.

George Woodward and William Golding, labourers, of Charlton and Hankerton, were summoned for being drunk on the highway at Charlton on the 16th September. Mr. Collett said the defendants were found lying down in the road incapable. There was a previous conviction against Woodward, who was fined one shilling, and nine shillings costs, and Golding who was fined six pence and nine shillings costs.

George Woodward, one of the defendants in the last case, was summoned by James Corp, farmer, of Charlton, charged with leaving his service without notice, whereby he claimed £1 for damages. Mr. Corp said he hired defendant by verbal contract some months back to work for him, until Michaelmas, at 12 shillings per week, and the keep of the yearling belonging to defendant. He worked for him until the 17th September, when he left in the middle of the week without giving any notice.

Cross-examined by defendant: I did not know that you had a glove on your hand and that your fingers were bad. You made no complaint.

Defendant, in answer to a question from the Bench, said he did not show his master his fingers, which was poisoned by thistles, as he would only have made game for him. He said he was not hired at all. He sent word to his master and offered to do any work he could. The Chairman said the Bench were quite of the opinion, that the contract was broken, and fined defendant five shillings, and nine shillings and sixpence costs.

Defendant asked what about his three days wages and was informed he had forfeited that.

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