



Crime News - Assault

*Coate
1875*

Assault by John Bourton

SWINDON POLICE COURT
Thursday

John Bourton, labourer, of Wanborough, was charged with assaulting William Evans, at Coate, on the 24th of May. The case was adjourned from last court to allow the police time to apprehend three other defendants, but they have not yet been found. The case was now gone into against Bourton only. Complainant said he was going into the Sun Inn, at Coate, about 7 in the evening, when defendant slammed the door in his face and knocked his pipe £down his throat". He asked him what he did it for, when Richens came up and knocked him down, the others the pitched into him and beat him, but could not say if Bourton struck him or not. He could not say whether he saw him (complainant) before he slammed the door.

The Bench said it did not appear that the defendant had committed any wilful offence, and they dismissed the charge.

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