

Wages Dispute

Mr. George Topp, farmer of Martin, was summoned by a labourer that had been in his employ, named Henry Prince, for non-payment of wages.

The complainant stated that he was in the employment of Mr. Topp by agreement, for one year. A short time since his master had found fault with him, and told him that the horses under his care were not doing so well as he wished. He answered that he could do no better with them, unless more corn was allowed for them. His master then told him that if he didn't like his wages he should leave at the end of the week, and subsequently ordered him to leave the premises at a moment's notice. He then left, and since then refused to pay him his wages.

Mr. Topp said the statement of Prince was altogether false. He complained of the horses being so bad, and desired the defendant to alter his mode of treating them; and he saucily answered, "that he should do as he liked with them, and not ask him or anybody else." He then said that if he did not do as he wished, he should leave, and he walked off directly. He came back the next day and received his money up to that time. He then applied to two other gentlemen for work, and failing in getting employment, he came and claimed a demand on him for his wages as usual.

Mr. Topp brought two corroborating witnesses. The case was dismissed.

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