



# *Crime and Punishment*

*Melksham*

## *Obtaining Money by False Pretence*

A young man named Henry Boutal was brought before the county magistrates at Trowbridge yesterday, charged with obtaining 3s 7d by false pretences from Mr A Schomberg of Seend, and with endeavouring to obtain money by false pretences from the Rev E H Pulling, curate of Melksham. The prisoner in each case represented that he required his baptismal certificate to enable him to obtain a clerkship in the Royal Engineers, but that he had no money to pay for it. In the one instance he stated that Melksham was his birthplace, and in the other that he was born at Westbury. Information was given to the police and he was apprehended at Westbury Station with 33s, an enlistment form, and a railway ticket to Frome, in his possession. He was committed for trial on both charges.

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