



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Claims Court

Charles Timbrell v William Tidworth

Charles Timbrell, labourer, *Minety v William Tidworth*, hay dealer, of the same place.

Claim £1 1s for tying hay at 4s per ton; counter claim of £2 for damage alleged to have been sustained through plaintiff not finishing the job.

It was stated in the evidence that defendant asked plaintiff to come and tie up some hay, and agreed to pay him 4s per ton. Plaintiff said he found out that he could not earn his money at it, as the hay was put up badly. Some in a rick was rotten, and that in the Dutch barn was very awkward to get out. Defendant did not engage him to tie up 40 or 50 tons. Defendant pointed out the three ricks he wanted done. Defendant said he pointed out the ricks to plaintiff, who asked him for a day off to go to Barton Fair, Gloucester. He never finished his work, but put it on the ground, and left it incomplete.

Defendant wrote him a letter asking him to come back and finish his work, and he never replied to it. Part of the work was to load the hay on waggons to go to the station. Defendant claimed £2 damages in respect of not being able to sell the hay or deliver it.

His Honour gave judgement for plaintiff for £1 1s, and for defendant on the counter claim £2, costs to follow.

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