



# Crime and Punishment

## *Minety*

### **Court Case**

### **John Price**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct., before Thos. Luce, Esq., Chairman, S B Brooke, Esq., and Major Perry Keene.

John Price, of Minety, labourer, was brought up in custody of the police, charged with indecently assaulting one Ellen Howse, wife of Lewington Howse, of Minety, farmer, and master of the prisoner.

The case, which was proved by Mrs Howse, was of the very worst description, the details being totally unfit for publication.

After hearing the evidence, the magistrates retired, and on their return the Chairman said, that this was one of the worst cases that had ever come before the bench, and they therefore fined the prisoner £10 or in default 3 months' hard labour.

The prisoner not being able to pay, he was removed in custody.

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