



Alleged Cruelty to Calves – Thomas Horner

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SALISBURY PETTY SESSIONS-MONDAY-before the Mayor and **Mr. Fawcett**.

Alleged Cruelty to Calves.- **Thomas Horner**, of Nunton, was summoned by **Superintendent White**, for alleged cruelty to two calves the property of **Mr. John Read**, farmer of New Court. The calves, with others had been sent by **Mr. Read** from New Court Farm to Salisbury, on the 25th ult., for sale in the market. They came in a cart, and the evidence of **Police-Constable Goodfellow** was that the defendant, having first of all removed the tail-board, and then tipped up the cart so as to let the calves out more easily, dragged two of the calves out by the tail, and they fell forcibly on their backs and heads. **Goodfellow** said that on this remonstrating with the defendant, **Mr. Read**, who was standing near said if he (**Goodfellow**) did not like it he must draw the calves out himself.

A witness named **Henry Case**, of Fisherton, said he saw the calves pulled out by a man, but the man was not the defendant. **Mr. Read** said the defendant was not in his employ, but he asked him in the market to assist in getting the calves out. One calf fell out, and a butcher from either Winchester or Portsmouth who was to buy the calves, pulled out the other, and it was not likely the butcher would allow more violence than was necessary. Defendant took no part whatever in pulling those calves out. What he (**Mr. Read**) said to the policeman was "If you think you can do it better you had better come and help." He should have though the case brought forward from spleen, only that he knew of no ill feeling against him. The other three calves were taken out quietly. The magistrates dismissed the case as there seemed to be great doubts about it, but they encouraged the officer to complain whenever he saw and cruelty enacted.

