



# Crime and Punishment

*Oaksey*

## Claims Court

### John Bown v Francis Telling

Francis Telling, farmer, of Oaksey, was summoned by Mr John Bown, assistant overseer of that parish, for non-payment of two poor rates, the respective amounts being £5 8s and £4 1s. Defendant did not appear. Service of summons was ordered to be issued.

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### W Walker & S Pettifer v Francis Telling

W Walker, manager of the Capital and Counties Bank, Malmesbury, and Stephen Pettifer, veterinary surgeon, of Crudwell v Francis Telling, of Manby's Farm, Oaksey.

Mr W Forrester (Jones and Forrester, solicitors, Malmesbury) appeared for the prosecution, and informed his Honour that this was an unpleasant charge relative to some farming stock, which had been seized on defendant's farm on behalf of his clients, and which was ordered by his Honour to stand over owing to an application in the Bankruptcy Court, which had been withdrawn on the defendant paying a composition. His Honour would remember that a sum of £50 had been placed in Mr Boodle's hands (the defendant's solicitor), and he had only paid one creditor. There was a sum of £25 still in Mr Boodle's hands, and he asked for an execution warrant to be issued, to stand over a week. He would put Mr Telling in the witness box.

Mr F Telling said he was a farmer, residing at Manby's Farm, Oaksey. He raised £50 on a bill of sale, and handed it to Mr Boodle to arrange with his creditors. Mr Boodle paid witness's uncle £25 of the money, and had still £25 in his hands. He spoke to Mr Boodle about it, and he said there were his costs to come out of that. Witness expected him here today. He was doing nothing at present, but residing at the farm.

His Honour told defendant that Mr Boodle's costs certainly would not come to £25, as they would have to be taxed. Defendant must see Mr Boodle and get the money from him. He should make an order for 21 days for contempt of Court, but would allow it to be withheld for 21 days to give the defendant time to get some money from Mr Boodle.

Mr Forrester said he had no desire to deal harshly with defendant.

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