



Potterne Crime Reports

1800-1849

1831

Ten men were apprehended at Potterne on Friday last, on suspicion of being concerned in setting fire to some outhouses belonging to the Rev. Mr. Edmonstone of that place. Seven of them have since been discharged; the remaining three are committed for further examination. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette, 20 January 1831**

Salisbury Assizes. Isaac Nash was indicted for maliciously setting fire to a barn, the property of the Rev. George Edmonstone, at Potterne. The evidence in this case being very unsatisfactory, the Jury, without calling upon the prisoner for his defence, immediately acquitted him. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal, 14 March 1831**

1846

Devizes District Petty Sessions - Monday April 13. Before Colonel Olivier, Major Grubbe, Mr. Locke, Mr. Colston, Rev. A. Smith and Mr. Schombery. Several poor persons from Potterne were summoned for the non-payment of poor rates. Most of them appeared to be cases of great hardship (the coalition of the parties being little better than that of paupers). As the vestry, however, had refused to exempt them, the Bench had no alternative but to grant distress warrants. **Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette, Thursday, 16 April 1846**