



Crime and Punishment

St. Edmund's

Salisbury

CHARGE AGAINST A CLERGYMAN

At the Mansion-house police-court, the Rev. George Radcliffe, aged 55, rector of St. Edmund's, Salisbury, was brought up charged with having feloniously transferred the sum of £1028 6s. 3d. Three percent Consols, with intent to defraud the Bank of England. It appears that he had acted as joint-trustee under a marriage settlement with a gentleman named Roxworthy, by the production of forged certificates of whose death he had been able to transfer the stock, without the knowledge of his co-trustee. Some time ago, Mr. Radcliffe called on Mr. Roxworthy, according to the evidence of the latter, and said that he wished to explain a mistake that had been made by the bank; that he was trustee with a person named Richards, who was deceased, and that when he went to the bank to transfer the stock, the bank made a mistake, and thought Mr. Roxworthy was the person deceased. Mr. Radcliffe told Mr. Roxworthy that there was no occasion to go to London about it, as he would set it all right before the next dividends fell due; but it appeared that since that time the stock had been replaced in the same names. The rev. gentleman, who said he would give satisfactory explanation of the whole affair, was committed for trial at the Old Bailey. His trial took place on the 11th of May. He pleaded "Guilty." Of his guilt, indeed, there was no doubt. He was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude.

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