



Crime and Punishment

Southbroom

Assault on Postman

Adam Freams (a native of Seend, but recently living at Etchilhampton) was charged by Peter Andrews, the postman from Devizes to Etchilhampton and the neighbouring villages, with having assaulted him in the Nursteed Road on the 27th of Nov.

According to Andrew's statement, he was returning in the evening with his letter bags, when about midway between Longcroft and Southbroom Cottage, he observed a man in the road apparently the worse for liquor. The man on seeing him, at once rushed against him, and making use of a disgusting expression butted his head against his (Andrew's) chest and face, knocking him backwards against the bank. On recovering himself, Andrews struck his assailant with his walking stick, upon which the man made another rush at him and knocked him backwards, and falling upon his horn, which was slung round his body, he was severely injured.

Frearms, on being asked what he had to say for himself, could offer no excuse for his conduct, except that he was drunk at the time. This, the Bench refused to receive, and after commenting upon the unwarrantable attack he had made upon the postman, fined him 10s and costs, which were paid.

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