



SWINDON
SECOND COURT
(Before Major Calley and Capt. Wykeham Martin).

ASSAULT IN THE WORKHOUSE. – Elizabeth Ann Dodson, a young woman, late an inmate of the Highworth and Swindon Union, was brought up on remand charged with a violent assault on another inmate, names Elizabeth Bridges. The prisoner was remanded from the last Court in the consequence of its being stated the injured woman was likely to die from the result of the injuries inflicted on her. – The complainant now attended, and from her statement it appears that on the 18th inst. She went to bed, not feeling very well. About an hour after the prisoner entered the room and opened the window. Complainant asked her several times to close it. Prisoner refused to do so, and used bad language, on which she threatened to report her to Mr. Pritchard. Prisoner, using very bad language, said she did not care. On the complainant getting out of bed to close the window herself prisoner kicked her violently in her stomach with her nailed boots, causing her great pain. – The complainants statement was corroborated by Fanny Adams and Harriett Rowley, two other inmates, but the prisoner denied that she kicked at all. She only pushed complainant with her shoe on the bed. – The Bench committed prisoner for one-month hard labour, which she imprudently remarked she would sooner do than go back to the workhouse.

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