



Crime News - Assault

*Wanborough
1878*

A PUBLIC HOUSE ROW

George Carter, beerhouse keeper, of Wanborough, was charged with assaulting **John Garland**, a factory labourer, on the 20th April. There was a cross summons charging Garland assaulting Carter, and another summons charging him with being quarrelsome and refusing to leave the beerhouse

Garland said he was drinking with others in the Ship for five and a half hours, during which time the landlord Carter repeatedly reminded him that he owed for a pint of beer. At nine o'clock, as he was about to leave the house, Carter got in his way, and he put his hand on his chest to make room for him to pass, when he was knocked down and Carter smashed a pint cup, over his eyes, cutting his head open. Two witnesses corroborated this statement.

In support of the charge against Garland, Carter said he told him several times during the evening to leave, as he would persist in fighting with another man, and annoying the customers, but he would not go.

The bench said they believed the landlord's testimony before Garland's, and the charge of assault against him was dismissed. For refusing to leave the house when told to Garland was fined 1s and 10s 3d costs and for the assault on Carter 1s fine and 12s 9d costs.

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