



The Calley Arms Wanborough 1865

Court Cases

Swindon Police Court – Thursday, March 16

A BATCH OF CASES FROM THE CALLEY ARMS INN, WANBOROUGH

Charles Serle, of Wanborough, was charged with having assaulted Henry Richens, on the 11th instant, at Wanborough. Complainant is in the employ of Mr. C. C. Packer, landlord of the Calley Arms Inn, as a baker. On Saturday evening, after he had done his work in the bakehouse, he was serving the customers in Mr. Parker's tap room, and whilst so engaged, defendant asked him for a "pennoth" of flour. He refused to let him have it because he had seen him before acting with flour. Defendant then asked another man to get him some flour, but he (Richens) told him not to get any, as defendant wanted to play tricks with it on Mr. Packer's customers. About ten minutes after this Serle "pitched into" him (Richens), and gave him several blows.

Mr. Packer having deposed to seeing Serle strike Richens, defendant said he readily admitted striking Richens; he should not have done so had he not been in liquor at the time. He expressed his regret to Richens on the following day. Ordered to pay £1 8s. 6d. including costs.

Five stable lads, in the employ of Mr. Serle and Mr. Walker, trainers, Wanborough, were next charged with having assaulted Mr. Packer on the evening of the 11th. It appeared from the statement of Mr. Packer that after the disturbance between Mr. Serle and Richens, he (Packer) determined upon closing his house. He ordered the five defendants to leave; but, instead of doing so, one of them took up the poker, and flourished it about. They also put the lights out, pushed him (the landlord) about, and had a regular "shindy". Ordered to pay a fine of 6s. 6d. each, including costs, or 14 days' imprisonment.

Charles Serle and Thomas Warman were next charged with assaulting a man named Sly. In this case it appeared that Serle and Warman, upon leaving Packer's, tumbled up against Sly, and hustled him about sorely against his will. Serle was ordered to pay a fine of £1 13s. 3d. Including costs, and Warman to pay a fine of 14s. Including costs.

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