



## Assault Over Road Dispute

Alfred Phillips, of Marston, a tall powerful young man, was summoned by Thomas Phillips, his uncle, for assaulting him on the 5th of October. From the evidence of plaintiff and his wife, it seemed that he occupies a house and some land at Marston, and that on this land there is a road, which his brother, who lives close by him, assisted their father in making some years ago, when the father was tenant of the property. At the back of the premises is a barn, to which the proper access is by another road, but the shorter way to it being over his private road, his brother insisted on using it, because his father had given him leave to do so when he occupied the property. He hauled two loads of wheat over it, and was about to haul another, when plaintiff put a lock on the gate, and refused him permission to go in. Defendant took the gate off its hinges, and threw it down and broke it, and after a few words knocked him down and ill-used him. Plaintiff's wife corroborated the evidence of the assault, and the bench inflicted a fine of 10s., and costs, 17s. 6d.

Mr. Nisbet said that if there was any dispute about the right of way, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Watson Taylor's steward, was the competent person to settle it.

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