



Vagrancy Charges

It will be remembered that at the last Quarter Sessions held at Devizes, a man named Langford, was sentenced to four months' imprisonment for entering the cottage of Henry Ettery, a keeper at Roundway.

An offence of precisely a similar nature was committed at the same cottage on Friday last; and the parties engaged in it were brought before a magistrate, the Rev. A. Smith, on the following day, Saturday. The keeper was returning home on the day named, when, on coming to his house, he saw a man effecting an entrance through a window – the same as that entered on the former occasion – whilst a companion stood at the gate apparently on the watch. The keeper at once proceeded to secure the parties, which he effectually did, and thus prevented them from securing any gain by their roguery. The men, whose names were Newington and Saunders, were common tramps, evidently living by plunder. As they had not stolen anything from the premises, they were dealt with under the provisions of the Vagrancy Act.

Newington, the man who entered the cottage, being committed for three months and Saunders for two months hard labor.

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