



### **Cruelty To A Bull**

Hindon Petty Sessions, Wednesday 5th June.      Before Robert Graves, Esq., John Lock, Esq., and Lord Arundell.

William Carpenter, a labourer, of Chilmark, was summoned for violently and cruelly beating and ill-treating a bull, in the parishes of Mere and West Knoyle, the property of Mr. William Plowman, of Chilmark, on the 13th April. The case was clearly proved by four most respectable witnesses. Although the poor beast was in such a sad state that it had to be slaughtered, Mr. Plowman declined to prosecute, but the Bench considered it a most brutal case, and inflicted a fine of £2 6s 6d, including costs; in default, one month's imprisonment. Defendant was locked up. Mr George Chitty appeared for the defendant.

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