



Apothecary Assaults Mr Singer, Snr..

On Wednesday a cause was tried wherein Mr. Singer, Snr. of Chippenham was plaintiff, and Mr. Merewether, apothecary, of the same place was defendant, on an indictment for a violent assault on the person of the plaintiff in his own house.

The defendant was fined One Hundred Pounds, to be paid in Court, or stand committed, to find sureties for his good behaviour for three years; himself in Two Hundred Pounds, and two others in One Hundred Pounds each.

The just severity, and pathetic observations, with which this atrocious offence was exposed by Mr. Widmore, council for the plaintiff, excited the honest indignation of a very numerous court against the offender, and, it is hoped, the sentence pronounced by this respectable Bench upon the perpetration of a crime attended with such peculiar circumstances will deter others from trusting to malevolent representations, and giving way to the fury of precipitate and lawless passion.

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