



Crime News

- Inland Revenue

Draycote Foliat
1875

Excise Prosecution

SWINDON POLICE COURT
Thursday

Mr. Thomas Arkell, farmer, of Draycott Foliat, was summoned, charged by the Inland Revenue, with keeping a four wheel carriage for use without a license for the same. Mr. James, supervisor for the Highworth district, appeared to prosecute. No evidence was taken. Mr. Tombs said he appeared for the defendant, and admitted the use of the carriage. He said however, the offence had arisen entirely through a mistake. Mr. Arkell purchased the carriage to take his wife and family to church, and believed he could so use it without a license. There was no doubt, however, it had been used once or twice for other purposes: to go to the railway station. He must ask the Bench to reduce the penalty to the lowest possible sum, and grant him a certificate to the Commissioners asking for a further reduction. Mr. James objected to the latter part of the application, and said it was pressed he must also make statements of another character.

The Bench said the fine would be one fourth the penalty - £5 - Mr. James applied for costs, which Mr. Tombs said the Bench had no power to grant, and no order was made.

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