

Crime and Punishment

Dinton



POLICEMAN STABBED

STABBING.- A serious case of stabbing took place at Dinton, near this city, early on Sunday morning last. The injured person is one of the Wiltshire constabulary, named Marks, who has received an incised wound just below the heart, more than two inches in length, and from the effects of which he is lying with but little hopes of recovery. It appears that the accused, a single man an agricultural labourer named Dyer, in the employ of Mr Bailey, of Dinton, was late on Saturday night last drinking at the French Horn Inn, at Barford, in company with several others, who afterwards proceeded towards Dinton together. On their arrival at Jane Week's beer-shop at the commencement of the parish, it was after twelve o'clock, and the inmates had retired to rest. Finding this to be the case, the fellows kept beating and kicking the door for admission, and swore they be let in. This so greatly alarmed the landlady, that she made her escape by a back way in search of a police constable, and met Marks, the wounded policeman, who accompanied her back to her house, and began persuading the fellows to go home, but in the meanwhile Dyer knocked Marks, the constable, down. On Marks regaining his legs, he drew his staff, and knocked Dyer down, who immediately got up, ran towards the policeman, and stabbed him with a clasped knife, the blade of which is nearly eight inches long. The policeman again fell, and the blood flowed so rapidly, that his clothes were soon saturated: this alarmed the fellows, who immediately escaped. Further assistance was then procured, and also a surgeon from the neighbouring village; and early on the same morning another constable and a butcher, named Andrews, apprehended the prisoner in his master's hay-loft. At this time he was dressed. On Monday the accused underwent an examination at Dinton-house, before William Wyndham, Esq., when he said that the policeman knocked him down first, and when it also appeared that the prisoner had exhibited this large knife at the French Horn on the previous evening. The prisoner was remanded to Fisherton Gaol, to await the result of the deadly blow.

(Salisbury and Winchester Journal, Saturday 24th January, 1846)

STABBING.- On Sunday last, at Dinton, near Salisbury, an agricultural labourer named Dyer, who had been drinking, and was creating a disturbance, stabbed a policeman, named Marks, who endeavoured to apprehend him. The policeman's recovery is doubtful.

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***OUTCOME**

Transportation for 15 years : Edward Stephens Dyer, maliciously cutting and wounding Joseph Marks, at Dinton

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