



Furious Riding – Henry Humby Downton

Appeared in Salisbury and Winchester Journal 7th March 1868

Henry Humby, of Downton, labourer, was charged by **Police-constable Goodfellow** with riding a horse furiously in Milford Street.

On the previous Tuesday evening about eight o'clock, defendant was in charge of two horses in Milford St., riding one and leading the other, and galloping them very furiously. At **Mr. Jameson's** corner he got both horses on to the pavement. Afterwards in Winchester Street he jumped of the horse and ran away. The animals went at a fast trot some distance along the street, but were then stopped and taken to the police-station.

Defendant said he was obliged to drive fast away from the Royal Oak and afterwards leave the horses, as a mob of people had assembled, who without reason, threw stones at him and bent the horses, and were otherwise very abusive, and he was afraid of being killed. From a statement made by **Police-sergeant McGough**, however, it appeared that before leaving the Royal Oak the defendant had badly beaten a young man with the butt-end of his whip, and had excited the anger of several persons. The young man had threatened to take proceedings, but had accepted a sovereign as a compromise.

The magistrates fined defendant £1.13s. 6d. costs, and in default to be committed for 14 days with hard labour.

