

Crime and Punishment

Hankerton



Trial of Samuel Sparrow

Samuel Sparrow, labourer, of Hankerton, was charged with being drunk on the highway, at Charlton, on the 15th September. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

PC Cook said when he found the defendant Painter, he also found this defendant lying across the road. A man named Gleed was trying to get him up, but he couldn't. Witness eventually left him with his brother.

Defendant said on the 15th September he was at Charlton, and had some beer, and 3d worth of whiskey. He saw the policeman in the bar. He did not know whether he was drinking. Five of them left together, and were going along the road talking when he suddenly received a blow on his head. He believed it was caused by the policeman's staff.

Cook (recalled) said defendant was lying on the side of the road, and when he got him up there was blood running down the side of his head. It appeared to have been caused by a fall. Gleed was not present, he refused to come.

Fined 6d and 8s costs.

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