



Crime News

Little Hinton
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Assault on Charles Rolph of Wanborough

WANBOROUGH ASSAULT AT WEST DRAYTON RACES

At the Uxbridge petty sessions, last week, **George Barry**, horse trainer, of Little Hinton, was charged with violently assaulting Charles Rolph. Mr Philip appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty. Charles Rolph, of Wanborough, Wilts, innkeeper, and trainer of race horses, said: On Tuesday, 20th of August, I was at West Drayton races. About three o'clock in the afternoon I was talking to some gentlemen, when defendant came behind me and gave me a violent blow under the ear with his fist, which knocked me down and I could not get up again for ten minutes. He said if I got up he would break my b----- jaw and would kill me. In consequence of the injuries I received I could not get about for two days. I had a swelling on my neck as large as two eggs, caused by the effects of the blow. Cross examined by Mr Philip: I have known the defendant some time. I keep the "Calley Arms". The magistrates have not refused to renew my licence. I am not a "touter" at race meetings. Am not in Mr Merry's employ. Don't know any persons named Turner, Bartar, or Phillips. I know a person called Shubler. Had not said anything disrespectful to the above person about Mrs Barry. I never said she received gentlemen at her house when her husband was from home. There were twenty persons by when the assault took place; one was Mr Armstrong, fishmonger, of Mount Street, Grosvenor Square. Never saw him before that day. A man named Gillam was present. Don't know that he is a prize fighter. I never saw him fight, neither did I ever see a prize fight. Defendant did not ask me what I had been saying with him before. I have had a law suit with him. Have not been turned out of my house by legal process. No sheriff officer turned me out. I put my name to a bill for a gentleman for £700. The agent wished me to leave and found me another house to go into. I went to West Drayton to win some money if I could. It is my business to train horses. I took some to West Drayton. I will not say who they belonged to. I am not a betting man. I back horses. I never said defendant lived with his wife before they were married, but know she had three children before she was married. Mr Philip asked for the date of the summons, which was dated the 23rd August.

Witness said: I did not take it out earlier because I was not able to attend before. A surgeon at West Drayton attended me. John Armstrong and William Gillam proved the assault. Mr Philip said: I have no witnesses to call, but the facts are these. The complainant had circulated disrespectful reports against defendant's wife. I do not deny that my client assaulted complainant, who is strong man, but it was under aggravated circumstances, and, therefore, I think your worships will agree that the mallent penalty you can inflict will be sufficient to meet the case. Considerable expense had been incurred my

sending a policeman into Wiltshire to serve the summons on defendant, and which was only served last Friday; therefore there was not time to get witnesses, and if my client had taken my advice he would have applied for an adjournment. Inspector Holloway said the reason the summons was not served earlier was that he had information that the defendant could only be seen on Friday, and it would only have added to the expense to have sent a man twice.

The Chairman: The magistrates are of opinion that an unjustifiable assault has been committed on the complainant, and that they would not be doing their duty if they did not inflict a severe penalty: therefore the defendant would be fined £5 including costs.

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LITTLE HINTON

LOCAL SPORTING CELEBRITIES at Warwick Races.

On Monday last, at the Warwick Police court, before the Mayor and a full bench, James Grimshaw, the well known jockey, George Milne, trainer to the Marquis of Queensbury, and George Barry, were severally summoned to answer a charge of having assaulted another trainer, named **Charles Ralph**, of Little Hinton, Wilts. On Wednesday last, the second day of the Warwick meeting. Mr Snape was for the complainant, and Mr Passman for the defendant. The charge against Barry was first proceeded with. The complainant stated that on Wednesday night, the 20th inst., he went to the Bowling Green Inn, Warwick, where Grimshaw commenced chaffing him and told him he had better go home, as he had no money, and after some words Barry jumped up and said, "Into him" Milne then threw a great coat over his head, and Barry struck him two or three blows. They then dragged him into the passage, where Grimshaw kicked him several times, and on the door step Barry struck him again, and one of the blows knocked him out. In cross examination he denied having first threatened to put Grimshaw on the fire, or, that he had ever been fined for poaching or trespassing in search of same. Mr Bullock, a surgeon, deposed that the complainant came to him with a wound or bruise on his face which had probably been caused by blows. Mr Passman having addressed the bench for the defence, called Mrs Butler, the sister-in-law of the landlord of the Bowling Green, and Miss Page, the barmaid, both of whom deposed that the complainant swore so violently, and made use of such filthy language, that the landlord came and turned him out of the house, and they both positively denied that any coat was thrown over the complainant's head, or that any one struck him in the bar. Mr. Passman intimated that he had several other witnesses, but the bench said they had resolved to dismiss the case, without expressing any opinion as to the conduct of the parties. The summonses against Grimshaw and Mr Milne were then withdrawn. Mr Passman applied that Mr Ralph might be taken into custody for having committed wildful and corrupt perjury, and said Mr Barry was ready to make the necessary affirmation, but the bench declined to accede to the application, and Mr Pressman was understood to say that the case would be taken to a higher court .

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