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Ashley v. Hancock

HUNGERFORD COUNTY COURT – Feb 18.
(Before J. B. Parry, Esq., Q.C., Judge)

ASHLEY V. HANCOCK

Commitment Summons : - Plaintiff resides at Ramsbury and defendant at Little Hinton, near Swindon. Judgment in this case was obtained in the court five years ago and upwards. Defendant was summoned to this court, under the new act, by leave of the Judge. The debt and cost were ordered to be paid by two installments, at one and two months respectively, from the date of the judgment: but, he had paid nothing. He pleaded poverty, but on examination by plaintiff's attorney, admitted that he was possessed of a copyhold house and land, on which he lived; under his father's will, subject to the payment of a legacy of £2 to each of his sisters, three in number. In answer to the Court, defendant said he had not paid the legacies.

His Honour said, it was clear he was not disposed to pay any one. He should order him to be committed for thirty days, as having had the means of payment.

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