



News Articles - Insolvency Petition

Little Hinton

1857

Pressley vs Rolfe

BETTING ON HORSE RACES : Pressley v. Rolfe

This case was heard in the Court of Pleas on Saturday. The plaintiff is collecting clerk to Mr Tilbuey, of Mount Street, London, and the defendant is a horse trainer at Little Hinton, in Wiltshire. The plaintiff sought to recover £29, for the amount of bets which he had made and paid as agent for the defendant, and at his request: and also 5s. Paid for an advertisement in Bell's Life. The defendant pleaded a set-off, and also that the sums claimed were for bets which had been lost by the defendant to the plaintiff. Mr Russell appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr Best for the defendant. Evidence was given on both sides, and ultimately the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff.

[Salisbury and Winchester Journal 9 May 1857](#)

Petition for Insolvency of Charles Rolfe

SWINDON COUNTY COURT

August 11 :- A great number of causes were entered, but none of any importance.

Charles Rolph, a horse trainer at Little Hinton, came up for hearing, having filed his petition in Insolvency, and Mr Robinson, of London, appeared on behalf of Mr Pressley.

Mr J. W. Browne, who prepared the petition, being unavoidably absent from home, Mr. Whatley supported the petition, and Mr Robinson, of London, appeared on behalf of Mr Pressley, on opposing creditor. The grounds of opposition offered by Mr Robinson were that the insolvent had vexatiously defended an action brought against him by Mr Pressley, and that since the filing of his petition he had received monies which he had not accounted for to the official assignee. In course of a long examination of the insolvent, by Mr Robinson, it was elicited from him that on the 15th of May last, he sold the whole of his furniture to Mr Abraham Gee, his brother-in-law, for thirty pounds. The furniture was not valued, nor had he any inventory of it. He, the insolvent, owed by Mr Gee £30 for money lent at various times, and he took the furniture for his debt. There was an entry in his schedule of the receipt of £30 from Mr Gee for the furniture, although he had never received one penny of it. Mr Gee was not keeping a horse and a cow for him until he had passed through the court. The furniture was not sold for

the purpose of avoiding an execution issued against him by Mr Pressley. Was aware that Mr Pressley had obtained a judgment against him in the Court of Queen's Bench for £29 5s, at the time when the furniture was sold. The North Wilts Banking Company held a mortgage for £268, on some leasehold property he had at Little Hinton – it was for money had by him, the insolvent, from the bank at Swindon, at various times, commencing five years ago, when he had £100 from them, and continued to the time when he went to London to defend the action brought by Mr Pressley, when he had £10. He had received and paid bets since the filing of his petition, which he had not accounted for to the official assignee, but they were all very small sums. Would swear that he had not received £30 from a Mr Bowen, on account of bets sine the filing of his petition. He had received £20 from a Mr Fox on account of a horse.

Mr Robinson was about to examine the insolvent with respect to the alleged vexations defence, when his honor stopped him, observing that it was impossible he could pass the petition. Independent of what had come out in the examination, there was one item in the schedule which was quite fatal to its passing. It appeared the insolvent had parted with the goods within three months of the filing of his petition, which was fatal to his taking the benefit of the act. Petition dismissed.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette 20 August 1857

INSOLVENTS ESTATES VESYED IN PROVISIONAL ASSIGNEE.

PRISON CASES

GAZETTE – Oct. 20, 1857

Insolvent court, 17th Oct – On their own Petition.

ROLPH, Charles, trainer, Little Hinton, nr. Swindon – Taunton.

Perry's Bankrupt Gazette 24 October 1857