



# *Sanitary problem at 4 cottages in Little Hinton*

## SANITARY PROSECUTION

Edward Kempster, shopkeeper, of Purton, was summoned at the instance of the Sanitary Authority of the Highworth and Swindon Union charged with that he, being the owner of 4 cottages at Little Hinton, neglected to provide proper privy accommodation.

Mr. H. Avenell, the Inspector said he had visited the houses and found only one small privy for the four. This one was in a most foul and filthy state, the vault being open and under the same roof as the houses. The tenants complained to him, and so did people living nearby, the smell being very offensive.

Dr. Fernie said he had visited the place having had frequent complaints of the nuisance. He saw the privy yesterday, which was still full and in a most filthy state. It was most decidedly injurious to health, and he did not see how it could be remedied, the defendant having no other land.

Defendant said he had been trying to get more land, but had failed. The place was just the same now as it had been for the last 20 years. He proposed to put some closets in a garden in the lane.

The Chairman asked how long it would take to do this?.

Defendant said he could do it in two or three days.

Mr. Bradford, who appeared to prosecute, said he was willing to let the case stand over for a fortnight or more.

The Chairman said they would give a fortnight for the work to be done.

Mr. Bradford said as the Christmas holidays were coming on soon perhaps it would be well to give another week, but this the Bench refused to do.

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## LITTLE HINTON

MR. HOOPER DEACON, has been favoured with instructions from Mr. E. Kempster, to SELL by AUCTION, at the King's Arms Hotel, Old Swindon, on Wednesday, December 13th, at Three o'clock in the afternoon

4 BRICK BUILT 4 ROOMED COTTAGES

with small Gardens, let to good tenants, and producing £13 per annum.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be seen, and orders to view obtained, of

MESSRS. TOWNSEND & JONES, Solicitors

and of the Auctioneers, both of Swindon.

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**OPC Note:** Edward Kempster was a Grocer of Purton, appeared to have had bankruptcy proceedings against him in the 1880's.