



Charge Against an Inspector of Police

At the Melksham Petty Sessions, Mr. Rawlings, solicitor, appeared by the advice of counsel (Mr. Saunders, the Recorder of Bath), to make an application for a summons against Luffman, the inspector of police at Melksham, charging him with willful and corrupt perjury in a recent case in which Mr. Burbidge was fined under the new Licensing Act for being in the King's Arms Hotel after 11 o'clock on the night of the 27th September.

The ground on which the charge rested was that Luffman had stated that he saw Mr. Burbidge leave the inn and go in the direction of his lodgings after the hour; whereas Mr. Burbidge asserted that he did not leave the inn at all that night, that he slept there, and that he was an inmate within the exemptions of the section of the Act.

Mr. Burbidge was examined at some length in support of the charge; but without hearing with witnesses, the Bench unanimously refused to grant the summons and informed the Inspector that he left the court without the slightest stain upon his character.

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