



Game Law Offences

John Allen, labourer, of Clinch (Milton Lilbourne), was charged with trespassing in search of game on land belonging to Mr. E. Goodman at Wick Farm, in the parish of Pewsey on the 17th August. The charge was proved by Mr. Robert Handcock, who found the defendant beating about with a gun at five o'clock in the morning. Fined - £1 10s., including costs.

William Allen, also of Clinch, was charged with using a wire to take game on land belonging to Mr. Goodman, on 21st August. Mr. Handcock, who also proved this case, stated that he saw the defendant set some wires between seven and eight p.m. in a field belonging to Mr. Goodman, and, after the defendant had set them, he (Mr. Handcock) went to throw them to prevent any game being caught. The next morning, he went to the spot early to watch the wires, and about five o'clock the defendant came and took them up, and witness spoke to him when Allen took a large stone and threatened to beat witness's brains out. One of the wires put down was produced by Mr. Handcock, and it was ordered by the magistrates to be destroyed.

The defendant, when he was asked if he had anything to say, put his fingers to his ears and became very noisy.

He was fined £3, including costs. He at first said he would go to gaol and was ordered to be taken away in custody, but he was afterwards brought back and paid £1.10s. of the money, and was allowed 14 days to get the remainder.

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