



# Crime and Punishment

## *Minety*

### Claims Court

Thomas Clappen v Edwin Williams

Thomas Clappen, farmer, of Minety v Edwin Williams, baker, of South Cerney.

Mr Bever was for plaintiff and Mr Lowett for defendant.

Plaintiff had let Williams a pasture field of 4½ acres on the condition that the hay should be spent thereon. There was no complaint of the manner in which that was managed in 1869 and 1870, and but little of 1871. Last year it was alleged Williams took the hay off as usual, and put on very little manure in return, and this year he had not dunged the land at all.

For this negligence and breach of contract plaintiff was entitled to £10, and about that sum to get other dung.

The case having been fully heard and argued upon both sides the judge said Clappen must be nonsuited. He must allow costs, and was sorry they went to litigation, as Williams did not appear to do anything wrong by his landlord.

It was instructive to learn from the plaintiff, in his cross-examination, that he once farmed 30 acres of land, kept a few cows, in fact, and now lived independent.

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