



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Charles Scott

Charles Scott was charged with feloniously assaulting Priscilla Phillis against her will, at Minety, on the 12th of March.

The prosecutrix, a modest looking country girl, about 14 years of age, gave her evidence in a becoming manner, from which it appeared that on the day in question she was sent by her friends from Ashton Keynes, in Wiltshire, to Minety, in this county.

On the road she overtook the prisoner and another man, whom she had since learnt was his brother. They walked together for some distance, when, a storm coming on, she took shelter in a cattle shed.

She was soon afterwards followed by the prisoner, who began taking liberties with her. She made all the resistance in her power, but was overpowered and fainted away.

The jury found the prisoner guilty of an assault with intent, and he was sentenced to 9 months' hard labour in the penitentiary.

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OPC Note. At this time Minety was still part of Gloucestershire.

