



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Frederick Edmonds

Frederick Edmonds, labourer, Minety, was charged with assaulting Frederick John Hinder, on July 27th. Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Complainant said he was a grocer and kept the post office at Minety. On the morning of the day in question defendant purchased a 1d stamp, for which he tendered a 2s piece.

Later in the day defendant came and complained that the change was not right. He told him he should have seen to that before leaving the counter, whereupon defendant swore and complainant shut the door upon him. Defendant opened the door and struck him in the mouth.

For the defence, Edmonds said both his wife and himself thought that a half-crown had been tendered for the stamp and he called at complainant's house to put the matter right. Complainant shut the door on defendant's foot, and he pushed the door back. Complainant might have received a blow on the mouth from the door.

He had since found that it was a 2s piece, and regretted the occurrence.

The bench fined defendant 1s and 8s costs.

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