



Crime and Punishment

Minety

Court Case

Jonas Godwin and George Hulbert

Petty Sessions, October 4, before Sir R H Pollen, Bart., S B Brooke, Esq., W H Cresswell, Esq., and Major Keene.

Jonas Godwin, of Minety, innkeeper, and George Hulbert, of the Leigh, gentleman, were summoned for poaching, by being on lands in the occupation of Mr Thomas Hiscock, at Oaksey Park, on the 29th July last, with guns, in search of game.

Mr Bakewell appeared for the defendants.

William Butcher proved seeing defendants on the land in question. He spoke to Godwin, and said "Jonas, then you are beating it over." He replied "Yes," and continued, "Who do this land belong to?" The witness told him it was Mr Hiscock's. Godwin then said he thought it was Mr Brown's.

Mr Bakewell, for the defence, contended that permission was given to his clients to sport on Mr Brown's who supplied them with guns. The trespass was not committed intentionally, it arose entirely out of defendants being wrongly directed by Mr Brown, who was called into the witness box to prove these facts.

Fined 5s and 9s 5d costs each.

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