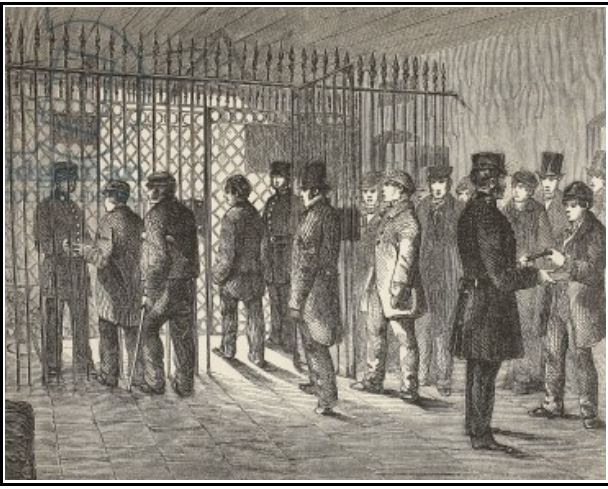


Crime and Punishment

Potterne



Mr. Job Rose of Marston, was summoned by the Superintendent of Police, for having wantonly beat a pony with a whip at Potterne, on the evening of Thursday last. It appeared that about 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening, Mr. Rose returned home from market to Potterne in a pony and gig (in company of a person named Oram), somewhat worse for liquor. They drove up to the George Public House, where they alighted, and from some motive which could not be assigned either by Mr. Rose himself or anyone else, the whip was unmercifully displayed across the pony's back, Mr. Rose offering a wager at the time that he would drive it up the steps leading into the house. A respectable tradesman, named Marshment, of Potterne, who had witnessed Mr. Rose's conduct, went for the Superintendent, and requested he put a stop to it. Mr. Rose, however, was quite deaf to all entreaties; and subsequently the whip was taken from him.

Several witnesses were called to prove the offence, but all (with the exception of one, Mr. Marshment), seemed disposed to say as little about the matter as they could help.

Mr. Wittey, who appeared for the defendant, closely examined the witnesses, and called others for the defence, to prove that there was not the least cruelty or wantonness in the conduct of Mr. Rose on the night in question, and submitted to the Bench that sufficient proof of the charge had not been satisfactorily made out, and that the defendant was therefore entitled to an acquittal.

The Bench, however, were of a different opinion, and fined Mr. Rose in the mitigated penalty of twenty shillings, and twenty shillings costs.

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