



Crime and Punishment

Poulshot

Melksham Petty Sessions, Friday 7th June

John Cornick boatman of Seend and William Bartley, labourer of Poulshot, were summoned for fighting and refusing to leave the Bell Inn at Seend on Sunday May 5. After hearing the evidence of Mr Butler the landlord, and that of Inspector Luffman, the Bench convicted the defendants and fined them 12s each, including costs.

John Cornick, the defendant in the last case and William Bailey, labourer of Seend, were summoned for assaulting William Bartley, one of the defendants in the former case, at Seend, on the same night as the above. It appeared from the complainant's own statement that the alleged assault took place after the parties had left the Bell Inn, in which the complainant was the aggressor, and some damaging evidence was now given against him by PC Myall and the charge was dismissed, the complainant having to pay 13s costs. The whole of these charges arose during the annual so-called "feast" at Seend, which commenced the previous Sunday.

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