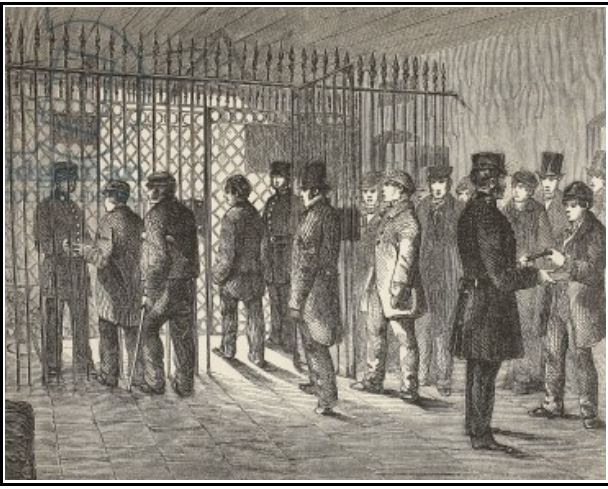


Crime and Punishment

Rowde



At Devizes Division Petty Sessions - Monday - Before F. A. S. Locke, Esq., (chairman) & A. Meek, Esq.

Trespass

Thomas Francis, a lad apparently 16 or 17 years of age, was summoned by P.C. Swanborough for turning a horse belonging to his employers, Messrs. Gerrish and Co., into a field in the occupation of Mr. Wheeler, at Rowde, on the night of the 20th June last. About 1 a.m., the constable, who was on duty, noticed the horse in Mr. Wheeler's field, and suspecting it belonged to one of Messrs. Gerrish's boats, watched till it was fetched about four a.m., when he asked the lad who had given him leave. Defendant replied that Mr. Wheeler had done so, but Mr. Wheeler was called to prove that he had not done so, and the lad then admitted the offence, and was let off on payment of 1s damage, 2s 6d. fine, and costs 7s.

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