



## Torturing A Horse

Mr. Abraham Whale, dealer &c. of Seend, was summoned by the police for torturing a horse, last Thursday. P.C. Ford proved that on Thursday last he was put to watch the defendant's trap, which was standing outside the Pelican Inn. When the horse was put into the cart, the constable went down Northgate Street and waited for it. When Mr. Whale and his son came, he found the horse was very lame, and he stopped Whale and enquired how he came to be driving it in such a condition. Whale denied that it was lame when he started in the morning, and then Mr. White came up and sent for the veterinary surgeon.

Mr. White said his attention had been drawn to the animal's condition in the morning, and he put Ford to watch. The horse was very lame, and he sent for Mr. Hussey, who examined it, and gave his opinion that it was in extreme pain.

Mr. Hussey said he was called in by Mr. White to examine Mr. Whale's horse, and he found it was suffering from a painful disease of the foot, of long standing, which was not likely to get better, and the animal ought never to be worked again, it was in very poor condition, and lame, and blind.

Mr. Whale said he gave £3 10s. for it to use on the farm, but it was all right except when driven in the trap, and was not lame when he started that morning; but the bench considered it a very bad case, and fine him £2. 3s 6d. including costs.

His son William Whale was next charged as an accessory, and the case being admitted, the evidence was not gone into, but he was let off in payment of costs, viz. 4s 6d.

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