



Wanton Outrage

William Imber, Stephen Payne, and John Batt, for one month each, for having assaulted John Bartlett at Sutton Veny.

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At a petty Sessions held at Warminster on Thursday last, John Batt, Stephen Payne, and William Imber, all of Sutton Veny, were charged with a most cruel and wanton outrage upon a little boy. It appeared that whilst in a field near Sutton, the little boy met with the defendants, who had two large dogs with them, which they immediately “set upon him;” and notwithstanding the poor boy’s screams – the dogs tore his clothes and lacerated him in a dreadful manner, these wretches stood by and for some time cheered the animals on. The boy is severely injured in his arm and side, from the bite of the dogs. They were all three convicted in the penalty of 20s.; and in default of payment committed to the House of Correction for one month.

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