



Threatening to Horsewhip a Solicitor

At the Swindon Petty Sessions, on 14th inst., Mr A. W. Boodle, solicitor, of New Swindon, applied to the magistrates for sureties of the peace against Mr R. W. Giles, landlord of the Bell Hotel, Swindon. It appeared that last week Mr Boodle defended two persons who were charged with stealing and receiving a variety of articles from the Bell Hotel. Mr Boodle, in the interest of his clients, severely cross-examined Mr Giles, landlord of the Bell. Mr Giles appears to have taken offence at this, and, on Friday last, sent two postcards, addressed to "Boodle, solicitor, Swindon," referring to the matter, and also addressed a letter to one of the local papers, which, however, was refused insertion in consequence of its personal tone. On Wednesday, Mr Boodle attended the Swindon County Court, in which he has considerable practice, when Mr Giles came into the Court and sat near Mr Boodle, and subsequently left the Court when Mr Boodle did. He walked up the street near him, seized a whip from the hands of a carter who was standing by, and threatened to horsewhip Mr Boodle. Applicant being aware that Mr Giles had told persons when he came across him he would knock him down, Mr Boodle, to avoid an unseemly row in the street, entered the offices of Messrs. Bradford and Foote, Justice clerks, and sent for a policeman. Mr Boodle stated to the Bench that he made the application to the bench from no ill feeling, and he did not even ask Mr Giles to make an apology, but if he would give an assurance to the court that such conduct should not be repeated the matter would drop. Mr Tombs, who appeared for Mr Giles, having given the necessary undertaking, the matter fell through.

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