



### **Assault By A Shepherd**

County Petty Sessions- Tuesday. Before Mr T. E. Fowle, Mr E. Hinxman, and Mr C. Penruddocke.

James Beauchamp, a shepherd in the employ of Charles Dewey, farmer, West Dean, was summoned for assaulting his employer. The master, it appears, found fault with the manner in which the defendant performed some part of his work, upon which angry words passed between them, and at length Beauchamp struck his master on the head with a foldshore. The complainant said he did not want to press the charge, but merely wished the defendant to be taught that he must not resort to violence when spoken to. The Bench said but for the recommendation of the master they would have sent the defendant to gaol for two months without the option of paying the fine, but in consequence of the recommendation they would only impose a penalty of 10s. and costs, with seven day's imprisonment in default of payment.

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