



Mainz, Germany

## **A German In Trouble**

County Petty Sessions - Tuesday

Present: Lord Folkestone, J.H. Jacob, Esq., Major Heathcote, and R.A. Ferryman, Esq.

John Stenger, a German, who did not understand a word of English, was charged with stealing three shirts, and a flannel petticoat, the property of William Russell, of Whiteparish. The articles were stolen from a line in the garden, where they had been placed to dry. It appeared from the statement of the prisoner, as well as from papers found in his possession, that he had taken passage from Mayence [Mainz] to America, but that the vessel was driven by stress of weather to Portland, where he went ashore for a few hours. On his return the vessel was gone, and he was thus left penniless, having forfeited his passage money and lost his outfit. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment; but Lord Folkestone instructed Mr Cobb, the magistrates' clerk, to represent the case to the Prussian Consul at Southampton. The evidence was interpreted to the prisoner by Mr J Simmons, of this city.

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