

Definitions:

◆ Passive resistance/ non violent protest:

Can be referred to as 'civil disobedience'. It means the use of peaceful methods such as protest marches, strikes and boycotts to bring about change.

Passive Resistance

The Rev. Jonah Greeves Ferriday, of Wilton, was summoned for non-payment of the education rate. The reverend gentleman was not present when the case was called on, and the Bench ordered a distress warrant to be issued.

Subsequently, Mr. Ferriday attended, and apologized for being late, explaining that he had been detained through having to make arrangements for a funeral. He added that he was quite aware that the Bench was not called upon to make the law, but administer it. As an evangelical Christian, and as a Free Churchman, he felt that the Education Act was altogether against his conviction, and therefore, he could not pay the rate. He was not taking his stand for parade, but because he felt it was the right course to take.

The Chairman: And we feel it is our right course to issue a distress warrant, in fact we have no alternative.

Mr. Ferriday: There are sanctities in the individual life which no legislature has a right to invade, and I think this is one of them.

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