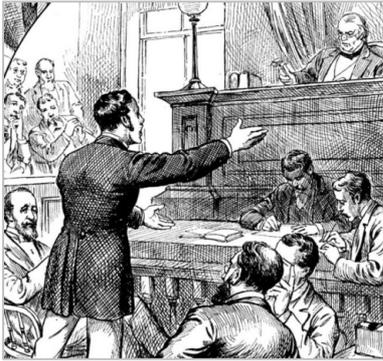


A Pigsty, Porch and Window 1931



At Shaftesbury County Court, on Wednesday, Colonel John Benett-Stanford, of Pyt House, Tisbury, claimed £7 10s damages for trespass from Arthur William Buller, of Hindon.

Mr W Farley Rutter said that Colonel Benett-Stanford let a house at Newtown, Tisbury, to the defendant. His rent became considerably in arrears, and on October 1st an order for possession was made against him.

When he went out defendant took away a pigsty and porch and window, and plaintiff claimed £7 10s for these. Colonel Benett-Stanford said that defendant told him he wanted these things erected and he (witness) told him he would provide the material.

His Honour: Did you find the material? - I don't know. I assume I did.

Plaintiff contended that the pigsty was a fixture, and that when he inspected the cottage after defendant's departure he found large holes where the posts had been driven into the ground.

Asked how he arrived at the £7 10s, Colonel Benett-Stanford said he asked his foreman what it would cost to replace the pigsty and porch, and was told £7 10s. Defendant said he bought the material for the pigsty from Fonthill Abbey for 4s, and included in that were three sheets of galvanised iron.

His Honour: Was it delivered for that price? (Laughter) - No.

Continuing, defendant said he bought the door for 6s, but the framing of the porch came from Colonel Benett-Stanford. Nothing of the pigsty came from him, it was not fixed, and the holes which Colonel Benett-Stanford saw were caused by the pigs rooting. Colonel Benett-Stanford said he was bringing the case as an example to other villagers.

His Honour: I should have thought it was hardly worth while bringing it as an example.

Continuing, the Judge said the amount of the claim was ridiculous. If what defendant had said was correct plaintiff had hardly any claim to the sty, and there would be judgement for 40s.

His Honour (to defendant): How can you pay this?

Colonel Benett-Stanford: I shan't press for it, my Lord. He still owes me a lot of rent.

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Letter to the Editor

Sir, Some cheery fellow sent me a threatening letter, threatening to shoot me. I am quite willing to take him on with a .303 at 300 yards. If the person who wrote this letter sees my reply, I hope he will come and have a drink with me before shooting at one another.

Yours faithfully,

John Benett-Stanford, Pythouse, Tisbury, Wilts

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Letter to the Editor

Sir, I was somewhat amused at the following. I received my Farmers' Union list of members and everyone was incorrectly called, by the Secretary, "Esquire". I received two Hunt subscription lists, and everybody was rightly called, by the Secretary, "Mr". If the uninformed Secretary wishes to give titles to people who are not entitled to them, why does he not go the whole hog and call them "Duke"?

Yours faithfully,

John Benett-Stanford, Pythouse, Tisbury, Wilts.

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