

Hindon Petty Sessions 1866



Killing and Taking Game

James Sturgis, of Pertwood, was summoned for unlawfully rising a dog for the purpose of killing and taking game, on Monday the 8th of October, on land in the occupation of his master, Mr George Tuck.

Edward Jukes, being sworn, stated: I am an assistant keeper at East Knoyle. On Monday, the 8th of October, I was at Pertwood. I saw James Sturgis with his master's sheep, on the Down.

He had a dog, which chased and caught something; but, being at a distance, I could not tell what it was. Sturgis took it up and hid it. I went to the spot and found a hare, which was warm, and appeared to have been just killed.

He then beat about amongst some bushes and put up two other hares, which the dog chased but did not kill. I then went up to him and searched him, and found in his pockets two wires.

The Bench inquired if there was anything known against the defendant. He not being known, and Mr Tuck, his master, giving him an excellent character, the bench fined him only 2s 6d and 9s costs, or 10 days' imprisonment. His master paid the fine and costs.

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Absent without Leave

James Pearce, of Hindon, was summoned by his master, Mr George Tuck, of Pertwood, for absenting himself from his work without leave. Mr Tuck stated that defendant was his Head Shepherd.

On Monday, the 8th October, his shepherd boy came to him and told him that one of the sheep was dead. He asked him where the shepherd was and he told him he had not seen him since 11 o'clock in the morning and that he was gone to Shaftesbury.

Mr Tuck also stated that through the shepherd's neglect, he had previously lost two of his best rams, as well as other sheep. The Bench considered this a very gross case, and sentenced defendant to 14 days' imprisonment.

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