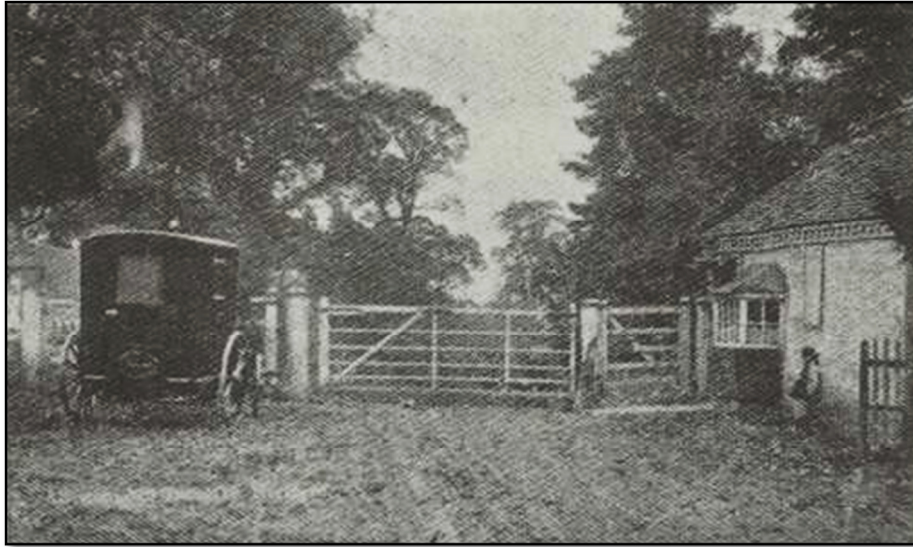


Overcharge at Turnpike Gate 1838



Typical rural turnpike-gates

On Thursday last, Stevens, the toll-collector at the Perwood turnpike-gate, was summoned before the magistrates at Hindon, by Mr Tabor, of the Beckford Arms Inn, Fonthill Gifford, for over-charging him for a light cart on metallic springs.

On the case being heard, the toll-man contended that it was a common cart; but the magistrates said, that, being on metallic springs, it came under the denomination of a gig, and ought to have been charged accordingly fourpence-halfpenny, instead of sixpence. It being the second offence, the Magistrates convicted Stevens in the penalty of 5/ and costs, and the over-charge to be refunded.

Our correspondent adds: "These are not, I understand, the only cases in which persons have been over-charged, under similar circumstances. It is hoped that persons will not suffer themselves to be thus imposed on, but will bring the cases before the magistrates, in order that they may be made public examples."

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