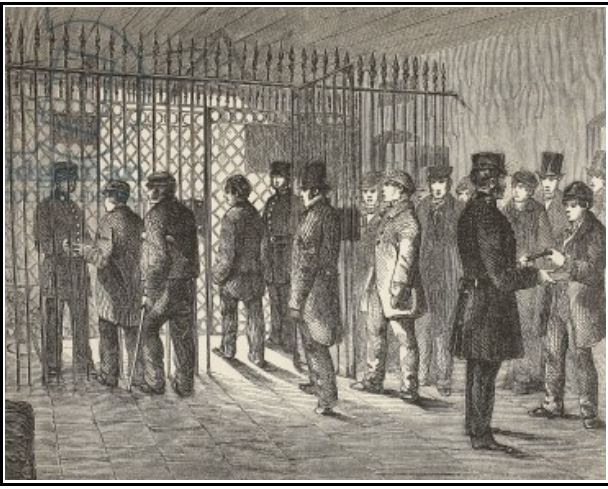


Crime and Punishment

Bishops Cannings



At Devizes Division Petty Sessions - Monday - Before F. A. S. Locke, Esq., (chairman) & A. Meek, Esq.

Another Case of Leaving Service

John Weston, a quiet, respectable looking man, of Coate, was summoned by Mr. L. T. Benjamin for leaving his service on Whit Tuesday. From the evidence it seemed the defendant had been in Mr. Benjamin's employ for some years, but had been at intervals in the habit of leaving his work and "going on the spree," and had been often forgiven on promise of amendment. The Bench endeavoured to induce Mr. Benjamin to forgive him once more, and the man said he was quite willing to go back, as Mr. Benjamin was a very good master, and the reason he did not return was that he was ashamed to do so. Mr. Benjamin consented to withdraw the charge on the defendant promising amendment for the future.

The Wiltshire Independent 9th July 1874

(Refer to case of Joseph Sainsbury of Market Lavington who appeared at the same court

