



# *Legal News* *Povey v. Wood*

*Bishopstone*  
*1883-1884*

## **Swindon Court, Wednesday**

**John Povey**, Bishopstone, v. **Arthur Wood**, horse trainer and jockey. The plaintiff had no positive evidence of defendant's means, and the summons was dismissed. **Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 15 December 1883**

## **Swindon Court, Wednesday**

John Povey, tailor, Bishopstone v. Arthur Wood, horse trainer, of Littleton, Winchester. Plaintiff said he saw the defendant was a jockey and horse trainer, and he saw his name in the papers only the previous day as riding a horse. He had made repeated applications for payment ever since defendant left Bishopstone, and had subpoenaed him to attend and give evidence of his means. His Honor further adjourned the case. **Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 15 March 1884**

## **Swindon Court, Wednesday**

John Povey, of Bishopstone, v. Arthur Wood, horse jockey, Winchester. This case has been adjourned over and over again, the plaintiff being unable to produce definite evidence of the defendant's means. It was again adjourned from the same cause. **Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 19 April 1884**

## **Swindon Court, Wednesday** **Committal for Contempt**

John Povey, tailor, Bishopstone, v. Arthur Wood, horse jockey, Winchester. This case has been many times before the court, the plaintiff having some trouble to prove the defendant's means. He had now subpoenaed the defendant, paying him £1 1s. Conduct money to enable him to come up here and state his means himself. Notwithstanding this, defendant did not now appear, and application was now made for his committal to gaol for contempt. The amount of the debt was \$4 12s. 9d., and it was urged that defendant had ample means to pay but would not..

His Honor said this would be a strong measure to take, as it would be an absolute committal to prison. The plaintiff that gave evidence as to defendant's occupation. He said he knew he was training horses, and recently saw his name in the papers as riding horses in his own name.

His Honor said he could see through the case, and fined the defendant £10 for contempt of court, out of which the plaintiff is to be paid his debt and compensation for trouble, and the balance paid into the Court funds.

**Swindon Advertiser and North Wilts Chronicle, 17 May 1884**