

Legal Action Bishopstone 1880

Swindon County Court – Wednesday Defended cases

Alfred Tocker, Labourer v W. A. Wheeler

Claim £1 15s. 0d., balance alleged to be due for sinking two wells at Bishopstone. Mr. Boodle appeared for the plaintiff. £9 had been paid, which the defendant said was all that was due, and put in a written agreement to bear this out. This agreement, however was not stamped, and hid Honor could not admit it as evidence.

Plaintiff said the agreement had been done away with at the defendant's own suggestion, as the Clerk of the Works who drew it up was "such a funny man".

Defendant said the clerk was in court and could deny this, but his Honor said he must enter a non-suit, not on the merits, with costs against plaintiff, who could get the agreement stamped if he thought proper.

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