



## **Assault on a Parish Councillor**

Henry Davis, a miller, of Bishopstone, was summoned before Lord Radnor and other magistrates at the County Petty Sessions at Salisbury on Tuesday for assaulting Mr. I. Barter, shoemaker and land measurer, of Bishopstone, on the 15th of March.

Mr. Nodder appeared for the complainant.

Defendant pleaded guilty, but said it was under provocation.

Complainant stated that they had had some little disagreement about the measuring of land, which adjoined defendant's mill, and this, he thought had somewhat incensed defendant against him. On the date in question about 3 in the afternoon defendant came down to him, and they had a dispute about some barrels, and at length defendant struck him and tried to pull him out of his doorway, by his beard.

Defendant said that about a year ago he left Mr. Barter's mill, and also left some barrels there. Mr. Barter had missed these and had stated about the village that he could swear that some barrels, which he (the defendant) had, belonged to him.

Lord Radnor said there was no doubt, he had provocation, but he had no business to strike any man, and he would be fined 3s and 7s costs, or 2 days hard labour.

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