

Market Tolls

At the same meeting of the Council, [Devizes Council Business] the tolls of our market were let to Messrs. Dangerfield and Sims - those arising from the sale of corn at £125; the others at £85. Mr. Norris also sent in a tender, of £91 4s. for the corn tolls; and £60 for those arising from other sources.

The propriety of receiving these tenders occasioned considerable discussion, many of the Council contending that as the tolls produced last year £30 or £40 more than the amount offered by Messrs. Dangerfield and Sims, (and the expense of collecting being £5 only), it would be better to hold them in hand. A majority, however, decided otherwise.

In 1841 (when grain was selling in our market very considerably lower than at present), we understand that a tender of £126 for the tolls on corn alone was refused.

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