

Claim For Wages

Elizabeth Scott v John Pinneger.

The plaintiff, who lives at Great Wishford, sought to recover from the defendant, who resides at Dogdean, Salisbury, 10s. 8d., as wages for a month and three days, but there was a counter-claim against her for a like amount for leaving service without notice.

The defendant's case was in the hands of Mr. Cooper-Willis, instructed by Messrs. Cobb and Smith. The plaintiff stated that she was employed as general servant at £10 a year, and she commenced her duties on October 9th. She went a month on trial, and after that was to be a yearly servant. In cross-examination she alleged that Mrs. Pinneger gave her notice two days after the expiration of the month. She left on that day and did not return. Mr. Pinneger told her that he would not pay her anything unless she returned for the month.

His Honour told the plaintiff that by leaving in the manner she had she had lost all right to claim. Mr Cooper-Willis said that he should not ask for costs; his client fought the case on principle.

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