

## **Deserting His Family**

On Wednesday last, Simon Matthews of Wishford, who, on 24th April 1868, left his wife and four children chargeable to the Wilton Union, was brought up on a warrant at the magistrate's clerk's office, Salisbury, having been apprehended the previous day at Windlesham in Surrey, where he had obtained employment.

The sum expended in the relief of the family during his absence, was stated by Mr. Dyke, the relieving officer, to amount to £32 7s., but in consequence of his expressing regret for the offence, promising to support his family for the future, and handing over a considerable sum of money for the liquidation of the amount expended, no evidence was given against him, and he was thereupon discharged by the magistrate.

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