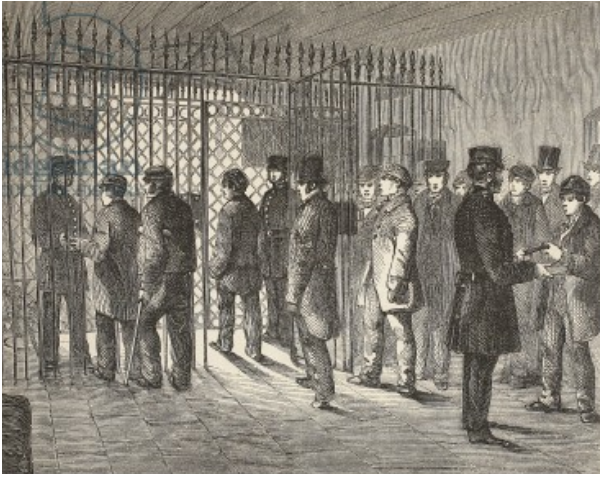


Crime and Punishment

Homington



Hare Poaching

County Petty Sessions **Using Wires** Thos. Coombes pleaded guilty to using three wires, for the purpose of taking hares, at Homington, on the 22nd December.

George Case stated the facts of the case, and proved finding thirteen wires in the prisoner's pocket. He also found an iron instrument, with which to make holes in the ground in order to fix the wires.

The prisoner said it was the first time he had been guilty of such an offence as that with which he was charged.

Witness: Then somebody else has been there with your shoes.

The Bench imposed a fine of 40s and costs, or in default six weeks' imprisonment.

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