



### **Alleged Assault By Mother And Son**

Salisbury, City Petty Sessions, Monday

Present: The Mayor: A Jackson, Esq., W. Fawcett, Esq., Jas. Hussey, Esq., and W. C. Finch, Esq., M.D.

Alleged assault

Henry Marks, alias Cobb, and Eliza Marks, his mother, were summoned for assaulting Selina White. The complainant stated that on Friday week she went to the house where the defendants live to ask for a shilling which was due to her from a woman named Sheppard who lodged in the house. On her entering the room the defendants thrust her from the house, and the man struck her on the shoulder and face. Two witnesses were called to support this view of the case, but neither of them could tell which struck the first blow. Henry Marks said that the complainant came into the house in a very violent manner, and began abusing them like a bull-dog.

Eliza Marks: She came in like a roaring lion, and asked for the shilling which Mrs Sheppard owed her, and said to her, "If you do not pay me, I'll knock it out of you." She afterwards flew across the room to strike Mrs Sheppard. The defendant then mentioned other circumstances in order to prove that the complainant was the aggressor. The woman Sheppard was called to corroborate this statement, and the case was dismissed.

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