



Unlawful Shooting of a Hare

County Petty Sessions - Tuesday

Before Mr E Hinxman, Mr M H Marsh, Mr G M Fort, Mr J Goff, jun., Mr C R Smith, and Mr G Morrison.

Poaching

James Percy, labourer of Salisbury, was charged with unlawfully shooting a hare, not having a license authorising him to do so, on the 29th of November, on the game preserves of Sir Frederick Bathurst, at Clarendon Park. Defendant in the afternoon of the day mentioned, was seen by a keeper in the employ of Sir Frederick to shoot a hare on a hanging overlooking Mr Coleman's farm. He picked it up and concealed it in a hedge, and afterwards loaded his gun a second time, and fired it off, but the keeper was not able to see whether he killed anything or not. He denied that he had committed the offence, but the bench considered the case clearly proved, and, it having been stated that he had been twice previously convicted, they ordered him to pay the full penalty of £5 and costs, or in default to go to prison for three months. He mentioned that he thought it would be queer if a man like him could not "do three months". Mr Whatman appeared for the prosecution.

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