



Charge of Stealing Ducks

Petty Sessions - Pewsey

Before T. E. Fowle and E. D. Poore, Esqs., and the Rev. J. H. Gale

Henry Kelley, labourer, of Wootton Rivers, was charged with stealing two ducks, the property of Mr. William Hutchings, at Ludgershall on the 22nd June last. It appeared that the prisoner, with Thomas Cooper and another man, were passing through Ludgershall, when they killed some ducks belonging to Mr. Hutchings. A son of Mr. Hutchings followed them and, upon overtaking them a short distance from the village, the prisoner and another man ran away

Cooper was apprehended at the time with two ducks in his possession, and he was committed at the following petty sessions, held at Everleigh on the 24th June, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Kelley has only recently been apprehended, he having absconded. He now pleaded guilty and was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

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